

LEARNING FOR LIFE

If you haven't already seen it, take a look at the new Learning For Life program guide. Here are a few events in September and early October that you won't want to miss.

Drama Ministry Betsy Kellogg will introduce us to the new drama ministry that is developing here at FUMC. Betsy is a founding member of the Mostlies, the Fort Collins parody group. If you've always wanted to act, this is your chance -- **September 5 at 7pm.**

Disciple Classes

Four different classes in the Disciple Bible Study program will start the week of September 10. Disciple Bible Study, an ecumenical study program used in 34 denominations, is designed to strengthen people in their faith.

Making the Bible Come Alive

Led by **Rev. Schuster**, this class is for anyone who is interested in exploring the Bible from the perspective of scholarship and current events. We will look at some of the most popular texts in both the Old and New Testaments. We will explore some of the following questions:

1. Did you know there are three Isaiahs?
2. Did you know there are two Jeremiahs?
3. Did you know there are three sections of letters attributed to Paul but he only wrote one set?
4. Did you know there are two creation stories in Genesis?

Did you know the oldest book in the Old Testament is Amos and the oldest book in the New Testament is 1st Thessalonians?

This class is for people who feel inadequate when it comes to the Bible. It is a companion to the "Reading the Bible Through the Year" and will meet at **noon in the Sanctuary from September 12 through November 7.**

Conversational Literacy I: Guiding Fun and Meaningful Conversations with Friends, Family and Beyond...

Stan Scott will use his new conversation game *Talk In A Box*, to guide participants in learning and practicing a variety of communication models and skill sets, including creating and asking powerful questions, listening and presence, skills for guiding a conversation, and guided dialog. If you want more meaningful conversations with family and friends, join Stan for two fun-filled **Tuesday evenings, September 11 and 25 at 7 pm.**

Witness to the Holocaust

You won't want to miss the fascinating story of our special speaker **Rev. Forest Robinson**. During World War 11, his infantry division liberated the German concentration camp at Nordhausen, Germany. The abject horror of human inhumanity that he witnessed there turned Forest to the ministry. Rev. Robinson will inspire us to think about the future and the need to find a "higher vision". This not-to-be-missed special event is **Wednesday September 26 at 7 pm.**

Making Love Last A Lifetime

For Couples Only (married, partners, engaged) Thursdays, October 4 - November 21 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. This 7 week video-based study explores love, marriage, and sexuality from a biblical perspective. The purpose: to

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help participants understand God's plan and purpose for loving relationships; to offer help and hope for achieving the kind of relationship God intends for every couple. Cost of Participant text: \$9.00. Facilitated by Ray Miller and Friends. Sign up by calling the church office (482-2436), emailing Ray (raym@lpbroadband.net), or signing up on Sundays.

I Was Sick and You Cared For Me: A Christian Response to the US Health Care Crisis

Dr. Kathy Waller, a physician at CSU's Hartshorn Health Service, will discuss the medical, economic and moral implications of the health care crisis facing the United States. To learn more about how we as Christians can respond, plan to attend Dr. Waller's presentation on **Tuesday, October 9 at 7 pm.**

Dr. Mom Coming to FUMC

October 24 9:30 to noon and 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person Dr. Marianne Neifert, nationally known as Dr. Mom, will give two informative and inspiring presentations on parenting at FUMC. Dr. Neifert is the mother of five adult children, a nationally known pediatrician, author, popular speaker, and parenting expert. She combines her professional expertise, personal experience, and practical wisdom in her advice about parenting. Dr. Mom's messages will include topics for parents of toddlers through teens.

Dr. Mom's appearance sponsored by the FUMC Adult Education Task Force, Cooperative Preschool, and Children and Family Council.

Lay Ministry Training Classes

If you're interested in the lay speaking ministry, Rae Batch will lead a Basic Lay Speaking Course on October 13-14, here at FUMC. On November 10-11, Rev. David Dalke will lead the advanced lay speaking course Leading Small Groups. This class is open to anyone who is interested and will also be held here at FUMC. Registration forms are available in the office.

The Learning for Life Ministry Leadership Team has worked hard over the summer to assemble a wide variety of classes, speakers, and special events to in-

spire and challenge us over the coming year. Members of the team include all of our clergy staff – Rev. Charles Schuster, Rev. Joel Kershaw, Rev. Pam Everhart, Rev. David Dalke, Rev. Ray Miller – in addition to Alyce Kaehler, Bill Rice, David Reid, Diane Smith, Don and Kay Lybecker, Margaret Hotze, Ross Loomis, and Martha Conant, coordinator. We encourage you to take advantage of these many opportunities to learn and grow. Childcare for children up through 5th grade will be available – simply request it on the registration form.