



**Christian
Education
Hour**

**Adult
Offerings**

**Winter and Spring
2016**

January—May 2016
9:00-9:50 am



Note: There will be no classes held on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Large Group Events

These events will be held in the locations noted.

Fair Wages and Wage Theft

January 17 in the Adult Lounge; Led by Kim Bobo, Founding Director of Interfaith Worker Justice

On Sunday, January 17, FVPC will welcome the Rev. Kim Bobo to share during our CE Hour and preach during our 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services. Rev. Bobo is the founding Executive Director of Interfaith Worker Justice and author of the book, *Wage Theft in America: Why Millions of Working Americans Are Not Getting Paid - And What We Can Do About It*. She has been a tireless advocate for working people and continues to share her insights to audiences around the US and around the world. You won't want to miss this - she is a great preacher and speaker and we are excited to welcome her to FVPC on this weekend when we consider our role in advancing justice throughout the world.

Congregational Meeting

January 31 in the Sanctuary

The Annual Meeting of the Fox Valley Presbyterian Church of Geneva, Illinois will be held on Sunday, January 31 during the 9:00 am Christian Education Hour. The purpose of this meeting shall be to receive the 2015 Annual Report from all the committees, groups and staff; to be given a brief presentation on the Session-approved 2016 budget; and to act on any recommendations concerning the terms of call for our installed Associate Pastor, Rev. Ryan Pixton, as well as to conduct any other business as might appropriately come before the congregation, including authorizing the Session to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meeting.

Easter Fellowship

March 27 in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces

Our Hungry Neighbors

April 3 in the Sanctuary; Led by Brandon Pettigrew and Julia Jones from the Northern Illinois Food Bank

Mission Fair

April 10 in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces

Share the Lazarus House Story

May 8 in the Sanctuary; Led by Donna Bauer, Volunteer/Special Events Coordinator at Lazarus House

Three Adult Education Tracks

Our adult religious education program will generally be broken into three tracks – except on January 17, January 31, March 27, April 3, April 10 and May 8.

No-Prep Bible Study (Conference Room)

The *No-Prep Bible Study* track includes classes that may be experienced as stand alone, even when they are part of a greater series. There is no advance reading required and all are invited to participate in any class. Classes will meet in the Conference Room.

Track 1

***No-Prep
Bible
Study***

Kerygma: Luke

January 3, 24; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20 (9 weeks); Led by Pastor Melinda Hinners and other pastors

Kerygma: Parables

April 17, 24; May 1, 15, 22 (5 weeks); Led by Pastor Melinda Hinners

Spirituality and Faith (Chapel Room)

Spirituality and Faith is a book study track, where we will look at books that are religious, theological or spiritual in nature. Participants are invited to read the book to be ready for discussion on Sunday. Classes will be held in the Chapel Room .

Track 2

***Book
Study***

***Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr**

January 24; February 7, 14, 21; Led by Beverlee Ludema, PsyD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist
In *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, Franciscan priest Richard Rohr invites us to understand the arc of our spiritual journey as beginning in the first half of life with the tasks of identity, security, and significance that build our life "container," followed by a collapse of that "container," inviting the transformations of the second half of life. Rohr explains that the collapse of our "personal salvation project" is built into the plan, a falling that can move us upward into something much bigger than ourselves. Beverlee will lead a four-week discussion of this fascinating book.

Forgiveness

February 28; March 6, 13, 20; Led by Beverlee Ludema, PsyD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Beverlee Ludema will lead a study on forgiveness, based (loosely) on the book *Forgiveness* by Adam Hamilton. Beverlee wrote her dissertation on this topic, so we are excited to see what she has to share!

Animate Faith

April 17 and 24; May 1, 15 and 22; Led by Elder Leigh Kiesewetter

Elder Leigh Kiesewetter will lead a class on the foundational tenants of the Christian faith using the video series entitled *Animate Faith*. The topics covered will include faith as a quest, Jesus as the revolution of love, salvation, the cross, the Bible and the church. This is a great way to get a brief overview of what we as Christians believe.

Current Issues Forum (Adult Lounge)

The *Current Issues Forum* track is a series of conversations about current issues and the impact these issues have on our faith and understanding of who God is and what God is doing in the world. Each week, this class will endeavor to understand these issues in light of what we believe as Christians, and how we understand God. Each of these classes will stand alone and no advance preparation is necessary. The classes will generally meet in the Adult Lounge.

Track 3
***Current
Issues
Forum***

January 24; Led by Dr. Pete Temple, Mind's Eye Sports Performance Topic: *The Ultimate Intangible: Adding an Edge Through Faith*

Dr. Pete Temple will talk about the assessment and development of intangibles, and the influence these have on performance. Special emphasis will be placed on faith – the ultimate intangible – and the positive impact this can have on an athlete's process and outcomes. Pete, who started coming to FVPC in 1965, is the founder of Mind's Eye Sports Performance. His practice includes high school, collegiate and professional athletes from the greater Chicagoland area and across the country.

February 7; Led by Don Kramer, Kane County Sheriff Topic: *Community and Police Relations*

Have you observed a change in the way police discharge their duties in our society? Sheriff Don Kramer will have an open discussion about policing in our own community as well as examples of policing gone bad in nationally-exploited events. We will also explore how Christian values affect the judgment of police officers and how these values should be incorporated into community-based policing. Special attention will focus on the intent of our founding fathers when they constructed a constitution that encompassed their belief in God-given natural rights.

February 14; Led by the Living Waters for the World mission team Topic: *Living Waters for the World report from the LWW November mission trip*

This class will meet in the Sanctuary.

February 21; Led by a representative from Arden Courts of Geneva Topic: *Understanding Memory Loss and Aging*

February 28; Led by Janet Bell

Topic: *Deepening Interfaith Understanding*

Join Janet Bell as she shares her faith journey. She will also share books and resources and ways to proceed, either as one person or one group, as we strive to keep informing ourselves and to create positive interfaith conversations.

March 6, 13, 20; Led by Loy and Linda Williams

Topic: *New Jim Crow*

More African Americans are under the control of the criminal justice system today – in prison or jail, on probation or parole – than were enslaved in 1850.

Michelle Alexander describes how mass incarceration today serves the same purpose as pre-Civil War slavery and the post-Civil War Jim Crow laws: to maintain a racial caste system. She asserts that Jim Crow and slavery were caste systems, and that our current system of mass incarceration is also a caste system: Thus, “The New Jim Crow.” The original Jim Crow laws, after slavery ended, promoted racial discrimination in public housing, employment, voting, and education. The powerful Civil Rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s seemingly ended the Jim Crow era by winning the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Alexander argues, however, that the racial caste system has not ended; it has simply been redesigned, and calls for a new social movement to end mass incarceration and racial injustice.

April 17; Led by Linda Sonner

Topic: *People of Faith Caring for God’s Creation within Our Lives, Our Church, and Our Communities.*

24/6: *Taking a Sabbath*

April 24; May 1, 15, 22; Led by Steven Zahn, M.D.

This will be the last of our four-week video study as we learn the importance of keeping the Sabbath. We are discovering why we need a 24/6 life, how to achieve it and what it looks like in practice. Dr. Matthew Sleeth is our guide, along with Eugen Peterson, David Green and Mark DeMoss. Attending all sessions is not required to benefit from the class!

Calendar of Adult Offerings – January through May 2016

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January 31	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)		

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February 21	Kerygma: Luke	<i>Falling Upward</i> Book Study	Understanding Memory Loss and Aging
February 28	Kerygma: Luke	Forgiveness	Deepening Interfaith Understanding
March 6	Kerygma: Luke	Forgiveness	New Jim Crow
March 13	Kerygma: Luke	Forgiveness	New Jim Crow
March 20	Kerygma: Luke	Forgiveness	New Jim Crow
March 27	Easter Fellowship (Lower Gathering Space)		
April 3	<i>Our Hungry Neighbors</i> (Sanctuary)		
April 10	Mission Fair (Lower Gathering Space)		
April 17	Kerygma: Parables	Animate:Faith	People of Faith Caring for God's Creation Within Our Lives, Our Church, and Our Communities
April 24	Kerygma: Parables	Animate:Faith	24/6
May 1	Kerygma: Parables	Animate:Faith	24/6
May 8	<i>Share The Lazarus House Story</i>		
May 15	Kerygma: Parables	Animate:Faith	24/6
May 22	Kerygma: Parables	Animate:Faith	24/6



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

8:00 am

10:00 am

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

9:00 am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

For 3 year olds through 5th grade

10:15 am (following the

Children's Time)

FISHER FOLK (FF)

for middle school youth

4:00 pm

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CARPENTER (FOTC)

for high school youth

5:30 pm