

Adult Forum

The title of our group is not nearly as exciting as the work we do together and the ideas we examine. Those ideas are often as spectacular as the stars in heaven but sometimes bring us down to earth. We travel through 2000 years of Christian thought, from Christ and the first Apostle St Paul, through Luther and Calvin, to the Niebuhrs, Tillich, and Borg.

We need to understand the great ideas and symbols of our faith in order to learn why and how we act. The rock upon which our church is founded remains the same and we move with it as our center as we reach out to help, enrich, and give to others.

In the past year we have discussed the Muslim Faith, a book by Tillich on the dynamics of faith, our pastor's history of Christianity in three Sundays, and consideration of the Quaker faith. We are about to embark on a study of the Psalms mediated by our choir director, Bill Walker. And in January we will read and discuss Tillich's "The Courage to Be."

We do all this in order to understand the ideas that impell/inspire us to act. For we must know why and to what purpose we act. We wish to relieve the plight of the poor and the hungry, to act out what we believe, to show love as well as to pay tribute to it. In this huge and complicated society, when the cruelty of war and the danger of ISIS continue to ravage the earth, we are called to act as well as speak about the center of the Christian faith, i.e. love.

Our lively discussions welcome skeptics and believers. As chair, I am sustained by Pastor Greg, Joan Ferguson, and Alan Herbert. I urge you to join us in our weekly journey towards an understanding of truth.

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