

## ADULT CLASS STUDIES FOR ADVENT 2020

**BRIDGES** - Meeting via Zoom Sunday 9:45 am; Start Date 11/22; Contact Brian Durham:  
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***When God Comes Down, James Harnish (5 Week Study)***. This study looks at the stories of the primary biblical characters in the birth stories through whose lives the miracle of incarnation happened: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Through all these characters, plus the innkeeper, Harnish helps us claim for ourselves the reality of God's presence with us.

**CROSS WALK** - Meeting in the Media Center Sunday 9:45; Start Date 11/22; Contacts Joan Tesh  
joan.tesh@gmail.com or Bill Oldham Oldham.3300@att.net

***Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas, Ed Robb (4 Week Study)***. This study explores the warmth of welcome at Christmas following interactions with the Holy Family, the shepherds, and the magi. The story of Christ's birth encourages us to widen our borders and increase our sense of community – and make room for others, including those on the margins of society.

**EXPLORERS** - Meeting in Choir Room on Sundays at 9:45 am; Start Date 11/22; Contact Jim Saffell  
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***Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience, Magrey R. DeVega, Ingrid McIntyre, April Casperson, and Matt Rawle (4 Week DVD Study)***. Make your Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas. In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In this study, Pastor deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

**FAITH AND FAMILY** - Meeting in Room 207; Start Date 11/22; Contact David Cox davidffl@comcast.net

***Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas, Adam Hamilton (4 Week DVD Study)***. Jesus was called by many things: Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. You may have studied what each of these names mean, but what do they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate? How might the meaning behind these names affect the difference he makes in our lives this Christmas? Join Hamilton and reflect upon the significance of the Christ Child for our lives and world today.

**GRACE** - Meeting in Gathering Room Sundays 9:45 am; Start Date 11/29; Contact: Don Lang  
(dglang1@bellsouth.net)

***The Redemption of Scrooge, Matt Rawle (4 Week DVD Study)***. Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark, and sad character? This study looks at Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Story*, through the lens of faith.

**INTO THE WORD** - Meeting in Room 200 Sundays at 9:45 am & Via Zoom; Start Date 11/29; Contact:  
Jim Bryant tempesun@yahoo.com

***Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem, Adam Hamilton (5 Week DVD Study)***. Witness the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through the eyes of Mary. Imagine the pain she felt at the crucifixion, her pride as Jesus' ministry grew, and her unrestrained joy when she looked into his tiny face that fateful night in the stable. Hamilton helps you witness the life of Jesus from Mary's unique perspective, starting at the very end and traveling back in time to the very beginning—the night of Christ's birth.

**JOURNEY** - Meeting via Zoom Sundays 10am; Continuing Study; Contact Ron Magat  
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***We Make the Room by Walking, Brian McLaren.*** A year-long quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation. This book offers 52+ chapters that give an overview of the biblical story and a fresh introduction or re-orientation to Christian faith.

**OPEN DOOR** - Meeting via Zoom Sunday at 9:15 am; Start Date 11/29; Contact Don Aichele  
donaichele@aol.com

***Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, Amy-Jill Levine (4 Week DVD Study).*** Explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of Jesus' birth, tracing the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the magi. Opens up dialogue on connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, and more.

**SEEKERS** - Meeting under the office entrance portico or in the Chapel Sunday 9:45 am; Start Date 11/22; Contact: Ginny Allen ginallen13@gmail.com

***Advent Conspiracy: Making Christmas Meaningful (Again), Rick McKinley, Chris Seay & Greg Holder (4 Week DVD Study).*** Substitute compassion for consumption this season. Tired of the consumerism that has come to define Christmas? Advent Conspiracy invites you to restore the heart of the Holiday. Unwrapping four simple but powerful concepts, this study invites you to celebrate Jesus' birth more meaningfully by giving relationally to family, friends, and the less fortunate. Christmas can still change the world when people, like Jesus, give what matters most—their presence.

**SOUL SISTERS** - Meeting via Zoom Sunday Morning; Start Date 12/6; Contact Jill Morris  
JMorris@youneedresults.com

***Three Gifts, One Christ (Converge Bible Studies), Katie Z. Dawson (4 Week Study).*** Scripture tells the story of magi who followed a star in the sky—a light in the midst of the darkness—to find the Messiah. In the gifts that they placed at the feet of the Christ—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—they recognized the intermingling of light and darkness, truth and falsehood, life and death. But more than what the magi gave the child, this study is about what Jesus offers us.

**STAGES** - Meeting Via Zoom; Contact Brian Flaherty bflare77@gmail.com

Although Stages does not plan an Advent study this year, they are meeting periodically. Please contact Brian for more information.

For parents of children attending Sunday School – meet under outside tent for fellowship.