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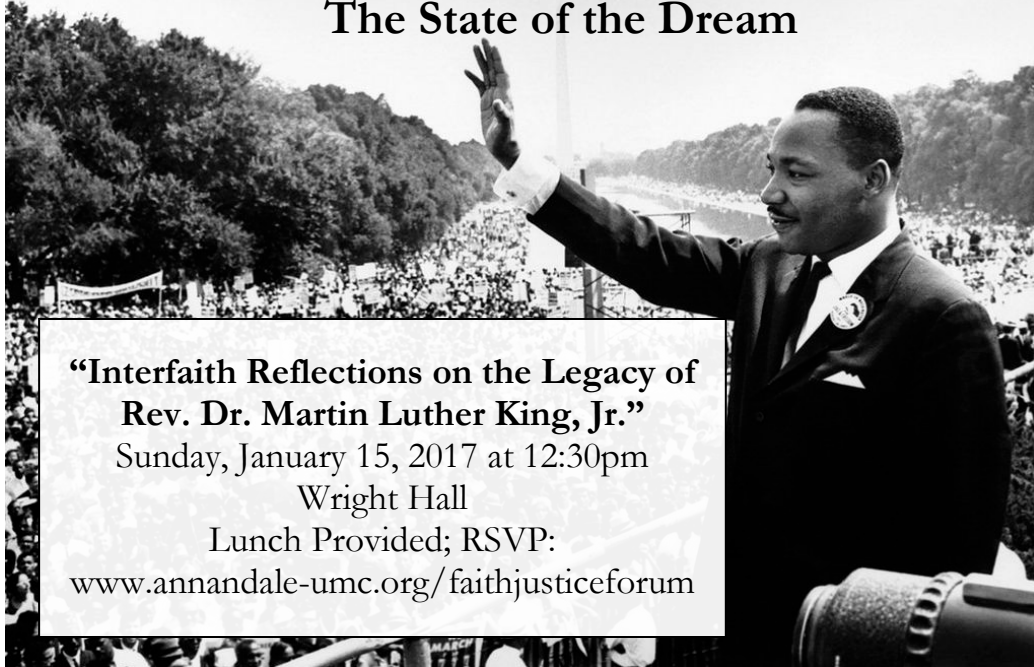


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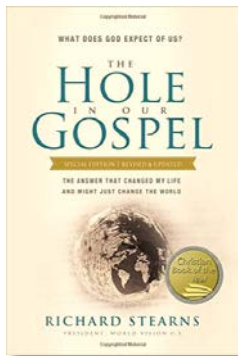
Spring Update 2017



FaithJustice Forum  
presents  
The State of the Dream



**“Interfaith Reflections on the Legacy of  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”**  
Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 12:30pm  
Wright Hall  
Lunch Provided; RSVP:  
[www.annandale-umc.org/faithjusticeforum](http://www.annandale-umc.org/faithjusticeforum)



**LENTEN STUDY 2017**

**THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL**

*What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer That  
Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*  
by **Richard Stearns**

**March 1 – April 16**

Is the Christian faith only about going to church, studying the Bible, and avoiding the most serious sins—or does God expect something more? Have we embraced the whole gospel or a gospel with a hole in it? Richard Stearns says it took answering God’s call on his life, a call that tore him out of his corner office at one of America’s most prestigious corporations—to walk with the poorest of the poor in our world. Through personal story and theological reflection, the author demonstrates that the whole gospel was always meant to be a world-changing, social revolution, a revolution that begins with each one of us.

Richard Stearns is the president of World Vision, a Christian humanitarian aid, development, and advocacy organization active in more than 90 countries around the world.

Lenten Study 2017 will include a sermon series, DVD, book study, class discussion, and small groups, along with invitations to mission opportunities. For more information about Lenten Study 2017, visit the Academy website at [www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship](http://www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship).

## ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Finding the Best Group for You at this Season in Life

Sunday, January 8 – During Fellowship Hours

Annandale UMC offers a variety of small groups: Bible study, fellowship, support, affinity, life-stage, and more. Which one is right for you? Come learn about your options in a fun and creative format.

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## FAITH JUSTICE FORUM

Spring 2017 – “Religion, Equality, and Social Justice”

The FaithJustice Forum offers the opportunity to explore how faith impacts the important social justice issues of our time. The forum is a time of Bible study, book studies, guest speakers, discussions, and ultimately faith-based action. The theme for Spring 2017 is “Religion, Equality, and Social Justice.” The monthly forum resumes on Sunday, Jan 15 with our third annual “The State of the Dream.” Light lunch and child care available at each forum. Contact Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver for more information.

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## CLASS UPDATES

For complete descriptions of over 20 classes and small groups, visit [www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship](http://www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship).

### **Bible Fellowship Class**

*Jerry Beyer*

This class engages in comprehensive study of scripture to incorporate Biblical truths into daily life. This Spring, the class will begin a study of Hebrews.

**Sundays, 9:45 AM**

**Room 111**

### **Christian Mysticism (New Class)**

*Candace Means*

This class will explore the practices and writings of the Christian mystic tradition. It will consider how Christian seers, saints, and sages have pursued a deeper connection with the Divine.

**Sundays, 9:45 AM**

**Room 210**

### **Parents & Promises**

*Jim Harrington, Scott Taggart*

This class provides a supportive Christian community for parents of young children. Beginning in January they will begin a study of “Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids.”

**Sundays, 9:45 AM**

**Room 310**

### **Immanuel Class**

*Janet Woods*

In January this class will begin a study of Judaism and Islam and their relationship to Christianity. Class discussions will be based upon a DVD series, “Cultural Literacy for Religion: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know,” by Professor Mark Berkson of Hamline University.

**Sundays, 9:45 AM**

**Room 300**

### **In His Steps**

*Bill Iwig*

In January this class will conclude its study of “God of Justice,” a discussion-based curriculum exploring the biblical narrative of justice throughout the whole of Scripture. In February, the class will study topics of interest chosen by the class and share personal faith stories.

**Sundays, 9:45 AM**

**Room 302**

### **Tuesday Bible Study**

*Gloria Rothman*

This group recently started studying Paul's Letter to the Romans, which is considered by many to be the single most influential document within the Scriptures.

**Every other Tues, 9:45 AM**

**Room 300**



**Spring 2017 Schedule**  
Classes begin January 8, 2016

Day and Time	Class / Group	Teacher / Facilitator	Room	Enrollment Information
Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM	Bible Fellowship	Beyer	111	
	Brownies with Brown	Brown	212C	
	Christian Mysticism	Means	210	Starts Jan 22
	Exploring Faith in Life	Day	303	
	Immanuel	Woods	300	
	In His Steps	Iwig	302	
	Issues in Christianity	Sabo	307	
	Parents and Promises	Harrington	305	
	Williams Bible Class	TBA	118	
	Women in Search of Truth	Carney/Poole	306	
	Women of the Day	Hampton/Montgomery	Parlor	
Sun, 12:30 PM	FaithJustice Forum	Johnson-Oliver	210	Resumes Jan 15
Sun, 12:30 PM	Young Adult Chat and Chew	Carrillo	Various	Resumes Feb 12
Sun, 4:00 PM	Annandale Home Group	Moeller	Home	Resumes Jan 9
Mon, 9:30 AM	Centering Prayer Group	Rogerson/Stewart	308	Resumes Jan 9
Mon, 7:00 PM	Bailey's Crossroads Group	TBA	City Diner Restaurant 5616 Leesburg Pike	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7:00 PM	Grace & Truth Small Group	G. & J. FitzGibbon/ Mitchell/Mock	Parlor	Resumes Jan 9
Tue, 10:00 AM	Tuesday Bible Study	Rothman	300	Resumes Jan 10
Tue, 7:00 PM	A Closer Walk Bible Study	Adams	307	Resumes Jan 10
Wed, 7:30 AM	Prayer & Praise Bible Study	Meekins	307	Ongoing
Wed, 7:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study	Carrillo	210	Resumes Feb 1
Thu, 7:00 PM	Alexandria Home Group	Bruce	Home	Resumes in April
Thu, 7:00 PM	Disciple 1 Fast Track	Brown	209	Ongoing
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat, 7:30 AM	1 Kings Men's Bible Study	Iwig	Jukebox Diner 7039 Columbia Pike	

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