

Explore...
Your Faith



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How Would You Describe Your Faith?

Do you question how your faith impacts and informs your daily living? Do you wonder how your faith calls you into the world?

We invite you to join others with similar questions in a two-year journey called FAITH ALIVE!

Faith Alive! is an active and engaging study to help you:

- ~ Understand your spiritual gifts
- ~ Define your ministry and service
- ~ Explore the relationship of the Holy Scriptures and faith
- ~ Integrate faith into the workplace and daily living

FAITH ALIVE! 2018-2020 will hold weekend sessions (Friday, 7 p.m. until noon Sunday) in September 2018 and 2019, January 2019 and 2020, and April 2019 and 2020 (a total of six sessions). Faith Alive! meets at Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center, which provides four delicious meals during the weekend. It is located near Wautoma, Wisconsin. Sessions are led by persons experienced and respected in their fields. Participants will be provided with a book to read, and/or an assignment to complete prior to each session.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

~ Hebrews 11:1

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FAITH ALIVE! Sessions

September 14-16, 2018

What is My Story?

Discover your story and how you can honor it. Join others in discussing faith and our Christian “story”.

Leader: Rev. Dan Schwerin has traversed thirty years of shepherding in the UMC. He is Wisconsin-born, and served in Oklahoma as a student-pastor while in seminary, then came back to Wisconsin at Parfreyville, Jackson, the former Metro Regional Office, and now serves at Waukesha: First UMC. Dan loves his work in Waukesha. He is developing an urban ministry among community partnerships that serve the needs of children. He is married to Deb; and they have two grown children, and two very above average grandchildren. He was trained as a narrative preacher, and received post-graduate education in systems theory. His first collection of poetry is available from Red Moon Press. He will tell you that God created the human because God loves stories – and wants to do justice by them.

January 11-13, 2019

Who is God?

Spend the weekend exploring who God is, and the role God plays in our lives.

Leader: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung is the Resident Bishop of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church, and has served in this role since September of 2012. Prior to leading the Wisconsin Conference UMC, Bishop Jung served eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference (Chicago area), and as a pastor and District Superintendent in Wisconsin. Bishop Jung currently is President of the General Board of Global Ministries and the Korean National Plan. He is also serving Bread for the World as a director. Bishop Jung teaches many Academies for Spiritual Formation throughout the U.S. and global churches. Bishop Jung earned a PhD from the University of Madison-Wisconsin. Rev. Im Jung, Bishop Jung’s spouse, is serving on the staff of the Upper Room Ministries, Nashville. They are the parents of two adult sons, Jae-Hugh and Jae-Joon (Brittany).

April 26-28, 2019

Civility: Conflict Prevention & Resolution

Learn how to use acts of civility for preventing and resolving conflicts in life.

Leader: Rev. Paola Benecchi is currently serving at Waukesha Salem UMC. She has been a pastor in Methodist, Waldensian and United Methodist Churches in Italy and Wisconsin. During her more than twenty years in the ministry, she has led group studies on theological, social and biblical subjects; women’s, youth and family retreats; and several intergenerational and youth mission trips.

September 13-15, 2019

The Gospel’s Call to Justice and Inclusivity

Through scripture, story and soul-stretching, we will explore issues of oppression, power and privilege. In connecting our individual stories with the systems that weave our lives together, you will grapple with the ways our faith calls us to live in transformative and liberative ways as we partner with God in the work of creating a more just and equitable Church and world.

Leader: Rev. M Barclay is the first openly non-binary trans person commissioned as a deacon in The United Methodist Church. Barclay is currently serving as Co-Director of “enfleshed” where their ministry includes developing progressive spiritual resources for the purposes of “bringing what matters back to the gospel, for justice, liberation, and delight.” Through enfleshed, they contribute to progressive lectionary-based liturgies and devotionals, with preaching and teaching on faith and society, and providing resources for ministry with and for queer and trans Christians. Rev. Barclay is passionate about bringing fresh and relevant perspectives to the questions, traditions, and theologies that have sustained our faith communities for centuries. Formerly, M has enjoyed serving as a hospital chaplain, youth director, justice associate, faith coordinator for reproductive justice, and most recently, Director of Communications at Reconciling Ministries Network where they advocate for queer and trans inclusion in The United Methodist Church.

January 10-12, 2020

Making Personal Passion Matter

Connect all of who you are to the needs in our communities and world. Explore the way to live out your passions through discernment and action.

Leader: Rev. Richard Rubietta is an Elder in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church who has served as pastor with rural, urban, small town, and suburban congregations before his current appointment, as a modern day Circuit Rider. Rubietta has been crisscrossing Wisconsin and Illinois each week since 1999, introducing creative uses of music in worship, school assemblies, workshops, youth events, and retreats. With a music degree from Northwestern University and an M-Div. from Trinity Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, Rich is passionate about seeing each person discover their calling and develop their gifts for ministry.

April 17-19, 2020

Celebrate Calling

Living Out Our Purpose in a Life of Trust

Leader: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan is a psalmist, spiritual director, music composer, and event leader. He travels nationally inviting creativity and imagination into the life of faith. Trained in Theology and the Arts, he is currently working toward his Doctor of Ministry in Psalmology. Richard’s work has been published within the United Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Church of Christ denominations. Be welcome at Worldmaking.net and Psalmimmersion.com.



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Registration is limited to twenty-five participants. All are invited and encouraged to participate. Please register early, so we can reserve a place for you.

COST: FAITH ALIVE! is \$225 per weekend. This includes 2 nights of lodging, 4 meals and class materials. Scholarships are available. We would be happy to work with you to put together a package.



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