

ADULT EDUCATION: 2021-22

On September 12, join the intergenerational homecoming event at 9:30 am. Adult Ed will convene at 10:00 am on that day only. Then beginning September 19, The Bean and Adult Ed will return to its regular meeting time (9:30-10:30 am) using a hybrid approach (in-person & virtual available). Email the office to be added to either LISTSERV.

TRACK I: Fellowship of the Bean (ZW House)

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People love coffeehouses because they can come to relax or be at ease. They come to talk and think, to ask questions, to seek answers, to be... authentic. Sounds like something the church should be about, doesn't it? We will continue this engaging format in the ZW House – a blend of good coffees and great discussion. Informal, come-as-you-are, hang out with old and new friends to swap ideas, catch up, and chill. 9:30-10:30 am, Sundays.

TRACK II: Adult Education (KC4a)

Contact: Deb Mitchell (debmitchell1026@comcast.net)

The KC4a class will be focusing on the New Testament for the first half of the year; we began a video lecture series in the spring with Bart Ehrman but only had time for about five lectures. We will rejoin him starting with the Gospel of Mark and work our way through all of the books of the New Testament. Each lecture is 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes, of discussion.

In addition, we will highlight our two pastors: as we've done with previous pastors, Andy will share his doctoral dissertation. We also will work with one of Mihee's books. We always enjoy getting some additional insights into our pastor's thinking!

Finally, we will continue to focus on the issue of racism with two works: one a classical treatise by Howard Thurman, "Jesus and the Disinherited." The second examines Race in America: Christians Respond to the Crisis by David Maxwell; this book features contributions from a diverse group of pastors, professors, and activists on the history of racism, the issues of racism today, and action plans for moving toward antiracist work and racial justice.

Sept 12, 2021-Jan 30, 2022: Conclude the New Testament video lecture series with Bart Ehrman, University of NC at Chapel Hill. This is an engaging lecture series touring all of the books of the New Testament. Each lecture is 30 minutes, followed by 30 minutes of discussion. No preparation required.

Feb 6-20 (3 weeks): "After the Benediction: How One Congregation Understands and Expresses Its Call to Mission," doctoral thesis discussion, Andy Kort

Feb 27-Mar 20 (4 weeks): Yoked or Paper Cranes, by Mihee Kim-Kort

Mar 27-Apr 10 (3 weeks): Jesus and the Disinherited, Thurman. In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed, and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower -- it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail.

Apr 17-Easter (no class)

Apr 24-May 22 (5 weeks): Race in America: Christians Respond to the Crisis; David Maxwell. Recent events in the United States have demonstrated the urgent need not only to discuss issues of racism in this country but to move toward meaningful antiracist work. Protestors in the street demand demonstrable change, and around the country, pastors, congregations, and other concerned Christians are looking for ways to clarify terms and issues around racism and discern how to respond.

*Originally published in 2016 as *Race in a Post-Obama America*, this updated edition offers contributions from a diverse group of pastors, professors, and activists on the history of racism, the issues of racism today, and action plans for moving toward antiracist work and racial justice. Updated material addresses police and police brutality, the ongoing work of Black Lives Matter, and black protests. New chapters examine racism in relation to immigration and digital media. Designed for individual or group study, *Race in America* includes questions for reflection and discussion.

Memorial-Labor Day Weekends 2022

Break for summer!



Adult Ed in KC4a with Deb Mitchell (September-May)

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