

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join Pastor Joe DiPaolo as he leads a 26-week study on “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.” This class is an introductory course to studying the Bible. The class incorporates both group and personal study along with a video component, to take you from Genesis to Revelation. No previous experience in studying Scripture is necessary.

The class runs in two 13-week study sessions (13-weeks on the Old Testament and 13 on the New Testament) on Monday nights from 7:00-8:45 PM. The first 13-week session begins on Monday, September 18, 2017 and runs consecutively on Mondays through December 11, 2017 (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11). The second 13-week session begins on Monday, January 29, 2018 and runs through April 30, 2018 (Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30). Please note: The classes on Sept. 18 and Jan. 29 are orientation classes. These will be shorter classes for brief orientation and picking up of books.

The cost of the books for each 13-week session is \$18 (\$36 total for both sessions). Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church with “Disciple 26-week” placed in the memo line. Books should be paid for at the first session. Questions should be directed to Pastor Joe DiPaolo at jdipaolo@engagegodfirst.org. To sign-up, email Pastor Joe to let him know you’ll be joining him, or call the office at 717-394-7231.

HELP FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS: You can help bring relief to people dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. **First, pray for the families affected**, and the many United Methodist volunteers already on the ground doing relief work, from the conferences in the area and UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief). **Second, you can donate to UMCOR**, to support its relief and recovery efforts. 100% of your donation goes to the cause. You can give online to UMCOR’s Domestic Disaster **Advance #901670**; or send a check for UMCOR, with the Advance number in the notation line, either to the church office, or to: Conference Treasurer, Eastern PA Conference, United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482. Contributions support the personnel, supplies and equipment needed to organize disaster response and a long-term rebuilding. You can also **Make flood buckets, relief kits and health kits**, through our local mission central; contact the office for more information on this. Finally, if you feel called to go to Texas for hands-on work, hang in there; the area is not quite ready to receive teams from out of state. Invitations to volunteers will be coming soon, and we will keep you informed of these opportunities.

YOUNG ADULTS LANC IMPACT! HAPPENINGS

Today, September 10, the College and Career Coffee + Conversation Hour begins in room 240 from 9:30-10:30 AM. This is a time for 18-35 year olds to come together for fellowship, prayer, discussion, and coffee.

On Sunday, September 17, the Young Adults are going hiking in County Park! Plan to meet by the covered bridge at Kiwanis Rd. off of Golf Rd. Park to the right before going onto the bridge. Bring a bagged sandwich and snack for dinner; we’ll find a spot along the way to break for dinner. The hike will begin with prayer and introductions. This is a dog and people-friendly hike so bring your best friend! Contact Megan Blackmon with questions, meganalisewilliams@gmail.com.

SUNDAY BRUNCH – SEPTEMBER 24: Immediately following the Contemporary Worship Service in Celebration Center.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: Faith Circle Meeting at 9:30 AM

Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. – 1 Chronicles 16:29

Worship Music:

Made New

Welcome

Worship Music:

Found in You

Joyful, Joyful (The One who Saves)

Great are you Lord

Prayer

Pastor Joe DiPaolo

The Word

Romans 11:33-12:2

Sermon

“Minding the Faith”

Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Offering

I Will Follow

Blessing

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We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card. Staff members pray for each request on Monday afternoon. Place the card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!

CAN YOU HELP COMPLETE THE YOUTH DOOR PROJECT?: InsideOut Youth needs old barn or rustic door donations to complete a project begun in 2014. We began lining the bottom of the wall in the large youth room with doors. Our purpose is to finish the space in a rustic way as well as promote the concept of “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” If you have any old doors or shutters that you could donate to the youth program to complete this project it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kate Beiler at youth@engagegodfirst.org.

First United

Methodist Church of Lancaster

September 10, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission

Connect People to Jesus Christ

Grow Disciples

Relieve Suffering

Prelude

Come We That Love the Lord arr. Dan R. Edwards

Wesley Handbell Choir, Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting

Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Introit

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Chancel Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

* Call to Worship

Come, let us worship Almighty God.

We lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

We love the Lord with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Come, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Breathe on us, Breath of God; fill us with life anew.

* Hymn

Maker, in Whom We Live

No. 88

Common Prayer

Liturgist

8:15-Jarod Steed

10:45- Barbara Saylor

You have given us minds that we may know you; hearts that we may love you; voices that we may praise you; hands that we may serve you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we will worship you in spirit and in truth with all that we are. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Anthem (10:45)

I Have Chosen You
Chancel Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

Joseph Martin

Scripture Reading

Psalm 149 (Pew Bibles, OT, page 550)

Liturgist

Children’s Sermon (10:45)

Laura Sambrick

Teacher Dedication

Pastor: There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [Eph. 4:5]

Teachers: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit... different kinds of service, but the same Lord. [1 Cor.12:5-6]

Pastor: I urge you... to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [Rom. 12:1]

Teachers: Do not be conformed... to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. [Rom. 12:2]

Pastor: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine, [Eph. 3:20]

Congregation: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. [Eph. 3:21]

Concerns of the People

Pastor Kerry Leeper

* please stand if able

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45) *God Will Take Care of You* (stanza 1) No. 130
Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (10:45) No. 895

* Hymn *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee* No. 175

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Joe DiPaolo

Scripture Reading **Romans 11:33-12:2** (Pew Bibles, NT, p. 151) Rev. Joe DiPaolo

Sermon *"Minding the Faith"* Rev. Joe DiPaolo

* Affirmation of Faith *A Statement of Faith of The Korean Methodist Church* No. 884

* Gloria Patri *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (stanza 1) No. 64
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

8:15 ONLY
 Invitation to The Lord's Supper Malini Sakrudkar, Acolyte

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 (All pray in silence.)
 Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory (8:15) *The Lord Reigns* Eugene Butler
 Deb Lenssen, soprano

Offertory (10:45) *Double* from Partita I. J.S. Bach
 Deb Lenssen, violin

Procession of Offerings



* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte
 8:15-Malini Sakrudkar 10:45- Josey Dombach

8:15 ONLY
 The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *Double* from Partita I. J.S. Bach
 Deb Lenssen, violin

Prayer after Communion
Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we will go into the world renewed in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn *Take My Life, and Let it Be* No. 399

* Blessing

Dismissal *Take My Life, and Let it Be (stanza 1)* No. 399
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Postlude *Praise to the Lord* arr. Calvin Hampton
 Peter Omundsen, Organ

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: N:	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Brenda Troop, Barb St. John	W: Nick and Wendy Taylor N: Iris Lehman
Ushers	L. William Henry, Robert Bare, Steven Beeler, Nancy Henry, Randy Karshin, Anita Lewis, Marc Russo	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Brenda Troop, Barb St. John	Susan Kepner, Paul Belser, Mark DeBord, Terry Kile, George Werner, Patricia Werner, John Woltjeh
Sound Tech	Ken Beiler	Chris Reindollar	Wayne Betty
Liturgist	Jarod Steed		Barbara Saylor
Communion Assistant	Jeff Steed		
Acolyte	Malini Sakrudkar		Josey Dombach
Welcome Center	Herrs	Don & Anne Griswold	Deb Richer
Fellowship Time	Deb Richer	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	Beth & Fred Clark
Safety & Security	Kirk Blazic		

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

September 10, 2017

ALTAR FLOWERS: *Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of R. T. Beamguard and in honor of Adda Beamguard by Addie and Larry Lamberth. The white carnation at the altar marks the passing of Verna C. Fiora who passed away on September 4, 2017. She is survived by a son, Glen and a daughter, Janet Cherinka.*

PASTORAL CARE AND HOSPITALIZATION: If you are hospitalized and have not received a pastoral care visit for 2-3 days, please inform the church office. There are times when the information of your stay is not listed in the hospital's Chaplain Office under First UM Church. You are important to us, and we want to connect with you in times of crisis. Also, if you have a scheduled procedure, write it on the Connect Card under prayer requests. This enables us to provide spiritual care and support before and after surgery.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: "If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen" (Loretta Girzartis, American writer and educator). There are people here at First Church ready to listen, stretch out a hand, whisper kind words of encouragement and try to understand what you are facing. They're called Stephen Ministers. Find out more about how to meet with your own Stephen Minister by talking to Pastor Joe, Pastor Kerry or Pastor Eddie.

HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN – JANUARY 15-24, 2018: While you are on the Holy Land via Jordan pilgrimage in January 2018, you could take an extension into Egypt. Egypt is the nation that offered safe haven to the young holy family when King Herod threatened to kill baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14). There you will visit the Great Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx. Many of the Egyptian pyramids were built in the time of Abraham. Then you will board a boat for a three-day trip on the Nile River, where you would see the High Dam of Aswan, the Granite Quarry and the Unfinished Obelisk. What a privilege it is to visit three countries on one trip – Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center and plan to be part of the journey. Call Pastor Joe or Katherine with any questions at 717-394-7231.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS: The thrift shop has reopened. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering this fall or winter, contact Iris Lehman at brianandiris@verizon.net. The thrift shop supports our InsideOut Youth Ministry. It provides sponsorship for the youth outreach small group, McCaskey Breakfast Club, and it helps to reduce the cost of youth retreats and activities. Youth can now volunteer for an hour, sorting and organizing or running the thrift shop, to earn \$10 of "Mission Moolah" which can be used toward youth activities and opportunities. If you are a youth looking for volunteer hours or to earn "Mission Moolah," please contact Youth Minister, Kate Beiler at youth@engagegodfirst.org.

The thrift shop accepts pre-washed clothing and blanket donations. Currently the Thrift Shop needs gently used men's and women's coats, jackets, sweaters, shoes, work attire, sheets and blankets. Please note: the thrift shop does not need pants, accessories, young children's and baby clothes. Please plan to donate these items elsewhere. Thank you for your support of the Thrift Shop!

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE – TODAY: 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM: You are invited to visit the Library and see all the new children's books purchased in memory of Elouie Snyder. Check out all the resources that could enhance your own learning and enjoyment. All are welcome.