

## Book Discussions

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### Spiritalk

Usually meets on the third Sunday of the month in the Fireside Room from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**September 25:** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

**October 23:** *Love Wins* by Rob Bell

**November 20:** *March* by Geraldine Brooks

**January 15:** *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls

**February 19:** *Breaking Up with God* by Sarah Sentilles (Jerry Toshalis' daughter-in-law)

**March 18:** *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

**April 15:** *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier

**May 20:** *Zoo Story* by Thomas French

### Dissident Daughters

Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

This weekly book study group will be reading the books above in the indicated months. New members are always welcome!



## Adult Ed Council

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Bob and Linda Dudley - Co-Chairs

Rev. Julie Dix

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Laney Stewart

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The Adult Education Council is excited to present these fall offerings to you. In choosing these classes we have been guided by information gathered through our member survey, class discussion, suggestions and recommendations. The United Methodist quadrilateral of experience, tradition, reason and scripture has also guided us as we selected classes for you. Our hope is that these offerings will stimulate minds, stir hearts and call us all to action in our ever-changing world.

Linda and Bob Dudley,  
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## Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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**September 11:** *September 11th*, led by David Nellist in the Discovery Room.

**September 18:** *Generational Poverty*, led by Cheryl Bistayi in the Discovery Room. Presenting Ruby Payne's Framework for Understanding Generational Poverty. We will gain insight into those who live in or below the poverty level with info we all can benefit from, as we see how the economics we were raised within forms who, what, how we think, feel and live.

**September 25:** *Community Ministries Program*, led by Donna Shirey in the Discovery Room. We will discuss our own Community Ministries program and how it integrates into the community in which we live.

**October 2:** *Impact of CM Children on Volunteers*, led by David Shirey in the Discovery Room. What impact are the children having on us, the volunteers and staff of Community Ministries? The truth is, sometimes it's hard to tell whose life is changed more, theirs or those of us who care for them.

**October 9 and 16:** *The "Arab Spring," The Cry for Democracy in the Northern African, Middle East Countries* led by Dr. Roger Durham in the Discovery Room. Learn about how the historical, political, economic and social aspects of this area have sparked a desire for democracy. Dr. Roger Durham is chair of the Political Science Department at Aquinas College.

**October 23:** *Trip to Israel*, led by David Nellist in the Discovery Room.

**October 30 and November 6:** *Lyme Disease* led by Rev. Ken Lindland in the Discovery Room. Lyme Disease is a growing concern throughout Michigan and the Midwest. What is Lyme Disease? How is it spread? Learn about the seriousness of this disease and what you need to do to protect your family and advocate for a person who has been infected. Rev. Ken Lindland is a retired United Methodist Minister and member of TUMC.

**November 13:** *Imagine No Malaria*, led by Nichea Ver Veer Guy in the Discovery Room.

**November 20:** *Haiti: Cultural Identity and Legacy of Colonialism*, led by Valerie Mossman-Celestin. Who are the people of Haiti and what has been the impact of colonialism on the current state of Haiti?

**December 4:** *HAITI: Developing a Haitian Theology of Liberation*, led by Valerie Mossman-Celestin. A Haitian Theology of Liberation must be Christ-Centered and culturally relevant. How does culture play out in our faith expression and the mission field? How can an understanding of our dominant culture in comparison to the dominant culture of Haiti better inform us how to shift from "mission to others" and into "mission partnership with others?"

**December 11:** *HAITI: Voices of Haitian Women & Links of Solidarity*, led by Valerie Mossman-Celestin. The voices of Haitian women are often 'lost' in the rich history of Haiti and the struggle for freedom from forces of oppression. Yet their solidarity has been the 'poto mitan'—the center pole—of survival for Haitian families and communities. We will turn our attention to The United Methodist links of solidarity to Haiti, including the 'HAPI' (Haitian Artisans for Peace International) story.

**December 18:** *Parish Nursing: Walking Trees and Paper Plates*, led by Katie Orent in the Discovery Room. An overview of how Parish Nursing is integrated into a faith community.

## Other Opportunities

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### Financial Peace University

Sundays 9 to 11 a.m.

This 13-week course covers, debt elimination, retirement investments, college funding, and most importantly the peace of communication when it comes to dealing with your finances.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is taught by Dave Ramsey himself using DVD's. To sign-up, for more information or questions, please call Tara Lafferty (773.8001, rtclafferty@charter.net).

Sept. 11 *Super Saving*

Sept. 18 *Relating With Money*

Sept. 25 *Cash Flow Planning*

Oct. 2 *Dumping Debt*

Oct. 9 *Credit Sharks In Suits*

Oct. 16 *Buyer Beware*

Oct. 20 *Clause and Effect*

Oct. 30 *That's Not Good Enough*

Nov. 6 *Of Mice and Mutual Funds*

Nov. 13 *From Fruition To Tuition*

Nov. 20 *Working In Your Strengths*

Dec. 4 *Real Estate and Mortgages*

*The Great Misunderstanding*

Childcare is provided. First 5 kits sold are \$85, after that, they are \$100.

Past FPU members can attend all sessions for free at anytime!

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Watch your bulletins and newsletters for additional classes and special events.