

SOUTH NEWBURY UNION CHURCH

STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

September 2020 – March 2021

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles is Volume 2 of a two volume work, the first volume being the Gospel of Luke. (See the first verses of both books.) “Luke” does not appear in either book. The book traces the story of the early church, starting with the ascension of Jesus, and ending with Paul preaching unhindered in Rome. The book is full of stories, but also features substantial speeches which develop a theology.

Our study will take place on most Tuesdays, starting at 3:30. The course schedule below enables us to conclude the study just before Holy Week of 2021. A link to zoom meeting is on website; it is possible that we switch to in-person classes.

Sept 22	Acts 1	Waiting and organizing the community
Sept 29	Acts 2	The Pentecost event, and its immediate consequences
Oct 6	Acts 3	A healing and a testimony
Oct 13	Acts 4:1-31	Testimony before the Authorities
Oct 20	Acts 4:32-5:11	The challenge of possessions
Oct 17	Acts 5:12-6:7	Healing, opposition, and leadership in the community
Nov 3	Acts 6:8-8:3	Arrest, witness, and martyrdom of Stephen
Nov 10	Acts 8:4-40	the Gospel is not magic; it is unhindered
Nov 17	Acts 9:1-43	conversion of Saul and its aftermath
Nov 24	<i>Thanksgiving week; no class</i>	
Dec 1	Acts 10:1-11:18	the Gentile Mission begins
Dec 8	Acts 11:19-30	Two congregations: Antioch and Jerusalem
Dec 15	Acts 12	Persecution and Deliverance
Dec 22	Acts 13:1-14:28	The Gentile Mission; Paul and Barnabas
Dec 29	<i>Christmas week; no class</i>	
Jan 5	Acts 15:1-35	The Council in Jerusalem
Jan 12	Acts 15:36-16:40	The Gentile Mission in Macedonia and Philippi
Jan 19	Acts 17	Mission in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens
Jan 26	Acts 18:1-19:20	Success and Opportunity
Feb 2	Acts 19:21-41	Riot in Ephesus and its aftermath Feb 9
Feb 9	Acts 20	Travels and a speech to the Ephesian Elders
Feb 16	Acts 21:1-36	In Jerusalem
Feb 23	Acts 21:37-22:21	Paul in Jerusalem – a speech and a defense
Feb 17	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
Mar 2	Acts 22:22-23:11	Defense before the Council
Mar 9	March 23:12-25:12	Accounting for the Hope that is in you
Mar 16	Acts 25:13-26:32	defense before Agrippa
Mar 23	Acts 27:1-28:31	Voyage to Rome and preaching unhindered
March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	