

**MSG Fall 2022 - Winter/Spring 2023**  
9:30am-11:30am (*unless otherwise stated*)

This year we will meet in St. Paul's UMC in the bridge classroom (with the exception of a few social gatherings where we might meet in a different location and time). We will always start off with Joys & Concerns. Masks are optional, but we respect those who need to wear them for extra protection.

- August 29    MSG Social Gathering 10:00-11:00 AM  
Shawnee Mission Park, near Shelter 12
- Sept 5        LABOR DAY
- Sept 12      Disability Rights–Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution (documentary), Part 1  
Discussion  
*Crip Camp* - 1hr, 48 min. Available on Netflix
- [https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/06/06/long-covid-disability-advocacy/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_todays\\_headlines&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl\\_headlines&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F3709228%2F629f21c895612175aa9f8bb%2F598117c5ae7e8a6816fa8c4e%2F13%2F67%2F629f21c895612175aa9f8bb](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/06/06/long-covid-disability-advocacy/?utm_campaign=wp_todays_headlines&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_headlines&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F3709228%2F629f21c895612175aa9f8bb%2F598117c5ae7e8a6816fa8c4e%2F13%2F67%2F629f21c895612175aa9f8bb)
- Sept 19      Disability Rights–Crip Camp, Part 2 Discussion  
Variety Children's Charity speaker
- Sept 26      Book Study: Do I Stay Christian: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed and the Disillusioned by James McLaren 272 pp
- ▶ S2E9 | Brian McLaren: Do I Stay Christian?
  - ▶ Book interview with Brian McLaren for "Do I Stay Christian?"
- Oct 3        Do I Stay Christian Pt 2
- Oct 10       Do I Stay Christian Pt 3
- Oct 17       Do I Stay Christian Pt 4

Oct 24 Aging Joyfully Study - Linda Stoner

Oct 31 Aging Joyfully Study - Linda Stoner

Nov 7 Aging Joyfully Study - Linda Stoner

Nov 14 Changing Families Pt 1  
Ideas:

- Changing family models and the future of the nuclear family; what will the changes mean for the workability of our society?/Motherhood
- Changing American Family  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/26/health/families.html>
- What can we learn from current “mom” psychologists? “The Wisdom of Mom Psychologists” Instagram (Linda)
  - <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg23631540-200-how-changing-families-are-affecting-our-childrens-well-being/>
  - <https://www.mother.ly/health-wellness/its-science/how-becoming-a-mom-changes-you/>
  - <https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/2015/12/17/1-the-american-family-today/>
  - <https://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/changing-father>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN3Uhhoys2U> Moms who leave
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEiQc\\_2sBXU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEiQc_2sBXU) Moms who leave (SBS-Insight Australia 2016 54 minutes)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYG9APhgijg> Choosing Childlessness (SBS-Insight Australia 2016 ~55 minutes)

Nov 28 Changing Families Pt 2

Dec 5 Book Study: Susan, Linda, Nina, & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR  
by Lisa Napoli - 352 pages; pub. 4/2021

Dec 12 Brunch - Location TBD

BREAK

- Jan 9 A Walk with Orthodox Judaism - "Unorthodox" documentary Watch Pt 1 & Discussion  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb\\_uwSN9L3k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb_uwSN9L3k)  
At sixteen, Anna Wexler had broken away from her Orthodox Jewish community in New Jersey, rejecting its religious doctrine and social restrictions, and severing ties to her family. However, after studying in Israel, her friends had a change of heart and returned to the fold. Feeling betrayed, Anna launches a quest to understand their transformation by following three rebellious Jewish teenagers in their yearlong rite-of-passage journey from high school to Israel. Along the way, Anna is forced back to the roots of her own struggle to understand the meaning of faith and the essence of religion and identity.
- Jan 16 A Walk with Orthodox Judaism - "Unorthodox" documentary, Watch Pt 2 & Discussion
- Jan 23 [Grooming Project KC](#) (Cathy)  
Find out about this nonprofit in Kansas City, MO devoted to helping impoverished families become self-reliant through job training in the high-demand, high-pay trade of pet grooming
- Jan 30 Resiliency During Times of Turmoil Pt 1  
*Ideas:*
- Disaster overload: Increasing prevalence and healthy responses
  - "[Rising Strong](#)" by Brene Brown
  - <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/resilience-in-the-age-of-global-crises-how-can-we-cultivate-it#Defining-resilience:-A-difficult-task>
  - <https://www.inc.com/betsy-mikel/5-ted-talks-that-will-help-you-manage-anxiety-build-resilience.html>
  - *When Time Is Short; Finding Our Way In The Anthropocene* by Timothy Beal. 168 pp. Pub. 6/2022
- Feb 6 Resiliency During Times of Turmoil Pt 2  
(possible speaker, i.e. psychiatrist, therapist)
- Feb 13 Voter advocacy group Loud Light/Davis Hammett  
<https://www.aclukansas.org/en/cases/loud-light-hammet-v-schwab>
- Feb 20 Book Excerpt #1: [Braiding Sweetgrass](#) (1 chapter)  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer 408 pp. Pub. 2015

- Feb 27 Church & Immigration Pt 1  
Guest Speaker: Pastor Eric was a pastor in Texas. He will talk about the immigrant experience in TX and how churches are responding there.
- Mar 6 Church & Immigration Pt 2  
Sister Therese Bangert, Immigration in KS and how churches are responding
- Mar 13 Refugees
- Difference between refugees & Immigrants
  - Possible speaker from Catholic Charities
  - Finding Refuge in KC, portrait of 6 refugees who settle in KC
    - <https://www.kansascitypbs.org/local-shows/finding-refuge-in-kc/>
    - <https://video.kansascitypbs.org/show/finding-refuge-kc/>
    - <https://www.pbs.org/video/finding-refuge-in-kc-6warbh/>
- Mar 20 Book Excerpt #2: Braiding Sweetgrass (1 chapter)  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer 408 pp. Pub. 2015
- Mar 27 Racism the President Pt 1  
“[Fear of a Black President](#)” - Sept 2012 Atlantic, Ta’Nehisi Coates
- Other Ideas:
- <https://themarginaliareview.com/fear-black-planet/>
  - Obama Racial Legacy  
<https://apnews.com/article/jackie-robinson-barack-obama-chicago-politics-il-state-wire-29b24a7985a442d8b890261da99cad86>
  - [The Politics of Race and Class in the Age of Obama](#)
  - Why Christians Must Fight Systemic Racism - The New York Times - 7/2021  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/18/opinion/racism-christianity.html>
- Apr 3 Racism & the President Pt 2
- Apr 10 KC Segregation Tour Field Trip  
<https://www.raceprojectkc.com/resources.html>

- Apr 17      Gardening for Pollinators  
Presentation by JoCo/K-State Extension Master Gardeners and Wildlife  
Habitat Committee
- Apr 24      Book Excerpt #3: [Braiding Sweetgrass](#) (1 chapter)  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer 408 pp. Pub. 2015
- May 1      [The Story of Woman](#) (Podcast)  
The Story of Woman is a podcast-community dedicated to elevating  
'woman' from the footnotes of our story to a lead character, one book at a  
time. The Story of Woman is a podcast-community dedicated to elevating  
'woman' from the footnotes of our story to a lead character, one book at a  
time.
- May 8      The Story of Woman (Podcast)
- May 15      End of Year Brunch  
Location TBD