

## **Jan's Journal**

Happy Fall!

Welcome to the third week of the Season of Creation.



Scripture Readings for this Sunday: Genesis 1: 1-2; 9-13; 24-31

Mathew 13: 1-9

I invite you to read these passages of scripture and ponder them, pray with them, delve into them. What strikes you in these passages? I often find it interesting to read the scripture in a number of different versions of the Bible. Different phrasing can change how we perceive the scripture.

I would like to begin a “Lectionary Group” in a week or two. This would be a group of interested persons who would gather each week, either at the church or online, to chat about the chosen passages of scripture for the coming Sunday and what they mean to us. I’m thinking that this could take place on Thursdays over lunch or in the early afternoon. Please let me know whether this is of interest to you and whether you would prefer to meet in -person or on Zoom.

I also plan to begin a small group which I call “Coffee and Conversation”. Last week, I had suggested Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am until noon. It has been brought to my attention that this time would not work for members of the Ladies Workshop.

It is impossible to find a time that will work for everyone, however, I would like to accommodate as many people as possible. Would a Tuesday morning between 10:30 a.m. and noon be better? Please let me know your preference of day and whether you would prefer in-person or on Zoom.

This will be a Faith Formation group and will focus on spirituality and faith development through theme topics and discussion. I plan to begin with “Autumn Rambles” a program from *The Prayer Bench*. This program encourages you to walk each day and as you walk to consider a specific item as you stroll. Then bring your experiences to the group. How far you walk is entirely up to you. You can walk outdoors, or in building hallways, or come to East Plains and walk around Peart Hall, if it is not in use. You can walk using any assistive device that you require. If necessary, you can move in a wheelchair. When we have finished our “rambles” we will choose another focus for our discussions. Again, please let me know whether this interests you and whether you would prefer to meet in person or on Zoom.

This group is intended to be open and fluid. Feel free to join when you can. You do not need to make a long-term commitment, although it is my hope that you will enjoy the discussions and feel inspired to continue to attend.

I'm always interested in your thoughts and your comments.

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Blessings,

Pastor Jan