

Fall Courses 2007 - L.E.A.P. (Life Enriching Adult Program)

1) *The Meaning of Life: A Study of Existentialism*

Klaus Obermeit will continue to host this wonderful video course combining LEAP and Small Group format: includes half hour of video lecture followed by group discussion and sharing personal comments and insights. The course began last year and has reached about the halfway mark. It resumes on Oct 10 as participants continue their search for the Meaning of Life. This is a perfect time for Newcomers to join the group.

Facilitator: Klaus Obermeit (780-7763) email aceins1@aol.com
When: Oct 10, 2007 to April 2008
7:30 to 9:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, except holidays
Where: Klaus's home: 220 Whispering Oaks Ct., ½ mi east of church
Cost: \$15, newcomers

2) *Living With Loss*

LIFE DEPENDS ON GROWTH - GROWTH DEPENDS ON CHANGE

Loss is a universal experience. From birth to death we say "Goodbye" to People -- Places - Things - States of Life. We cannot grow unless we learn constructive ways to deal with loss and change in our lives. "LIVING WITH LOSS" is a four-session workshop designed to help us develop useful ways to cope with difficult life transitions.

GOALS:

- * To examine the meaning of loss as a universal experience
- * To define loss as it affects our personal lives
- * To confront our own feelings about past and future loss
- * To understand grief as a process that follows all loss
- * To identify both our vulnerability to loss and our strengths which help to control and minimize the effects of loss in our lives

Facilitator: Joyce Schneider (926-9069)
When: Thursdays, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 to 11:30 AM
Where: Church Library
Limit: 12 participants
Cost: \$15

3) *Race – The Power of an Illusion*

This course will be centered on a three-part PBS video series, which explains the cultural, and social construct we call race. According to Executive Producer Larry Adelman, "Most of our common assumptions about race—for instance, that the world's people can be divided biologically along racial lines—are wrong. Yet the consequences of racism are very real." This course will look at the historical and social construct of race, and look the societal results of this biological myth. This course will consist of three video and discussion sessions, each session lasting two hours. The video portion will be approximately one hour of each session.

Facilitators: Julie Leach (312-9774) and Susan Hallock (918-1342)
co-chairs of the Social Justice Committee
When: 3 days in a row - (Mon - Wed) Nov 5, 6, and 7
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Where: South Wing
Cost: \$15

4) Doing Art Together

You are invited to rediscover the wonder of the visual world in the company of your children and grandchildren. In this class, participants will enjoy the fun of experimenting, appreciating, and creating with artists' materials. Come experiment and explore within the framework of art history.

Facilitator: Valerie Kerwin (923-6716)

When: Four Sundays, Oct 7, Oct 21, Oct 28, and Nov 4
11:45 to 12:45 PM, after the Sunday Service

Where: Jefferson Room

Cost: \$19 (\$15 plus a \$4 materials charge)

5) Early Christians and Their Literature, a video course

Professor Bart Ehrman's stimulating lectures describe the earliest traditions about Jesus and describe Christianity in a Greco-Roman context. Ehrman covers the canonical and noncanonical literature of the early Christians and the sources, problems, solutions, and methods of studying the historicity of Jesus. A half hour discussion follows one hour of video each Saturday morning.

Facilitator: Mark Anderson (914-4852)

When: Four Saturday mornings, Oct 13, 20, 27, and Nov 3
10:30 to Noon

Where: South Wing

Cost: \$15

Register at the LEAP table in the courtyard after Services on September 23 & 30; call the church office, or Catherine Dente (921-1598). All checks are to be made payable to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota.