

Fall Sunday ACE Schedule Summary:

September 14th - October 12th Social Principles-Creation in Crisis**

October 19th - November 23rd ReConfirm*

October 19th– November 23rd Introduction to Using Your Bible**

Beginning November 9th, Second Sunday Social Principles
Discussion after Worship**

November 30th - December 21st -Sunday Advent Book Study**

**Lighthouse Room *Fireside Room

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

Facilitator: Val Holzman

Location: The Bernice Nailen Memorial Library

Description: This daytime group reads and discusses books recommended by UWIF. Open to all who enjoy reading! The first Book Discussion is on Monday, **September 15th** at 1:30 pm, where we will discuss Michelle Obama's book **The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times** (Nurturing for Community). In this follow-up to her acclaimed memoir, former First Lady Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today's highly uncertain world.

Upcoming Book Discussions:

October 20, 2025 – **Thief of Corinth** by Tessa Afshar

November 17, 2025 – **Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining our Future** by Patty Krawec

2025 Advent Book Study: Journey into the wilderness with John the Baptist and rediscover the call to prepare your heart for Christ's coming. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton invites us to reflect on the powerful themes of repentance, renewal, and readiness that shaped John's life and ministry. For centuries, Christians have looked to John's prophetic voice during the weeks leading up to Christmas—a voice that still echoes today, urging us to clear the path and make room for the Messiah. Through Scripture, reflection, and practical insight, this study offers a meaningful way to deepen your faith and embrace the transformative hope of Advent. A class will be offered on Sundays from 9:00-10:00 am and on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. Come journey with us as we prepare the way—watch for more details soon.

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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14 9:00-10:00 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.

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. Colossians 3:16 NLT



Social Principles: "Creation in Peril"

Facilitators: Deacon Nancy Lanman and Sue Klescewski

Location: Lighthouse Room

Description: "We acknowledge that unsustainable human activities have placed the entirety of God's creation in peril. Further, we confess that the deg-

radation and wholesale destruction of the natural environment threatens unprecedented harm, bringing danger to human and nonhuman life alike" (from the United Methodist Social Principles). In class, we will discuss and reflect on the final section of our UMC Social Principles. Additional articles from The Plough Journal and Christian Century Magazine, like the ones that were shared this summer in the Gathering Room, reinforce concepts from the principle and will be discussed in class. Join our group discussions, which will help us to grow in our understanding of climate change, how we can think more deeply about our role as disciples, and how we can more actively respond. Class will meet from 9:00-10:00 am in the Lighthouse room for five (5) Sundays beginning September 14th. Monthly Second Sunday Social Principle discussions will resume after worship (11:45 am) beginning November 9th.

ReConfirm

Facilitator: Tom Bolton

Location: Fireside Room

Description: Were you one of those kids that was preoccupied with other things--like boys or girls--back during your Confirmation classes in 8th grade? Did you have a teacher who didn't engage you? Was it so long ago that you forgot lots of what you learned? Are you looking to renew your vows? Ready to fire up your discipleship? Then ReConfirm is the class for you. Lay Leader Tom Bolton will lead this class for anyone interested in reviewing Confirmation material. We will start on October 19th, after Social Principles Class ends, at 9:00 Sunday mornings in the Fireside Room. If there is enough interest, there will be a second session on Tuesday nights, via Zoom, at 6:30 pm. We will pause during Advent studies and Lenten studies, and meet all other weeks for about 16 weeks in all. A "ReConfirm" class in the United Methodist Church, as it's sometimes called, is essentially a repeat of a Confirmation Class, with lots of discussion.



It's designed to help individuals deepen their understanding of Christian faith and United Methodist beliefs, and to take ownership of their faith journey. Key components of this class will include:

- Learning about Christian and Methodist beliefs: This covers core theological concepts like grace, salvation, the history and teachings of The United Methodist Church, and the importance of sacraments of baptism and communion.
- Learning your Bible--what it includes and how to use it.
- Exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ: We are challenged to consider how to live out our faith in our daily lives and engage with the world.
- Living our membership vows: Participants learn about the responsibilities and commitment involved in being a professing member of the United Methodist Church.
- Spiritual growth and exploration: Classes encourage discussion, reflection, and opportunities to ask questions about faith.

We will not have a textbook, but Tom plans to share handouts and use many videos. In essence, a United Methodist "ReConfirm" class is about strengthening one's faith, understanding the foundations of the church's beliefs, and making a conscious commitment to following Jesus Christ within the United Methodist tradition. This will be even better if you join us.

Introduction to Using Your Bible

Facilitator: Val Holzman

Location: Lighthouse Room

Description: Whether you're new to scripture or looking to refresh your skills, this class is for you. Ever wondered, "How do I find that verse?" or "Do I have to memorize all the books of the Bible?" We'll explore simple tools and helpful shortcuts that make reading more enjoyable and spiritually enriching. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and your desire to grow, and we'll learn together. The class will meet from October 19th to November 23rd from 9:00-10:00 am. Join this class to deepen your journey with scripture and learn basic skills for using and understanding the Bible.

