

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 the UWIF. Open to all who enjoy reading!

The first Book Discussion is on Monday, **September 16th, at 1:30 pm.** We will discuss *Beating Guns: Hope for People*

Who Are Weary of Violence by Shaine Claiborne (Social Action). Bestselling author and activist Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin will explain why Christians should be concerned about gun violence and how they can be part of the solution.

October 21st - *Echoes of Grace* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall (Social Action). This triumphant new novel explores sisterhood, family secrets, inter-generational trauma, life, and love in a modern Gothic setting with a magical realist twist.

November 18th - *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom (Social Action). Lindstrom is the winner of the 2021 Caldecott Medal and a number-one New York Times bestseller. *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption.

Wednesday Morning Book Study: Class participants will take turns leading this book study on Max Lucado's book *You Were Made for This Moment: Courage for Today and Hope for Tomorrow*. This study will be held on Wednesdays starting on **September 11th from 10:30-11:30 am in the Lighthouse Room.**

Author Max Lucado will help you to put your hope in the God of grand reversals, to trust that God will right every wrong, to cultivate courage for your challenging times by leaning on the God who redeems and restores, and you will discover your role in God's story by exploring how God can use your experiences and circumstances to join Him in his holy work. God never promised us a life without trials, but He does promise to be with us as we walk through them. Trust that He can redeem your struggles for a mighty purpose. This study is enhanced with a video component.



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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15th 9-10:00 AM



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**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
FALL 2024**

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*

SUNDAY CLASS OFFERINGS (Note Starting Dates)

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Social Justice Principles

Facilitator: Rev. Deacon Nancy Lanman and Others

Location: Lighthouse Room

Description: Capturing the Wesleyan spirit of social holiness and ethical action, over 4,000 United Methodists from around the world participated in an eight-year process to review and update the United Methodist Social Principles.

Completed in 2020, this new draft document reflects the United Methodist response to today's most pressing social issues and was adopted at the General Conference 2024. Using the Revised UM Social Principles document as the basis for the class, the class will look at the Economic Communities and the Political Communities and will reflect upon the character of the Economic and Political Communities we are building. Each participant will receive a copy of the final draft to guide the discussion. Rev. Lanman will share some of her social principles book collection that will further the study of social principles. The class will begin on **September 15th and continue through October 13th (9-10:00 am).**

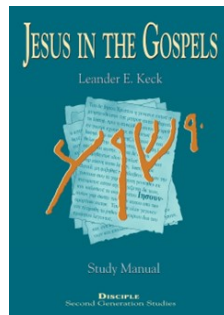
Disciple Bible Study

Title: **Jesus in the Gospels** by Leander E. Keck

Facilitator: Tom Bolton

Location: Confirmation Room

Description: Tom is continuing the Discipleship Bible Study: **Jesus in the Gospels**. New participants are welcome to join the group. The class resumes on **October 20th (9:00-10:00 am)**. This study invites believers to examine Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" We study the names, places, and people who 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-week segments, so we will complete the study in two years. This way, you don't have quite as much to read each week. We will not meet on holiday weekends.

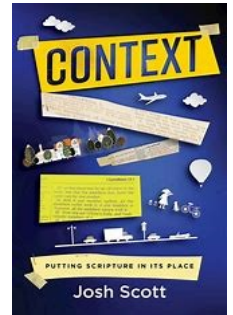


Context Book Study

Facilitator: Val Holzman

Location: Lighthouse Room

Description: Josh Scott's **Context** examines verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Scott delves into these well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context. If Bible study intimidates you, **Context** is a six-week Sunday book discussion on familiar Bible verses and the context, setting, event, or idea of that verse. Come dip your toes in a "lite" Bible study experience beginning on Sunday, **October 20th through November 24th (9-10:00 am)**. This class also has a video component to enhance the study.



Watch for information on the 2024 Advent Book Study (December 1st through December 22nd-9-10:00 am)

Fall Sunday Schedule Summary:

September 15th - October 13th **Social Justice Principles****

October 20th - December 15th **Disciple Bible Study***

October 20th - November 24th **Context Book Study****

December 1st - December 22nd **Advent Book Study****

**Lighthouse Room *Confirmation Room

WEEK DAY OFFERINGS (Note Starting Dates)

What Does the Bible Say? with Michael Odle is on hold for now. The class details, including the subject, will be announced at a later time. The class will meet at 7:00 pm the second Monday of each month (except December) when it resumes.