

Adult Education

at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
Fall 2017



Adult Education at Grosse Pointe Memorial is designed around the idea that even as we grow in our faith throughout all of our years, our interests, needs and learning styles vary. The diversity of our offerings speaks to this concept, providing different formats, subjects and venues for spiritual formation. There are very few limits on participation and some of the opportunities are specifically designed so that participants can attend as they are able, based on their schedules, without feeling left out or behind.

The offerings are listed in this brochure according to the day of the week, noting frequency, times, time commitments, and formats.



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Sundays

Middle Hour 10:10 – 11:00 am *Weekly*
This weekly offering includes some series, as well as special speakers and topics. It meets between morning services.

Starts September 24

Bible 101 6:00 – 7:00 pm *Seasonal*
Nathan Castle and Peter Henry are returning to Bible 101 on Sunday nights, 6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 p.m. worship), to cover basic biblical topics with members and friends. This fall we will start with The Apostle Paul: who he was, what he wrote and why he is important. We start on Oct. 8 and run through Nov. 19. Bring your Bible, bring a dinner if you like, and bring your questions. **Starts October 8**

Digging Deeper 12:15 – 1:45 pm *Seasonal*
This is a new, 5 session, small group for members seeking to deepen their discipleship. Centered on sharing Scripture, meals and the stories of our lives, we will be seeking the answer to the question “What’s next for my faith?” We will meet every other week from Oct.1 through Dec. 3 (skipping Thanksgiving weekend). **Starts October 1**

Mondays

Preacher’s Workshop 10:00 – 11:00 am *Weekly*
Join us on Monday mornings. GPMC members, friends and the preacher for the week will sit down and read through the upcoming biblical text. No biblical expertise required. Everyone is at the same beginning place every week. **Resumes September 25**

Saving Jesus 7:30 – 9:00 pm *3rd Mondays*
Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left? Join other members of GPMC, as we explore Saving Jesus Redux. It is a total revision of a popular adult education resource from Living the Questions. The DVD-based curriculum includes contributors like Diana Butler-Bass, Brian McClaren and Amy Jill Levine. The 10-month study (September 2017 through June 2018) will explore themes like “The World Into Which Jesus Was Born,” “What Can We Know About Jesus (and How),” “Jesus’ Program: the Kingdom of God,” and “Who Killed Jesus.” You don’t have to be a biblical scholar to attend this study. Just be ready to come and find Jesus perhaps in a way you have never found him before.

Starts September 18

Reel Theology 7:30 – 9:30 pm *1st Mondays*
Theology is everywhere, even on the silver screen. We view a movie and then identify themes that resonate with our faith. Conversations are usually 15 minutes in length, depending on the length of the movie. **Resumes October 2**

Tuesdays

Women’s Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00 am *Weekly*
This group of lively and warm women has grown into a wonderful fellowship of study, humor, trust, and mutual support. Centered on biblical study in both testaments, women gather around God’s word to discern what it said to those to whom it was originally written, as well as what it says to us today.

Middle East Study Group *Occasional*
It is hard to know what to make of the Middle East. History, religion, and politics all combine to give great difficulty in discerning what to think and how to respond. Members and friends of GPMC meet periodically to discuss readings, hear from speakers, and develop ways to better understand and relate to this important part of the world.

Wednesdays

Men’s Bible Study 7:00 – 7:45 am *Weekly*
Members and friends of GPMC do a sequential reading through various books of the Bible. 20 minutes of reading each week. **Resumes Sept. 13**

Bible Study at The Rivers 10:30 am – 12:00 pm *3rd Wednesdays*
This ecumenical Bible study is offered as an outreach ministry at the Rivers, the continuing care retirement community in Grosse Pointe Woods. Christians from several denominations gather together around God’s word, and the conversation is enriched by the different perspectives which are represented. **Continues September 13**

Scripture & Conversation for Women 10:30 am – 12 pm *4th Wednesdays*
If Bible study at 7 am is too early for you, this monthly study from 10:30 until noon might be just the thing! Wonderfully faithful women are together for study and conversation which includes questions, consideration of possible answers, and fellowship which is Spirit-filled. **Continues Sept. 27**

Bible Study 7:30 – 9:00 pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Men and women of the church end their day twice a month reading and discussing God's word together, an on-going conversation which is enriched by their faith-filled questions, their wonderful humor, and their thoughtful engagement with one another. **Continues Sept. 6**

Short Story Theology 7:30 – 8:30 pm 2nd Wednesdays
We meet at the home of Shawn and Peter Henry to discuss short stories that give rise to conversations that touch upon faith and life. 30 minutes of reading each month. **Resumes October 11**

The Novel as Theology 7:30 – 9:00 pm 4th Wednesdays
We meet at the home of Shawn and Peter Henry. Dessert is served and all are welcome to attend. You don't have to be a literary genius, theological expert or regular to join us. Come one time, when you can or every time. Our September novel is Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*. Our October 25 novel is *Home Fire: A Novel* by Kamila Shamsie. **Resumes Sept. 27**

Thursdays

Downtown Disciples 12:15 – 1:00 pm 2nd Thursdays
Members and friends meet at Fort Street Presbyterian Church (631 W. Fort Street) . Bring your lunch and questions. **Resumes Sept. 14**

ONLINE

Sermon Workbench Anytime
Each week the preacher will post thoughts and threads relating to the upcoming or most recent sermon. Participants are welcome to respond and engage the various topics raised by sermon preparation. **Starts Sept. 18**
<http://gpmchurch.org/main/worship-at-gpmc/the-sermon-workbench/>

Monday Morning Theologians & Quarterbacks Anytime
News and sports often intersect theology. This blog will be a weekly discussion of the connections between faith, sports and the news. Participants are welcome to respond and engage the various topics raised on this blog. **Starts Sept. 18**
<http://gpmchurch.org/main/worship-at-gpmc/monday-morning-theologians-quarterbacks/>