

New Questions Change Everything!

Women's Critical & Creative Dialog with the Bible

Today scholars, especially women scholars, engage scripture out of **their experience** and social locations around the globe. **New methods** actively engage readers in critical and creative dialog with scripture and demonstrate how big the questions can become. Ecofeminist, womanist, and other liberation theologies **give voice** to women, to people of color, people in poverty, people once colonized, and **all of us** in these seminars.

Mondays 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

SPRING I: WISDOM'S PROPHET: COMMUNITIES OF EQUALS

February 8: Women in the Christian Community (Acts)

February 15: "No longer male and female, slave or free—one in Christ (Galatians 3.28; Acts; Romans)

February 22: In Memory of Them: Women in the First Gospel (Mark)

March 1: In Memory of Them Who Tell the Story (Mark)

SPRING II: SPIRIT, FIRE, AND SOCIAL ORDER

March 8: Matthew's Gospel; Women and Slaves in Jesus' Parables, Divorce

March 15: Luke's Gospel; Keeping Women in Their Place and the Poor With Us

March 22: Mary, Martha, Evolving House Churches, Prodigals (Luke)

March 29: John's Gospel; Wisdom's Community

SPRING III: SPIRIT ANIMATING EVERY GENERATION

April 5: Discipleship as Friendship (John 13-17)

April 12: Household Codes: Taming Pentecost (1 Corinthians; Ephesians; 1, 2 Timothy)

April 19: Persistent Icons of Hope and Healing (Revelations 1-2, 16-21)

April 26: Women Leaders: Tensions between Mary Magdalene and Peter (Gospel of Thomas; Gospel of Mary Magdalene) **Guest Instructor:** Ann Graham Brock, Ph.D.

INSTRUCTOR

Joan Mitchell, CSJ, MTS, Harvard Divinity School; **Ph.D.** in New Testament, Luther Seminary, St. Paul; publisher of Good Ground Press and editor of *Sunday by Sunday*, the lectionary-based tool for adult faith sharing.

Guest Professor April 26: Ann Graham Brock, Ph.D. New Testament and Early Christian Traditions, Harvard University; professor, Illif School of Theology, Denver; author, *Mary Magdalene, The First Apostle: The Struggle for Leadership in the Early Church*.

Text: *New Revised Standard Bible*

The syllabus is online at wisdomwayscenter.org. It lists the required and optional reading for each evening.

Who Should Come?

- ◆ Spiritual seekers
- ◆ Active adult learners
- ◆ Both women and men
- ◆ The devout and the disaffected
- ◆ Young adults
- ◆ Those with and without background in theology
- ◆ Clergy, church staff, and volunteers

What's Expected?

- ◆ Weekly reading assignments
- ◆ Journaling
- ◆ Transformative conversation
- ◆ Reading, reporting on one theologian

REGISTER

- ◆ Online: www.wisdomwayscenter.org
- ◆ Call 651-696-2788

Cost: \$90 per four sessions; \$245 for twelve sessions CEU and credit options available. Hedgerow alumnae can participate in the April 26th evening free of charge.

Location: Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN