

LIFT: Winter/Spring 2023

Living In Faith Together (LIFT) on Sunday mornings between worship services is a time for faith formation through education, community, and collaboration. The goal of LIFT is to support and nurture lifelong maturing in Christian faith by integrating three main objectives:

1. *Knowing and understanding more fully the Christian faith (informing)*
2. *Developing and deepening a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community (forming)*
3. *Living the Christian faith in every aspect of our lives (transforming)*

Informing, forming, and transforming happens when we come together – in both multi-generational groups and peer groups, in-person and online, with long-time friends and people we just met. See you at LIFT!



ALL-AGES LIFT

January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

These are the Sundays when we gather together as a whole church family, typically the first Sunday of each month. This semester, All Ages LIFT will focus on different Biblical characters.

January 8 – The Magi

March 5--Samuel

May 7 – Women of the early church

February 5--Elijah

April 2 – Judas

CHILDREN'S LIFT Classes

Education building

Nursery is provided during worship and LIFT hours for newborns and toddlers, ages 0-2. Both baby and crawler nursery rooms are located on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Ages 3yrs.-5th grade – 9:50am-10:45am Classrooms are located on the 2nd Floor of the Education building. Children will be divided into 3 classes based on age/grade.



Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living, a new PCUSA curriculum we are using this year, is based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers.

This curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/15439/Follow-Me-Curriculum.aspx>

Covenant Choir: ages 3yrs – 5th grade – 9:30am-9:50am in the music room on the 2nd Floor of the Education Building. Prior to the Children's LIFT classes, Mrs. Casey will meet with the children for a time of musical learning and fun. All children are invited to this time of multi-age joyful "noise."



YOUTH LIFT Music

Youth Music with Mrs. Casey – 6th-12th grades; music room on the 2nd floor of the Education Building, 9:50-10:45am



A Youth Handbell Ensemble is being organized and will rehearse during the LIFT Hour. Choir activities will be included to encourage confidence and vocal development during this crucial age period. A strong emphasis will be placed on fellowship through music making and participation in the worship experience.

ADULT & YOUTH LIFT Classes



Faith & Movies: Coordinated by Michael Lehr & John Statler

Do you like to watch movies--both old favorites and unfamiliar titles? If you like to discuss the stories and themes in movies, and relate them to our sacred stories and faith, this class is for you. Class participants choose a movie for everyone to watch during the week and then lead the discussion in class.

Location: Church House Parlor

Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding - Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance - Led by Laura and Kurt Chewning

Explore dimensions of what it means to have enough through the parables of Jesus and other biblical references. This insightful study encourages readers to look at what is really most important to have in life--God's blessings, which are in abundance, for us.

Location: Zoom and Conference Room

Neighborhood Church – Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission Book Study – Led by Kim Clayton, Brittany Harvey, and Jen Rowe

How can we embody the values of love, grace, and justice? As faith communities, how can our collective embodiment of these values shine even brighter? The answers to these questions must always unfold right here, right now, exactly where God has planted us. *Neighborhood Church* acts as a resource to inspire churches to become a vibrant and engaging community partner with the families and neighborhoods living around them. Drawing on their combined sixty years of parish experience, wisdom from Asset-Based Community Development, and compelling case stories, authors Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller do more than just call us to incarnational ministry. They give practical, essential tools that lead to communal conversion, develop the DNA of listening, spur fruitful partnerships, promote integrated space, and sustain long-term visions.

Location: 1st Floor, Middle House

Galatians Bible Study – Led by Dorothy Mondak

This class will start with a look at Paul- what is his background, what are his credentials, what are his impacts? Then we'll look at the many themes found in the book written to the churches in Galatia- as well as other relevant scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. Some of those themes include defending the true gospel, justification through faith alone, children and heirs of God and the fruit of the Spirit. Our text book will be the Bible. Please feel free to bring yours, or there will be plenty available in class!

Location: Undercroft

Mark Your Calendars:

Coming in April . . . We welcome Rev. Dr. Roger Gench for a 3-week LIFT series on "Political Theology of the Cross and Racism" between services in the Fellowship Hall on April 16, 23, and 30. More details to follow . . .

May 21 – end of LIFT Winter/Spring 2023 semester