

## GROWING CONNECTIONS FOR MARCH 2010

The goal of the Growing Connections Programs is to help adults grow in their knowledge, faith and understanding of Christianity and Christians' role in the world today.

- March
- 7     **Open Forum**-What does it mean not to steal?  
A participant driven Bible Study in which participants will select a topic for a Biblically based discussion. The topic for next meeting will be selected.
- 14    **Learning Forgiveness: God's Love and Judgment**  
The goals of this session are to identify at least one thing for which we need forgiveness and to seek both God's forgiveness and that of any person affected by our offense. We'll consider how to reconcile divine judgment with divine love as we explore the deeper spirit of repentance, one of the key practices of Lent.
- 21    **Learning Forgiveness: The Call to Forgive**  
The sense in most of the New Testament teachings is that forgiving others is imperative—not optional. What if we can't forgive? Or we're simply not ready to forgive? This session uses touching stories of forgiveness to illuminate these challenging themes.
- 28    **Learning Forgiveness: Forgiveness and Reconciliation**  
Many people believe that forgiveness is not possible without repentance and that to offer forgiveness before repentance is a travesty of just, accountable relationships. But what of Jesus' willingness to forgive on the cross? Can we reverse the conventional relationship between repentance and forgiveness?