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**The Bible Tells Me So:
Understanding and Interpreting Holy Scripture**
First United Methodist Church Pastor's Bible Study
with Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

Objective:

Students will get a better understanding of how to read and interpret the Bible, how the Bible came to be, and how to unlock the power of God's Word to create a new world.

Text:

All you need is your Bible, and maybe a notebook to take notes. NRSV and NIV versions are preferred, but "the best Bible translation is the one that you read."

Schedule:

Week 1: January 10, 2024

"How to Read the Bible"

Week 2: January 17, 2024

"How the Bible Came to Be"

Week 3: January 24, 2024

"Interpretation: Inerrancy, Literalism, and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral"

Week 4: January 31, 2024

"Learning to Read Through Jesus"

Week 5: February 7, 2024

"Living into the Strange New World of the Bible"