

New Groups Forming in 2010

Men's Group – Informational Meeting January 10th

A men's group can be a great support when you are going through a tough time in your life and need support. A men's group can also be a place where you celebrate the victories in your life with great people and explore what is possible in your life.

Interested in belonging to a group of like-minded men that will both challenge and support for independent and collective gain? The newly forming PCUUC Men's Group may be the place for you!

An informational meeting will take place on January 10th following regular service to set up a regular meeting time, place, frequency, guidelines, purpose and vision for the group.

If interested in joining please contact to RE@pairiecircleuuc.org

If there is any interest in a Father/Son group as well, please let me know.

Mother/Daughter Group – Informational Meeting January 24th

Program Based on the book: *The Mother/Daughter Project: How Mothers and Daughters Can Band Together, Beat the Odds and Thrive Through Adolescence.*

If interested in joining please RSVP to RE@pairiecircleuuc.org

New Book Group – Starting March 14th:

Karen Armstrong's *The Case for God*

Moving from the Paleolithic age to the present, Karen Armstrong details the great lengths to which humankind has gone in order to experience a sacred reality that it called by many names, such as God, Brahman, Nirvana, Allah, or Dao. Focusing especially on Christianity but including Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Chinese spiritualities, Armstrong examines the diminished impulse toward religion in our own time, when a significant number of people either want nothing to do with God or question the efficacy of faith. Why has God become unbelievable? Why is it that atheists and theists alike now think and speak about God in a way that veers so profoundly from the thinking of our ancestors?

Answering these questions with the same depth of knowledge and profound insight that have marked all her acclaimed books, Armstrong makes clear how the changing face of the world has necessarily changed the importance of religion at both the societal and the individual level. And she makes a powerful, convincing argument for drawing on the insights of the past in order to build a faith that speaks to the needs of our dangerously polarized age. Yet she cautions us that religion was never supposed to provide answers that lie within the competence of human reason; that, she says, is the role of logos. The task of religion is "to help us live creatively, peacefully, and even joyously with realities for which there are no easy explanations."

If interested in joining the book discussion group and/or ordering a book please contact Laura at 874-871-7049 or RE@prariecircleuuc.org

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding our Religious Education programming, please feel free to contact me directly or any member of the RE Committee.

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