

Bible Studio

Meets weekly to discuss the upcoming lectionary. This method involves the creativity of the individual group member, the use of art, music, poetry and contemporary readings, as well as an in-depth approach to a biblical passage. It asks three questions to which we give profound consideration.

What is happening in this passage?

How is this passage happening in our world today? How is this passage happening in my life?

The Bible Studio will meet in the library on Wednesday mornings, beginning January 3, from 9-10:15 AM

Book Groups:

Bookworms— an evening women's book discussion group, meets at 7 PM on the third Monday of each month at the home of Martha Belle Fray, 940 W. Quail Drive. Selections for the fall are:

September 19, **Master Butchers Singing Club** by Louise Erdich; October 17, **The Memory Keeper's Daughter** by Kim Edwards; November 21, **Love in the Time of Cholera** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez; December 19, **Caramelo** by Sandra Cisneros. Caboodles from the library (a box of copies for groups) may be available for these fall selections. If they are, notice will be given that they are in the church office where members may pick them up. For more information, contact Sandra Rooney, 625-5962; srooney8@cox.net

Books, Books

A **co-ed** group that meets monthly, locations are announced in the Sunday bulletin. All are welcome!

October 26th - **His Excellency** by Joseph Ellis; November 30th - **Hamlet's Blackberry** by William Powers. January 25th - **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett.

Church School

We have 2 classes, K-4th grade and 5th-8th grade that meet during the 10:00 service in May and September and during the 11:15 service October through April. We use Season of the Spirit, this curriculum supports faith communities and families in their life together by exploring meaning and mystery in the Bible, it is grounded in thoughtful theology, it empowers children and youth to be transformed in Christ while nurturing their imaginative spirit. Each Sunday we engage the biblical text through art or drama, explore our faith traditions and encourage a connection to our wider community. Younger children have a weekly worship ritual and then a chance to be creative. Older children and youth are challenged by active explorations of the Bible, they develop Bible skills and work on projects that help them connect with issues of justice and fairness. We meet for 1 hour each Sunday and encourage parents to bring their children on a regular basis.

Youth Group

The Good Shepherd UCC middle school and high school youth groups actively focus on education, faith development, social awareness, and service work. Through this program, young people have the opportunity to develop a sense of empowerment as leaders within their faith communities and schools. We engage in dialogue during meetings and have artistic expression within the church service regarding religious texts and relevant community issues. Every year we schedule a mission trip and various local service opportunities. The middle school and high school groups each meet twice a month on Sunday afternoons; please see our church website for more details on youth events and this year's mission trip.

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All are welcome to participate in the events listed in this brochure.

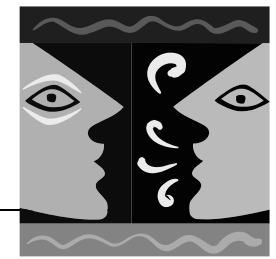
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Adult Forum: September 11—December 11, 2011



Adult Forum in September starts at 9:00 and ends at 9:50am. October through December the Forum starts promptly at 10:15am and ends at 11:05. Please come on time and if you must leave early please do so quietly. Our leaders have planned for a full session and it can be disruptive if participants come in late.

Schedule:

September 11

Reflections on healing and peace in remembrance of the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Led by Bob Buehring.

September 18

How does a single Muslim woman living in Sahuarita find a religious community? What is it like being single and Muslim? Answers to these cultural and spiritual questions by Mona Darwich. Mona is a resident of Sahuarita (since 2005) with two young boys and is a graduate student at the University of Arizona pursuing a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling. Mona has lived in the U.S. since 1997.

September 25

Citizenship—what are the eligibility requirements and processes for becoming a naturalized citizen of the U.S.? We will look at the questions on the U.S. History and Government exam given to prospective citizens. Jane Lateer has volunteered at the Amado-Sahuarita Adult Learning Program since 2006 as a teacher and coordinator of the Citizenship program. She is a retired lawyer from Maryland.

October 2

Stephen Ministry - Imagine the difference if our congregation had a team of 10, 20 or more compassionate and well trained lay caregivers to work with our pastor in providing confidential, caring ministry to people who are hurting. That is the difference we are going to make at the Good Shepherd. Come and learn about our up-coming training for Stephen Ministers. Consider how you can support our new Stephen Ministry.

October 9

Culture, Health and Illness. Perspectives on health—what is your definition of health, what or who shapes your personal understanding of health? How does our faith community define health? Discussion led by Debbie Buehring a nurse with Bayada Nurses working in the Sahuarita/Green Valley area.

October 16

Armageddon—The world didn't end in May as some predicted and hoped. Why do people keep bringing this up? What is the history of Armageddon? Discussion led by Ed Hunt.

October 23

SERVICE RALLY Come one and all to our first church-wide Service Rally. Here you will find many ways that you can participate in helping create an atmosphere of **Extravagant Welcome and Inclusion** at the Good Shepherd. The rally will be held in the Redman Room between morning worship services. See you there!

October 30

Mission:1 For the first 11 days of November (11.1.11 to 11.11.11), United Church of Christ congregations, colleges, seminaries, and health and human service agencies are joining together in a collective mission campaign to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks (**That includes us!**), online

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donations for Neighbors in Need, and write 11,111 letters to Congress (in support of Bread for the World's 2011 Offering of Letters) asking that U.S. foreign assistance be reformed to more effectively serve the world's poorest people. Learn how you can support the Good Shepherd Food Pantry and be involved in **Mission: 1**.

November 6

Mission Gift Fair - Learn all about it. Affordable alternative gifts for all ages. Teach compassion as you give. Truly put Christ in Christmas and support ministries of hope and justice. Members of the Mission Board will fill you in on all the programs this year's Mission Gift Fair will support.

November 13

Greg Jenks is the author of the new book: The Once and Future Bible. Ed Hunt will give us an introduction to his lectures on November 15th & 16th at The Good Shepherd. He will give us a traditional overview of biblical and canonical history.

December 4

Micro-Loans— How The Good Shepherd takes \$1 in donations and turns it into \$7 in loans to the Third World. We have helped people help themselves in 43 countries. Learn more about the program and how you can participate. Presented by Roger Kleckner. Why do we sell Just Coffee? Sharon Chamberlin will give us the details.

December 11

Get a taste of what Bible Studio is all about. Susan Hill will facilitate a sample session. Bible Studio starts in January and introduces the lectionary for the coming Sunday.