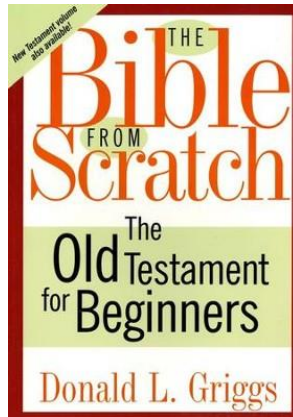


## PASTOR DEBRA'S FALL BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAYS @ 7:00 pm  
SEPTEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 17



This ten-week Bible study will guide us through the Old Testament and introduce the Books of the Apocrypha. We will explore basic themes, histories, personalities, and meanings of the scriptures.

The Books of the Apocrypha, positioned between the Old and New Testaments, were part of the Bible until the Protestant Reformation. These books, often called the Deuterocanonical Books, continue to be used as scripture by the Catholic Church.

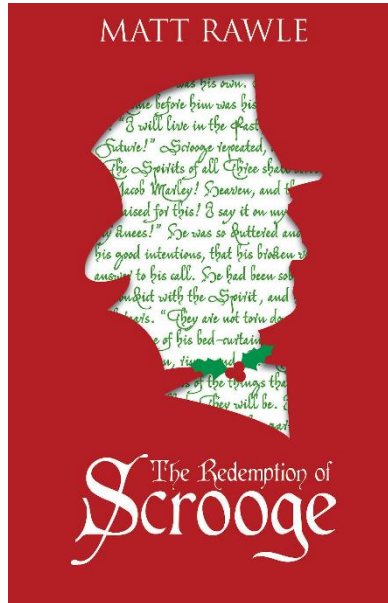
Well-known educator Don Griggs has written an accessible, easy-to-understand overview of the Old Testament for adults who have--or fear they have--little or no Bible knowledge.

*The Old Testament for Beginners* is available only in paperback. When searching for the book, you may find it pictured with two different covers. However, the book's content is the same.

The book is available online through Amazon or Christian book sites.

If you would like for the church staff to order you a book, please email Robin at [rgood@harmonyva.org](mailto:rgood@harmonyva.org) by September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY  
TUESDAYS @ 7:00 pm  
NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 20**



Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge?

Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. Rawle dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith. The book is available online through Amazon or Christian book sites.

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**FALL 2022 WORSHIP AT HARMONY UMC  
10:00 AM**

**Live Streaming @ YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"**

**GOD IS A ROCK!  
September 18 – OCTOBER 9**



Worshipping with the Psalms, this series focuses on the promises of God, whose love and grace are enduring features our lives. In these days of instant gratification and fleeting interest, the Psalms remind us of the steadfast nature of God, calling each of us who are made in the image of God to be steadfast in our promises.

Over four Sundays, we will prepare ourselves for a new start this fall by remembering that each one of us can know the sure foundation of God!

**Robin, please add a special preschool graphic.**

Sunday, October 16, is Preschool Sunday! Together, we will celebrate the children and staff of Harmony Preschool.

**IT'S A WONDER-FULL LIFE!  
OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 13**



*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." — John 10:10b*

Spiritual practice feeds that part of ourselves that is oriented toward serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, gratitude, love and joy. But these are not always words we use to describe the role of money in our lives. In the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life," a crisis of money creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationships with money. In this four week series, we will "look" squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness and a whole new "outlook" on what constitutes a wonderful life.

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**NOVEMBER 20**

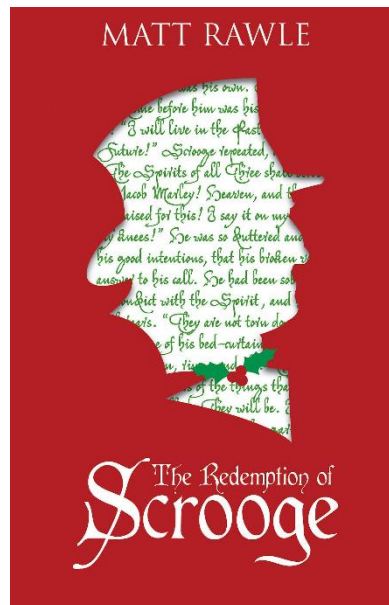


## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

*A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal One, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever. — Isaiah 9: 6-7*

**GOD BLESS US EVERYONE!**  
***The Redemption of Scrooge***

**NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 25**



This Advent and Christmas series will take a look at how living in God's way of grace and justice is the antithesis of the life-threatening addiction to money, success, exclusion and looking out for ourselves.

The chimes of the clock-tower bells is Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* provide a wake-up call for Ebenezer Scrooge and turn him from his resentment, fear and isolation. Just as God's presence was born anew into this world, we too can be born anew, woken up and redeemed into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility and love.