

On **Monday, January 30, 2012**, Pastor Gerry Koob will resume his leadership of an adult education program on **Monday nights**. The meetings will take place in the library [a.k.a Wesley room] **at 7:15 PM** and will run until 9:30 PM.

The focus this time around will be on the meaning of the term “Progressive Christianity.” It may include a reading of John Shelby Spong’s new book “*Re-claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World*.” We will also explore several other dimensions at the heart of the Progressive Christian movement and examine the web site, ProgressiveChristianity.org., the children’s curriculum under development and some of the worship resources being published there.

Much of what this movement is promoting is quite consistent with the vision of the Sparta UMC. It would be a worthwhile effort for long-time, new, and prospective members of the church alike to enter into this type of learning and discussion.

This program will also be open to visitors from the Sparta community, churched and unchurched alike – anyone who wants to explore the way Progressive Christians think, pray, worship, study, and serve the world around them.

PS We will take orders for purchasing the book “*Re-claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World*” at the first session on January 30.