

Greetings, First Congregational Church UNITED CHURCH of Christ friends!

This is a brief survey of your interests for Adult Education.

Please fill it out and drop it in the offering plate in worship, in the box at the kitchen window downstairs in Fellowship Hall --- or email or US mail it to the church office no **later than May 9.**

1) Tell us what **topics** you are particularly interested in exploring in **Adult Education:**

2) **Would you like to present an Adult Education session or series of sessions?**

If so, **what subject/s** do you propose to present?

How many sessions will you need?

(Please assume each subject will be explored in no more than 3 successive sessions)

Title/Subject description: _____ **No. of Sessions needed:** _____

Your name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

3) We hope to encourage more **small group ministries** at First Congregational UCC. These would be groups of 6-12 people meeting regularly for a bounded period of time (no longer than 6 sessions), either during the 9:30am time period on Sundays, or at other times, as agreed upon by participants – **for discussion and sharing of information and/or experiences.**

Please list subjects you would be interested in exploring in this type of group setting, (e.g., family or parenting issues, justice issues, personal spirituality or spiritual direction, faith practices...**other?**),

Title/Subject description: _____ **No. of Sessions needed:** _____

Your name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

4) I would like to participate in the ad hoc Adult Ed Planning Work Group **YES**_____

Your name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

Our first session will be 6pm May 11, in the Conference Room. We are done in time for Board meetings.

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Bible Study – we have purchased a Teaching Company set of video/discussion guide courses on various books of the Bible. Please see the reverse side to register your interests, from a list of topics.

JESUS: For most of the last 2,000 years, the search for answers to questions about Jesus' words, his acts, and even his very existence, has begun with the Gospels. But the Gospels themselves raise puzzling questions about both Jesus and the religious movement within which these narratives were produced. They also provide sometimes bewilderingly diverse images of Jesus.

CIRCLE THE 3 TITLES IN WHICH YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED:

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| 1. Why Not "The Historical Jesus"? | 8. Luke-Acts—The Prophetic Gospel |
| 2. The Resurrection Experience | 9. Gospel of Luke |
| 3. Symbolic World of Greek and Jew | 10. Acts of the Apostles |
| 4. Jesus in the Memory of the Church | 11. Gospel of John |
| 5. Why Compose Gospels? | 12. Jewish Christian Narrative Gospels |
| 6. Gospel of Mark | 13. Learning Jesus in Past and Present |
| 7. Gospel of Matthew—Synagogue Down the Street | |

WISDOM LITERATURE: In the history of wisdom literature, no tradition matches the solace and profundity found in the teachings of the Bible. For centuries, people have taken comfort and insight from the familiar yet eternally resonant writings of the Bible's wisdom literature. Yet, few of us realize that these great teachings are part of a larger tradition—a rich and complex body of writings that have influenced theologians, philosophers, and everyday men and women for millennia.

CIRCLE THE 3 TITLES IN WHICH YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED:

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| 1. Introduction to Biblical Wisdom Literature | 5. Jesus as Wisdom Teacher |
| 2. The Place of Proverbs in the Bible | 6. Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount |
| 3. The Song of Songs—Love as the Answer | 7. Overview of Biblical Wisdom Literature |
| 4. The Wisdom of Solomon on Divine Justice | |