

PCPC Fall 2018

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Morning Classes

Parenting Class: Love & Logic

Sundays, August 26th through September 30th, at 10:05am in WM202/204

Led by Sheri and Bill Levens, this six-week class will be an opportunity to develop strong parenting techniques and strategies. The Love and Logic approach to parenting is built around the science of crafting caring and respectful relationships. Whether you're embarking for the first time with your new baby or navigating the turbulent teens with your youngest, come learn strategies and techniques that will help you create calm and loving solutions.

Introduction to Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sundays, August 26th through September 30th, at 10:05am in EM307/308

Led by Paul Clark, this six-week class will examine the life and theology of the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A key founding member of the Confessing Church and anti-Nazi dissident, Bonhoeffer's writings on Christianity's role in the secular world are widely influential and particularly appropriate for Christians today.

Our Presbyterian Faith

Sundays, October 7th through November 4th, at 10:05am in EM307/308

Led by Will Wellman, with assistance from Pastor John and Pastor Nicole, this class will be an opportunity for Presbyterians, both new and old, to explore what it means to be Presbyterian. The class will learn and discuss how Presbyterians read Scripture, what Presbyterians believe, the history of the Presbyterian Church, how Presbyterians worship, and how Presbyterians order life together. Come learn and deepen your Presbyterian faith!

Sleep Not

Sundays, October 7th through November 4th, at 10:05am in EM305/306

Led by Robert Wierenga. "Sleep not when others speak" was one of George Washington's Rules of Civility. As Christian citizens, we are called to be an active presence in the "public square." Our words and actions should reflect the values of the Kingdom of God. In order to do this, we need to wake up and listen to those who formed Western Culture. This five-week class will use Robert's newly-published book, SLEEP NOT. It has a chapter on each of thirty men and

women whose writings defined our values. We will listen to such key persons as Jesus, Moses, Isaiah, Augustine, Cicero, Mother Teresa, John Locke, and others.

In This Together

Sundays, November 11th through December 16th, at 10:05am in EM307/308

Led by Scott Stichter and Marvin Crabtree, this class will view and discuss the Work of the People video series, *In This Together: 5 Films on Loving Our Way Forward*. The class explores the many points of contention in contemporary society and suggest various ways forward that move toward healing. *“In the films Brian McLaren talks about how followers of Christ can grow into taking a healing verses hostile posture in the world for the greater good; Miroslav Volf explains a revelation he had about how regardless of opposition we are called to honor everyone; Bishop Mano Rumalshah helps us lean into being led by the compulsion of our Love; Lisa Sharon Harper helps us remember the Way towards the very good news is connection; and Father Gregory Boyle reminds us that we are all one and that sometimes Love calls us to cross or reach through our perceptions to stand for kinship—us-ness.”*

The Q Gospel

Sunday, November 11th, at 10:05am in EM305/306

Led by Paul Clark. The Gospel of Mark is believed to be a large source of the material in the later Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Other common material in these two Gospels, however, is not present in Mark. This class will briefly examine the theory that a long lost “Q” Gospel is the source of this common material.

Gratitude

Sunday, November 18th, at 10:05am in EM305/306

Led by Paul Clark. Many have found that the practice of being profoundly grateful without any expectation of return has been transformative in their lives. This class will briefly consider the beneficial ways a proper expression of thankfulness can have on our faith, our community, and our personal wellbeing.

Mary, Mary Quite Contrary: Reclaiming Mary in Advent

Sundays, December 2nd through December 16th, at 10:05am in EM305/306

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is often a contrary figure in the life of the Protestant Christian - that is if we even give her a second thought after she rides the donkey pregnant into Bethlehem. Mary is *theotokos*, God-bearer, and yet we often shelve her as an irrelevant vessel. This Advent come join Pastor Nicole and explore three basic questions: Who is Mary? How does Mary’s story intersect with contemporary life? and What does Mary teach us about God?

Year-Round Sunday Morning Classes

Lectionary Chapel Class

Sundays, Year-round, at 10:05am in the Chapel

Team taught by Don Upton, Sara Mickelson, Rev. Bill Hull, and Rev. Charles Willard. This lectionary is a pre-selected group of scripture readings that are shared amongst many traditions within the Christian Church. At PCPC, our traditional services most often use the appointed lectionary texts in worship. This class allows for deeper exploration and community conversation into the readings each Sunday.

Faith in the Presbyterian Tradition

Sundays, Year-round, at 10:05am in room CH 310

Led by Mike Peacock. This class discusses the particular lens through which Presbyterian & Reformed Christians read & interpret the Bible and make decisions in their daily lives

Other Offerings

Leave Your Legacy: Tell Your Story in a Book

Led by Loren Murfield, Ph.D.

Sunday, September 16th, at 12:00 to 2:30pm in EM305/306

We all leave a legacy for those that follow. Unfortunately, that gift is too often forgotten, lost or misunderstood because the story is never written down. Once it is, future generations will remember and appreciate how you lived, the difference you made and why that was important. In this two-hour workshop, you will learn how to plan, write, and share your legacy book. The event will include lunch for a suggested \$5.00 donation. Please RSVP with Will Wellman, will@palmaceia.org

Contemplation & Scripture: Advent

Wednesday's, December 4th — December 18th, 12:00pm in the Chapel.

Take time amid the busyness of the week and join us for a service of reflection, prayer, and the reading of Scripture. This service will incorporate the reading of scripture with various contemplative practices from the larger Christian tradition.

In Community Speaker Series

Join us for lunch and local speakers addressing topics of importance to the Tampa Bay community. The series will take place on the following Sundays from 12:00-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

September 23rd *Welcoming the Ministry of People with Disabilities* Zach Grant, Director Special Connection St. James United Methodist Church

October 28th *Children & Anxiety: A Panel Conversation* with panelists Director of Children's Ministries Allison Kelly, Chaplain of Youth Ken Hubbel, Corinne Gaertner and moderated by Pastor Nicole Abdour

Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to join this Bible study which meets every other week on Monday mornings at 7:30am. The group includes time for fellowship and study of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel lectionary text. Breakfast is included. For more information and to get on the email list, email Michael Maddux mmaddux@madduxattorneys.com or Will Wellman will@palmaceia.org

Women's Bible Study - New Opportunity!

Women are invited to join this bible study which will meet every other week on Sunday evenings. The group will provide an opportunity for Christian nurture and support of its members and the studying of scripture and its application to our modern lives. Pastor Nicole will begin this study on Sunday, September 9th at 7:00p.m.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women host monthly circles (fellowship and study groups) which build community and study scripture together. Starting in September the primary text being studied in Frances Taylor Gench's "Back to the Well: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels." For more information on how to become connected contact Jan Gorrie, PW President, jan@ballardfl.com.

Koinonia Spiritual Cohort

The Koinonia Spiritual Cohort is a new group at PCPC that will provide structure and support for folks wanting to incorporate spiritual practices into their daily life and have deeper engagement with Scripture. The Cohort will provide opportunities to deepen our faith both as individuals and as a community. The group will include two overnight retreats and monthly small group meetings and run from September 2018 through Easter (April 2019). The first overnight retreat is from Friday evening September 14th through Sunday afternoon September 16th and will be at [St. Leo's Abbey](#) near Dade City. If you're interested, please email Will Wellman will@palmaceia.org to get on the list or with any questions. The group will be limited to the first 25 people to sign up; however, the group will be available yearly if you can't commit this year.