

Adult Education Committee Report

October 2, 2024

In attendance: Cathy Watson, Martha Dexter, Jane Martin, Charmion Burns, Seana Graham

1. Labyrinth: discussion was largely about getting the congregation ready for Labyrinth Build Day on October 26th and what people should expect during the days leading up to it, including the prep work Terra Nova will be doing ahead of time, such as fencing off the grounds involved in the project and bringing materials in. To this end, a presentation for the parish was scheduled for coffee hour on October 6th and has since taken place. It was well attended.

Discussion of the day of building itself: Lars will be there to organize people and get their heads in the right place. There was hope that a member of the clergy could also be there. Martha planned to check on Peggy's availability.

Little pieces of paper will be available for people to write small notes on to place under the bricks before they are laid. Martha said she would have them available for people to write on beforehand and they will be available on the building day as well. These are now available to any who want them.

Elizabeth Chandler was going to be contacted about signage and this has since happened.

Photographer Schmuel Taylor will be on hand to record this historic day.

2. Continuing labyrinth education: With the completion of the labyrinth, the adult ed. committee will turn its thoughts to continuing education about it, coming up with group uses for it in addition to the individual usage by the community. Thoughts about using the labyrinth for weekly walks for Lent are already being floated.
3. More on *Reading Genesis*: We have learned recently that UCSC is hosting a visit from Marilynne Robinson on December 3, speaking about her book *Reading Genesis*, which was the subject of an ongoing Zoom discussion hosted by the adult ed. committee over the summer. Some tentative ideas of going as a group were floated. The event will be at the Rio Theatre in Santa Cruz. Further information from UCSC to come.
4. The Advent season was briefly discussed but no plans were made. The idea of watching a film together resurfaced, along with a list Peggy Bryan had compiled for us. We will perhaps have more room to think about this after the labyrinth build day is over.
5. Calvary book club: there was no report from the Calvary book club but they are sailing along with their next selection, *The Body Keeps Score* by Dr. Bessel van der Kolk.
6. The next adult ed. meeting is scheduled for November 6th.

Submitted by Seana Graham