

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY*

WINTER 2017

Study 6:00 –7:15 PM

Brown Bag Fellowship 5:30 PM

- January 18 *Lectionary Study using the Lectio Divina method with Janet Richardson.*
- January 25 *Lectionary Study led by Ivan Marable on the Beatitudes.*
- February 1 *Lectionary Study using the Lectio Divina method with Marcia McCarthy.*
- February 8 *Listening to the Heartbeat of God, A look at the ancient tradition of Celtic Christian spirituality with Pat Hanley.*
- February 15 *Listening to the Heartbeat of God, continued.*
- February 22 *Listening to the Heartbeat of God, continued.*
- March 1 *Ash Wednesday Service led by Pastor Brent Bowden.*
- March 8 *Seven Deadly Sins in a Modern Context led by Pastor Brent An Overview and start of the sin of pride.*
- March 15 *Seven Deadly Sins in a Modern Context led by Pastor Brent Concluding the sin of pride, envy, and starting in on wrath.*
- March 22 *Seven Deadly Sins in a Modern Context led by Pastor Brent Concluding the sin of wrath, gluttony, and starting the sin of lust.*
- March 29 *Seven Deadly Sins in a Modern Context led by Pastor Brent Concluding the discussion on lust, sloth, and beginning greed.*
- April 5 *Seven Deadly Sins in a Modern Context led by Pastor Brent The conclusion of the sin greed and a wrap up of the series.*
- April 12 *No Study tonight, join us tomorrow for our Maundy Thursday meal and service at 6:30 PM.*
- April 13 *Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Tenebrae Service. 6:30-8:00 PM.* Following a sparse meal and communion, a service will lead the congregation through the a biblical journey of the betrayal of Jesus on the night and day before his crucifixion.
- April 14 *Good Friday Vigil.* Between 12:00 Noon and 3:00 PM the sanctuary will be open for all to come, pray, reflect, and draw nearer to God.



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SMALL GROUP AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES



...even in winter's cold!

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First Baptist Church of Rochester provides a variety of small group and educational offerings from which one may choose to participate. They vary based on interest, content, or age.

Is there a small group you would like to start? Contact the church office so we can assist you in informing others of any emerging ministry, outreach, or educational options.

OUR EDUCATIONAL AND SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OUR NURSERY is available for younger children from infant through age 4, who may be restless in worship. It is a place where they can receive TLC and mini-lessons of God, Jesus, and faith while parents attend worship. The nursery is available from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM on Sunday. Please let us know if you need extra Sunday childcare hours for a program or event.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM is for elementary school-age children, starting after the Children's Time in worship through *Praise Choir*, ending at 11:30 AM.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets following Church School. The children will learn God's Word through song and basic note reading. It is open to all children of the church able to sing or enjoy music, including preschool children.

THE YOUTH GROUP meets weekly during the Second Hour in either the Youth Room or Hubbell Hall. Youth are invited to ask tough questions and then dig into God's Word to see how scripture can be made relevant in their lives daily. Other gathering times occur for social and mission-focused endeavors.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

OUR ADULT CHOIR meets on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings to rehearse the anthem and responses for worship.

OUR BELL CHOIR meets seasonally for several weeks at least twice a year, generally before Christmas and Easter.

SINGERS' SUNDAY is for those who love to sing but seek less commitment. Through three *early bird* Sunday rehearsals these occasional harmonizers will sing the anthem with the choir. The next anthem will be on April 2nd.

FOR ADULTS

OUR BIBLE STUDIES are both regularly scheduled and seasonally scheduled. See the back page for a listing of our Wednesday Study schedule, as known.

ELDERGARTEN gathers monthly from September through May and is a socially active group for those 55 years or older (or for anyone who wishes to join the group). Starting with a light lunch, speakers from both the church and the community, share their expertise or interests with the group.

THE FBC BOOK CLUB is made up of readers who enjoy a variety of genres. They focus on current books that are thought-provoking, discussion-generating, and have a strong moral basis.

REMINGTON HUBBELL CIRCLE is a group of mission-focused women, serving the community while sharing in fellowship.

OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS meet, as scheduled, for discussion, mission projects, and socially, to share together in the Word and mission of God.

SUNDAY FORUM is a Sunday second hour informational program. See next page.

OTHER SMALL GROUPS include each of our ministry teams of Christian Education, Council, Fellowship, Mission/Outreach, Personnel, Trustees, and Worship. Also available are Task-Force Ministries such as the 200th Anniversary, Beechwood Outreach Exploration, and others. If you have an interest in any of these or other ways to be connected through small groups, contact the church office.



SUNDAY FORUM AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES*

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| January 15 | <i>2017 Budget Presentation.</i> A complete look at the proposed budget for the 2017 year that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. |
| January 22 | First Baptist Church and Society will hold their <i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i> immediately following worship to vote on Trustees, Officers, Delegates, and the budget. |
| January 29 | <i>Sermon Discussion</i> with Pastor Brent Bowden. |
| February 5 | <i>Extended Fellowship.</i> Our youth will treat the congregation to a "souper" fellowship thanking them for their support in gathering food and dollars to help the Brighton Food Depot. |
| February 12 | <i>Muslims in Rochester,</i> will be presented by Mubarak Bashir, of Faith Outreach, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. |
| February 19 | <i>The History and Future of Race Relations in Rochester,</i> will be presented by Dr. Walter Cooper; retired scientist, humanitarian, activist, educator, and 2008 Frederick Douglass Medal winner. |
| February 26 | <i>Contemplative Listening 101,</i> an overview and practice led by Dr. Donald Schwab, who will "dust-off" and look at the ancient art of contemplation and applying its core benefits to what is called Contemplative Listening. |
| March 5 | <i>Cabaret-style Section Leader Concert,</i> with coffee and treats right at the table in Hubbell Hall with a potluck meal to follow. |
| March 12 | <i>Contemplative Listen 102,</i> Dr. Schwab will continue and expand on the concepts of Contemplative Listening and how to "really listen and be present" for another's ideas even when they differ from your own. |
| March 19 | <i>Myths, Stigmas, and Misconceptions about Mental illness - An overview;</i> Melanie Funchess, Director of Community Engagement, Mental Health Association |
| March 26 | 200th Anniversary updates, planning, and idea generation. |
| April 2 | <i>The "Me" next door: understanding mental illness and caregiving in community;</i> Melanie Funchess, Director of Community Engagement, Mental Health Association |
| April 9 | <i>Palm Sunday, Extended Fellowship Time.</i> |
| April 16 | <i>Easter Sunday - No Forum</i> |

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