

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of BERKELEY

Summer Institute 2010

Schedule of Classes

Sundays, June 6 – July 11, 2010

*“...if we walk in the light as he is in the light
we have fellowship with one another...”*

1 JOHN 1:7

WALKING IN THE LIGHT™ is the theme of this year's Summer Institute at First Pres. Scripture teaches us that God is Light, and that Jesus is the Light of the World. As disciples of Jesus, his light guides us through the journey of our lives. This is why light is a key metaphor for who God is, and what God does for us. Walking is another metaphor for our faith journey. We walk and live together, learning in the light of God's truth. Each of the classes offered in this Summer Institute is meant to lead you into a place of your life journey where you can see the sunlit rays of God's glory and grace. Take some time, survey the courses, and prayerfully consider joining us as we learn how to better walk in God's light.

Faith, Inc.

INSTRUCTORS: Evans Presley-McGowan, Intern Adult Ministries; Danny Peters, Intern University Ministries
10 am OR 7 pm ; four Sundays only (June 6 – June 27); G207

Join us as we discuss the ups and downs of the working world, and explore how we live the call of Christ in a secular setting. Using clips from movies and TV series, we'll wrestle with issues of unemployment, underemployment, and overemployment. The class will be discussion-based as we share our common experiences, discover humor in the mundane, and struggle together to find God's purpose in our work.

Heaven

INSTRUCTORS: Pat Phillips, MA Theology; Ellin Bear, Women's Bible Study Teacher
10 am; G206

How do you picture heaven? Floating on clouds and playing harps or walking streets of gold? Do you see it as an endless church service or perpetual retirement? What do the Scriptures say about these ideas? This summer you can gain a biblical perspective on heaven,

something richer and more exciting than you could ever imagine. In addition, learn how we understand heaven can change the way we live today.

Tempered Glass Mosaic

INSTRUCTOR: Fran Sheppard
10 am; W205, Westminster Hall
Limited to 8 participants; Cost: \$25

A celebration of glass, reflection, and color. Create colorful, painterly mosaics with collage under cracked tempered glass. All materials will be provided; however, you may also bring your own personal photos or paper collage materials.

How We Interpret the Bible and Why It Matters

INSTRUCTORS: Chris Corwin, New College Professor; Mark Stryker, Supply Pastor Adult Ministries
11:30 am, Calvin Room, G107

This class is a sequel to "How We Got the Bible and Why It Matters" offered recently in the Winter Institute. This course will examine the historical context of Romans 13 and its interpretation throughout church history. This class will look at historic Christian

positions on politics and power in order to illustrate the larger challenges of biblical interpretation over time. The class aims to call forth faithful disciples who read and apply the Bible with grace, wisdom, and conviction.

Enrich Your Marriage and Grow in Christian Community

INSTRUCTOR: Jeanne James MFT, Director of Marriage & Family Ministries
3:30 – 5 pm; W102, Westminster Hall
Limited to 6 couples (childcare is available on request for children, infancy through fifth grade – small charge applies)

Summer is a great time to pause, take stock, and re-energize your marriage! Join a small group of couples who have positive marriages and would like to sharpen their relationship skills. Couples at all stages of married life will benefit from this small group experience. Group process includes a comprehensive assessment called Prepare/Enrich which identifies relationship strength and growth areas. The experience also includes hands-on relational skill building exercises, and the opportunity to meet and enjoy other couples in Christian community. This is a great opportunity for an existing couple's small group to deepen their relationships and grow together!

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