



CornerStones

*We will all graduate from this life;
Be sure to complete your coursework!*

CornerStones seeks to challenge and grow the faith of this community through spiritually enriching opportunities. **Jesus** is the cornerstone, the essential foundation, and we are the living stones building a spiritual house.

The four blocks represent the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, the foundation of theological discernment in our Wesleyan tradition: grounded in **Scripture**; informed by **Christian Tradition**; enlivened by **Experience**; and tested by **Reason**.

What will *your* **Cornerstones Plan** be this year? What will you do to enrich and grow your spiritual life? Will you commit to do at least one course this year? We have many opportunities for you to participate by varying the days/times classes are offered.

Disciple I (FULL) **Sept. 8 – May 4** **Mondays 7:00 pm**

Jesus promised, “If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciple” (John 8:31). This 34 week introduction to the Old and New Testaments is informational and transformational. Participants are transformed into disciples through daily Scripture reading and prayer, and weekly interaction with spiritual friends.

Saving Jesus **Sept. 10 – Dec. 10** **Wednesdays 7:30 pm**

“... We’re having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons that gets tossed about by both sides,” said Amy-Jill Levine. If you have ever felt that the Jesus you believe in is not the same one you hear talked about on the radio, TV or newspaper, this 12 week class will discuss differing perspectives on Jesus in the new millennium.

Parables of Jesus **Sept. 14 – Nov. 23** **Sundays 11:15 am**

“The disciples asked Jesus, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’” Some of the best-known stories in the Bible are parables, but what are they about, and what do they mean? This 10 week class will discuss some of the well-known and not so well known parables.

Advent Lessons **Nov. 30 – Dec. 21** **Sundays 11:15 am**

Every year there is a push in our culture to rush and get to Christmas well before Christmas arrives. Join us for this 4 week study in which we wait and watch expectantly, and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Faith & Science **Jan. 18 – Feb. 22** **Sundays 11:15 am**

Can belief in God survive in an age of science and technology? Join us to explore the interaction between evolution and God’s action in the world; neuroscience and the nature of religion; biology and ethics; ecology and creation; and cosmology and the end of the world. Come prepared to be challenged in this 6 week course!

Bible 101 **Jan. 14 – Feb. 18** **Wednesdays 7:30 pm**

How is the Bible made up? Who wrote these books and what difference does that make? How do we read and interpret the Bible? What difference does the translation make? This 6 week

course will give you the skills to read and interpret scripture with more confidence and understanding.

Lenten Series **Mar 4 – April 8** **Wednesdays 6:00 pm**

The six weeks preceding Easter are a time of reflection and meditation. We share simple suppers of soup and bread before the worship and study time. There is a special program for children. During Holy Week there is a special musical program.

Historical Jesus **Mar 2 – Mar 16** **Mondays 7:30 pm**

No recent topic in Biblical studies has captured more popular and scholarly attention than the search for the historical Jesus. This 3 week course will survey the geographical, archaeological, and cultural backgrounds of Jesus' life and ministry with images and insightful historical perspective. All are invited to participate – no previous study required.

Sign up for a class by contacting Pastor John (pastorjohn@sudbury-umc.org) or Karen Krone (kvk812@aol.com).