

EXPLORERS

Room 255

The Explorers class is typically a 12-15 member group consisting of couples and individuals ranging in age from early 30s and up. Class members act as moderators to investigate faith across a broad spectrum. We typically use thought-provoking, short readings to stimulate discussion, making out-of-class preparation unnecessary. We also have several fellowship events during the course of the year. We will begin our year by engaging in the discipline of African Bible study. We welcome new members anytime.

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AN EXAMINATION OF FAITH: YOURS, MINE, OURS Room 260

New this year!

This discussion-driven class will focus on the many aspects of faith, both personal and corporate. Here's a sampling of the questions we'll be addressing throughout the year: What is faith? How do you define it? Do you really trust in God's will for you? And, what events or people shaped your faith? Co-led by Wil Butler and Pat Adams. We are a new class this fall and welcome all interested adults.

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INS AND OUTS

Room 32 (lower level)

New this year!

We will be discussing the scriptures regarding homosexuality, bridging the gap between faith and sexuality, and mending the wounds that people have regarding their families or the community who have disowned them. **We will begin our class on October 25** at 9:45 and continue to meet for six weeks. After this time, we will determine if the class wishes to continue.

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CHOIR CLASS

Room 6 Sanctuary Basement

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir and think you'll have to miss Sunday School to do so, not true! Andy and Barbara Bullock, choir members, lead a 30-minute class each Sunday in Room 11, underneath the sanctuary. Join us before rehearsal for scripture and sermon text exploration, quiet, and fellowship. Contact the music department if you want to be part of our class! Time: 9:30 - 10:00.

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Adult Sunday School

2009 - 2010

Welcome!

Adult classes begin on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 or 9:45 (depending on the class) and conclude at 10:45. We offer a great variety of classes, and we encourage you to visit several to find the one that most appeals to you. If you would like more information about any of these groups, contact Robin Coira at rcoir@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x 33.

FAITH AND ARTS

Room 253

The Faith and Arts Class is founded on the idea that art – all art – is not just a means of human expression, but also an essential and necessary tool of access. We explore art and the experience of art as a critical aspect of our spiritual journey. We seek to expand our understanding of how the methods of “reading” a work of art may serve as a valuable strategy for finding meaning in our daily lives. Our class is attended by a diverse group who enjoy an open-ended and inquiry-based approach to learning.

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FAITH ENCOUNTER

Room 261

We are a group of adults whose ages vary, but generally we are over 55 years old. We focus on progressive religious studies that include books, articles and video presentations. We share leadership among our class participants with discussion-based lessons and the understanding that we learn from each other in offering our ideas and values in an accepting and non-judgmental arena. In October we will begin a video presentation in anticipation of Bishop Spong’s visit on October 16-19. It is based on Spong’s most recently published book, *Jesus For the Non-Religious*, with commentary by Bishop Spong. Please join us as we prepare for our Jesus in the 21st Century weekend with this video. We welcome visitors anytime.

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L.I.F.E. (Lessons in Faith and Environment)

Coffee House

The LIFE class has mostly empty-nesters, but we welcome everyone at any time. We meet to discuss contemporary Christian thinking, as well as ways our faith influences our everyday thinking and actions. We have studied the religious beliefs of our nation’s founders, the beliefs and practices of other religions, and the continuing search for the historical Jesus. We study John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg and Bart Ehrman. We use no set curriculum, but follow class interests. The class is moderated by Dr. Jerry Warmath with a discussion format. Class members also contribute strong leadership. We will begin the year with an examination of the teachings of Bishop John Spong.

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CHALLENGE CLASS

Room 254

We welcome you to engage with us as we explore issues and share our journey within and outside of ourselves. Each week a question is posed by email to ponder in relation to the coming reading on such varied topics as faith, politics, mysticism, ethical issues in science, and the environment. Our goal is to allow each person to share with the class a story or insight from their lives about the week’s topic.

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CONVERSATIONS ON SPIRITUAL LIVING

Church Parlor

We are a class led by our members and frequent guest speakers. Our topics vary. With scripture as our backdrop, we have studied church history, spiritual practices, politics, and workplace ethics. We build our curriculum around the needs, concerns and interests of our members and welcome you to join with us.

Angie Byers, byersaj99@yahoo.com

LANDING SPOT FOR PARENTS

Cornwell Center Lounge

If you have preschool or elementary-aged children, come relax, connect and learn with us in the Cornwell Lounge each week. This year we will incorporate some of the stories our children will be learning in God’s Garden, as well as using Bible Workbench. So if you want fellowship and a place to land on Sundays, check us out! We begin between 9:45 & 10:00 and end around 10:40.

Amber Brown, abrown@carolina.rr.com

CENTERQUEST

Room 256

We are a group of mixed family status, ages and interests who discuss a variety of subjects. The leadership is shared among class members. We have social activities during the year and encourage involvement in mission activities. Our schedule for the year will include such topics as the life of Roger Williams; reviews of Bishop Spong’s books; a look at the economic downturn and culture gone wrong; visits by Rabbi Judy Schindler and a woman from India to look at other religions and cultures; and film and material from Joseph Campbell, Karen Armstrong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan and Serene Jones. We will also have experiential times exploring creativity and nature. Where it fits, we use the Centerquest model, based on the work of Carl Jung. We welcome new members and visitors at any time.

Nancy Berry, berryn41@hotmail.com

FIFTH DIMENSION

Room 250/252

If you love the traditional Sunday School class, please join us! Each Sunday we share pastoral concerns, sing a hymn, and have a lesson. Our teachers include the ministerial staff at MPBC and other church members who love to teach. We gather at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments, and our class begins at 9:45.

George and Leeda Currin, leedacurrin@aol.com

SEEKERS

Room 257

Do you like lively discussion, a variety of points of view, and theology you can really use in the real world? We are a group of folks concerned with reconciling our lives with our thought on faith and social justice. We find source materials in scripture, often using Bible Workbench. But we also study the newspaper! And we explore contemporary theologies as a way of seeing and understanding our world.

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TRUTH AND BEAUTY

Room 258

We are an eclectic group of adults who use the Bible Workbench materials. BWB is about the stories—the stories in the scriptures and our own stories and how they relate. BWB asks “what is the original context of this biblical story? How is this story happening in your life today? And how is this story happening in the culture around us. We are of many faith backgrounds and many points of view!

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