



# Adult Christian Education at HPPC

Growing Active Followers

# We Need God and We Need Each Other

We at Hamblen believe that growing as an active follower of Jesus is a rewarding, life-long process. We offer a variety of forums and classes throughout the week that inspire and equip adults for lives of active service. These groups offer a chance to come together, grow as disciples of Jesus, and build a sense of community. If you have questions about any of the groups listed here, contact Pastor Jennie Barber at [jennieb@hamblenpres.org](mailto:jennieb@hamblenpres.org) or 509-385-0622.

## Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Join Bob Nofsinger and friends as they continue their weekly study of the Gospel of Luke. They **meet virtually each week from 7:30-8:30 AM**. Contact Bob for the Zoom link at [nofsingerbm@gmail.com](mailto:nofsingerbm@gmail.com).

## Adult Sunday School

### **Animate: Bible | September 18—October 30**

Have you ever wondered how the Bible came together? Have you thought about the ways we interpret scripture as disciples of Jesus? This fall we'll answer these questions and many more as we explore the Animate: Bible course. In each Animate: Bible session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. Join us **in the Skylight Room after the 9:00 AM service starting 9/18**.

## Songs of the Season

### **November 13—December 11**

As we journey towards Advent and Christmas, join us to study the songs of the season found in the gospels. We'll also study biblical characters featured in the songs that fill our hearts with the hope and joy of Christmas. Come to the Skylight Room **after the 9:00 AM worship service starting November 13**.

## Top of the Hill--2nd Tuesdays, 11:30-1:00

Top of the Hill topics range from presentations by local non-profits to travelogues to local authors or musical programs presented after socializing over lunch. Suggested donation to cover lunch is \$8, cash or check. Here is the lineup for the rest of the year:

- **October 11**--Scott Cooper, Director Parish Social Ministry, Catholic Charities, will talk on Helping the Homeless.
- **November 8**--Wes Jessup, Exec. Dir, & Betsy Godlewski, Dir. of Development, from the Museum of Arts and Culture, will tell us what is new at the MAC.
- **December 13**--Jeannie Wright will be back with her friends, Glen and John, for a Christmas music concert.

To RSVP for any of these dates, sign up on the clipboard at the information center or call the church office at 509-385-0627 by the Thursday before each event.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

### **Spirit of the Living God: The Work of God in the Book of Acts | Sep 21—Nov 30**

Surprising, dynamic, bold, holy, powerful—we encounter all these qualities of the Spirit in the book of Acts, the story of the early church. This fall, we'll dive deeply into Acts and discover how the Holy Spirit shaped the first communities of disciples. Through this exploration, we'll think about how the Spirit is shaping us too. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Skylight Room.**

## Evening Series with Dr. Shannon Dunn

### **Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 6:30-8pm, in the Skylight Room**

Interested in learning more about and discussing how our spirituality can affect our democracy? Shannon Dunn will lead a book study on Parker Palmer's *Healing the Heart of Democracy* this October. Parker challenges us to listen to one another, hear each other's stories, and contribute to the common good as an antidote to the anti-democratic forces that bear down upon us. We want you to join us for this sobering, yet hopeful, account of what needs to be done to live together in peace. (Childcare will be provided.)

# Away in a Manger? Christmas Beyond the Barn

**December 7, 14, 21**

When we think about the story of Christmas, we picture animals gathered around the infant Jesus, angels singing, and a star shining over a stable. But the story of Christmas is more than a quiet scene depicted on a Christmas card. For three weeks in Advent, we'll study stories in the gospels of Matthew and Luke that didn't happen on a silent night but teach us about the One in the manger. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Skylight Room.**

## HPPC Book Club 2022/23 Reading List

You can join the Book Club for a discussion in person on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 PM. For more info, contact Betty Thompson at [bettythomps@aol.com](mailto:bettythomps@aol.com).

Oct 20	<i>When the Meadowlark Sings</i>	by Nedra Sterry
Nov 17	<i>The Bible's Plot</i>	by Ken Onstot
Jan 19	<i>When We Were Young and Brave</i>	by Hazel Gaynor
Feb 16	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	by Delia Owens
Mar 16	<i>When the Last Leaf Falls</i>	by Bill Myers
Apr 20	<i>War Bonds</i>	by Cindy Hval
May 18	<i>Horseback Honeymoon</i>	by Dorothy Ballard, Ellen & Quincy Scott