

"Understanding the New Testament" Wednesday Morning Adult Ed Begins September 21st 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Zoom

Why do we have four Gospels? Why do they contradict each other at times? What was the purpose of Paul's letters? What is the Book of Revelation really about? Beginning this fall, we'll take a year-long look at the New Testament through this 24-part video lecture series produced by the Great Courses. These dynamic lectures, given by Professor David Brakke, Chair of Christian History at Ohio State University, start with the earliest writings of the NT – the letters of Paul, and then move on to the Gospels and Revelation. We'll examine the original contexts of these writings and the people who wrote them, giving us a new perspective on these ancient texts.

We'll watch the video together as a group and then have a discussion facilitated by Pastor Maureen. The class will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. from September through May. We'll meet on Zoom because we've found this to be a more inclusive way to be together! All are welcome! Please RSVP to <u>Pastor Maureen</u> to receive the Zoom link, or access the link on our church website in the <u>Members Section</u> Zoom Links, listed as "Wednesday Adult Ed"

A New Look at the New Testament - Series Schedule

September 21 – "The Paradox of the New Testament" October 5 – "The Jewish Origins of Christian Faith" October 19 - "Thessalonians and Paul's Ministry" November 2 - "Galatians: Salivation for Gentiles" November 16 - "Romans: God, Faith, and Israel" December 7 – "1 and 2 Corinthians: Community Conflicts" December 21 – "Paul's Congregations" January 4 – "Paul's Theology on Slavery" January 18 - "Adapting Paul's Teachings to New Situations" February 1 - "Gospel of Mark: Jesus as the Suffering Son of Man" February 15 – "Gospel of Matthew: Jesus as the New Moses" March 1 – "Gospel of Matthew: The Church" March 15 – "Gospel of Luke: God's Salvation" April 5 – "Luke and Acts: Luke's Inclusive Message" April 19 – "Acts: The Apostles and the Church May 3 – "Gospel of John: Jesus as the Divine Word" May 17 - "Gospel of John: Jesus and the Jews"