

Year Long Classes

FORMING US PARENTING CLASS

Want to deepen your connections with other NDPC parents and dialogue about the hard and holy work of parenting? The NDPC Parenting class seeks to foster community among our families and to teach, encourage and support the spiritual formation of children and parents alike. This Fall, we'll be focused on Sharing Our Stories, Parenting with Mindfulness, and Simplicity Parenting. All parents and those who love our NDPC children are welcome to join us!

Facilitators: Kimberly Broerman, John Morgan and others

Location: Parent Classroom in the Children's Education Building

THE ARTISTRY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is weird. It's filled with quirky characters, and a lot of strange things happen. The Bible is also a big deal. But why? As part of our God's Creative Story project (connected to our Vital Worship Grant), we will explore this inspiring, sometimes baffling, and often controversial book, using a variety of media and approaches. In our time together we will learn more about its amazing artistry, what's in it, where it comes from, and the ways it influences our culture and our personal lives. For more information, see www.ndpc.org/story

This program is made possible through a Vital Worship grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Facilitators: Rick Neale, Ellen Gadberry and others

Location: Studio Classroom in Sanctuary Building

CRAFTIVISTS AND LITURGICAL ARTS – ON THURSDAYS!

Can God work through our hands to do good in this world while we craft? Join us for two distinct flavors of crafting— 'Craftivists' and Liturgical Arts—on Thursday evenings. Activism has never looked so beautiful. The mission of the Liturgical Arts Group is to support, enhance, and extend elements of worship in our community through the visual arts at North Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Dates & Times: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 pm (Craftivists);
2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 pm (Liturgical Arts)

Facilitator: Ellen Gadberry story@ndpc.org

Location: Studio Classroom in Sanctuary Building

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COMFORT MY PEOPLE – STRENGTHENING SPIRIT AND SELF

This class will explore the nature of mental health and mental illness, with special emphasis on supporting mental health in ourselves, our families, and our community. The course will consist of a series of five interactive discussions led by mental health professionals in the NDPC congregation. Together, after defining mental health, we will discuss establishing and maintaining healthy family relationships, dealing with severe stresses, maintaining personal wellness, and accessing mental health resources when the need arises. In 2nd Corinthians 1:4 Paul says, “[God] comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.” The aim of this course is to be better equipped to provide (and accept) that comfort.

Dates: September 15, 22, and 29 October 6, and 13.

Facilitators: Kathleen Allen, Rusty Godwin, Audra Grace, Kathryn Sandifer

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

YOGA AND THE POWER OF RADICAL KINSHIP

In this gentle yoga class, we will start and end each week with a reading from Father Gregory Boyle on the power of radical kinship. In between we'll use breath, movement, and mindful presence to explore how we can open to greater connection with all people. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. We'll have extras if you don't.

Dates: October 27, November 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Facilitator: Kara Morrison

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

ADVENT: THE ARTS AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

The Advent season is one of eager anticipation. We offer you opportunities to enrich your experience of the season as we explore its meaning through a variety of media, including scripture, artwork, music, poetry and film.

Dates: December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Facilitator: Rick Neale and others

Location: Studio Classroom in Sanctuary Building

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INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you visiting NDPC? Would you like to learn more about this church, who we are as Presbyterians (PCUSA), and what we are doing? We try to follow Jesus by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. Let's get to know one another and talk about how we at NDPC approach this ancient call and how you can be part of our journey.

Facilitators: Pastoral Staff and Engagement Team

Location: Pastor's Study

Dates: Sundays Nov 3, 10, 17, and March 1, 8, 22

9:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturdays January 4 and May 2

Anticipated Spring 2020 Classes

DEATH AND DYING

Dates: January 5, 12, 19, and 26

Facilitator: Mary Anona Stoops

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Dates: February 2, 9, 16, and 23

Facilitator: Rev. Melissa Browning, PhD

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

JUST AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD: TRANSFORMING OUR FOOD

Dates: March 8, 15, 22, and 29

Facilitator: Rebecca Watts Hull, PhD.

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

IDOLATRY OF VIOLENCE IN US CULTURE

Dates: April 5, 12, 19, and May 3

Facilitators: Members of the Peace and Justice Committee

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

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We welcome all.

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