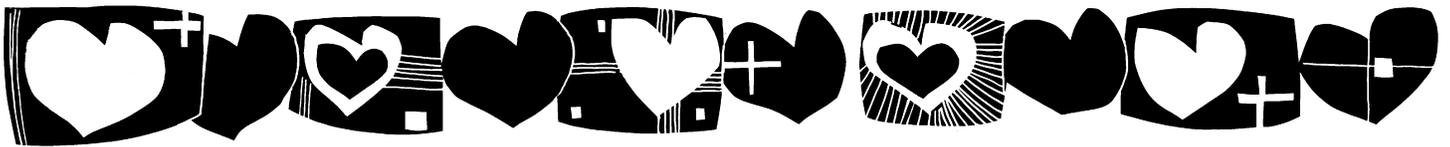


# 2018 Fall Sexuality Series

Psalm 139:13 For it was you [God] who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



Throughout much of Christian history, the physical body and the spiritual soul were held in opposition. The “desires of the flesh” and the “desires of the spirit” were pitted against each other in a battle between heaven and hell. However, while some have lived healthy, full lives by this teaching, many others have been hurt by it. The denial of the sexual aspect of being has caused much shame for many. What did God intend when creating human beings in physical bodies?

In this series, we will explore the various themes of what it means to live as whole, healthy, sexual beings (hint: it's not just about sex). See the backside of this handout for the Fall Series Calendar including details about each Sunday.

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## Aug 12 Goodness of Bodies -- Gayle Gerber Koontz

- We will look at the goodness of our bodies and how we nurture and inhabit these bodies

## Aug 19 Intimacy -- Carmen Horst

- We explore the theme of intimacy. What does intimacy look like, how do we develop it, and how do we nurture ongoing intimacy?

## Aug 26 Gift of Mutuality in Marriage -- preacher TBD

- We learn more about mutuality in marriage. Sharing life together can be both very rewarding, but also challenging. How do we navigate such challenges, while still seeing the good in each other and ourselves?

## Sept 2 Hymn Sing

- We practice creativity with our bodies through song.

## Sept 9 Gifts of Singleness -- preacher TBD

- We have an opportunity to hear about experiences of singleness and the differing ways people may experience living as unmarried individuals

## Sept 16 Lamenting Sexual Abuse -- Kristy Shellenberger Yordy

- We wrestle with the reality that good gifts can often be used in harmful and hurtful ways.

## Sept 23 Family of God -- preacher TBD

- We look at how our sexuality enables us to be in relationship with one another and helps to redefine what family can mean for all who follow Jesus.

## Sept 30 Retreat at Camp Friedenswald

## Oct 7 Worldwide Communion Sunday