

Adult Sunday School Class Schedule Fall 2018-Spring 2019

September 9-30

The Gospel of John: the "I Am" statements of Jesus.

John is a word-made-flesh gospel where Jesus uses aspects of his daily life—bread, light, vines, shepherds, gates—to help people touch and understand who he is and who God is. The class will look at what these metaphors would have meant in Jesus' day and explore how they might still resonate in our world today.

October 7 (Homecoming Weekend)

Rev. Dr. Brian Ammons, Director of Spiritual Life and Chaplain at Warren Wilson College, will share about his work and ministry with the students.

October 14- November 18

The class will be reading ***Always With Us? What Jesus Really Said about the Poor***, by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. Her book examines how the Matthew 26:11 text ("the poor you will always have with you") is taken out of context and distorted. "Poverty is not inevitable, Theoharis argues...and all Christians have a responsibility to partner with the poor to end poverty once and for all."

November 25—No Adult Class (Thanksgiving Weekend)

December 2-23 (ADVENT)

The Messiah

A curriculum by Old Testament scholar Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, examines the four royal titles used in Isaiah 9:2-7: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

December 30, 2018 & January 6, 2019—No Adult Class

January 13 & 20

"Mindfulness"

Our own Jane Corbin leads a two session class on Mindfulness. Mindfulness is a spiritual practice of focus and paying attention to the present moment.

January 27—TBA (In case there is snow on Jan 13 or Jan 20 the Mindfulness class will continue.)

February 3 – March 3

Angels & Demons

Dr. Marc Mullinax is a professor of Religion at Mars Hill University. The class will explore the questions: what is "good", what is "evil", and how do we know? Religion and spirituality have a great deal to say about these categories to us. Come learn how our worldviews shape how we view the angelic and the demonic.

March 10 – April 14 (LENT)

Sabbath As Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of Now,

by Old Testament Scholar Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann. "Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society."

April 21 EASTER—No Class

April 28 – May 19 (4 Sundays) TBA