



Adult Classes – Spring 2017

Young Adult Class – *Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at Panera (Church St. at Sherman Ave.).* Led by Mollie Foster. This group of twenty- and thirty-somethings meets weekly for discussion and reflection around the intersection of faith and life. Contact mollie@faithatfirst.com for details.

Death, Dying, and Loss – *Sundays, April 23, 30, and May 7, 9:15 a.m. in the conference room. Hosted by Adult Council and the Congregational Care Committee.*

This class is intended for those who have experienced a significant loss, whether by death, divorce or separation, alienation, changes in health or as a result of aging. The conversation may also be helpful for dealing with impending loss. Possible topics for discussion include our personal “death culture;” death out of the natural order due to violence/war, AIDS, suicide; coping for survivors; helpful resources; the search for meaning; asking, “where is God?” Led by Jim McHolland and Beth Swanick, First Church members and professional licensed counselors.

The Book of Revelation: Insights into a Perplexing Book – *Sundays, April 23-May 21, 9:15 a.m. in Glenna Hall.* Led by Henry Carrigan.

With its mysterious signs and symbols, *Revelation* is one of the most perplexing books of the entire Bible. How did it get into the New Testament? Does it have any meaning for contemporary Christians? In this class, we'll take a close look at the historical, literary, and cultural contexts of *Revelation* as we search for its meaning for the Christians who first heard it read and as we discuss what meanings it might have for contemporary Christians.

Parents of Youth – *Sundays, April 23-May 14, at 9:15 a.m. in Dean's Office.* Led by Rich and Amy Valdez Barker. This parent group gathers to listen and explore what our youth are learning in their confirmation and high school Sunday School classes. Join us for coffee, bagels, fellowship, and learning. Questions? Contact Amy at amihamvb@gmail.com.

Faith and Parenting – *Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 24.* Led by the Faith and Parenting team. This spring we continue to discuss the Bible stories our kids learning in Sunday School.

Faith Builders Followup – *April 23 and May 14, 9:15 a.m. in basement Room K.*

Participants in the winter class *Intentional Living: Considering the Next Chapter of My God Story* are invited to continue the conversation. How has God been speaking to you? What spiritual practices have been helpful for you? Facilitated by Jennifer Christensen.

The Gender Spectrum – *Sunday, May 7, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. Hosted by the Social Justice Committee*

Join others at First Church in raising our awareness around the richness of gender identification and how this awareness can expand our image of God. Adults and youth welcome. Led by M Barclay from Reconciling Ministries Network.

Hymn Sing – *Sunday, May 28, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room.* As the Sunday School year winds down, join us for a hymn sing led by Edna TerMolen. Please come with a list of your favorites to request.