

### **Mailbox Room Class**

Meets in the “mailbox room” at the back of the sanctuary and uses the International Sunday School lesson material. Most members of the class are of retirement age, but they welcome visitors of all ages. Sharing current happenings and needs is important to this group, so time is given at the beginning of each class period for that.

### **Auditorium Class**

Meets in the northwest corner of the auditorium (at the intersection of E. Chestnut St. and Sherman St.) and studies the International Sunday School lesson because it's a disciplined way of being engaged by the Bible. The group reads the text and then together aims to discern how to faithfully live the passage. There is a lot of freewheeling discussion, they don't always agree, yet do respect each others' points of view. Class begins with each person having an opportunity to talk briefly about his/her concerns, struggles, joys, as a means of caring for each other. Most are in their 50s, but there have been regular participants in their 80s and 30s!

### **Good Grounds**

A group of post-college young adults and others who meet on the second floor (rear) of 434 E. Chestnut Street. Topics of study vary, but are not serial, so anyone can join on any given Sunday. Visitors are always welcome. Class is discussion-based. Regular members of the class also meet periodically for dinner and activities.

### **Second Mile**

Invites participants on a journey of study, action, and reflection based on the biblical call to peace. Lessons on the spirituality of peacemaking and conflict resolution are interspersed with lessons on family relationships, war/peace, economic justice, service and much more. (For more information see: [www.gosecondmile.org](http://www.gosecondmile.org).) This class, with most members being in their 30s or 40s (and beyond) meets on the second floor (front) of 434 E. Chestnut Street.

### **Conference Room Class**

Meets in the conference room behind the pastor's office on the first floor of 434 E. Chestnut Street. Consists of adults heading into retirement and learning to live in retirement. The class uses the International Sunday School materials, and works on ways to reach out to newcomers to the church.

### **Balcony Class**

Meets in the balcony (where the nursery is during worship services). They are working through a series during the Winter Quarter which involves significant preparation during the week. This class consists of members in their 30s and 40s (and is a companion class to the Second Mile class).

## **Sanctuary Elective**

Politics for Christians in This Time and Place. Those who pray the Lord's Prayer ("thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"), are making a political claim. That is, that God's will includes a vision for human community. The focus of the discussion is not on political parties, but on faithful living. The class is led by Berry Friesen and runs from December 3 to February 25. It begins with two introductory sessions on the meaning of "politics," a two-session study of the book of Colossians as a biblical reference point, presentations from several individuals holding divergent ideas of how Christians are to be "political," and several sessions devoted to class discussion and discernment. This class meets in the sanctuary. All are welcome to enter at any point along the way.

Note: Many of our classes use the **International Sunday School** materials, a series of lessons built around a scriptural theme or portion of scripture. There is a lesson for each week of the quarter, with questions for discussion.

The theme for the Winter Quarter is the **"Jesus Christ: A Portrait of God."**

### **Quarters:**

Fall – September through November  
Winter – December through February  
Spring – March through May  
Summer – June through August

## ***Adult Sunday School Classes***

### ***East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church***



December, 2006 – February, 2007

### **Schedule:**

**Sundays 10:45 – 11:30**

(or beginning 15 minutes after the end of the morning worship service, and lasting for 45 minutes)

*Please feel free to get a cup of coffee or tea before heading off to the class of your choice!*