

## **Sunday Classes**

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30am.

**Nursery care for children birth-3 and classes for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are available.**

## **Children's Learning Time**

*During the 10:45am Worship Service*

After being invited to the front to talk with one of our ministers, children are then dismissed to Children's Learning Time, Sunday School-type classes where children explore many of the same themes adults are exploring in Worship, of meaning and mystery of the Bible, using the lectionary-based Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. Ages three–first grade meet in Room 2. Second–fifth grades meet in Room 3.

**Nursing Care** is available during the Education Hour and Worship, birth to age 3.

## **KidsWorship**

*Weekly 9:30-10:30 am*

Kids are invited to worship God in their own way. This multi-age, multi-sensory worship experience, led by two adults. Includes music, hearing and responding to the word and active play. Ages three through fifth grade, meets in Room 2.

## **Youth Group**

*Weekly, Sundays 4:00-5:30 pm*

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in Room 4 late each Sunday afternoon for pizza, check in with each other and talk about what's important as all seek to understand ourselves and God in the world. The group also participates in service activities and social gatherings.

Led by Lynn James, Warren and Laura Wade, and Jack Skiles

## **Seasons of the Spirit**

Lectionary Bible Study Class

*Weekly 9:30-10:30 am*

*Room 6*

A lectionary-based class discussing a different Scripture and theme each week. Drop in any week for discussion, laughter and serious contemplation of the Bible. Led by George Birthisel, Dave Edgerton and Jamie Wildman

## **Wisdom Seekers**

*Begins September 11 9:30-10:30am and ongoing*

*Roger Williams Room*

This class for women seeks to enrich, explore, and enlarge our spiritual understanding, especially in terms of progressive and feminist theologies with occasional short breaks, and to choose future reading selections as a group. First book: An Altar In the World: A Geography of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor. These 12 chapters mine the potentially sacred meaning of simple daily activities and conditions. Led by Moureen Coulter, Rachael Norton and Mary Peckham.

## **Questions&Insights**

*October 2 - November 20, 9:30-10:30am*

*Room 5*

Absolutely no homework required. Each week this group will reflect on a selection of scripture, spiritual writing, poetry, art or music, pondering what questions or insights arise. Participants are encouraged to offer their questions or insights—or just listen to the spiritual process of others. Join us as your schedule permits. You'll be out in time for Advent.

Led by Sam Troxal

## **Midweek Classes**

### **Menu for the Future: A Discussion Course About Food**

*Tuesdays, September 6-October 18 10:00-11:30am*

*Sundays, October 2-November 6, 4:00-5:30pm*

*Room 6*

Join us for a six-session discussion course by the Northwest Earth Institute

([http://www.nwei.org/discussion\\_courses/course-offerings/menu-for-the-future](http://www.nwei.org/discussion_courses/course-offerings/menu-for-the-future)) exploring our food system and what each of us can do to assist in developing a more sustainable, healthy and just system.

Both classes will have the opportunity to gather with two other community-wide classes for a celebratory dinner, time TBA (one meeting at the Society of Friends on Thursday evenings and one meeting at the UU Church at a time to be determined). Contact Janice Lilly ([janicelilly@alumni.iu.edu](mailto:janicelilly@alumni.iu.edu)) for more information and to register. She will order books ahead of time and they cost \$21 each. If you are able to reimburse the church for the cost of your book, that is appreciated, but please don't let the book cost stand in your way of taking the course. Led by Janice Lilly

### **Tuesday Morning Group**

*Tuesdays, beginning September 6 10:00-11:30am*

This group meets each Tuesday, beginning Sep. 6, from 10:00-11:30am in Room 6. We will be exploring Janice Lilly's course on food for the first 7 weeks of the semester (see description above). After that, we are open to the direction we'll be heading for the rest of the fall and winter. We may choose to watch some more Great Courses on DVD or select a book for discussion. You are welcome to join us at any time.

## Feminist Women's Book Club

Monthly, second Sunday, Noon, brown bag lunch  
Roger Williams Hall

Last spring a group of First United women met to study feminist writing in the Sunday school hour and when our class was over we didn't want to see it end. So we launched a feminist book club. Our group consists of progressive feminist women from the church and the Bloomington community at large.

We focus primarily on current women's fiction and feminist writing. Books we've read in the past include *Little Bee*, *Room*, and several short stories. We are currently gathering book ideas for the fall. We welcome you inviting other women interested in feminist and women's fiction and we strive to really discuss the book selection over a brown bag lunch each month.

Led by Rachael Norton, Cindy Stone, and Mary Peckham

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## Why Try Christian Ed?

You can *ask questions* in a safe place.

You'll *meet new people* and build deeper relationships with some that you've known for a long time.

It's an easy way to *get connected* at First United if you're new to the church.

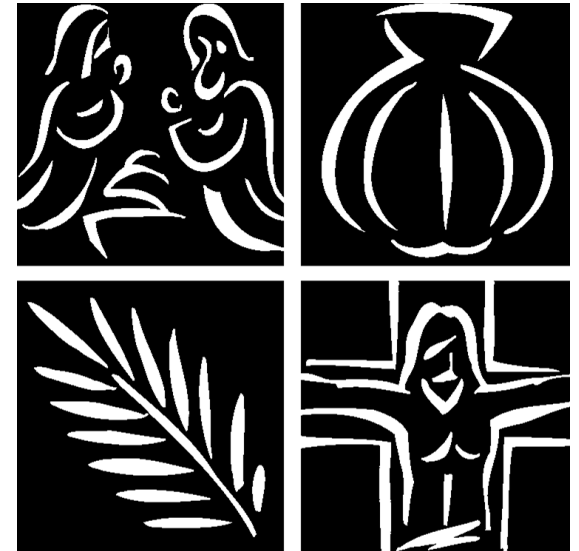
Being a Christian is hard work... it's more manageable and rewarding if you *do it with a group*.

You'll have fun! You'll laugh, *share* stories, and learn things you didn't even know you wanted to learn.

Need more reasons? *Talk to anyone* who has participated in Christian Ed in the past... they'll be happy to share!

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