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## ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

### FALL 2009



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## ADULT EDUCATION

Church of the Beatitudes provides opportunities for the formation of Christian disciples through worship, spiritual enrichment, community and education. Fostering an atmosphere of lifelong learning, the Church offers a menu of classes to enhance practical, personal and spiritual needs.



You can find many classes for adults at Church of the Beatitudes.

- Adult Bible Study and other classes on Sundays
- Book studies
- Nationally renowned speakers
- “Living the Questions” curriculum offered yearly
- Taste & See on Wednesdays
- Social justice education
- Strengths Training
- Parenting classes
- Spiritual direction



## September 2009

### Sundays at 10:30 am

#### Bible Study with Jim Hartley

(one class on 9/6)

Join the Sunday Bible Study class discussing the Gospel According to Mark.

#### Arizona History with Tom Denny

(5 classes: 9/13-10/11)

Cowboys & Indians, saints & sinners, remittance men & ladies of various virtues: How did our state develop? What is Arizona's history, boundaries and relationship of original and arriving peoples and culture?

#### Non-fiction Book Discussion with Evelyn Sowell

(Exploratory class on 9/18)

Love to Read? Love to Learn? Join the discussion group and engage in energetic conversations about contemporary issues.



## October 2009

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#### Arizona History with Tom Denny

(5 classes: 9/13-10/11)

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#### All Saints Memorial: The Sounds of Sacred Remembrance with Michael Hegeman

(2 classes 10/18-10/25)

On All Saints Day, we give thanks to God for the life of loved ones and pray to God for the comfort and succor of those departed and those who remain. Explore the origins of All Saints Day.

### Monday at 7 pm

#### The Prophets with Rev. Vernon Meyer

(Two classes 10/19-10/26)

The class will discuss the Prophets in the Bible: who are they and what are they all about?

### Taste & See on Wednesdays Eat. Learn. Play.

Join us every Wednesday for an evening of eating, learning and playing. A light supper begins at 5:30 pm; classes and fun begin at 6:30 pm.

## November 2009

### Sundays at 10:30 am

#### Mexican History with Paul Carpenter

(6 classes: 11/1—12/6)

How well do we know about our neighbor to the South? How can the history of Mexico help us understand the country today?

#### Unite and Conquer with Kyrsten Sinema

(one class on 11/8)

Kyrsten Sinema serves as the Assistant Leader to the Democratic Caucus in the Arizona House of Representatives and represents Central Phoenix. She will discuss how the future of the progressive movement is to be found in unity, alignment and partnership.

### Special Program on Saturday, November 14, 10 am—12 noon

#### Prophetic Renewal with Rev. Michael Piazza, dean of Cathedral of Hope UCC in Dallas, Texas

Rev. Piazza will discuss his book, *Prophetic Renewal: Hope for the Liberal Church*. He will speak about progressive values and vision that are most congruent with the gospels witness of who Jesus was and what he taught. Rev. Piazza will also preach at the weekend's services of worship.

## Progressive Theology

### Progressive Theology Without Apology

Watch for our information on our speaker series, “**Progressive Theology without Apology**”

#### October 18

**Robin Meyers, Ph.D.**, senior minister at Mayflower Congregational UCC Church in Oklahoma City and professor of rhetoric in the philosophy department at Oklahoma City University will speak on “Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus” at Shadow Rock UCC.

#### November 14

**Rev. Michael Piazza**, Cathedral of Hope UCC in Dallas, Texas, will speak on *Prophetic Renewal: Hope for the Liberal Church* at Church of the Beatitudes.

#### January

**Dr. Marcus Borg**, Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University will speak on progressive Christianity at a venue to be determined.

#### February 6

**Rev. Jill Edens**, co-pastor, United Church of Chapel Hill in North Carolina will speak about progressive Christianity at Church of the Beatitudes.

#### April 10

**Dr. David Greenhaw**, president and professor of preaching and worship at Eden Theological Seminary will speak about progressive theology.