

All-Church Lenten Bible Study



Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value

Meeting Mar. 2–Apr. 13

Imagine the earth divided equally among all of us. Each person would receive 4.5 acres. Now imagine that everything you need must come from those 4.5 acres. But it takes 22.3 acres to maintain the average American lifestyle. This year we will be observing Lent in a new way that helps us as individuals to care for God's creation by taking steps toward using only our fair share of its resources. Moving in the direction of 4.5 is essential for following Jesus and cultivating the gospel value of greater simplicity.

Features of LENT 4.5

- All members and friends of CPC are encouraged to participate for **7 weeks** from March 2 to April 13 in a once-a-week **small group** of 10-12 people. The groups will meet at church or in people's homes to discuss topics related to caring for the creation. Sign ups will begin on February 2.
- Rev. Kim Rogers will **train the small group facilitators**. **Childcare** will be provided for groups meeting at the church.
- The **small group study guide** is a booklet entitled *Christian Simplicity: a Gospel Value*. It will be available for \$13.00. It consists of short readings and discussion starters to stimulate conversation and faith sharing, as well as point participants toward considering changes in their personal lifestyle.

- Each Sunday from March 2 to April 13, **our pastors will preach on the Lent 4.5 topics**:

- ◇ Week of March 2:
Christian Simplicity: Compassionate Living
- ◇ Week of March 9 – 1st Sunday of Lent
Food: Buying and Eating are Moral Acts
- ◇ Week of March 16 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
Consumption: Buying Less, Wasting Less
- ◇ Week of March 23 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
Water: Conserving and Protecting
- ◇ Week of March 30 – 4th Sunday of Lent
Energy: Choosing Efficient and Clean
- ◇ Week of April 6 – 5th Sunday of Lent
Transportation: Getting from Here to There
- ◇ Week of April 13 – 6th Sunday of Lent
Gratitude and Generosity: Becoming Involved

- Middle and High School **Youth** will be included
- 9:45 am Youth and Adult Sunday Classes will be suspended during Lent, although a small group option will be available at that time. **Regular Sunday Classes will resume after Easter.**

» For further information about Adult Christian Education, or if you have suggestions for classes, please contact:

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Sunday Mornings in 2014

Embracing a Life of Meaning

Led by Paula Estes and Martha Collins

Meeting Jan. 5–Feb. 23 in **Room 301**

Best-selling author Kathleen Norris and educator Tim Scorer provide a unique viewpoint on what matters most in their workbook and video study *Embracing a Life of Meaning*. Paula Estes and Martha Collins will lead a class based on the study. Topics include:

- **Belief Matters**: Why does belief matter? To what do we give our hearts? What is the core message of what we believe?
- **The Bible Matters**: The Bible is our collective story. How is that story reflected in our daily lives?
- **Community Matters**: In community, individualism and imperfection meet grace and acceptance. What is our part in the Body of Christ?
- **Place Matters**: In what ways is our faith set within the physical space of home, church, land, and people?
- **We Matter**: What does it mean to remain in God's image by embracing the world and its needs?

Each participant will need a copy of the workbook *Embracing a Life of Meaning*. Copies will be available in class for \$12. If you would like to get a book before the first class, see Martha Collins.

Liturgist Training

Led by Rev. George Holland, retired PC(USA) pastor

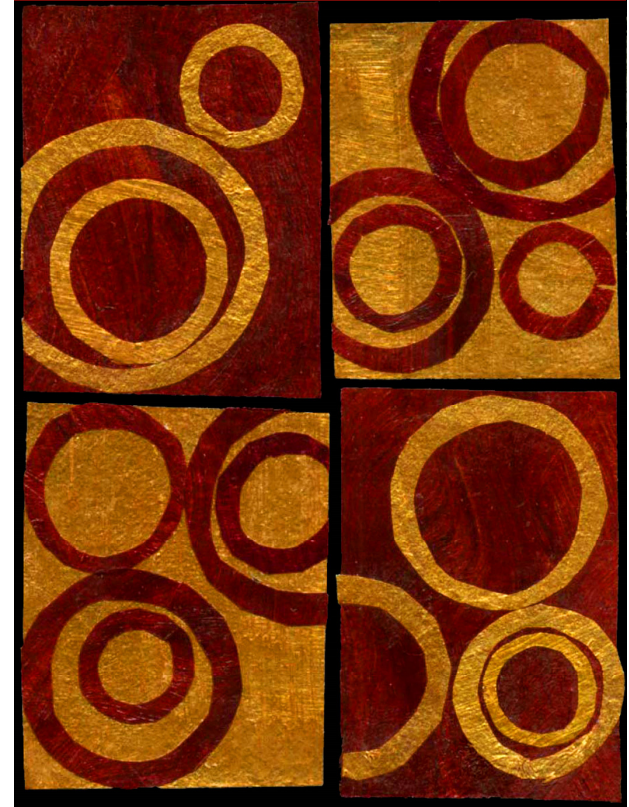
Meeting Jan. 5–Jan. 26 in **The Sanctuary**

Interested in becoming a Sunday morning liturgist, sharing in the reading of the scriptures to the congregation? A new 4-week preparation class, led by Rev. George Holland and limited to eight members, will begin Sunday morning, January 5. Please see George for further information

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Adult Christian Education



Sunday Mornings in 2014

“Oh! So That’s What He Meant!”

Led by Rev. Jim Collier, retired PC(USA) pastor

Meeting Feb. 2–Feb. 23 in **The Library**

This class will focus on several of Jesus' parables, based on insights gleaned from *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*, written by Kenneth Bailey. Bailey is a Presbyterian pastor who spent 40 years living and teaching in the Middle East and who has most recently been a visiting professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He brings a unique expertise to biblical studies, opening our eyes to the cultural background of many gospel texts and revealing hidden depths to these familiar texts.

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