

2019 / 2020



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome, invited, and included to participate in any or all these growth opportunities.

Spiritual Growth Series

St. John United Church of Christ - Bellevue, Kentucky

About the Series

Welcome!

The purpose of the Spiritual Growth Series is to encourage each member, guest, and friend of St. John Church to listen for the word of God through faithful study of the Bible, prayer, service, and experience.

By gathering together in small groups throughout the year we meet new friends and strengthen relationships with one another, and with God. We also build a sturdy foundation that enables each person to ask the tough questions, struggle with the difficulties and joys of life, engage in dialogue, and respond faithfully to things that really matter. If you have a topic, book of the Bible, service project, or book you would like to suggest for a future study, or if you need financial assistance to participate in these opportunities, please contact me.

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C A T E C H E S I S

2019 New Fall Faith Formation

7-weeks of sharing community and faith

Co-sponsored by: Christ Church-Ft. Thomas,
St. John-Bellevue, and St. John's-Newport

Track 1: 6th – 12th grades

Making This Faith Our Own

Track 2: Adults

The Great Emergence Video & Book

Track 3: Adults

Faith Foundations

Wednesdays October 2 – November 13

Held in Newport at

St. John's United Church of Christ

415 Park Ave., Newport, KY

6pm Meal (\$5 adults, kids free)

7pm Growth Groups – Child Care Provided

Register: <http://christchurchft.org/ministries/catechesis/>

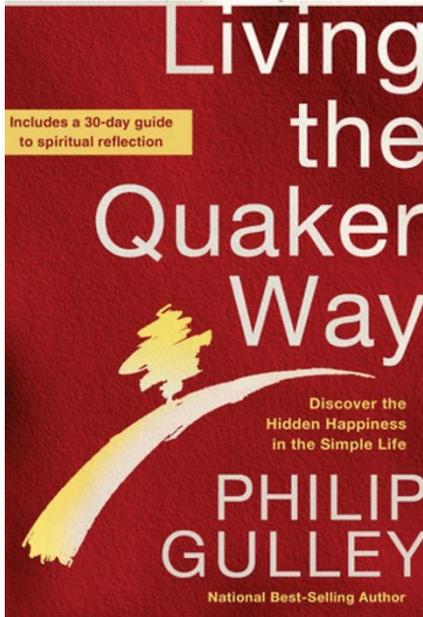
or at the Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary.

What is Catechesis?

Catechesis is an ancient word that refers to the process of learning the Christian faith. This process was rarely done alone, but rather with others seeking to learn and grow together. Catechesis connects us to how the early church gathered; they shared a meal called the Agape Feast and then learned what it means to follow Jesus.

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**2020
Lenten
Book Group**

Living the Quaker Way
-By *Philip Gulley*

**Five Wednesdays:
March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1**

Time: 7p – 8:30p, Rm 102

**Get your book at stores,
libraries, or Amazon.com.**

Registration deadline Feb. 26, 2020

Register by calling 859.261.2066, ext. 202; emailing Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; signing up at the Welcome Table; or using your Sunday Information Card.

THE LENTEN BOOK GROUP WILL EXPLORE THESE TOPICS EASILY REMEMBERED BY THE ACRONYM SPICE: SIMPLICITY, PEACE, INTEGRITY, COMMUNITY, AND EQUALITY.

Living the Quaker Way invites readers to encounter the defining commitments of the Religious Society of Friends and shows how those ideals can be incorporated in your life to bring renewal and eliminate the clutter that is keeping us from deeper spirituality. Gulley speaks to those who are disillusioned with religious institutions but are deeply interested in spiritual matters.

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AROUND *the* TABLE *Luncheons*

Sundays after Morning Worship:

September 15, 2019
October 13, 2019

January 19, 2020
February 16, 2020
March 15, 2020
June 14, 2020

The premise of Around the Table (AT) luncheons is that when we share relationship with one another we are more likely to live out the Church's mission together. AT luncheons are opportunities to meet new friends, discover common interests, engage in conversations, and establish relationships. Out of those friendships comes deeper connection and willingness to impact the needs in our communities and the people behind those needs together.

Order Meal: Phone: Cherie, 425-971-4703 or Jeff, 425-905-0827, Online: www.StJohnChurch.net, or Welcome Table. Adults \$7, \$5 for children 11 and under. Payment due with order. **Financial assistance is available.**

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Covenant Membership Formation

Winter 2019:

Saturday, November 16
9a - 2p

Spring 2020:

Saturday, May 2
9a - 2p

Dates don't work? Contact Pastor Keith for options.

Room 102, enter the accessible door off the parking lot.

Lunch ordered in from a local restaurant.

Teacher: Pastor Keith Haithcock



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Topics include:

Introduction to St. John Church, Statement of Faith, Spirituality, Baptism, Communion, the Bible, Giving, Freedom and Responsibilities, the Six Marks of Discipleship, Open and Affirming, and more.

Becoming a Covenant Member is more than your name on a list. It is a matter of faith, promise (covenant), and participation. This class is designed to help you discern if you are ready for this step on your journey.

Registration deadline: Sunday prior to class date

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Morning Prayer



**Every Wednesday at 8a
in the Sanctuary**

**Morning Prayer is a 30-minute period of
guided prayer, intercessory prayer,
meditation, and silence.**

**The accessible door at the ramp
off the parking lot is open by 7:45a.
Please enter the Sanctuary quietly.**

Begin your day with prayer.

Weekly Bible Encounter

**A Bible Study for Youth and Adults
Sundays @ 9a - Room 102**

The purpose of the Weekly Bible Encounter is to encounter the Bible through prayer, reading, study, scholarship, and inquisitive community.

**No registration, no commitment, no fee, no frills!
Attend when you are able.**



**Let's face it,
most of us
would not
read the Bible
if we didn't
have a plan.
Well, here's
your plan!**

Led by a team of saints and sinners.

**Previous Bible knowledge is not required.
Bibles are available.**

**Members, guests, friends, family,
and neighbors are always welcome.
Invite a friend to come with you!**

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Statements of St. John Church

Vision Statement

We are a source of hope and opportunity for people who need us. The community understands us the way we understand ourselves. Our ministry is open, accessible, and inviting in ways that encourage all members of the community to use their gifts in ministry.

Adopted by Church Council June 2012

Mission Statement

Our caring congregation feeds the spiritual and physical needs of the community.

Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of St. John United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation. We know that as the Church we are many members, but one body in Christ. With Christ we affirm that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that we are called to act as agents of reconciliation and wholeness within the world and within the church itself.

We pledge to welcome people of all races, ages, abilities, ethnicities, socio-economic levels, sexual orientations, and gender identities into the full life and ministry of the church. We affirm and celebrate all loving and committed relationships. We seek actively to include and support those who because of fear and prejudice find themselves in exile from a spiritual community.

We commit ourselves to caring and concern for all.

Adopted by the congregation November 2003

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of Our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:



You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from
aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified
and risen Savior, you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.