



**NURTURE YOUR FAITH AT  
FAIRLINGTON  
Course Offerings for Adults  
Fall 2017**

**NEW COURSE: What Do Methodists Believe?**

**Wednesdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm starting September 20 in Rm. 109**  
This three-week study explores the roots of Methodism, our beginnings with John and Charles Wesley, our core beliefs, and how we are organized for transforming the world. For newcomers to the faith and those who want a refresher course. Facilitators: **Pastors Devon Earle and Mary Beth Blinn.** *Drop-in class/No registration necessary.*

**Making Sense of the Bible**

**Sunday evenings 7:00-8:30pm starting September 10, in Room 109.**  
A 6-week study of Adam Hamilton's book, *Making Sense of the Bible*. Find answers to foundational questions and have an honest conversation about the Bible. Facilitator: Jim Dooley. *New students are welcome throughout the course.*

**Old Testament Characters**

**Wednesday mornings 10:30am to noon beginning September 27, in Room 109.** Study the Bible throughout the fall using Peter Scazzero's book *Old Testament Characters: Learning to Walk with God*. This study introduces you to twelve remarkable lives described in the Old Testament. The stories of these people from the ancient past can help you learn how to live a life with God. Facilitator: Anne Wilson. *Please RSVP to [Christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:Christian@fairlingtonumc.org) by 9/25.*

**Christian Spirituality Workshops**

**Once a Month on Sundays at 9:45-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.**  
Grow closer to God through both ancient and modern prayer practices. Learn from experienced leaders and try them out during the class. Choose one or choose them all. *Drop-in class/No registration necessary.*

**October 15** Ignatian Spirituality - Myrta Alonso  
**November 19** Breath Prayer - Sue Gunter



**Bible Study on the Book of Acts.**

**Sundays at 7:00-8:30pm starting Oct. 29**

Learn about how the early church was born and how "day by day the Lord added to their number." Facilitator: Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Sign up at [Christian@fairingtonumc.org](mailto:Christian@fairingtonumc.org).

**Spirituality in Nature Journaling**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm, Church Playground Picnic Tables**

(rain location is room 114). Have you ever wanted to journal as a way to grow spiritually? Come to this workshop where you will be guided in setting up your journal and given time to practice outside.

Facilitator: Pastor Devon Earle

*Drop-in class No registration necessary*

**Spirituality in Nature Walk**

**October 21, 2-4 pm, Huntley Meadows Nature Center-**

Come spend the afternoon in nature observing the way that our world is preparing for winter and join in guided group and individual Spiritual Practices. Facilitator: Pastor Devon Earle

*Drop-in class No registration necessary*

**Contemplative Hike**

**November 18- 8:30am – 4:30pm Sky Meadows State Park**

(Meet at the church at 8:30 am.) The leaves should be beautiful for this outing to Sky Meadows where we will hike while having time for guided spiritual practices as well as fellowship with each other. This moderate difficulty hike will be about 5 miles.

Facilitator: Pastor Devon Earle

*Drop-in class No registration necessary*

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## **Sunday Morning Classes: 9:30-10:30am**

### **Our Journey on The Way - Room 110**

The Christian faith is a journey, filled with adventure, hope, loss, grace, loneliness, and joy. Where is God in all of this? Always present, even in the silence, holding us, teaching us, welcoming us with open arms, and loving us beyond measure.

In this class, we walk the faith together, sharing God's presence among us, struggling with the questions of faith arising from our journey, and gaining insights from one another. We read, we watch, we interpret, we discuss, always with our hearts open to hearing and knowing the Good News of Jesus Christ. *Drop-in class/No registration necessary*

### **Parents- Come As You Are! - Room 111**

The challenges of parenting cannot be done alone- this group finds its bond in the gift of parenthood, and discusses the myriad ways we can share with our children the love of God through who we are. If you know the joy and sorrow of parenting, and want to connect with others who know this too, this class is for you! *Drop-in class/No registration necessary*

### **The Studio Group - Room 109**

The Holy Bible is the story of God's redemption of humanity through Jesus Christ. It is our main source of inspiration, direction, and connection to God and one another. The Studio Group is at its heart a class that studies God's Word through reflection and discussion.

If you would like weekly in-depth connections to God's story, you will find it here. If you would like a space that is an open, accepting, and caring place for you to be, you will find it here. *Drop-in class/No registration necessary.*

### **Find Your Own Way- For Parents - Room 114**

Parenting is a great challenge in our lives, and all of us have a vision of what we want to offer our children. It is hard though, not only because of our own busy lives, but everything going on around us, in our community and our world. We all need people around us to support us and help us find our way.

The vision for this group is to create a space for us to grow and learn as parents, and to have a space in our lives that is judgement free, confidential, and where we can have some fun together. If you are a parent, this class is for you. *Drop-in class/No registration necessary.*

## **Courses, continued**

### **Relational Small Groups (Ongoing)**

There are numerous men's and women's small groups that anyone can join. The small groups are self-directed and are designed to foster holy friendships. The groups meet at various times and locations throughout the year. Contact [christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:christian@fairlingtonumc.org) for more information.

## **Questions? Feel Free to Ask:**

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