

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FALL, 2009

*IT'S A JOURNEY...  
FOR LIFE!*



At Collegiate/Wesley, Christian Education classes, groups, and events touch the lives of everyone in the congregation. Christian Education hopefully takes our minds and our hearts to places that expand our understanding of Jesus and a deepening of our understanding of the kind of ministry to which he calls us. Learning expands our awareness, deepens our understanding and helps us have a broader perspective on our relationship to God and to each other. We may not always understand the “why’s” of the universe but perhaps we will become wise as we utilize our faith search to search for those answers.

We have many offerings at Collegiate/Wesley for all age groups. Not all classes and events are on Sunday morning so that we may broaden the scope of those to whom we reach. If there is not something to your liking, see one of the Christian Education staff members and share your desires and ideas. We are always open to considering new topics and medium through which to learn and deepen our faith.

For updates and additional information, visit us on the web at [www.cwames.org](http://www.cwames.org)

## YOUNG CHILDREN

### **Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Classes for children ages 2 through preschool use the "ROCK SOLID" curriculum in a traditional Sunday School format.

- Two year olds (as of 9/13/09) meet in Room 210
- Three year olds (as of 9/13/09) meet in Room 212
- Pre-K meets in Room 204

## ELEMENTARY CHILDREN (K-5)

### **Kindergarten - 5th grades: Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM) 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Children will study 8 primary stories this year, each for about a month. They rotate each week to a different workshop setting, along with their Shepherd, while the teachers for each workshop stay in the same classroom and teach the lesson to a different group of children. Here's a brief overview of the stories we'll explore together.



- Joseph...the struggles of a dreamer, a family, and a nation
- Jonah....God's continual desire to forgive
- The Gift of Jesus....God's desire for us to be in loving relationship with each other
- The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant....Jesus' teachings about forgiveness
- Jesus and the 12 Apostles...choosing the 12 not so perfect people
- Forgiveness from the Cross...Jesus forgives those who crucified him
- Communion....our liturgy starts with confession and forgiveness
- Paul's Travels...after his conversion, Paul's new passion for spreading the good news.

Our theme for 2009-2010 is "God Forgives" (Other themes in our 5 year scope and sequence are "God Loves," "God Saves," "God Guides," and "God Sends.")

## YOUTH (6TH-12TH)

### **Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 AM**

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will meet in the Middle School Youth Room on the second floor. This class will use “Seasons of the Spirit,” a curriculum that follows the seasons and lectionary of the church year. It explores the mystery and meaning of the Bible, makes scripture alive and relevant to youth, and helps youth to offer meaningful service to others.

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the High School Youth room on the second floor of the Annex. Discussions are designed to help youth continue to grow in their faith journey and will focus on current events and spiritual formation.

### **Youth Groups**

Middle School Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders) meet in the Middle School Youth room. A combination of small and large group activities take place during the year. Friends are always welcomed! This group will meet on Wednesdays from 7—8:15 p.m.

High School Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) meet in the Senior High Youth Room at the Annex. From trips to service projects, special guests to conversations, each week is a unique experience and helps teens grow in faith and community. These youth will meet on Sundays. See Nan Geske for more scheduling news.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

We encourage parents to study the stories and to continue talking about them together as a family. To help you do that, we encourage parents to consider the following opportunities.

**Team Teach Young Children:** Using provided curriculum, help our youngest students experience church as a place full of God's love. We ask for at least a semester commitment to provide the continuity necessary for young children.

**Shepherd an Elementary-aged Group:** This semester or year long commitment to accompany children to their workshops involves no lesson planning, just your time and caring.

**Teach Rotation Sunday School:** Did you know you can be a Sunday school leader for as little as 3-4 weeks? We need a brand new bunch of teachers for each rotation. Teachers receive great training and curriculum, and they only have to prepare one lesson.

**Contact Dianna Nelson (292-6936 x28) for additional details on volunteering.**

**Attend an Adult Class:** Model a life of continual growth by attending a Sunday school class yourself regularly. Take your child to your class and show them the room, and express your own belief that ongoing education is important as part of the life of faith.

## NURSERY/CHILD CARE

The nursery is available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. until about 10 minutes following the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents receive special pagers which we can use to contact them (within the building) if a need arises.

It is our goal to make child care available for small groups, meetings, and special events when requested. To arrange child care, please contact Dianna Nelson or Julie Wehner at least 48 hours in advance. Please don't hesitate to ask for child care to be available for any activity in which you'd like to take part!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

### Ongoing Sunday Morning Classes

9:45-10:45 AM

**Parenting** (Rm. 215, Upper Level) - Roger Coulson, former ISU professor, helps parents through the tough yet wonderful responsibility of parenting.

**Biblical Studies for Ministry** (Room 123, Main Floor) - Choose from a menu of short Bible studies designed to help ministers (all of us) integrate faith and management. Bring your Bible, if possible, with you to this engaging class, led by Mary Jean Baker.

**Builders** (Room 44, Lower Level) - This class is an intellectually curious group of free minds and spirits. The class will be made up of fellowship time and discussion. This class is facilitated by Susan Grotewold.

**Forum** (Norman Room, Lower Level) - Each week, a new speaker joins us to present a lecture on a topic related to their job, research, hobby, and so on. Also, individuals running for office are often invited to share their positions on issues. Every week is different, and you'll always learn something new. This class is facilitated by Tim Garner and Jeff Berger.

**Glimpses** (Annex Building 202, Main Floor) - Glimpses focuses on short essays, articles, personal narratives, and stories that reflect diverse perspectives on life and spiritual matters. Readings are selected by class members (usually from *The Sun*) and distributed a week or more before the class. (Regular participants receive a copy of the magazine.) Participants read the material prior to class and share responses and ideas during class discussions. This class is facilitated by Natalie Rekemeyer.

**M&M** (Library East, Lower Level) - This class explores timely news items from a faith perspective, using a curriculum called Faithlink. The class is facilitated by Lynn Kaizer.

**Spiritual Formation** (North Pine Room, Lower Level) - Persons interested in deepening their personal and communal spiritual life are invited to explore various topics. This class is facilitated by Janet Stephenson.

## SHORT-TERM & SMALL GROUP STUDIES FOR ADULTS

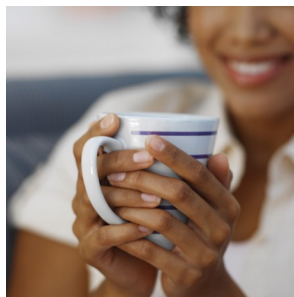
### Short-term Sunday Morning Classes

In addition to our ongoing classes, we will occasionally offer some short-term classes that last from 1-8 weeks. Watch the bulletin, *Communicator*, or website for more details.

#### “Coffee, Tea, Theology and Me”

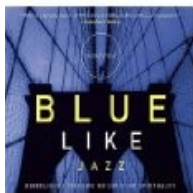
Love a cup of coffee and time to chat about the latest new books? Like having time to sip a cup of tea while discussing the latest questions of faith with which you are wrestling? Want to know what resources are available for deepening your faith?

Beginning **Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 4 p.m. at the Stomping Grounds**, we'll gather for coffee, tea, theological questions, and a book for all to read. I love all of the above and look forward to sharing with you books that will call you to question, to listen deeply and to explore your own faith.



- Each book study takes place on Tuesdays from 4—5 p.m. at Stomping Grounds in Campustown.
- We'll start off with Unveiling the Secret Life of Bees by Amy Lignitz Harken.
- Other books being considered for later this fall include Just Hospitality by Letty Russel, A Multitude of Blessings by Cynthia M. Campbell, and others that are currently under review.
- Books available for purchase in church office.

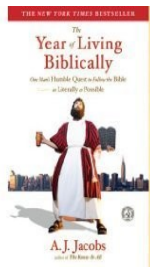
#### Roundtable



We will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting Sept. 10th at noon in Wesley Hall. This group is facilitated by Rev. Scott Grotewold.

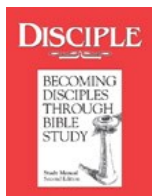
This year's offerings are Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller (fall) and The Year of Living Biblically by A.J. Jacobs (spring). Books are on

hand in the church office. Come and enjoy a piping hot bowl of soup and great conversations about these thought provoking books. Future dates: 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/15, 5/13



## SHORT-TERM & SMALL GROUP STUDIES FOR ADULTS

### Disciple Bible Study



Getting back to basics and going in-depth is what Disciple Bible Study is all about. This year we will start out with the foundational course "Disciple One, Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study". The study is divided between Old and New Testaments and takes participants from Genesis through Revelation prompting them along the way to consider their human condition and become better disciples. Doug Bates will be the facilitator for the class and it will meet on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. in Rm. 44 beginning Sept. 14th. Please contact Julie Wehner, 292-6936, x33 to sign up and reserve your book.

### *"Come for Supper, Stay for Study"*

The second series in the spiritual formation study "Come for Supper, Stay for Study" meets on Tuesdays from 5:30—7 p.m. in the Fireside Rm. The study for this second "helping" is called "Crossings: God's Journey with Us."

"Crossings" is a spiritual encounter that uses stunning photography, journaling, DVD presentations, and faith practices ("...all the things that Christians do together and individually as a way of paying attention to God"... Marcus Borg) to engage the heart and open the mind. We will explore eight core stories of the Bible. While the Bible contains hundreds of stories in a variety of forms, some see within this broad narrative a limited number of core themes that tell the basic story of how God has been active in times past. Through these stories we are able to recognize God's presence and call in our lives today.



The biblical stories reveal people who, like us, are wise and weak, willing and wavering. It is holy and human. It tells their story while it connects to our story.

Please RSVP Rev. Linda Butler ([Linda@cwames.org](mailto:Linda@cwames.org) or 292-6939 x16).

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR WESLEY  
FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY**

The full schedule for our Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry activities is not yet finalized for Fall 2009. However, we know certain elements will certainly be a part. Some of these might not fit a tight definition of “education” but each involves deep discussion, sharing, learning and growing in our relationships with self, one another and God.

Below are a few activities which will be happening in and through the Wesley Foundation this Fall (with as many details as are currently available).



An overview of progressive Christianity for young adults, ***DreamThinkBeDo*** features the insights of over twenty-five theologians and teachers at the top of their game. Each of the twenty self-standing sessions contains a 20-minute DVD segment drawn from the critically acclaimed LtQ2 (“Living the Questions) series -- updated with connecting narrations, graphics, and music. We’ll offer 2 sessions each week, most likely Mondays from 1:30-2:45 p.m. and Tuesdays from 7-8:15 p.m. Likely location is our Student Lounge.



***Monthly Spiritual Mountain Tops*** will involve participants in a wide variety of spiritual disciplines in “mini-retreat” settings one Saturday each month in various settings.

***Christ Clips.*** Come watch a movie (most, if not all of which, have been in national distribution) and discuss where you see God in the story, implications for your faith journey and much more. Christ Clips meets in our Student Lounge on Wednesday nights @ 7:30.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR WESLEY  
FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY

**FaithLink** is our Sunday morning discussion group for college-aged folks. We use a wonderful curriculum which applies scripture, tradition, experience and reason to help participants better understand a tremendous range of issues facing us each day and how we might respond in faith. You'll find the group up in the Student Lounge from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday.



**Justice Studies** Social Justice is a very important part of Jesus' message and, therefore, integral to our lives as we seek to live according to the call of God in and on our lives. Our Justice Studies will help participants not only identify justice issues in our world but assist them in responding effectively and compassionately



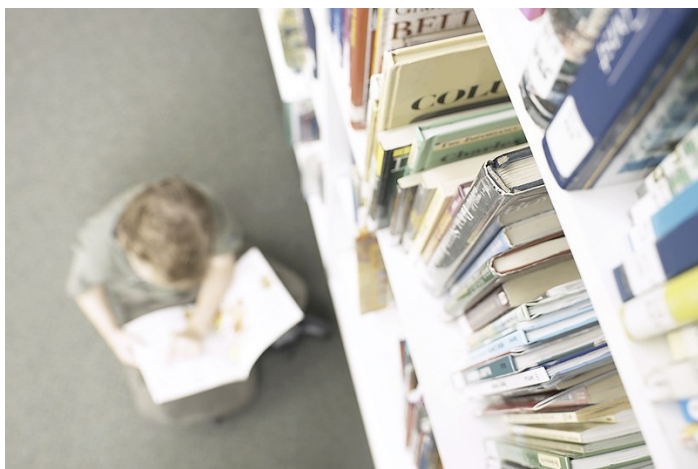
**Covenant Discipleship** are small groups based on a model established by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. After writing a covenant based on Compassion, Justice, Worship and Devotion, group members gather to "watch over one another in love" as they support and hold one another accountable in living as faithful disciples. The groups of 6-10 meet for an hour each week in times and places convenient to the members.



**Faces of Jesus** is a display of dozens of images of Jesus...some old, some new, some traditional, some very NON-traditional. Observers are asked to leave "sticky note" comments sharing their thoughts, feelings and insights about the images. You'll find the interactive gallery on Wesley's Landing and our Student Lounge (second floor of the new "North Wing"). Admission is, of course, FREE. Everyone is welcome during building hours (roughly 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.) when there are no groups meeting in the Student Lounge.



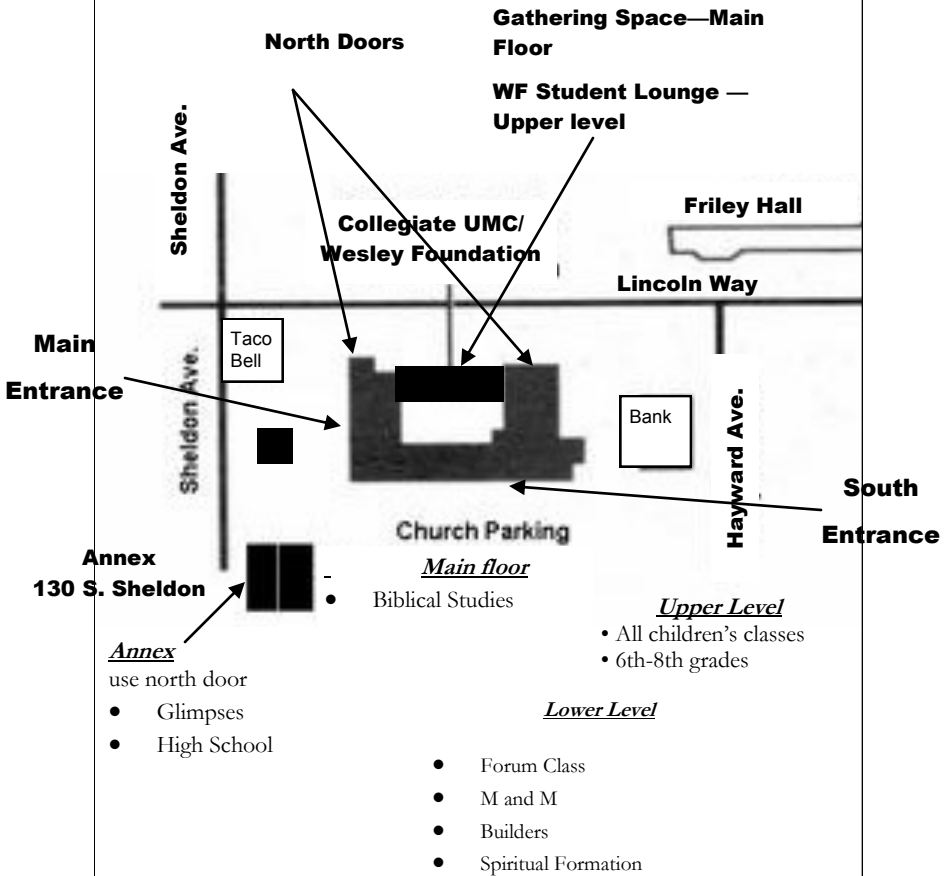
## MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER



Located on the Lower Level, between Wesley Hall and Lower Level classrooms, the Media Resource Center has a multitude of books on the shelves ready for check out. No need to buy books when you can check them out and not have to store them after buying them. Please stop in and see what you might check out.

## WHERE ARE MY CLASSES?

Interested in being a Sunday Morning Guide who can help newcomers find their way to a class? It's easy, only requires about 20 minutes of your time once or twice a month, and it really helps us to be a welcoming congregation. To volunteer, contact Julie Wehner at 292-6936 x33 or [Julie@cwames.org](mailto:Julie@cwames.org); or Dianna Nelson, 292-6936 x28 or [dianna@cwames.org](mailto:dianna@cwames.org).



Collegiate United Methodist Church welcomes and affirms all persons without regard to gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, economic condition, or anything else which threatens to divide God's family. In our quest to follow the example of Christ, we will employ no circles of exclusion and we commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and reconciliation, providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception.



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