

ACADEMY AT FUMC

The Academy, with two identical sessions in each of its 5-week terms (Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Wednesday mornings at 9:30) is open to all, including those from outside First Church.

Fall Term (10/4 to 11/2/11) "A Biblical View of Life: Its Beginning, Middle, and End."

This class will focus on how we're to live every day in the light of God's purposes for life in the light of its Creation and final Consummation. It will be led by Bill Cherry.

Winter Term (1/17 to 2/15/12) A continuation from last winter, this will be a summary study of the history of the Christian Church.

Led by Chuck Yrigoyen, this is the second of four annual Academy winter studies (through 2014) on the history of the Christian Church and how the substance of the faith developed during each of the four great Christian eras; this term will focus on the important Medieval Period.

Spring Term (4/17 to 5/22) A look at Christian Ethics from a particularly United Methodist perspective, centering on our "Social Principles" statement. It will be led either by Bill Lentz or Bill Cherry.

For more information regarding all of our Christian Education opportunities please visit our website: www.EngageGodFirst.org for regular updates.

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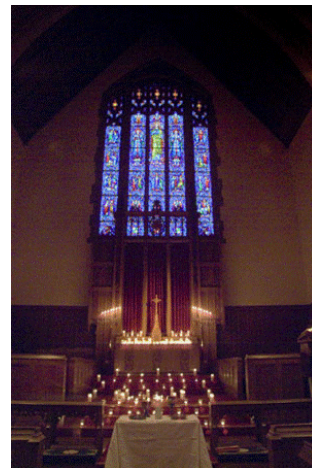
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Christian Connections 2011-2012

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Youth & Children's Programs

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery (Infant & Toddlers)

Margaret Herr, Beulah Jones,
Sue Kepner, Christy Wells

Pre-K **Rm 105**

Marty Beiler, Bobbie Sue Heistand,
Dana Sachs, Megan Norcross

Kindergarten & 1st Grade **Rm 207**

Sue Davis, Cathy Herneisen, Maida
Simic, Leigh-Anne Drumm

2nd Grade **Rm 205**

Michelle and Brian Dombach, Damian and
Tessa Wissler

3rd and 4th Grade **Rm 206**

Sandra Hartmann, Teresa Sakrudkar, Amy
Shipley, Jan Betty

5th & 6th Grade **Rm 203**

Debbie Richer, Barb Byler-Zaya, Terry
Angstadt, Joyce Rodeffer

Songleaders (Rm 103) for Pre-K through
2nd- Kathy Seaber, Jan Betty, Iris Lehman.
Diane Styer and Ginny Cherry, piano.

Storytime 10:45 for children in K-2nd-
Room 102

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7th Grade **Rm 2/3**

Harry Fredrickson, Karen Schreiner and
Sue Seavey

8th Grade Confirmation Class **Rm 4/5**

Marge Kuhn and Joe Reed

Sr. High **Rm 1**

Kate Beiler and Nora Weder

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Kid's Praise n' Play - Every Friday of the month from 9-11:30 am, local moms and their children gather together at First Church in Celebration Center for fellowship and interaction with one another in the presence of God. This is a great way to fellowship with other moms to share joys, concerns, hopes and dreams for the children in our lives. Children learn to share the love of Christ with people both near and far as well as make fun crafts to take home. For more information contact Kimberly Lake or call the church office to speak with Eddie. And remember, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



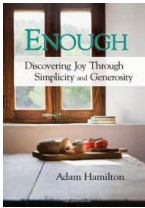
SNYF

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship is held most Sunday evenings from 6-8pm in Rm 9/10 for those in grades 7-12. Come for fellowship time, organized games and small & large group discussion.



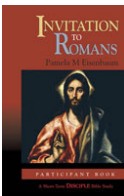
Adult Christian Connections Opportunities

Adult Bible Study (Chapel) – Following the Cokesbury quarterly Adult Bible Study series, this class led by Lenise Spracher, Ken Wolf and Paul Richer will study how God speaks to us through the scriptures, focusing on the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Matthew.

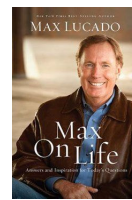


Christian Journey (Rm 235) – Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton. Enough is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. In these pages are found the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money. Wanda Whare and Doug Ocrymiek lead this class of men and women seeking ways to put their faith in action.

Friends in Faith (Rm 232) – Mike Yeager will lead the short-term Disciple Study, Invitation to Romans. Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself.



Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul in their time. At the end of this study you will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews and to their relationship to each other, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus."



God's Wild Kingdom (Rm 209) – Max on Life: Answers and Insights for Today's Questions. In the Max on Life DVD-based study, Max addresses questions about the role of prayer, the purpose of pain, and the reason for our ultimate hope. He responds to the day-to-day ques-

tions—parenting quandaries, difficult relationships—as well as to the profound: Is God really listening? With four sessions featuring real-life stories of people who have faced the situations that give birth to some of our biggest questions about life and faith, Max on Life is the perfect individual or small group study for both new and mature believers.

Koinonia Class (Rm 201) – Join Pastor Bill Lentz for the first two weeks of class as he shares his heart for mission and ministry in and through First Church and the community. David Myers will then lead the class in a three week study on the role of government and religion in the public square.

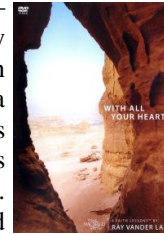
Path Explorer's Class (Rm 233) – Come and explore opportunities for study on Sept 18th as this class plans the rest of the year together. Bring your thoughts, ideas and interests to the table where all are welcome and encouraged to share their gifts in teaching, leading and facilitating great conversations around our faith.

Therapon Class (Rm 240) – Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church by N. T. Wright. Wright convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what



we believe about life before death. For if God intends to renew the whole creation--and if this has already begun in Jesus's resurrection--the church cannot stop at "saving souls" but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God's kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life.

Wesleyan Class (Rm 214) – With All Your Heart by Ray Vander Laan. Filmed on location in Egypt and Israel, this study is a journey through a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush, bountiful places. You will discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised land.



What can we learn during times of abundance and in times of desert? God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten. John the Baptist and Jesus had powerful encounters in the desert. We will learn that the desert is where we are closest to God. It is where our relationship with God is at peace.

Disciple Short-term Study
Invitation to Romans
Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself. Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul in their time. At the end of this study your group will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews and to their relationship to each other, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus." This study is meaty and extremely enjoyable for those students with some familiarity of Romans and with a strong biblical foundation to rely on.

Young Impact!
Tuesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Young Impact is a young adult study and service small group that meets every Tuesday at Senorita Burrita on N. Prince Street. In this relaxed atmosphere, friendships and faith are built around God's word, prayer and true compassion for one another. Authentic connections to each other and the larger community drive us to mission and ministry in the city of Lancaster. If you are a "young adult" looking or a connection at First Church, join us!

Intentional relationships. coMmunity. deePer meaning. quALity time. Compassion through service. lighT in the darkness.

One body. Many gifts. Devotion in love.
Serving the Lord.
Make an IMPACT!



Library Corner

Friday Morning Book Club— Join other avid readers on the third Friday of every month in the library from 9:30-11:00 a.m. to discuss how faith and culture join together in the words and stories of recently published books.

Second Sunday Book Club— A NEW book club will be on October 9th from 9:30-10:30 in the library for people looking for a Sunday morning discussion group.

The Library is open each Sunday, except the 2nd Sunday, for research and browsing from 9:30-10:30. Use, enjoy and explore our library!