

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Spring 2018: March 4 – May 27

No Sunday school April 1 & 29

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION: WHY, WHEN AND HOW

We have all been taught to love our neighbor as ourselves. We give money to worthy causes and donate our time to serving our community. Yet, when we witness someone being harassed, it's hard to know how to help. This study explores those questions and prepare us to be better neighbors. Bystander intervention allows individuals to send powerful messages about what is acceptable and expected behavior in our community. To do this, we need to develop a sense of who might be harassed, where harassment can happen, signs that someone is being harassed, and what actions might help that situation. *Location: Sanctuary Facilitator: Randy Nelson*

PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Come pray through *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* (volume 2), a collection of scripture-soaked prayer sessions for use by groups or individuals. The prayers include song, Bible reading, and time for silence. Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use the book's morning and evening prayers throughout the quarter, with time in class for reflecting on the experience of a discipline of daily prayer. The resource is available as a book or an app. See <https://www.ambs.edu/publishing/anabaptist-prayer-book> for more information.

Location: Library Facilitators: Sam Cox & TBD

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Take part in informal discussion of current events and faith questions. Topics for conversation change weekly and arise from within the group. All are welcome. *Location: Downstairs in room 5*

KNIT AND NURTURE

All are invited to join a supportive sharing and praying environment while knitting for charities such as Mennonite Central Committee and dishcloths for FMC food pantry services. Non-knitters are welcome, too! The group also provides nursery care during Sunday school.

Location: Nursery (downstairs) Facilitator: Bev Hertle

YOUNG ADULTS

Anyone who is beyond high school age and feels like a young adult is welcome. Good discussion, fellowship, support, and monthly extra events are ongoing components of the class.

Location: Room 13 (downstairs) Facilitator: Pastor Deb

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First Mennonite Church uses MennoMedia's curriculum, *Shine: Living in God's Light*, for children's classes. The Shine curriculum explores important characters and themes from the Bible in a 3-year cycle. The theme this spring is "God's Good News", featuring Lent and Easter stories and stories of Jesus from the gospels of Mark and John.

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN (AGES 2 – 6 YEARS):

Location: Room 6 (downstairs)

Teacher: Kathy Anderson Helpers: Megan Cox & Mary Hines

GRADES 2-6

Location: Room 10/11 (downstairs)

Teacher: Lynne Sancken Helpers: Abby Crosby & Kathy Springer

GRADES 5-8

Location: Room 3 (downstairs)

Teacher: Phil Martens Helper: Dianna Black

GRADES 9 - 12

Location: Room 7 (downstairs)

This spring the high school students will participate in the Bystander Intervention class taught by Randy Nelson.

Teacher: Michael Crosby Helpers: Amanda Heinsman, Michelle & Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) – Grades 6-8 meet outside of Sunday mornings once per month for fun activities and service opportunities. *Sponsors: Dianna Black & Dan Schreiber*

Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF) – Grades 9-12 meet outside of Sunday mornings at least once per month for service, learning, fellowship, and fun. *Sponsors: Amanda Heinsman, Michelle & Rudy Moyer-Litwiller*