



E~Highlights

Online classes connect people across the country

By Fran Schnarre

It's not too late to join in the Online Understanding the Bible introductory class that will begin next week. Our October class had 12 individuals from five states enrolled. That gives a whole new perspective to discussions. Circumstances vary from Seattle to Alabama. Each person brought a regional perspective as well as an individual faith perspective to the forums.

If you have not taken an online class, this is a great place to start. We realize this is a new experience for most people—both technologically and biblically. While this class is the introductory course to the Certificate of Pastoral Ministry program, we welcome all persons. It is full of useful information for church members, as well as those considering a call to ministry. See below for more information, [or click here to register](#). [Click here to see an overview](#) of the entire Certificate of Pastoral Ministry program.

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Calendar of Events

February 1-26

Online: [Understanding the Bible](#)

Rev. Fran Schnarre

February 5-6

[Basics of Pastoral Care and Counseling](#)

Rickman Center

Additional dates listed below.

Rev. Bob Eichenberger

March 1-29

Online: [Stewardship Strategies for Your Congregation](#)

Ed Taylor

March 15 to April 16

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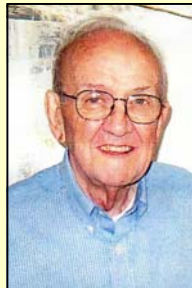
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Remembering Rev. J. Joseph Trower



We were saddened to learn about the passing of Joe Trower. Joe passed away Monday, January 18th at Capital Region Medical Center, in Jefferson City. Joe served as the Development Coordinator for Missouri School of Religion from 1999 to 2003. He also taught the "Stewardship Strategies for Small Congregations" course in the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program. In 2008, Joe received the John

Bennett Award for Ministry in Church and Community in recognition for his many years of service to Bethel Salem Presbyterian Church, Festival of Sharing, Missouri School of Religion and the local and global community. Joe was a true servant of God.

Memorials can be made in Joe's honor to:

Church World Service, 28606 Phillips St., Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 or **Heifer International**, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202.

[Stewardship Strategies for Your Congregation](#)

In a online format, various strategies for enhancing the stewardship level of small/rural congregations and their members will be explored centering on stewardship education and stewardship programs which are appropriate to the small church.

[Understanding the Bible](#)

An online seminar which will focus on the basics of critical thinking, the development of the biblical canon and a brief survey of the history of biblical criticism. This seminar will



Instructor: **Ed Taylor**, is pastor of First Christian Church in Gibson City, IL. Ed has earned a B.S. from Western Illinois University, M.Div. from Lexington Theological Seminary and a D.Min. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological

history of biblical criticism. This seminar will be the entry point for new students to join a warm and caring "grassroots" scholarly community and is open, as well, to current and former students and other interested laity.

Instructor: Rev. Fran Schnarre
Dates: February 1-26
Cost: \$140

More information is available by clicking the link in the course title.

Seminary.

He has previously served as a pastor in Nebraska and Iowa, director of stewardship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and executive director of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. Ed has a passion for stewardship issues of land, economy and community.

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Dreamwalking with God

*April 8-9, 2010 2:00 p.m. Thursday to 2:00 p.m. Friday
Rickman Center, Jefferson City \$140 includes lodging and meals*

When is the last time you gave yourself 24 hours to dream a pray in a beautiful outdoor setting? Are you missing that in your busy life? If so, you are invited to seek a time of renewal and inspiration at the Dream Walking Retreat. During the retreat, you will learn a five step spiritual exercise that can help to multiply your dreams and guide you to an increased awareness of God's desires. You will have the option to dive into scripture, experience time alone in silence, hike, reflect with others on the retreat, worship, enjoy music, receive spiritual direction, share meals together or fast and savor the gifts of insight dreaming has for you.

Facilitator: **Donna Rose-Heim** is an ordained Disciple minister, currently serving as Interim Minister of First Christian Church, North Kansas City.



Utilizing Church Conflict

The nature of church conflict will be examined using a variety of diagnostic tools and will focus on the dynamics of leadership when dealing with conflict in the small congregation and the options available to pastors for creative intervention in conflict situations. Participants will also explore their personal response to conflict and their most likely strategic action.



Rev. Nancy TannerThies, is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She has both congregational and judicatory experience. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science from the University of Houston, a Masters in Religious Studies and a Doctor of Ministry from the University of Chicago. Her doctoral work considered the development of a reformist response to new theological ideas. She further explored how such a response might affect women's self-image, their relationship with God and their leadership in the church.

Dates: May 6-8, 2010

Times: 9:00 a.m. Thursday to 5:00 p.m. Saturday

Cost: \$390.00 (includes lodging and meals) \$330 Commuter **Location:** Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO

Raymond Massey to Celebrate 25 Years of Ministry

On February 14, 1985, the Rev. Raymond "Rim" Massey began his tenure as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia. To celebrate the church will recognize his 25 years of service during a special worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, February 14, at Trinity. Later in the day at 5:00 p.m. there will be a dinner held in Rim's honor at First Presbyterian Church in their new Fellowship Hall. The dinner will be followed by a program emceed by the Rev. Bob Balwanz, a fellow Presbyterian minister and long-time friend of Rim's. As part of the celebration, the church would like to give a special mission gift in Rim's name. For more information contact Trinity Presbyterian Church, 573-445-4469.

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