

Justice in Everyday Life

Facilitator: Rev. Deacon Nancy Lanman and Others

Location: TBA

Description: How does being a Methodist affect our response to the world's suffering? As Methodists, we strive to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Our founder, John Wesley, led a reform movement centered around small study groups that held themselves accountable for addressing social issues. In this study group, we will explore the Social Principles of the Methodist Church and ethical guidelines that inspire compassion and justice. Our goal is to nurture our spiritual growth and translate that into effective ministries that alleviate social problems and bring us closer together as a community. **Dates TBA.**

OTHER ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Below 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 meditation/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.

Check out Pastor Glenn McDonald's 5-minute morning reflection program. It's accessible on your phone and available as a podcast. Join by going to glennsreflections.com.

**WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO COME JOIN US
EACH WEEK AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO
GLORIFY GOD THROUGH FELLOWSHIP WITH
ONE ANOTHER AND TO STUDY GOD'S WORD,
THE BIBLE.**

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BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2024

9:00-10:00 AM

WINTER/SPRING CLASSES



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

MONDAY CLASS OFFERINGS (Note Starting Dates)

Disciple Bible Study

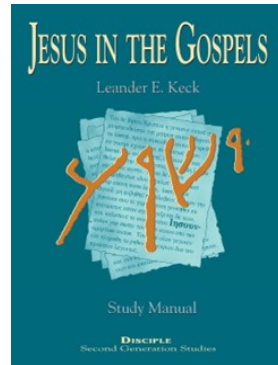
Title: **Jesus in the Gospels**

by **Leander E. Kech**

Facilitator: Tom Bolton

Location: Confirmation Room

Description: Tom is continuing the Discipleship Bible Study at First Church: Jesus in the Gospels. New participants are welcome to join the group. **January 7 - 9:00-10:00 am**



This is a 30-week study that invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" Study the names, the places, and the people—and encounter Jesus, who is both hard to ignore and hard to control, as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The 30 lessons are divided into 60 weeks so that we will go over parts of two years. This way, you don't have quite as much to read each week. We will not meet in the summer or on holidays when classes are not meeting.

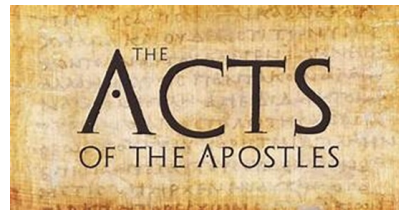
Acts of the Apostles

Facilitator: Laura Grabowski

Location: Lighthouse Room

Description: Come along for an action-packed journey through the Acts of the Apostles. Witness the excitement on Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church. Rejoice with the new believers as they share all things in common and gather for worship. Then the Jewish authorities, threatened by the miracles the apostles are doing in Jesus' name, begin to harass the apostles. The converts at first were primarily Jews, but then Peter has a vision, which convinces him the message is also for Gentiles. See how the stoning of Stephen leads to the scattering of the church, which spreads the Word farther afield. Then God calls Saul, who has been zealously persecuting Christians, to preach to the Gentiles. The story includes riots, a shipwreck, and courtroom scenes where you will hear Paul's skillful arguments to Jews and Greeks. All of the apostles work tirelessly to spread the Gospel.

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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 January 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 **January 8 at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. So grab your favorite Bible and join in!



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: The first Book Discussion is on Monday, **January 15**, at 1:30 pm, when we will discuss Angela Hunt's book **Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road, Book 1)**. Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine . . . until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana. When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, he and Tasmin argue--since the twins have been together since the womb, Tasmin can't accept losing her brother to some magician-prophet. Aided by Jude, younger brother to Jesus of Nazareth, she decides to follow the Nazarene's group and do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship and bring her brother home. This daytime group reads and discusses books recommended by the UWIF. Open to all who enjoy reading!