

## Invitation to Bible Study in North Bay Presbytery

Dear Friends of St. Andrew's United Church

Please join us for our new small group study taking place this coming fall called **Uppity Women of the Bible**.

This nine-week DVD-based series from Living the Questions features Dr. Lisa Wolfe. It starts on Monday, October 15, 2018 and runs until December 10, 2018, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Parlour at St. Andrew's United Church in North Bay.

Combining careful scholarship with humorous and fresh insights, Dr. Wolfe presents just what we need for a lively and thoughtful discussion of four of the books in the Bible featuring uppity women: *Ruth*, *The Song of Songs*, *Esther* and *Judith*. (A short YouTube preview is available here.) The co-facilitators are Margaret Reid and Tim Robertson, and the registration fee of \$20 covers the cost of course materials. There are no prerequisites for attending, and anyone can join us at anytime. All are welcome!

For more information or to register, please call Margaret at (705) 476-3917, or email Tim at [timothyrobertson@hotmail.com](mailto:timothyrobertson@hotmail.com).

If you are able, please post this information in your News Sheet, on your bulletin board, or pass it on to someone who would be interested. (The information on the poster is duplicated below, along with details about the four books of the Bible covered in the study.)

Thanks for all your help in everyway!

In Peace and Joy,

Tim Robertson

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## Uppity Women of the Bible

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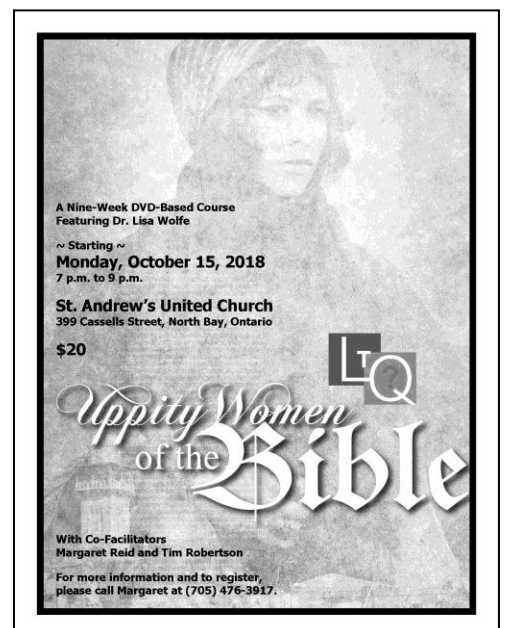
**St. Andrew's United Church**

399 Cassells Street, North Bay, Ontario

Registration Fee \$20

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**THEMES** (adapted from [Living the Questions/Uppity Women website](#)):

### **RUTH**

In three engaging sessions Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe takes us on an enlightening journey through the Book of Ruth. In this lively and thoughtful examination, Dr. Wolfe considers the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times. She explores themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty and seduction. What *really* happened on the threshing room floor? Combining humour and careful scholarship, this study invites us to re-read the book with new insight and understanding for all its characters, especially the intelligent, confident – even uppity – heroine Ruth.

### **SONG OF SONGS**

Explore the mysterious, beautiful, and alluring Song of Songs, at times referred to as Song of Solomon, in this two-session study led by Dr. Wolfe. As she navigates this intricate and sometimes puzzling book, Dr. Wolfe combines deep scholarship with a charming enthusiasm for the text. She poses some of the central questions surrounding Song of Songs. Who wrote it? What sort of people are the main characters? Is it based in history, mythology ... or both? As you enter into the world of the lovers Ra'yati and Dodi, you will have plenty of opportunities to laugh and even blush, right along with Dr. Wolfe. Uppity Women of the Bible: Song of Songs invites you into the adventure of re-reading and re-imagining this powerful and intriguing work of poetry and literature.

### **ESTHER**

Enter into an exotic and fanciful Persian kingdom complete with a dim-witted king, a defiant queen, an egotistical lieutenant and a loyal uncle. With lavish banquets, extreme beauty treatments and dangerous liaisons at every turn, can the beautiful and courageous Esther avert disaster for her people? All this occurs in a Biblical book where God is never mentioned. Dr. Wolfe digs deeply and lovingly into this complex story that ranges from slapstick farce to Shakespearian tragedy. Uppity Women of the Bible: Esther is presented in two sessions. So grab your Purim gragger and your hamantaschen (if you don't know what those are, you'll find out along the way!) and join Dr. Wolfe for this fascinating study of power, corruption, violence and courage.

### **JUDITH**

This fascinating volume examines the story of an Uppity Woman who took things into her own hands – including the head of a brutal warrior chief. Dr. Wolfe takes us on a tour of the Book of Judith, posing provocative questions along the way. Judith, from the Koine Greek version of the Hebrew Old Testament, reads like a historical novel rife with warfare, lust, espionage and intrigue. This two-session study takes us from a mythological battlefield and a besieged city into the studio and psyche of the Baroque painter Artemesia Gentileschi. Dr. Wolfe's style is a refreshing balance of careful scholarship and a genuine love for the story of this amazing woman.