

## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE 2018-2019

If you have never attended the Sunday Adult Forum, this is the year to start! In addition to a wide variety of fascinating topics and speakers, this year's line-up already includes at least two wonderful and provocative multi-session series led by Pastor Gary Bunge that you will not want to miss.

Both series are DVD-based but will also include ample time for questions and discussion. The first is entitled Making Sense of the Cross (see below for details). Our second series, The Jesus Fatwah, will begin in January or February and next-door neighbor, Imam Sohail Chaudhry, will play a role in this as well.

Adult Forum is open to all and requires no advance preparation or homework! Some topics, in fact, are so timely, important, and interesting that, over the past few years, various members have invited friends to attend them. *(Such "community interest" forums will always be noted as such on the schedule. The Jesus Fatwah is surely one of those!)*

**The Forum Schedule is posted 24/7 on the brightly colored easel in the narthex. Each Sunday's topic will also appear on our website, in the preceding Sunday's bulletin, and in the weekly listserve announcements.**

Whether you normally attend first or second service, be sure to mark your calendar to include a truly wonderful 50 minutes spent immediately after or before your time of worship.

- **Sunday Adult Forum: 9:40 am – 10:30 am in the Fireplace Room off the Narthex**
- **All are welcome!**

Here's the line-up for September through November:

### **September 23<sup>rd</sup> Kick-off Forum on Energy Conservation (plus a special perk)!**

- Get free home energy products! *(Oh boy!)*
- Learn how to lower your utility bill! *(Yes!)*
- Become better stewards of the environment! *(Count me in!)*
- Earn monetary rewards for ULC! *(Let's help rack up ULC's rewards!)*

**Come to this year's kick-off forum for expert home energy-saving tips applicable to all as well as information about free Home Energy Assessments from guest speaker, Amber Clark, and our own Earthkeeping Team.**

Because of ULC's participation in the Consumers Energy House of Worship Rewards Program, ULC members who are also Consumers Energy customers are eligible to sign up for a **free Home Energy Assessment** performed by a trained analyst. The analyst will perform a visual inspection of your home, install high-efficiency products where needed and share a customized summary report with energy saving tips and recommended actions for your home. On average, the high efficiency products are worth about \$50.00. They include LED bulbs, faucet aerators and showerheads, LED nightlights and water heater pipe wraps. The estimated energy savings is up to \$100.00-\$150.00 per

year. **Note:** We hope to have handouts explaining similar offerings from DTE Electric and from Board of Water and Light.

Members of the Islamic Center will be our guests at this forum as they, too, are participating in the House of Worship Rewards Program along with Haslett Community Church and ULC.

If you've never attended ULC's Adult Forum before, this is a GREAT one to start with. Please join us on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at from 9:40 – 10:30 (between services) in the Fireplace Room!

**Beginning September 30, 2018 Pastor Gary will present a 6 Part Study series, entitled "Making Sense of the Cross".** This DVD-based series presented by David Lose through AugsbergFortress.com will allow ample time for questions and discussion.

*"Making Sense of the Cross": The cross is clearly at the center of our faith and yet Christians and other people of faith have had questions about it ever since the crucifixion and resurrection. E.g., what does God look like through the lens of the cross? What, exactly, did God do through the person of Jesus and how does this shape our lives today? What have Christians, including the gospel writers, said about the cross through the centuries? How does Luther's Theology of the Cross relate to our sense of God as all powerful and all-knowing? [Paraphrased from the series website]*

Sep 30 Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 1 — A Man Hanging on a Tree.

Oct 7 Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 2 — Portraits and Perspectives

Oct 14 Pastor Haley Vay: Meet the One Community Student Associates and hear about the coming year's plans!

Oct 21 Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 3 — Ransom and Victory

Oct 28 ULC Council: Preview of Annual Meeting Agenda

Nov 4 Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 4 — Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice

Nov 11 Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 5 — Example and Encouragement

Nov 18 Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 6 — Event and Experience

Nov 25 Thanksgiving weekend, no forum

*Additional dates will appear soon!*

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