

The Spring Semester 2010 begins on Tuesday, January 19 and continues through March 23. Participants may choose to register for a two week session or an eight-week session or three multi-week options or the combination of your choice!

This semester offers several selections that are only one week. The cost for a single session is \$10.

January 19
Boundaries With Teens



Teenagers! You love them to pieces, but sometimes you feel like the pieces are falling apart. Relax! Your sanity and your teen will survive these years provided you set healthy boundaries and help your teen take responsibility for their actions, attitudes and emotions. Using *Boundaries With Teens* by John Townsend as a guide, participants will explore ways to establish wise and loving limits that make a positive difference in your adolescent, in the rest of the family, and in you!

Facilitator: Debra Godwin

Debra Godwin is a Licensed Professional Counselor (Virginia) with over 20 years experience in individual, family and group therapy for children and their families. She is also a Registered Play Therapy supervisor and a National Board Certified Clinical Counselor. Most importantly, Debra has survived raising two daughters to adulthood. Debra is a member of our congregation who has a passion for deepening her relationship with Christ and sharing her own gifts with others.

January 19
VIM, VIM, Vroom!

Is an adult mission trip in your future? Supporting adult missions requires more than people with hammers and saws! Experience the November 2009 adult mission trip to the Galveston area to repair Hurricane Ike damaged homes through pictures and stories. Learn more about what to expect from an adult mission trip and the UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) opportunities in the region, across the U.S., and overseas.

Facilitators: Marty and Betsy Draper

Marty and Betsy Draper are key leaders in our congregation who participated in the 2009 Mission trip to the Galveston area. Following careers as university professors, Betsy works in information technology and Marty works at USDA coordinating plant disease and pest management programs. Marty and Betsy Draper are both UMVIM team leaders.

Volunteering for Missions

Jan uary
26th
Movie Screening Night
Raising Arizona

Drop in just for laughs and fun with the Coen Brothers or as preparation for *The Dude Abides* led by Jason Snow. Reminder, this is a PG-13 rated movie!

February 2 and 9
The Dude Abides, Part 1
March 16 & 23
The Dude Abides, Part 2

Part 1
Feb 2 - *Raising Arizona*
Feb 9 - *Fargo*
Part 2
Mar 16 - *The Big Lebowski*
Mar 23- *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

Lee Strobel once said that “Film is the language of this new generation. It’s the way in which they communicate.” Movies are a powerful tool to express the very depths of human emotion, while addressing ethical issues in our world in wildly ‘fantastic’ ways. These issues are addressed in quirky and off-beat ways in the movies of the Oscar-winning Coen Brothers. Their filmography asks questions from the meaning of life and enlightenment to the fundamental nature of truth and love. In the study, *The Dude Abides*, we will use Cathleen Falsani’s new book to explore and go deep into four of the Coen Brothers’ movies that have become classics in their own right. Each of these movies combine humor and eccentric characters with ways that we can glimpse God’s world from a fresh perspective. Join us for a journey that will be fun and interesting!

Facilitator: Rev. Jason Snow

Jason Snow has a Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology and is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. Jason has been the Associate Pastor at Fairfax Church for four and a half years. He has been an avid fan of film since he was young and checks the internet movie database like others check the Weather Channel! He is excited to explore the messages movies can create for our lives as Christians.

February 16 - March 9
Praying Our Way Through Lent
With The Psalms

The Book of Psalms offers us a “school of prayer” that expresses every human emotion in our relationship with God - praise, anger, thanksgiving, despair, joy, and reflection. The psalms remind us that faith includes struggle and doubt as well as gratitude and celebration. Jesus quoted more often from the Psalms than any other biblical book. What better way to accompany Jesus to the Cross in this Lenten season than to study and pray these psalms that he knew so well. In four sessions, we will look together at hymns, wisdom psalms, laments, and thanksgivings (with the help of some video clips and music) and, hopefully, expand our understanding of prayer to embrace the totality of life.

Facilitator: Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins

*Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins is Woodrow and Mildred Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. She graduated from Syracuse University and received her M.A. and Ph.D degrees in Biblical Studies from Vanderbilt University. She has also studied at the Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies on the West Bank. She has been speaking, teaching and preaching since 1980. Her publications include: **Journey Through the Psalms** (Chalice Press 2002), “Introduction and annotations for 1,2,3,4 Maccabees and Judith” in **The Discipleship Study Bible** (WJK, 2008) and the forthcoming **Grounded in the Living Word: The Old Testament and Pastoral Care Practices** (Eerdmans, 2010) which she co-authored with Michael Koppel. Denise is a member of the United Church of Christ and has two grown children, Brian and Ariel.*

February 9

Faces Of Faith: Frederick Buechner

Frederick Buechner, a leading religious thinker, discusses his hopes and beliefs in a relaxed and informal setting through this 25 minute DVD interview. Rev. Bray will guide the discussion following the interview.

Facilitator: Rev. Steve Bray

Rev. Bray has served Fairfax Church as Senior Pastor since June 2002. He graduated from Randolph-Macon College and Yale Divinity School. Rev. Bray was ordained an elder in 1976 and has served as Alexandria District Superintendent and five other church appointments.

February 16

Modern Parables: Hidden Talents

March 9

Modern Parables: The Shrewd Manager

Modern Parables uses films of modern stories to recreate in the viewer the same responses that the original audiences of Jesus' parables might have experienced. It drives the participants deeper into the Scripture.

The parable of the Hidden Talents (Matthew 13:44) explores duty, character, goals and wisdom to enter the Kingdom of God. The Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-13) strikes us oddly at first glance. Why would Jesus hold up a dishonest man to emulate? What's going on here? Come find out!

Facilitator: Doug Barricks

Doug Barricks has taught various classes at Fairfax Church for over thirty years. His gift for teaching and passion for Jesus Christ make for an energized and inspired class experience.

Paths of Faith

Spring 2010 Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Course Selections

- Boundaries With Teens (1/19)
- VIM, VIM, Vroom! (1/19)
- Movie Screening Night (1/26)
- The Dude Abides (Pt 1 2/2 & 2/9)
- The Dude Abides (Pt 2 3/16 & 3/23)
- Focus on Faith (2/9)
- Praying Through Lent (2/16 - 3/9)
- Hidden Talents (2/16)
- The Shrewd Manager (3/9)

The all-inclusive registration fee for this entire fall semester is \$25.00. You may sign up for as many sessions as you wish. Single Sessions are \$10.

Please return the completed registration to Libby Barricks at the church.

Fee: \$25.00 or Single Session \$10

Paid Cash Check

Paths of Faith

**Spring Semester
2010**



IF you . . .

*accept my words
call out for insights
look for it*

THEN you will . . .

*understand and find knowledge
understand what's right, just, fair --
EVERY GOOD PATH.
from Proverbs 2:1-9*

Paths of Faith offers exciting new learning experiences that prepare us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to understand our world and reach out in shared ministry. It is where the path of faith meets understanding.

Each semester is offered over a 10 week period on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 with multiple options.