

## Scriptural Studies

### ***The Major Prophets of the Old Testament***

Join Rev. Elbert Kim in a four-week class surveying the major prophets of the Old Testaments. Read passages from Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, understanding the context of their writings and the call to reform the people and nation of Israel.

*Mondays, May 1 to May 22, 10:00-11:15am  
in the Howald Parlor*

### ***Sunday Service Discussion***

Drop in for facilitated open discussions with Ron Honeycutt and crew regarding Sunday's worship, liturgy, and sermon. Personal and collective agreements, disagreements, and questions regarding the service are welcome. Feedbacks are given to the worship team.

*Ongoing Sunday mornings, 10:45-12:00pm  
in the Howald Parlor*

## Book Talk

### ***Before We Were Yours***

Save the date on your calendars! Book Talk will be returning this summer. Nedra Kindig will be facilitating this next book talk read "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Find a copy of this book in the library or your favorite source, read it and join us in June for great conversation about this book. If you have any questions or if you have a desire to lead a Book Talk in the future give Nancy Wood a call at 805-423-4284.

*Tuesday, June 27, 1:00pm  
in the Howald Parlor*

## Theology & Religion

### ***Approaches to Death***

This four-week class will examine the beliefs and rituals related to the reality of death as expressed and experienced in the world's great religions, including among others Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Special emphasis will be given to ideas related to life after death.

*Tuesdays, Apr 18 to May 9, 6:30-8:00pm  
in the Covenant Room of the Mission House*

### ***Indigenous Religions (Zoom class)***

Come Zoom with Dr. Bill as he explores over a three-week period the religious beliefs, myths and practices of a number of Native American, African and Australian Aboriginal tribes. In each case religiosity will be examined in relationship to both historical and larger cultural contexts.

*Wednesdays, April 19 to May 3, 3:00-4:30pm  
online via Zoom*

### ***Slow-Read Book Study***

Reading of Diana Bulter Bass' *Christianity after Religion*. Class meets in May to discuss the concluding chapters of the book.

*Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am in the Parlor*

### ***Influential Religious Personalities***

Starting on Tuesday May 23, and continuing through Tuesday June 27, Rev. Elbert and Dr. Bill will be presenting a six-week series on influential religious personalities, both Christian and non-Christian. Included, among others, will be Dorothy Day, Desmond Tutu, Thich Nhat Hanh and Tahirih.

*Tuesday, May 23 to June 27, 6:30-8:00pm  
in the Covenant Room of the Mission House*

### ***Fundamentalism in Four Traditions***

Join Rev. Elbert and Dr. Bill as they explore the nature of religious fundamentalism as found in contemporary Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. The class will include both an examination of fundamentalist themes in general as well as specific historical examples.

*Tuesday, July 11 to August 1, 6:30-8:00pm  
in the Covenant Room of the Mission House*

## Elder Care Series

### ***Now I'm Wise***

Stepping Into A Wise Life...The Conversation Continues" with Big Questions. Join us for a continuing conversation into the nature and possibility of modern maturity. Part 2 & 3 of the Wisdom Series will be an interactive discussion of the benefits derived from asking provocative questions, the answers of which have the capacity to transform our individual and collective future.

*Wednesdays, Apr 12-26, 10:00-11:30am  
in the Covenant Room of the Mission House*

### ***Opera Du Jour***

Join us as we stream operas from the library of the New York Metropolitan Opera! We can watch them (subtitles provided) after a brief discussion of the plot, leading singers, interesting tidbits about the productions and history of the opera and composer. Suggestions for our first viewings included: La Boheme, Faust, Don Giovanni, and Carmen, but the choices are almost endless. Bring your own snacks, sit back, and enjoy!

*Saturdays, May 13, June 10, Aug 12  
10:00am – noon in the Conference Room*

## Mind, Body & Soul

### **Group for Grief Sharing**

Sooner or later we all experience grief from the loss of a loved one. For some, that event comes too soon. Sue LeBreton and Dr. Lynn Decker-Mahin lead a group where grief can be shared in a safe and confidential environment.

*First & Third Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30  
in the Howald Parlor.*

### **The Gift of Years**

Held on the first Thursday of each month, the group spends time talking and sharing about the personal journey as an aging adult. Topics include Age, Dreams, Success, Agelessness, Nostalgia, and so on.

*First Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am  
in the Howald Parlor*

### **Spiritual Growth Group**

The group meets twice a month for meditation exercises. The group spends a few minutes greeting each other followed by the topic of meditation. Time is spent on centering and then individuals are given personal time for journaling and personal meditation. Please contact Nancy Wood for more information.

*Second & Fourth Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am  
in the Covenant Room of the Mission House*

### **Tai Chi and Bone Builders**

Tai Chi and The Bone Builders exercise programs are designed to enrich the lives of seniors by improving dynamic balance skills, increasing balance confidence, decreasing fall risk and improving satisfaction."

*Tai Chi classes on Mondays, 11:30am – 1:00pm  
in the Mission House; Wednesdays on Zoom  
Bone Builder classes on Tuesdays & Fridays at  
9:00am and 10:30am in Brooks Hall*

### **Maker Ministry**

A multi-generational group meeting to create for the Creator and our community needs. Examples of projects include creating pride pens, Christmas stocking for troops, bookmarks for hymnals, baking goodies, Christmas flash mobs, and hats for the homeless. For more information, please contact Janet Kinch.

### **United Women in Faith**

The Camarillo UWFaith invites you to experience friendship, service, personal growth and supportive fellowship. Members nurture one another in community and support U.S. and international projects improving the lives of women, children and youth with their prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts, and financial gifts. For more information, please contact Helen Faul.

### **United Methodist Men**

A ministry of men engaged in spiritual growth and engaged in supporting the work of the church and community. Monthly breakfast gathering includes a program speaker presentation and fellowship around good food. Activities planned throughout the year are open to the whole church. For more information, please contact Don Howald.

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## Adult Ministries Late Spring 2023

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