

*"Being Christian isn't primarily about having a correct theology by getting our beliefs right. It is about deepening relationship with God as known especially in Jesus." - Marcus Borg*  
 How do you nurture that "relationship with God" of which Borg speaks? Do you pray? Do you read the Bible? Do you wrestle with hard questions of faith? If none of the above, then what are you doing to grow closer to God? Within the pages of this brochure you will find fresh opportunities to explore our Christian faith and deepen relationships with God and with one another. There are books to challenge our understanding of faith and our practice of faithfulness, Bible Studies to stimulate reflection and discussion, fellowship opportunities to grow as God's people, and opportunities for prayer to center and sustain us along the way. Join us on this journey — a journey we take together as disciples of Jesus who longs to be in relationship with each of us — and all of us!



John Peterson  
Pastor



# TOGETHER ON **TOW** WEDNESDAY

Wednesdays, October 3 - December 12  
*(excluding October 31st and November 21st)*  
**Each evening begins in the Great Hall**  
 6:00 PM - Circle time for sharing joy & concerns  
 Followed by a delicious dinner  
 (vegetarian options available)  
*Suggested donation: Adults \$5; Children \$2*  
 Childcare is provided.

### **TOW OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY:**

#### ***Storied Women of the OT***

**(October 3, 10, 17 and 24 @ 7:00 PM following TOW)**

Women play prominent roles in the Old Testament — some good and some not-so-good. In studying their stories — The Mothers, The Warriors, The Queens, and The Outsiders — we will consider the impact they had and the way they shaped the arc of our faith.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Led by: John Peterson and Sarah Wolf

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AFTER TOW:**

Bag Up Bean Soup Packages - November 14  
 Gingerbread House Creations - December 12

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fall 2018

*How much better to get wisdom than gold!  
 To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.  
 Proverbs 16:16*

## ADULTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM

#### ADULT II

We will read and discuss **The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism** by Rev. Timothy Keller, founder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. This New York Times best-selling book has been recommended by spiritual persons on both sides of the aisle... seekers and skeptics. The Washington Post called it, "A tight, accessible case for reasoned religious belief." Subjects include: Why does God allow suffering? How can a loving God send people to Hell? Why isn't Christianity more inclusive? Can you take the Bible literally? Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God?  
Location: Room 6 Led by: Richard & Donna Esther

#### CURRENT EVENTS WITH A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

This adult class will be reading, studying and discussing, "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by James Cone. This insightful book gives a theological response to the dark history of lynchings in America.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Led by: David Stahl

#### BIBLE STUDY: Parables to Ponder (September 16 - November 25)

Jesus often taught in parables that left the disciples scratching their heads and asking, "What does that mean?" Join us for a look at some well-known — and lesser known — parables as together we try to discern what they meant then and what they mean for us today.

Location: Room 5

Led by: John Peterson

#### ADVENT SERIES (December 2, 9, 16, 23)

Advent is a time for preparation of our hearts as well as our homes as we anticipate the birth of the Savior. Among all the familiar carols and treasured traditions there is still room for new perspectives to light our way to the manger. Join us for that Advent journey.

Location: TBA

Led by: John Peterson & Sarah Wolf

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

Second Tuesday of the month

10:00 AM (unless otherwise announced)

Join the Presbyterian Women each month for refreshments and fellowship, followed by Bible study which was written specifically for the women of our denomination. This year's study is called, "God's Promise: I Am With You." Each month, we'll explore the different ways that God has made this promise to all of God's people — from promises made to Issac and Jacob to God's promise to be with us always to the end of the age.

Location: Breezeway

Led by: Frances Craig and Carol Poulson

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM

This year, we will be using Animate Faith curriculum from Sparkhouse Publishing. This curriculum provides age-appropriate activities and lessons which follow the salvation story beginning with the Old Testament in the fall and moving to the New Testament during winter and spring.

#### Toddler and Pre-K (Blue Room)

Led by: Joan Sayers, Katie Campbell, Susie Oberg, Rebecca Allison

#### K and 1st Grade (Yellow Room)

Led by: Kristin Siegel, Elissa McDonald, Mandy Drumheller

#### 2nd and 3rd Grade (Green Room)

Led by: Bill & Janey Terry

#### 4th and 5th Grade (Room 2-Upstairs)

Led by: Diana Bohart, Kevin & Kathlynn Luebke-Brown, Clayton Brooks

### INFANTS

Nursery is provided for babies through 18-month-olds during the Sunday School hour by Nursery Caregiver and Huggers & Helpers. Contact Elizabeth Robinette (elizabeth\_robinette94@yahoo.com) for more information.

### GODLY PLAY

Squirring in the pews? September through May after the Children's Message in the 10:30 AM service, children ages 4 through 1st grade are invited to an active worship experience. Bible stories will be taught through song and interactive storytelling.

Location: Room 3

Led by: Grace Melvin, Amanda Campbell, Kent Diduch, Jessica Herr, Michele Kielty & Laura Lawson

### ALPHA CHOIR

The Alpha Choir is for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade. The choir offers an opportunity for children to participate in worship through song singing traditional favorites as well as new songs. They learn the basics of dynamics, rhythms, and notation for music as well as the pleasure of singing with others to offer praise to God. The choir practices each Sunday from 9:10 AM to 9:30 AM and sings the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Location: Choir Room

Led by: Joan Swift & Mike Riddell

### OMEGA CHOIR

All youth who are in 4th grade and up are invited to participate in the Omega Choir. The choir practices each Sunday after the 10:30 AM worship service until 12:30 PM. The children sing music written for youth; it is mostly two-part singing. The choir sings the 4th Sunday of each month for the worship service.

Location: Choir Room

Led by: Joan Swift & Bonnie Powell

## YOUTH

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM

- ◆ Did Jesus know that he was the Son of God when he was a child?
- ◆ What if we never have a "mountain-top experience?"
- ◆ Does God let bad things happen to us today just so we can later experience God's grace?

The youth (grades 6-12) will be using Rebecca Kirkpatrick's book, *100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation*, as a guide for lessons and discussion.

Location: Senior High Room

Led by: Craig Whitacre, Lee & Cora Leigh Clark, Debbie Melvin, Tom & Vicky Bellamy, Laura Lawson

### WRESTLING THROUGH FAITH

(High School youth)

Sometimes we have questions about our faith that we feel like we aren't allowed to ask — questions that don't always have one right answer. High School students meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to discuss these tough questions in a judgment-free zone. \*\*Note: no physical wrestling happens during this time; spandex unitards are best left at home.

Location: Laura Lawson's Office

Led by: Laura Lawson

### FIRED UP FRIDAYS

(2nd - 8th graders w/High School leaders)

WHAT: Bible Study, Service Project, and Soccer Darts

WHEN: 3rd Fridays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

(check-in begins at 5:45 PM)

WHERE: Check-in outside of the Great Hall

WHY: Gettin' fired up about faith!

WHO: Middle Schoolers — Bring some friends to church to have some fun, talk about God, and serve together.  
High Schoolers — We need your leadership for the younger group going through!

### YOUTH GROUP

(Middle and High School youth)

Middle and High School youth come together every 1st Sunday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM for games, snacks, and some Bible studying.

Location: YOUth Room

Led by: Laura Lawson & Ma Druff