

# ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays 9:30—10:30 Starting September 17

## THE PRESENT WORD: COVENANT WITH GOD

Room 124

Covenant is a theme found in the Scriptures from beginning to end. It shows the ways God relates to and deals with people. Our Fall study will deepen our understanding of covenant and remind us of God's gracious goodness in establishing covenants. The class will trace the major covenants that God made with people on behalf of the earth and the human community. The covenants established by God with Israel extend to God's people today. God has provided judgement, justice, grace, and hope, enabling God's people to continue in relationship with God. Such is God's promise and our hope! *Led by various teachers.*

## THE LECTIONARY CAFÉ

Room 123

As the name suggests, we'll be discussing the selected scriptures for each Sunday's service, putting them in context, and relating them to our own lives. We'll do these things with plenty of social time and enough Fair Trade coffee to wake you up on a Sunday morning. *Led by Grady Elliott.*

## SPEAKING OF SCRIPTURE: 1–2 THESSALONIANS

Room 126

Paul's letters to Thessalonika are presumably the first written witness of the New Testament. Paul links how God's transformation of creation in Christ's final coming can affect our view of history and everyday lives today. Some passages--the one regarding "rapture"-- have been the source of some controversy, and we will see how a simple misplaced comma in translation can generate anti-Semitism. As usual with Paul's letters, reading them fresh can be energizing for our faith and witness.

*Led by Art Morrissette.*

## AGAPE CLASS: THE PROTESTANT REFORMATIONS

Room 125

With the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses on the doors of the Wittenberg church. Starting September 17, the Agape Class will explore the background to the Protestant Reformations and each of the four Reformed traditions. This study will reflect on the divisive theological issues focusing on each of the traditions and their unique views. On Reformation Sunday, October 29, the study will conclude with a look of the Reformations today regarding their influences and legacies, as well as the Reformation in today's churches. *Led by Jim Varnado and Dillon Robert-*

