

## Adult Classes at Saint Boniface

2011-2012

### SUNDAYS

**September 11, 18, 25** “Ten Years Since 9/11: How do we love our neighbors of other faiths?”

- Rev. Dr. Jay T. Rock, Retired Coordinator for Interfaith Relations, Presbyterian Church USA, explores the basic building blocks Christians can use to construct relationships with neighbors of other faiths. Class includes an Interfaith Service at First Presbyterian 5 pm on 9/11 and a field trip to the Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton on 9/16.

**October 9, 16, 23** “Bible Basics”

- Andi Taylor, Associate Rector, introduces the components of Hebrew and Greek scriptures along with their authorship and purpose, with an eye to understanding why and how we read them today.

**October 30 and November 6** “Stewardship 101: Leave your Wallets at Home”

- Betsie Danner, Director of Stewardship, invites you to join in this informal discussion on stewardship, taking us on a journey that requires open eyes, open hands and an open spirit. It requires wonder, joy and creativity as we discover what God has placed before us and the ways we choose to use it.

**November 13, 20** “The Chorale Cantata of Johann Sebastian Bach: the Integration of Music and Theology in the Service”

- Dr. John G. Suess, Professor of Music, Emeritus, Case Western Reserve University, uncovers the theology and musical themes of The Chorale Cantata, as illustrated in Cantata 140 (Wachet auf, Sleepers awake) on Advent Themes, and Cantata 80 (Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, A mighty fortress is our God) for the Reformation Feast.

**December 4, Annual Meeting**

**December 11, 18** “The Desert Fathers and Mothers: Why they fled into the desert, and the practice of faith they developed there”

-With Rev. Dr. Jay T. Rock, Retired Coordinator for Interfaith Relations, Presbyterian Church, USA, we will look at the stories told by, and about, these men and women; and explore themes such as seeking and resting in God, humility, refusing judgment, obedience, and abundance

**January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5** Does God Laugh at “*Modern Family*”?

- Dean Taylor presents video clips from prime time sit-coms *Modern Family*, *Glee*, *Seinfeld*, *The Simpsons*, and yes, even *Mr. Bean*, to discuss and explore where God’s Good News—and perhaps laughter!—may be found in our everyday lives.

**February 12** “Boniface Speaker Series presents...”

- John Dominic Crossan, Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University, joins us Saturday 2/11 and Sunday for a series of lectures on the world of Jesus and Paul.

**February 19** Review of J D Crossan visit – Andi Taylor

**February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25** “Lenten Study: First Corinthians”

- Ray Collins, Emeritus Professor of New Testament, Notre Dame University and author of *First Corinthians (Sacra Pagina Series)*, Liturgical Press, 2007, explores the challenges of early church faith and community life.

### **WEDNESDAYS at 7:15 pm**

#### **September 7, 14, 21, 28** "What is Shalom?"

- Andi Taylor, Associate Rector, leads an exploration of the biblical concept of peace.

#### **October 5, 12, 19** "The Book of Jonah"

- Jay Rock sheds light on the famous story of the ultimate test of faith.

#### **October 26** "A Night of Song with Mindy Simmons"

- presented by the Saint Boniface Peace and Justice Committee.

#### **November 2, 9, 16** "Living through Loss"

Kandy Magnotti, a Certified Grief Counselor, introduces Grief & Recovery as one of the most basic challenges of life. Sessions include, Identifying and Defining Human Grief, Dispelling Grief Myths, and Handling Grief during the Holidays.

#### **November 23** Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

#### **November 30 and December 7** - "Living through Loss" (continued)

Kandy Magnotti - Sessions include, How to Talk to Children about Death, Divorce and Other Losses, and How to Deal with Stigmatized Losses, such as Suicide, Misconduct or AIDS.

**January 4, 11** - The Saint Boniface Peace and Justice Committee presents two Speakers from the Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton.

#### **January 18** "Mysteries of the Bayeux Tapestry"

- J. Raymond Dugan, Professor of French, University of Waterloo, shares his hand-stitched replica of 71 panels which depict the events leading to the conquest of England in 1066.

#### **January 25, February 1** "Book Studies with Andi Taylor"

Prepare for John Dominic Crossan's visit on February 11 and 12 in our Boniface Speaker Series

***Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*** by J D Crossan

***The First Paul*** by J D Crossan and Marcus Borg

#### **February 8** "Songs of the Greatest Generation"

Bud and Norma Hinchman bring to life songs from WWII- with accordion and voice

#### **February 15** - "Practicing Win/Win Conversations through Dialogue"

- Will Simmons, retired naval medical officer, presents *On Dialogue*, by David Bohm. Discover communication techniques to avoid conflict and destruction and encourage peace and creativity.

#### **February 22** Ash Wednesday Eucharist

#### **February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4** "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" - Six Week Series on the Lord's Prayer

### **Tuesdays January 10 through May 1**

DREAM GROUP: "Can you take your dreams as seriously as Mary and Joseph took theirs?"

- Mary Gurley will facilitate a group, processing the dreams of the members.

Enrich your spiritual life by working through your dreams analytically with the ideas of C.G. Jung, paying attention to symbolic material from your unconscious, which is spiritual and/or relational.

The group is limited to those who are committed to meet weekly. (No drop-ins)