Adult Faith Formation

Covenant (9:45 Congregation House)

October 2, 9, 16, 23- Andrew Lustig, the Holmes Rolston III Professor of Religion and Science, will explore with us the question, What is a ‘Good Death’? The Christian existentialist thinker, Soren Kierkegaard, once described “learning to die well” as the “highest wisdom in life.” Dying and death are not only inevitable future realities for all of us, but also the horizon against which we live our everyday lives. Reflections about dying and death, therefore, have been and remain central to religious, philosophical, and psychological accounts of human meaning and purpose. During our four weekly sessions, we will reflect together on a number of fundamental questions that are raised by the experiences of modern dying and death. In a culture that is often described as “death-denying,” how do we actually think and feel about death? How have traditional understandings of dying and death been challenged by the changed circumstances of “medicalized death” in contemporary society? Are traditional religious injunctions against the taking of innocent life applicable to judgments about assisted suicide and euthanasia for terminal patients? Finally, of what potential relevance are recent studies of “near death experiences” to traditional conceptions of dying and notions of the afterlife.

October 30- Anne Blue Wills, Associate professor of Religion at Davidson College, will speak on the writing and ministry of Nadia Bolz-Weber, who will be the Staley Lecturer at Davidson College on Monday, November 7.

Jubilee (9:45 Upper Room former Cinema)

The Jubilee Class seeks to bring together Christian faith and life in the everyday world through an emphasis on "the priesthood of all believers." Our 2016-17 interactive discussions will include sessions on national, state, and local politics, with a special focus on jobs and the economy; a follow-up on last year's "Water and the Word" series; immigration; Islam and Christianity; police-community relations; the Davidson Housing Coalition; Davidson Presbyterian Church and DCPC; and conversations with Davidson College student leaders. The class will meet in Room 212, "The Upper Room" (the former cinema room), at the 9:45 Sunday School hour. We invite all interested persons to attend.

Maloney (9:45 Parlor)

Oct. 9: Builder of the House: Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:24-29
Oct. 16: The Great High Priest: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

The Pines (Marshall Room)

See Maloney Class

Faith & Life (11:00 Room 201)

Explore the teachings of scripture and the themes of faith and spirituality as they intersect with life. How do the teachings of Jesus impact our parenting or our habits in the work place? How does our faith inform our reaction to injustice and poverty? How do the stories of God's people teach us about being in relationship with one another? Join us on Sunday!

Oct. 2: LEARNING: Loving God with our whole mind
Oct. 9: SERVING: Loving God with our whole strength
Oct. 16: GIVE: Loving God with our whole selves
Oct. 23: 9:45 a.m. in Room 201 - FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY BUILDING