



All School of Wisdom Monday and Wednesday courses will be online. There will be no meetings on campus. You will receive sign-in instructions after you register.

## Spring 2021 Courses

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## *Monday Evening Courses*

### **Contemplative Prayer**

Diana Beardsley, Coordinator

Monday evenings 5:30 – 5:50 pm, January 25 - April 19

Join us for Contemplative Prayer. We begin with the sound of a bell, enter silence for 20 minutes, and end with music and/or a bell.

All are welcome regardless of contemplative practice (*lectio divina*, centering prayer, Christian meditation, mindfulness meditation, etc.). Join us as you are able during the semester, although registration is required so we can send you the Zoom link to sign in to join in community prayer.

Registrants will be contacted by the coordinator in advance of the first gathering on Jan 25. You do not need to be enrolled in a School of Wisdom class to participate. Open to all.

## Coming Home – the Grace in Aging

Diana Beardsley, Facilitator

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*In the middle of this road we call our life,  
I found myself in a dark wood  
With no clear path through.*

- Dante Alighieri

We lack a developed spirituality for the second-half of life. As we grow into our wisdom years, we often discover there is a dearth of spiritual guidance to help us navigate the diminishment, loss, grief and challenges of aging with grace and self-compassion. The hope is that this class will begin to prepare us to live wisely and well, learning to see “dying to self” as a grace so that in the words of Henri Nouwen, “they might be able to give both their life and death away” for the sake of the world.

This one-semester course will include a buffet of outside reading from across spiritual traditions including sacred scripture, the mystics and select spiritual writers, as well as some secular writings. It will consider different psycho-spiritual models of aging and spiritual growth. It will also include the opportunity for participants to address the challenges they find most prominent in their personal journeys by setting personal intention, engaging in guided introspection and contemplative practice, processing their discoveries through small group process, as well as discovering ah-hah moments with monthly mini-projects including life mapping and creative process. Participants will also be encouraged to participate in regular spiritual direction if they are not already so engaged.

The class is limited to 14. Reading list will be provided to registrants in advance of class start date. If you desire more information about the course, please contact Diana directly at [diana78131@att.net](mailto:diana78131@att.net) or 830-626-3991.

Diana Beardsley, M.A. L.P.C.

Diana is a licensed professional counselor and seminar facilitator whose passion is individual spiritual formation. She has been personally working with the process of aging, diminishment, death and loss for over a decade. Professionally, she has worked with those dealing with major life transitions including physical diminishment, grief and loss. Grounded in Christianity but enriched by the other great spiritual traditions of the world, she finds wisdom and wonder in the tools available to help us navigate “the dark wood.” A participant in Oblate School of Theology’s Forest Dwelling program in 2019, she was inspired to develop a short-course to address some of the aspects covered by that two-year program. She is a member of St Mark’s Episcopal Church and the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee and has offered classes through the School of Wisdom for over a decade.

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## The Story of the Bible

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The Bible has consistently been the world's best selling book. It has been printed an estimated 5 billion times, and translated into at least 2,043 different languages. "Compiled over centuries, the Bible is considered to be both a divinely inspired message and the work of human authors. Throughout its history, it has grown from a collection of stories and teachings shared through oral tradition to a founding text for three of the world's great religions. It has been copied and recopied into countless manuscripts, pronounced from the pulpit, studied in universities and synagogues, and read in private. Translated and distributed all over the world, it bears the mark of the many cultures that have debated its meaning and prized its wisdom."

"In **The Story of the Bible**, renowned scholar Luke Timothy Johnson [will] illuminate ...the remarkable and complicated process by which this great book came into being. Tracing the development of biblical texts across millennia, Professor Johnson takes you on a journey from the farthest reaches of ancient history through antiquity and the Middle Ages up to the present. You'll learn about the many forms the Bible has taken and the ways history, scholarship, and technology have helped shape this great tradition, as well as the Bible's powerful influence on human history and culture." "Throughout its history, the Bible has served as a powerful force, both reflecting and shaping the cultures that have read and embraced it. Over the centuries, perceptions of the Bible have inspired everyday men and women and shaped nations; they've sent nations to war and martyrs to their deaths."

This course is a DVD course from The Teaching Company. Professor Johnson is one of the best instructors in a large pool of excellent instructors. This course is about the Bible itself, not primarily about its contents. It is a one-semester course, and will require generally viewing two, 30-minute video lectures per session. Access to a course study guide will be provided; used copies of a transcript book can sometimes be found for purchase on line if desired. Quotations in the above description are taken from The Teaching Company's web site.

The Rev. Gary Gooch

Gary graduated from Oklahoma State University with a B.S. (1957) and M.S. (1967) in Chemical Engineering. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company as a Process Development Engineer and then as Senior Engineering Analyst in their computing department. He also served in the US Air Force as a weather officer and forecaster and was discharged with rank of Captain, USAFR. Gary graduated from Nashotah House Cum Laude (1974) and was ordained Deacon in June 1974 followed by ordination as a priest in December 1974 by Bishop Chilton Powell of Oklahoma. He has served as curate, vicar, rector and pastor of churches throughout Oklahoma and Kansas. After "retiring" in 1996, he and his family moved to San Marcos. He continues his ministry through Partners in Ministry, is an active member of St Mark's Episcopal Church and a regular facilitator with the School of Wisdom

## Wading in the Edge of a Deep Sea of Theology

Jim Kimmel, Facilitator

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Come along with me as we dip our toes into some real, and really good, theology, very well written. We're going to sample the powerful thoughts of Catherine Keller in her book *On the Mystery: Discerning Divinity in Process*. Sample is the operative word here. This book is the basis of yearlong graduate theology courses, so we will only get a taste. But think what we would have missed without a taste of fine chocolate!

Keller is a process theologian. She defines process thusly: "Process in this book means becoming: it signifies the intuition that the universe itself is not most fundamentally a static being or the product of a static Being—but an immeasurable becoming."

"The truth-process does not eliminate uncertainty or its chaos. It makes it visible, in order to release a livelier, more redemptive, order. But such order, like the truth it supports, cannot be imposed: it must emerge."

Are we called to participate in the co-creation of a "new heaven and new Earth?" The thought Keller inspires prepares for that exciting work.

How this course will work:

It will all be on Zoom. For each class meeting you may select passages from the book that excite, perplex, or offend you. I will also send selected passages that we might discuss. Our purpose is not to finish the book or to say we have done a survey of process theology. We are wading around, picking up seashells. But what fun!

Maximum class size is 24 (so I can see you all on the same screen!)

Text: *On the Mystery: Discerning Divinity in Process*, by Catherine Keller, Fortress Press, 2008.

Jim Kimmel

I was educated as a cultural ecologist and realized early on that our beliefs about cosmology and theology were the drivers of almost everything we do and how we do it. I've studied theology at the Yale Divinity School, the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, and with John Philip Newell, Rabbi Rami Shapiro, and Mirabeau Starr. Contact me at [kimmel.jim@gmail.com](mailto:kimmel.jim@gmail.com)

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# Order, Disorder, Reorder

Brandon Beck and Jerry Kimmel, Facilitators

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In 9th grade, I (Brandon) became fascinated with fractal geometry and the mathematics of chaos theory. The latest theological work from Fr Richard Rohr and colleagues of The Living School at the Center for Action and Contemplation centers on one of the foundational tenets of chaos theory and the related fractal geometry - order, disorder, reorder. What a perfect reading and discussing topic as we continue to wonder/wander through Zoomscapes and look for Christ behind all those eyes.

Join us (Brandon and Jerry) Wednesday afternoons (1:30-3:00pm) on Zoom (register in order to receive link) to read and discuss articles written by the Living School teachers (Fr Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault, James Finley, Barbara Holmes, and Brian McLaren) alongside Fr Richard's reordered book: *The Wisdom Pattern: Order Disorder, Reorder*, in which Fr Richard updates a previous work for these times, providing wisdom around hope in chaos. Altogether, these modern mystics offer us a look at "how the great spiritualities and philosophies often taught [order, disorder, reorder] quite directly, but with different vocabularies, symbols, and metaphors." (Rohr).

Required books:

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**ONEing** Issue 8.2 "Order, Disorder, Reorder" available in paperback

at <https://store.cac.org/products/oneing-order-disorder-reorder>

Or in pdf at <https://store.cac.org/products/oneing-order-disorder-reorder-pdf-download>

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**The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder** by Richard Rohr available

at <https://store.cac.org/collections/contemplative-practice/products/the-wisdom-pattern-order-disorder-reorder>

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Facilitators

Brandon L Beck, PhD, lives with Marcia, Liv, and Munchkin in San Marcos. He has always been fascinated with words and language(s) and enjoys conversing in a way that necessitates "why." Paul Simon is his spirit guide, so if you see Rhymin' Simon in town, please send an emergency alert to Brandon (no stalking, we promise).

Jerry Kimmel has degrees in biology and art from Baylor University and Texas State University and is a 700-hour certified yoga and meditation teacher. She has taught courses in the School of Wisdom and Practical Spirituality over the past 12 years. She also taught at Ghost Ranch Presbyterian Conference Center in New Mexico. She serves on the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee and the Labyrinth Committee at St. Mark's. She recently participated in the Mystic Heart School of Wisdom at Seaton Cove and completed certification as a spiritual director.