

**A reading and discussion of Charles Dickens' David Copperfield with**

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**Mondays, 10:00-noon in United Church Parlours**

**8 weeks starting on October 18, 2010**

Maximum 12

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*David Copperfield* is a novel about a young boy's coming of age, struggling against formidable obstacles, in many ways similar to those encountered in the early years of its author. It is an unforgettable story, peopled by Charles Dickens's marvelous characters: the comic, the sinister, and the eccentric. Dickens wrote and published *David Copperfield*, "his favourite child", in 20 monthly installments. In similar fashion, we will read and discuss the novel in sections of approximately 120 pages over the eight weeks of the course. While participants will do some dramatic reading and perhaps one writing task, chiefly for amusement, the emphasis will be on the discussion and sharing of ideas. Students should be certain they have the time free to read the one section per week. A copy of the novel will be provided to each class member.

Instructor Bio:

After graduating from Mount Allison, I taught English for 32 years, most of that time at Tantramar Regional High School, including 10 years as department head

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**A note to seniors about class attendance and absenteeism....**

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**Thank you!**

