



Two Lenten Study Opportunities

Provocative Grace

Rev. Gary Schrag

Whether you are a devout Christian, an inquiring seeker, or a rank skeptic, if you wish to explore the teaching of Jesus, this book is intended for you. Our journey will explore Jesus' call to his followers, the difficulties and risks in following his call, and the invitation to trust fully in God's grace. Come be partners on this Lenten exploration of Living Like Jesus!

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 201 \$15
(5 sessions) Begins March 1

Between Hosanna and Hallelujah: A Lenten Study for Kids

Rev. Missy Patterson

It's Palm Sunday and the children are lined up outside the doors of the sanctuary ready to parade in waving their palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Then, one week later when the children arrive at church for Sunday school, they are greeted with "Hallelujah! He is risen!" But how and when do we learn the events of Holy Week that tell the story of the Christian faith? This class is an opportunity for children ages 4 years-2nd grade to be introduced to the major events of the last week of the life of Christ through drama, scripture, music, and crafts. Parents are welcome.

Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 315 \$5 per child
(5 sessions) Begins March 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

If childcare is needed, list names & ages:

Comments or Notes: _____

**Please check your course(s) selection:
(Sorted by day)**

TUESDAY

- Becoming More By Doing Less \$15
- Making the Bible More Than a Problem FREE

WEDNESDAY

- Center of Grace 101 FREE

THURSDAY

- Financial Peace University \$100
- Center of Grace 101 FREE
- United Methodism 101 \$10
- A Thriving Church in the Midst of a Chaotic World \$15
- Men's Book Study \$15
- Introduction to the New Testament \$15
- Provocative Grace \$15
- Between Hosanna and Hallelujah \$5/child

If your class has a required fee, please make checks payable to Grace UMC.



*"they are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season..."*
- Psalm 1:3a

The Lay Academy at Grace United Methodist Church offers a diversity of classes to help you grow in your relationship with God wherever you are along your journey. The classes are designed to help you deepen your discipleship. We are excited to journey with you as we all explore faith and life together.



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What is the Lay Academy?

The Lay Academy is a collection of classes designed to help you explore how faith and life come together as we grow in our discipleship, living like Jesus. The academy offers courses in the areas of Bible, Theology, Mission and Justice, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Discipleship Living. The expectation is that we might join in deepening our walk with God and experience transformation, so that we might become better disciples ourselves and initiate new disciples.

The course fees are for the texts, supplies, and/or honorariums for the course.

If you have any questions about the classes offered, have ideas for future sessions, or want to visit about this ministry further, contact Tiffany Baker at (913) 859-0111, ext. 203, or by e-mail tbaker@gracech.org.



How do I register?

You can register for the Lay Academy at Grace UMC by one of four ways:

1. Complete the registration form, attaching payment (if applicable), and returning it to the Ridgeview church office by mail, or drop it in the offering plate during worship.
2. Call (913) 859-0111 and register with either Sheila Bishop at ext. 206, or Robin Bartlett at ext. 201. Include all of the information found on the registration form.
3. E-mail Sheila Bishop at sbishop@gracech.org, including all your registration information.
4. Register on-line at www.gracech.org under "Here's What's Happening."

Scholarships are available if there is need in covering the course fee. Contact Tiffany Baker to learn more.

Course Descriptions Winter 2012

Nursery care is available for all classes upon request

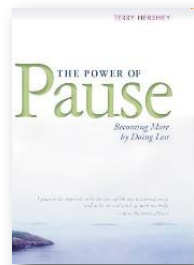
Financial Peace University

Roger & Cami Gardner

Learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more. Make 2012 the year you begin your journey to Financial Peace.

Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 309 \$100
(scholarships available, contact Tiffany Baker tbaker@gracech.org)

Informational session January 12; Classes begin January 19



Becoming More By Doing Less

Tiffany Baker

The culture tells us that we must always be busy if life is to be fulfilling. This class is designed for people who seek greater intentionality and simplicity in their everyday living. We'll use Terry Hershey's *The Power of Pause* as well as contemplative prayer in order to discover the joy that comes from doing less.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 309 \$15
(4 sessions) January 17

Center of Grace 101 (3 dates available)

Pastor Sylvia Romero

Are you curious about the happenings at our second location, the Center of Grace? Do you want to know more about the people and ministries that make the Center of Grace run? Are you looking for ways to volunteer and serve right here in Olathe? If so, then this opportunity is for you! Sign up for one of the upcoming tour and Q&A sessions.

January 25, 6:30 p.m.; February 1, 6:30 p.m.; February 9, 10:00 a.m.
Center of Grace, Room 211

FREE

United Methodism 101

Rev. Dr. Ken Lutgen

What do United Methodists believe? How is our organizational structure different from other denominations? How do we put our Church to action in mission? 2012 is the year of General Conference: what does this mean? What should we expect? Rev. Dr. Lutgen will explain what it means to be United Methodist and why 2012 will be an exciting year.

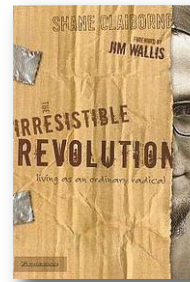
Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 312 \$10
(3 sessions) Begins March 1

A Thriving Church in the Midst of a Chaotic World

Rev. Frank Dorsey

The course is built upon the view that the church is a living dynamic organism given by God to transform the world through the proclamation of the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We will explore what it means to be the Church in transition and will look at congregational life cycles and church size theory.

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 310 \$15
(4 sessions) Begins February 2



Men's Book Study *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne

Rev. Steve Kawiecki

Here is what one reviewer said about the book. "If you embark on this journey, you will not only meet a tall skinny lad named Shane, but you will meet his homeless friends in Philly, the dying that he cared for in Calcutta, and the children he played with in Baghdad as the bombs fell—all of which raise uncomfortable questions about what it means to follow Jesus." We hope that you can join the conversation on Thursday nights.

Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 201 \$15
(6 sessions) Begins February 2

Introduction to the New Testament—Transformational, not simply informational!

Rev. Nanette Roberts

Using Matthew's gospel as the starting point, authors David deSilva and Emerson B. Powery show how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives and their communities of faith. They invite Christians today to study afresh this story of Jesus to learn more about their calling to discipleship and community!

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Ridgeview, Room 204 (Chapel) \$15
February 2 - April 5

Making the Bible More Than a Problem:

Dealing with Questions & Doubts in Your Pilgrimage

Rev. Dr. Jim Smith

We will deal with such questions as: What insights from science help us to understand prayer? If God is good, why is our world so messed up? How do we understand miracles? How do we deal with other religions? How does archaeology help us read the Bible? And finally any other questions you might have.

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Ridgeview, Room 208 FREE
(Please bring a Bible to class)
(4 sessions) Begins March 6

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