

Theologian Karl Barth was once asked to sum up all of his theology in just a few words. Barth paused and then responded, "In the words of a song I learned at my mother's knee: 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'" The Bible is filled with passages detailing God's great love for us. In Christian Education we explore the breadth and depth of that love.

Our faith journeys begin at the knees of our parents and continue in the church nursery and in our Toddler/ Pre-K Sunday school class when students sing, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The journey continues through elementary school classes and youth groups as tweens and teens ask hard questions in a judgment-free environment. And yes, the journey continues into adulthood!

During the coming months, we encourage you to find an opportunity that speaks to you — one that will help you explore the many ways that God loves us and calls us to love one another. It might be a new Sunday school class, a Bible study, or a Lenten Taizé service. Try something that will help you affirm with Barth: "Jesus loves me, this I know!"

Sarah Wolf  
Associate Pastor



## TOGETHER ON TOW WEDNESDAY

Wednesdays, January 16th - April 10th  
Each evening begins in the Great Hall

6:00 PM - Circle time for sharing joys & concerns  
Followed by a delicious dinner with  
a vegetarian option available.

March 6 - April 10 are Lenten Soup Nights  
*Suggested donation: Adults \$5; Children \$2*  
Childcare will be available during Lent.

### **TOW FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY:**

#### ***Who Do You Say That I Am?***

(February 6, 13, 20 and 27 @ 7:00 PM following TOW)  
Savior, Son of God, Messiah, Lord. What do these titles mean? Using different creeds and scripture, we examine four "titles" of Jesus Christ, what they meant in Jesus' time, and what it means when we use them to describe him today.

Location: Fellowship Hall    Led by: John Peterson and Sarah Wolf

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

**Yankee Swap** - January 16 (*bring a gift to swap*)

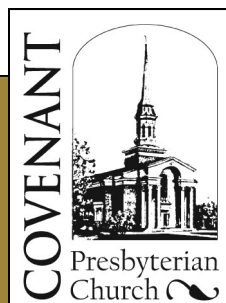
**Lenten Taizé Service** - March 6

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Winter/Spring 2019

*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 **Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks** by Diana Butler Bass. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. Bass takes on this “gratitude gap” and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to practice gratitude. With honest, heartrending examples from history and her own life, Bass reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with God, with others, with the world, and even our own souls.  
Location: Room 6      Led by: Richard & Donna Esther

#### CURRENT EVENTS WITH A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

This class will begin the semester by continuing their study of **Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People** by Nadia Bolz-Weber. In this book, Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls “a religious, but not so spiritual” life. The class will select their next book together. All are welcome!  
Location: Fellowship Hall      Led by: David Stahl

#### WIRED WORD (January and April 28 - May 19)

Each week, this class will study a different story from a current event in the news and examine it for Biblical applications.  
Location: Middle School Room (January)      Led by: John Sayers  
Room 5 (April 28 - May 19)

#### INQUIRERS CLASS (January 6, 13, 20, 27)

“What is a Presbyterian? Who is Covenant? Is there a place for me here?” Explore the faith and practice of Presbyterians and bring your questions. This class is especially for those considering joining or who have recently joined Covenant.  
Location: Room 5      Led by: John Peterson

#### WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? (February)

Savior, Son of God, Messiah, Lord. What do these titles mean? Using different creeds and scripture, we examine four “titles” of Jesus Christ, what they meant in Jesus’ time, and what it means when we use them to describe him today.  
Location: Room 5      Led by: John Peterson & Sarah Wolf

#### THE LAST WEEK (March 10 - April 14)

Using **The Last Week** by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan and the Gospel of Mark as our guides, we will study the last week of Jesus’ life. We will begin with Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and work our way through Holy Week, one day at a time. No prep work required!  
Location: Room 5      Led by: Sarah Wolf

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

#### Second Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 AM

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  
Facilitated by: various Presbyterian Women

## 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 Caregivers and Huggers & Helpers. Contact Sarah Wolf (revsarahwolf@gmail.com) for more information.

### GODLY PLAY

Restless in the pews? September through May after the Children’s Message in the 10:30AM 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

### 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 9:10AM to 9:30AM 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 10:30AM worship service until 12:30PM. 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 6:00PM to 7:00PM 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, 6:00PM to 8:00PM

(check-in begins at 5:45PM)

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 6:30PM to 8:00PM for games, snacks, and some Bible studying.

Location: YOUth Room      Led by: Laura Lawson & Ma Druff