

RESOURCES

LIBRARY

A wide variety of books on faith and spiritual matters are available in the Olmsted Parlor.

MUSIC LIBRARY

The music library, located in the Olmsted Parlor, contains a variety of both contemporary and traditional Christian music available to borrow. The majority of the music is on compact disc with some on cassette tape.

UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room is a booklet published every other month featuring daily devotionals and suggested Bible readings. It is available on the Opportunity Table in the Narthex at the entrance to the Sanctuary. It can also be emailed free of charge by subscribing online at www.upperroom.com/devotional.

ADVENT AND LENT

Devotional materials for adults and children are available during Advent and Lent on the Opportunity Table in the Narthex at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

SERMONS

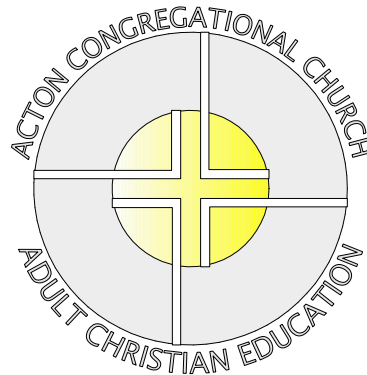
Our pastors frequently provide printed copies of their sermons on the Opportunity Table in the Narthex at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Some are also available online at www.actonc.org.

MISSION STATEMENT ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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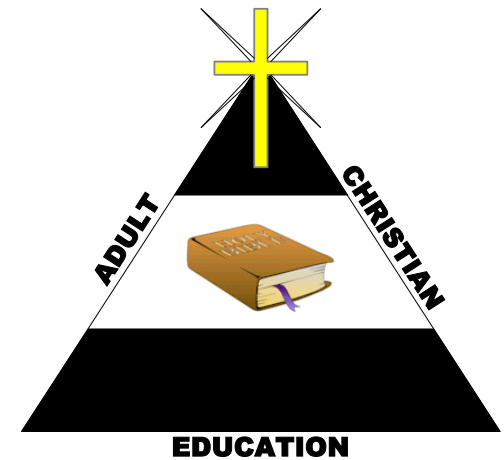
This will be accomplished by:

- Providing educational opportunities that target diverse populations and needs within the congregation
- Offering programs that deepen our relationship with God and nurture fellowship with one another
- Promoting biblically-based interpersonal skills
- Reaching out beyond the congregation in an invitational way to those in the surrounding community



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL SEEKERS
2008 - 2009



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GENERAL MINISTRIES

THE ALPHA COURSE

This practical exploration of Christianity requires no prerequisites and asks for no commitments from its participants who are simply welcome to bring their questions about faith and the meaning of life. Alpha consists of eleven weekly sessions each with a free buffet dinner followed by a video presentation and informal discussion. The first meeting is an introductory dinner only and the class begins the second session. For more information, contact Kathleen Ligouri at 978-692-2812 or kliguori@comcast.net.

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

September 16 – November 25, Hartman Hall

MARRIAGE COURSE

A series of seven sessions designed to help married couples build or enrich a healthy marriage to last a lifetime. The course is appropriate for newlyweds as well as couples who have been married for decades. It provides practical tools to strengthen relationships and gives couples a comfortable time and space for discussion in private. Each session includes a sociable meal, a video presentation, and an opportunity for discussion as a couple. For more information, contact Barbara North, 978-263-8539 or barbaraleenorth@aol.com.

Sundays, Sept. 21 and 28

October 5, 19, and 26
and November 2 and 16

5:30 – 8:30 PM

LENTEN CLASSES

An offering of classes focusing on the season of Lent and the road to Calvary will be offered on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday AM's by Rev. Andy Armstrong. To complement these studies, both a family style worship and a regular ½ hour worship will be held on Tuesday evenings. Our Sacrificial Suppers (soup and bread) will again be offered on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesdays, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
7:30 – 9 PM

Wednesdays, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1
10:30 AM - Noon
Olmsted Parlor

Adult Christian Education

BIBLE STUDIES

Three lay-led studies are offered this year, and will offer snacks, singing and guided discussion of a chosen Bible Chapter. All meet in the Olmsted Parlor. All are welcome!

Monday Night Bible Study – 6:45 – 9PM. Contact: Dick Caro – 978-635-9449

Tuesday Night Bible Study – 7 – 9 PM Contact Charlie Wright at 978-263-1056 or wright1204@aol.com.

Saturday Morning Bible Study – 8:30 – 10 AM – Contact: Laura Gourgas – 978-635-9916.

Bible Study with Rev. Andy Armstrong will be held on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – NOON in the Olmsted Parlor. Three studies will be held throughout the year, Sept. 10 – Nov. 12; Jan. 7 – Feb. 11; and May 6 – June 10.

Friday AM Prayer Breakfast – meets in Room 202 each Friday at 6:45 AM. This lay-run group meets weekly for study and prayer.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Offerings and events for women to grow spiritually and interpersonally, enjoy fellowship, develop meaningful relationships, and share in reaching out to others.

FAITH SHARING

A group for women of all ages to gather together weekly to grow in faith. Scripture is explored through lecture and small group discussion. There is also music, refreshments, sharing, and prayer. This fall we will study the character of David. What does it mean to develop a heart for God? Come explore topics such as finding strength, God's promises, facing temptation, and trust. New members are welcome to join at any time. We meet in Hartman Hall. Childcare is provided.

Thursdays 9:45-11:15 AM
September 25 – May 21

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - DECEMBER 6

WINTER DESSERT NIGHT – FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

SPRING BRUNCH – March TBA

WOMEN'S RETREAT - May 15-17

FELLOWSHIP COFFEES & POTLUCK BRUNCHES

Gatherings in the fall, winter, and spring.
Hosted by Faith Sharing in Hartman Hall.

For information about Women's Ministries, contact Carol DiCristina -- (978) 635-0596 or Lisa Vingerhoet -- (978) 264-0247

NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2008 - 2009

ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS

Several group discussions will take place during the coming church year. Participants will have the opportunity to ask the ACC ministers probing questions about our faith, learn about Christian caring from Stephen Ministry leaders, and explore the role of our faith in issues of social justice.

Wednesdays, September 24, October 22,
January 28, April 29 and May 27
7:30 – 9 PM
Olmsted Parlor

SPIRITUAL FORMATION STUDIES

Using Richard Foster's book, Devotional Classics we will continue our Lenten 2008 study of the various spiritual practices of people of faith throughout history. Each week will focus on one individual and will seek to understand their experience of God through a specific spiritual practice. This lay-led offering will be held on Sundays between services.

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Jan. 18
Feb. 15, Mar. 15, April 19 and May 17
10 – 10:30 AM, Olmsted Parlor