

**What  
every  
Christian  
should  
know  
about  
THE NEW  
TESTAMENT  
GOSPELS?**

**Meet the instructor-**

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*The NWOA Lay School is open to all lay members of the Association who wish to grow and be enriched, whether in their personal life, or for further opportunities to serve God. Individuals may take a single class, or pursue lay ministry graduation.*

**Northwest Ohio  
Association  
Lay School of Religion**



**Exploring the  
New Testament  
Gospels  
Fall 2020**



**Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 6 & 20,  
Nov 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 8 or 15  
(6:45 pm-9:15 pm)**

Held at the  
Northwest Ohio  
Association Office  
416 Wentz Street  
Tiffin Ohio 44883  
(Classes recorded via Zoom  
sessions for reference)

The New Testament Gospels  
**Are the memory of Jesus:**

His life, teaching, death,  
resurrection, and  
continued presence  
with the first few generations  
of the church.

What is the Gospel, Good News,  
of Jesus Christ?



How can we sort out the actual  
words of Jesus?

What is the unique message of  
each Gospel writer?

What does it mean to be called to  
live as our Lord Jesus?

Life-long study of the New  
Testament is  
**the foundation**  
of our faith as Christians.

The scriptures are the source  
of our strength and comfort.



As adults, most of what we  
know of the New Testament is  
filtered through our culture's  
love of the certainty of science  
and history.

The Bible is our sacred story,  
it's different than history books  
because of  
the *ancient context*,  
*an unfamiliar culture*  
and *spiritual practices that are*  
*not like ours*.

This can make understanding  
and applying the New  
Testament  
a real challenge.

**UNTIL NOW-**

The New Testament  
Gospels class,  
will **explore and discuss** the  
authors, origins,  
contexts and purposes  
of the New Testament,  
with the intention of making it  
more accessible,  
more understandable  
and more usable.

In the United Church of Christ,  
we believe that

**God is still speaking.**

What a shame it  
would be  
if God is trying to  
speak to us through the New  
Testament,  
but we can't hear God's voice  
because we don't hear God's  
Word.

Join us, and discover  
**what God has to say to you**  
through the scriptures.