

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.

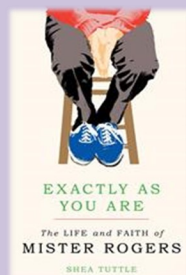
Our faith journeys often begin at the knees of our parents and continue in the church nursery and in our Toddler/Pre-K Sunday school class when students sing, "God's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The journey continues through elementary school classes and youth groups as tweens and teens ask hard 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

SPECIAL EVENT

Join us on February 9th as we welcome Shea Tuttle, author of *Exactly As You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers*. Tuttle will lead a discussion in the Great Hall during Sunday school and she will preach at Covenant that day. If you need help ordering a book, please contact Sarah Wolf (revsarahwolf@gmail.com).



Wednesdays, January 15 - April 1
March 4 - April 1 are Lenten Soup Nights
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.
Suggested donation: Adults \$5; Children \$2
Childcare will be available during Lent.

TOW BOOK STUDY —

Exactly As You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers by Shea Tuttle

(January 22 - February 5 @ 7:00 PM following TOW)

In anticipation of Shea Tuttle's visit to Covenant on February 9th, we are offering another chance to study her book, *Exactly As You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers*.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Led by: Sarah Wolf

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AFTER TOW:

Yankee Swap - January 15th - Bring a gift to swap

Lenten Taizé Services Begin on February 26

SACRAMENTS CLASS

January 12th and 19th after the 10:30 Service

1st Graders are invited to attend a class on the Sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper). We will gather in the Great Hall after worship and learn about the two sacraments of the Reformed faith. Each week will explore a different sacrament using Bible stories, crafts, and discussion. We request that a parent or guardian attend this class with his or her 1st grader.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Winter/Spring 2020

*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 begin our semester by reading Shea Tuttle's book, *Exactly As You Are: The life and Faith of Mister Rogers*, in anticipation of Tuttle's visit to our church on February 9th. The class will continue to study together topics which will be selected by the class.

Location: Room 6 Led by: Sarah Wolf & Class Members

CURRENT EVENTS WITH A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE —

This class will look at a variety of spiritual practices at the intersection of faith and life by reading and reflecting on authors from diverse perspectives. How do we relate to God amid the pace of busy lives?

Location: Fellowship Hall Led by: David Stahl

THE WIRED WORD — Each week, this class will study a different news story from a current event in the news and examine it for Biblical applications.

Location: Room 5 Led by: John Sayers & Bill Terry

LENTEN STUDY (March 1 - April 5) — Join us on Sundays in Lent to study the meaning of the Lenten season — the 40 days leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

Location: Room 3 Led by: John Peterson & Sarah Wolf

SPECIAL DATES

February 9 - There will be one adult Sunday school class: an adult forum in the Sanctuary to meet with Shea Tuttle.

April 12 - Easter Sunday there will be no Sunday school.

WOMEN

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, *"Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments."* Each month, we'll explore one of the Ten Commandments and their implications for the Hebrew people so long ago as well as for us today.

Location: Breezeway

Facilitated by different women each month

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: Anne Bell, Amanda Campbell, Kristen Lambert

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) or Susie Oberg (susieandjim@comcast.net) for more information.

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 in worship on 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

COVENANT KIDS

Following the children's sermon, children age 3 - 1st grade are invited to attend "Covenant Kids" in the Covenant Kids Room to learn more about the topic of that morning's sermon. Children will spend their time learning about the Bible story, singing songs, playing games, reading books, and/or making crafts related to that morning's text. Our hope is that this time will give families a lot to talk about after worship!

Location: Room 4

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM

6TH-9TH GRADE CLASS (YOUTH ROOM)

The class will be using Rebecca Kirkpatrick's book, *100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation*, as a guide for lessons and discussions. Some questions to be discussed will be:

- ◆ What does it mean to be a peacemaker at school?
- ◆ How can we love those who intentionally hurt us?
- ◆ What will it be like when Jesus comes again?

Led by: Craig Whitacre, Tom & Vicky Bellamy, Darlene Schneck

10TH-12TH GRADE CLASS (LAURA LAWSON'S OFFICE)

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. Students will meet to discuss tough questions in a judgement-free zone.

Led by: Laura Lawson

FIRED UP FRIDAYS

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

WHAT: Bible Study, Service Project, and Games

WHEN: 2nd 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!

OPEN TABLE

(Middle and High School youth)

Bonding happens in the kitchen and at the dinner table with Open Table. Every 3rd Sunday, from 4:30PM to 6:30PM, we join together to prepare a meal, eat, and talk about faith and life.

Location: Great Hall Kitchen Led by: Laura Lawson, James Harris

YOUTH GROUP

(Middle and High School youth)

Middle and High School youth come together every 4th Sunday of the month from 6:00PM to 8:00PM for games, snacks, and Bible study.

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

The best way to stay up to date with Youth programming is to opt-in to receive Youth Ministry emails and text messages. You can do this by emailing Laura.