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*The 2020 Frederick School of Religion*

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My congregation & location: \_\_\_\_\_

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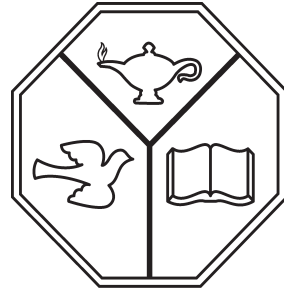
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**OUR 37TH YEAR**

**THE 2020  
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Classes on six  
**MONDAYS and TUESDAYS**  
February 24 – March 31  
SNOW DATES: APRIL 6 & 7

Meeting at:

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
of Frederick  
4880 Elmer Derr Road  
Frederick, MD 21703-7427**

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**MONDAYS: February 24 – March 30**

1 Canticles: Songs from Scripture	Afternoons 1:00 - 3:00
2 Mystics & Visionaries of Christianity	Afternoons 1:00 - 3:00
3 What Is Evil? Theological & Philosophical Investigations	Afternoons 1:00 - 3:00
4 The Early Years of the Christian Enterprise	Evenings 7:00 - 9:00
5 Creation Care – Climate Justice	Evenings 7:00 - 9:00

**TUESDAYS: February 25 – March 31**

6 God in Process: Introduction to Process Theology	Afternoons 1:00 - 3:00
7 The Jewish Context of the Christian Bible	Afternoons 1:00 - 3:00

**Complete course descriptions are below.**  
*Each course is eligible for up to 1.2 CEU credits.*

**1 Canticles: Songs from Scripture**  
*Mondays 1:00 – 3:00*

In addition to the Book of Psalms, numerous passages found in the Old and New Testaments are believed to be songs. These include Miriam’s Song, Song of the Three Young Men, Song of Zechariah, various songs in Paul’s letters, and the great songs found in the book of Revelation. In this course we will study many of these passages and consider their importance throughout Jewish and Christian history.

*Wayne L. Wold is Professor of Music and Chair of the Music Department at Hood College, Director of Music at First Lutheran Church of Ellicott City, and an active performer, composer, author and clinician. He holds degrees from Shenandoah Conservatory, Wittenberg University and Concordia College.*

**2 Mystics & Visionaries of Christianity**  
*Mondays 1:00 – 3:00*

A study of the 13th Century mystic-warrior Meister Eckhart will introduce us to mysticism in the history of religion and Christianity. We will examine the thinking and mysticism of two important women mystics – Hildegard of Bingen and Julian of Norwich. But what is mysticism? What is the importance of mysticism in developing one’s spirituality and faith? Can we learn to understand the future of planet earth? Is there still room for mystery in Christianity?

*Raymond Moreland served as the Executive Director of the Maryland Bible Society for 14 years. He is a retired United Methodist Minister and an Adjunct Faculty Member at Frederick Community College. He holds M.A., M.Div., D.Min. and Ph.D. degrees.*

*If Frederick County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Frederick School of Religion will also be closed.*

### 3 What Is Evil? Theological & Philosophical Investigations

*Mondays 1:00 – 3:00*

We all know evil when we encounter it—the villains of history, routine brutality in the news, hateful violence of sociopaths. Using a twenty-first century, postmodern perspective, we will investigate what evil is, why it exists in history and the human heart, and how we might best respond.

*Carl Gregg is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Furman University, with a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy. He earned a M.Div. from Brite Divinity School and a D.Min. from San Francisco Theological Seminary.*

### 4 The Early Years of the Christian Enterprise

*Mondays 7:00 – 9:00*

Just what was the church during those early, formative years? A popular cult, catching the imagination of thousands? A subversive movement, sapping the life from a great civilization? Or was the church, as her converts believed, the embodiment of God's consummate love for a fallen humanity, born at the cross and nourished by the blood of her martyrs? Return with us to those glorious, dangerous days as we survey the first five centuries of Christianity's story. Can we hear the voices of women and the marginalized above the din of the theological rancor of the powerful?

*Dr. Charles L. Harrell, Director of Pastoral Care at Asbury Solomons, holds a Ph.D. from Duke University with a concentration in early Christianity and serves as adjunct faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington.*

### 5 Creation Care – Climate Justice

*Mondays 7:00 – 9:00*

Our earth is in crisis due to climate change. It's an emergency. This study invites people of faith to understand climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Climate injustice is the result of climate change. The church needs to more powerfully model a way of doing it differently. This will also entail asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, and our understanding of efficiency.

*Mike Koob is a certified Climate Justice Study Leader, a Global Ministries Earthkeeper, and Creation Care Chairperson with the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Mike has a B.S. from Loyola University of Chicago and an M.B.A. from Averett College. Sherie Koob has a B.S. from North Carolina State University and is an Earthkeeper.*

### 6 God in Process: Introduction to Process Theology

*Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00*

Do you ever wonder if God is in control? Do you ever struggle to hold onto traditional doctrines that claim God is all-powerful and all-knowing with the doctrine that God is all-loving? Have you longed for language that allows us to understand our own responsibility and empowerment in our faith lives instead of feeling trapped by God's Plan?

*Shannon E. Sullivan serves as the associate pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church in downtown Frederick. She graduated with an M.Div. from Drew Theological School, where she studied with Dr. Catherine Keller. She first encountered process theology through her mother, a pastor and student of Dr. Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki.*

### 7 The Jewish Context of the Christian Bible

*Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00*

Jesus was Jewish as were the people to whom he preached. The early generations of his followers also did not see themselves as belonging to a different religion, but considered themselves to be Jewish. For this reason, we will explore aspects of Jewish religion and culture as related to selected teachings and stories from the Christian cannon to gain a deeper appreciation of what the teachings of Jesus might have meant to those who were present during his lifetime and shortly thereafter.

*Jordan Hersh has served as the rabbi of Beth Sholom Congregation since 2013. He began his formal Jewish studies at a Yeshiva in Jerusalem and received both rabbinic ordination and an M.A. in Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Languages from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.*

#### DIRECTIONS

**From Frederick, take U.S. 15S/340W to the Mt. Zion Road exit. Turn left (with care) at the STOP sign, cross over the overpass, turn right onto Elmer Derr Rd. Go 1.6 miles. The building is on the right.**

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