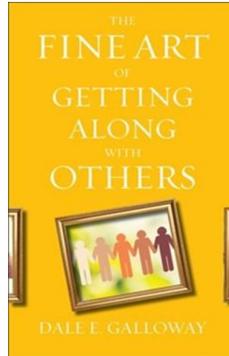


WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY CLASS OFFERINGS

Pastor Sam's Book Study: Pastor Sam will be offering a book study on "**The Fine Art of Getting Along With Others**" by Dale E. Galloway. The author shares numerous guidelines, principles and healthy steps for relating well with others including family members, church members, friends, and people known and unknown. We will be learning together the teachings of Jesus that are foundational for relating well with others. "Treating others as you want to be treated." Classes will be offered on Wednesdays in person at 10:30 am and Thursdays via Zoom at 6:00 pm beginning **September 14** for the Wednesday class and **September 15** for the Thursday Zoom class. Purchase of the book is optional. Please call the church office to register with your email.



OTHER ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Sometimes it is just easier to have the Bible read to us than to read it ourselves, isn't it? Here are three FREE good options for hearing the Bible read on a daily basis. Each reads a selection from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. All are available as an app also.

OneYearBiblePodcast.com – The Bible is read in a clear, straightforward fashion without commentary.

DailyAudioBible.com – The Bible is read through in a year by rotating what version is read each week. There is a ten minute mediation/commentary each day.

DailyRadioBible.com – The Bible is read through using the New Living Translation. There is a ten minute daily meditation/commentary each day.

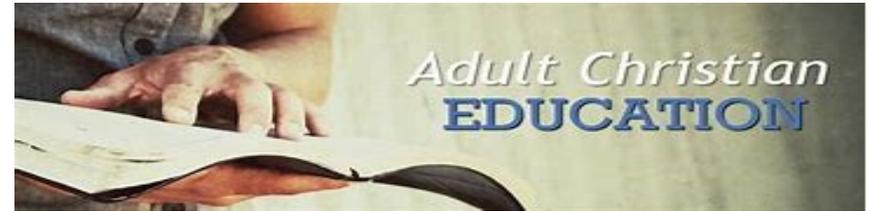
LOOKING AHEAD: WINTER & SPRING 2023 CLASSES:

Pastor Sam will be leading a class on a UMC Teaching Resource "Faith Working Through Love." The book teaches about 12 basic biblical themes or doctrines from a Methodist perspective and a Wesleyan understanding. The book offers biblical references and Wesleyan hymns and quotes. Participants will read, reflect, and discuss and grow in their faith by understanding the biblical and Wesleyan perspectives.

Rev. Deacon Nancy Lanman will offer a class on the social principles of the UMC. The Social Principles are a resource for mission and ministry for United Methodists across the globe.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WEST ALLIS 2022 ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FALL CLASSES

BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 (9:30-10:30 AM)



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.

SUNDAY CLASS OFFERINGS

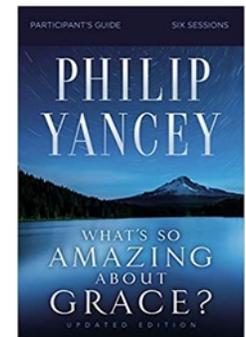
Book Study

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 who were not able to join this class last fall, it is being offered again.



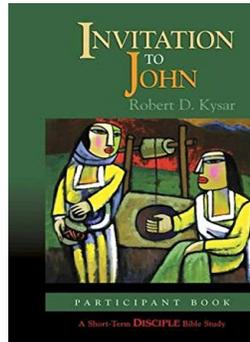
Disciples Class

Title: **Invitation to John** by Robert D. Kysar

Facilitator: Tom Bolton

Location: Confirmation Room

Description: 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 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. The class will run for eleven weeks.



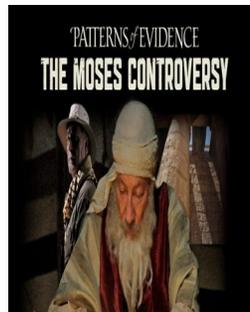
Adult Interest Group

Title: **Video Series: Patterns of Evidence: The Moses Controversy**

Facilitator: Ken Ilseman

Location: Fireside Room

Description: Filmmaker Mahoney was raised to believe the stories of the Bible were true. But mainstream scholars reject the Bible's claim that Moses wrote the Exodus journey as an eyewitness account. These scholars declare Moses didn't even have a writing system like Hebrew to record it; instead, the writing of Exodus came more than one thousand years after the fact. Since the Bible claims that Moses was the author of one of the greatest stories in the entire Bible—the Israelites' Exodus out of Egypt and their journey to Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God—Mahoney realizes that the question of Moses' ability to write its first books impacts the credibility of the entire Bible. Be sure to join this intriguing discussion.



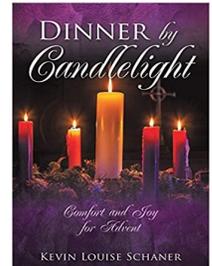
Advent Book Study

Title: **Dinner by Candlelight-Comfort and Joy for Advent** by Kevin Louise Schaner

Facilitator: Val Holzman

Location: Small Dining Room

Description: Christmas Is Coming! Feeling Anxious? Expect Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace this Advent. Rekindle your anticipation of Christ's birth with comforting conversation. "Schaner shares from her heart a collection of deeply engaging essays that provide not only food for thought during the pre-Christmas season, but also inspiration and hope for the future. The class runs from November 27-December 18. This book study will provide new positive reflections and make the holiday season joyful.



MONDAY CLASS OFFERINGS (Note Starting Dates)

What Does the Bible Say? with Michael Odle. The class will meet at 7:00 pm the second Monday of each month (except December). In the fall we will continue our 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 smartphone 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 on **September 12, 2022**. So grab your favorite Bible and join in!

Book Discussion Group will meet the third Monday of the month (except December) at 1:30 pm.

Facilitator: Val Holzman

Location: Bernice Nailen Memorial Library

Description: This daytime group reads and discusses books recommended by the UWIF. Open to all who enjoy reading!

September 19 - Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry

October 17 - Small Great Things (a novel) by Judy Picoult

November 21 - Glimpses of Heaven: God's Gifts of Grace in Daily Life by Roela Victoria Rivera