

## WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY CLASS OFFERINGS

### Pastor Sam's Book Study



Pastor Sam will lead a Bible Study on THE EPISTLE of ROMANS, focusing on *The Gospel of God, The Grace of God, The Wrath of God, The Plan of God, The Will of God, and The Providence of God.*

Paul's letter to the young church in Rome continues to influence through the ages. The Letter to Romans gives us the complete picture of the Gospel. Using Wesleyan language, Paul in this letter unfolds the great three-fold theme of justification, sanctification, and glorification both theologically and practically. Just your Bible of any version is needed for joining the study. In-person study will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room beginning January 12, 2022 through May 18, 2022. The study via Zoom will be on Thursdays at 6:00 pm beginning January 13, 2022 through May 19, 2022. Please register by calling the church office or through sign-up along with your email if you plan to attend the Thursday Zoom Bible study.

### From Bonnie Chesky, Adult Christian Education Chair:

*Having felt the Joy of Christmas recently and perhaps been awakened to a new awareness of God in Jesus Christ, how will you keep that sense of God alive in the New Year? What disciplines can you cultivate to keep you on the path of righteousness? Where will you find support as you seek to walk faithfully with Jesus? I find meeting with Christian friends in a Sunday School class or small group and reading the Bible daily provides support, knowledge, and wisdom as my faith grows. You will too! Join a class! And to parents bringing your children to Sunday School, join an adult class and show your children you never stop growing as Christ's disciples.*

*My prayer for our church: Philippians 1:9: "... that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight . . ."*



### VISION STATEMENT:

**God cares about you and so do we.**

### MISSION STATEMENT:

**Teach the way of God in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WEST ALLIS**

**SUNDAY CLASS OFFERINGS (January-May 2022)**

**9:30-10:30 AM**

### Book Study

Title: **What's So Amazing About Grace?** by Philip Yancey

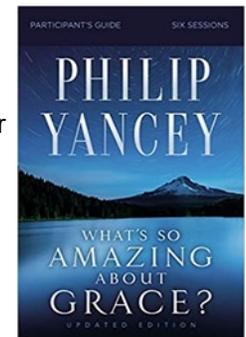
Facilitator: Laura Grabowski

Location: Lighthouse Room

Description: If someone were to ask you, "What is the opposite of sin?", you would probably answer "Virtue". Actually the opposite of sin is Grace. If you want to get close to God you do not need to multiply your prayers and good deeds. You need to be ready to receive God's grace as a gift, freely given. You need to recognize that God loves all of us, no matter how many times we fail him or how big those failures are.

In this book, Philip Yancy explores all facets of grace. He refers to Scripture, to C.S. Lewis, to St. Augustine, to more contemporary examples of grace, and to his own life. When he understood how wrong his racist way of life had been, he "clung to grace like a drowning man".

For those of you who were not able join this class in the fall, it will be offered again beginning **February 6, 2022**. I hope to see you then.

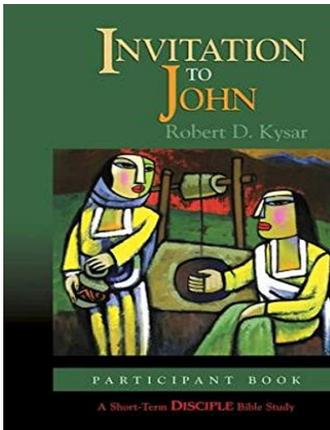


## MONDAY CLASS OFFERINGS

### Disciples Class-Fellowship Hall (SW Corner):

Tom Bolton's Adult Sunday School class will complete the study of *Making Sense of the Bible* on January 31, 2022.

The next Disciple Bible Study he is leading will focus on *Invitation to John*. It will run for eleven weeks, from **February 6 - April 24**, not meeting on Easter Sunday. The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me". Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, and the raising of Lazarus. During the weekly video segments, travel into the Scripture as you hear the Word, experience the grand artwork connected with each story, and interview the scholar.



Participants for this *Invitation to John* do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of John a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples. Talk to Tom if you have any questions or concerns about the class.

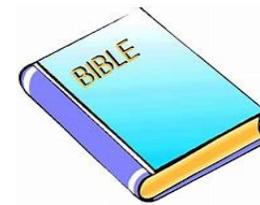
### Adult Interest Group

Title: Video Series: The Story of God

Facilitator: Ken Ilseman

Location: Fireside Room

Description: Beginning **January 9**, the class will continue viewing and discussing the video series featuring Morgan Freeman. In this series, Morgan Freeman meets a man who felt God's presence, learns how Muslim's hear God's voice in the Quran, comes across a tribe whose members believe they can channel the healing powers of the divine, and encounters a physicist who has faith that science will lead him to God.



### What Does the Bible Say? with

Michael Odle

When: 7:00 pm the second Monday of each month

Where: Zoom (Don't worry, we will make this easy!)

Description: We will be studying the book of **Colossians** in January. Then in February we are looking forward to an in-depth, faith-building study in the book of **Romans**. As an added bonus, we won't even have to leave our homes to join this Zoom-based study. *Anyone* can participate by using a desktop or laptop computer or a tablet or a smart phone or even a traditional land-line telephone! Simply contact Michael or the church office to let us know you want to join us and the Zoom information (and clear instructions) will be sent to you. The first class is **January 10, 2022**. So grab your favorite Bible and join in!

Book Discussion Group will meet on the third Monday of the month.

Facilitator: Val Holzman

Location: Bernice Nailen Memorial Library

Description: This daytime group reads and discusses books recommended by the United Methodist Women. It is open to everyone who likes to read!

**January 17-***Light of the Setting Suns: Reflecting on Realities and Mysteries at Ninety Years of Life* by Richard L. Morgan

**February 21-***A Living Gospel: Reading God's Story in Holy Lives* by Robert Ellsberg

**March 21-***Beyond Loneliness: The Gift of God's Friendship* by Trevor Hudson

**April 25-***Right Here Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness* by Amy G. Oden

**May 16-***Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown* by Jeffery L. Staley