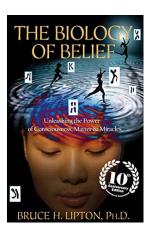


SUNDAY CLASSES 8:45 A.M.

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

SUNDAYS, STARTING JAN. 8 - 8:30 A.M. CANNON ROOM. MINISTRIES CENTER AND VIA ZOOM



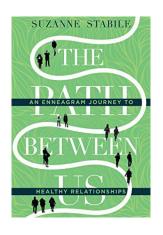
This longstanding Sunday morning class is led by Dr. Paul MacMurray. This winter we will be reading Bruce Lipton's 2006 book, *The Biology of Belief: Unleashing the Power of Consciousness, Matter and Miracles.* Lipton presents his experiments, which examine in detail the mechanisms by which cells receive and process information.

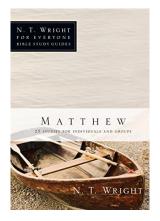
The implications of this research show that genes and DNA do not control our biology; instead, DNA is controlled by signals from outside the cell, including the energetic messages emanating from our positive and negative thoughts. For information about joining the class and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray: *Katrmac2@icloud.com*

FILLING THE WELL

SUNDAYS, STARTING JAN. 8 - 8:45 A.M. CHILDREN'S LIBRARY, EDUCATION BUILDING

For more than eight years this group of women have been meeting weekly on Sunday mornings for conversation, support, and study. This winter we will spend time exploring the Enneagram – a nine-part personality guide that helps us understand how we relate to the world and others. Using Suzanne Stabile's book, The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships, we will explore the ways that we can support and encourage ourselves and others. For more information and to receive a copy of the book, contact *RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org*.





DIGGING DEEPER

SUNDAYS, FEB. 26 - APRIL. 2 - 8:45 A.M. GLOUCESTER ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

In this six-week study we will explore New Testament scholar NT Wright's study of the Gospel of Mathew. Author of dozens of studies on the New Testament, Wright is the former Bishop of Durham in England and teaches

at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. His reflections and insights into the Bible are accessible and compelling. This class is led by the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff. For more information contact FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

POLITICS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

SUNDAYS, JAN. 22 & 29 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

SUNDAY CLASSES 11:15 A.M.

Does the New Testament offer any guidance on political questions? Should Christians be involved in politics? This class will examine the political context of the New Testament, how these early Christian writings address political issues, and how we might be guided in our political thinking today. This class will be led by Joshua Yoder, PhD in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity. For more information, contact *RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org*.





PRESBYTERIAN ADVOCACY STATEMENTS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

SUNDAY, FEB. 5 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

Join the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick as we review the most recent PC (USA) statements on issues such as gun violence, racism, antisemitism, gender, and environmental justice. We will consider both the significance of each statement as well as what they call us to do and say as Presbyterians in the world today. For more information, contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.

MOVEMENT FOR FEMINISM AND FREEDOM IN IRAN

SUNDAY, FEB. 12 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

In response to the death of Iranian Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini at the hands of the state morality police, women and men in Iran have taken to the streets to protest the treatment of women in Iran and to advocate for women's rights. We will be joined by Homa Tavangar, educator and writer on issues of global citizenship and equity, and Dr. Shahrzad Missaghi. Homa and Shahrzad will share their stories as well as the stories of women fighting for equality in Iran today. For more information, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.



SUNDAY CLASSES 11:15 A.M.

A PRESBYTERIAN LEGACY OF ADVOCACY

SUNDAY, FEB. 19 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

This Sunday, we will be joined by Dr. Dirk Smit, Professor of Reformed Theology and Public Life at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Smit has written extensively, in both English and Afrikaans, on the legacy of the Reformed tradition and its relevance to contemporary theological, social, and political questions. He has been a particularly prominent and influential voice in the church's repudiation of apartheid. For more information, contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.





LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE

SUNDAY, FEB. 26 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

Lutheran Settlement House was founded in 1902 as part of the Settlement House Movement. Today they do extensive work in food insecurity, homelessness, and domestic violence support. In addition to providing direct services, they also are integral in advocating for just and equitable city and statewide policies to support the families they work with. LSH was a 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021 recipient of the Eugune C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry. For more information, contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.

THE LABYRINTH - WALKING PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - 11:15 A.M.
FULLERTON ROOM & CONGREGATIONAL HALL, MINISTRIES CENTER

Since the Middle Ages Christians have practiced walking prayer and meditation through the use of labyrinths first as a substitute for religious pilgrimage and now as a method of creative and physical prayer. Anne Montgomery Schmid, BMPC Member and Certified Labyrinth Facilitator will guide participants through the history, practice, and divine mystery of walking the labyrinth with a focus on our Labyrinth Ministry here at BMPC. Following the class, you will have the opportunity to walk our own Chartres Labyrinth in Congregational Hall. For more information, *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.



THE BIBLICAL ORIGINS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

SUNDAY CLASSES 11:15 A.M.

As we spend the 2023 Season of Lent together, we will learn more together about the biblical roots of the Lord's Prayer: how it fits within the Gospels; why it is translated differently in different traditions; and the ways that it connects to other prayer practices of Jesus of Nazareth as described in the New Testament. This conversation will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder. For more information, contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.

THE BIBLE'S INFLUENCE ON WORSHIP AND PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

Many of our modern Presbyterian worship practices originated in the prayer and worship practices of the Old and New Testaments. In this class we will make connections between some of the clear connections in our worship – such as the sacraments – along with the ways that we look to the Bible to help us shape our worship values. Finally, we will consider which ancient worship practices are out of sync with our modern worship traditions. This conversation will be led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. For more information, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.





MODERN PRAYER TRADITIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

Traditions around Christian prayer and worship practices have evolved over two centuries, but there are some traditions and texts that have continued to be meaningful for believers of all traditions throughout this time. This Sunday we will consider the origins of prayers like the Prayer of St. Francis and prayer practices like those created by Ignatius of Loyola, as well as modern prayers that have been meaningful for generations of Christians, like the Serenity Prayer. This conversation will be by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SUNDAY CLASSES 11:15 A.M.

RETURN OF THE RIVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER



As we prepare to celebrate Earth Day, join us to view the documentary *Return of the River* which explores an inspiring story of how the Klallam tribe restored the Elwha River in Washington State and its ecosystem by breaking down the Glines Canyon Dam. The Klallam people relied heavily on the river for their main food source so when the dam was built it left them powerless and starving. Almost 100 years later, the Klallam people fought to get the dam removed and it was a success. Ultimately the community comes to consensus, launching the largest dam removal in history. For more information, contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.

LESLIE BASS, MASTER GARDENER

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 11:15 A.M. FULLERTON ROOM, MINISTRIES CENTER

In conjunction with our BMPC Plant Native/Native Plant initiative and the Home Grown National Parks movement, you are invited to join Master Gardener Leslie Bass for a presentation on why native plants are so important. Leslie will offer practical advice on purchasing native plants as well as what to look for when you are adding native plants to your own yard and garden. For more information, contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.



COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM

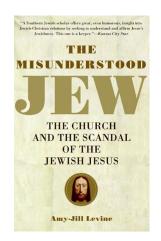
WEEKDAY MORNING CLASSES

For January and February, the Coffee Cup Bible Study will meet on Zoom. This weekly group brings together women of all ages to read and reflect on scripture – what it has meant for communities in the past and how it speaks to us as individuals, as women, and as a church today. This women's Bible study is sponsored by BMPC's Presbyterian Women and is led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen.



MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY, STARTING JAN. 11 - 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.
CONVERSE HOUSE PARLOR, MINISTRIES CENTER



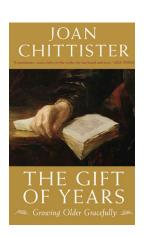
All men are welcome to join this discussion group that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Beginning September 28, the group will discuss *The Misunderstood Jew* by scholar Amy-Jill Levine. In the book, Dr. Levine helps readers understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and

a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Levine's humor and informed truth-telling provokes honest conversation and debate about how Christians and Jews should understand Jesus, the New Testament, and each other. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, please contact Monica Devane: MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

THURSDAYS, STARTING JAN. 12 - 10:00 A.M.

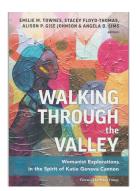
The world glorifies youth and degrades old age. *The Gift of Years* flies in the face of this conventional wisdom. It is a wonderful celebration of the blessings of growing older, clear-eyed and unsentimental about the reality of the ageing process but showing us that our later years are gift, not burden. Throughout the fall, join the Rev. Brian Ballard every Thursday at 10am on Zoom for a discussion of this insightful book by Sister Joan Chittister. To register please contact Monica Devane: *MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.*



WEEKDAY EVENING CLASSES

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY: WOMANIST EXPLORATIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF KATIE GENEVA CANNON

THURSDAYS - JAN. 26, FEB. 2, FEB. 9 - 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM



The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this three-week evening class that explores the legacy of the Rev. Katie Cannon, the first African American woman ordained in the PC(USA) and creator of the discipline of Womanist Theology. Using a collection of essays by leading black female scholars, we will broaden our understanding of the Christian experience and deepen our appreciation for the legacy Cannon left behind. For more information on the class, including purchasing a copy of the book and receiving the zoom link, please contact *AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org*.

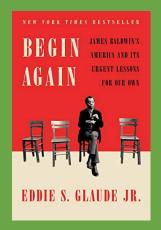
STEEPED IN STORIES: TIMELESS CHILDREN'S NOVELS TO REFRESH OUR TIRED SOULS

MONDAY - FEB. 13, 7:00 P.M.

CONVERSE HOUSE PARLOR, MINISTRIES CENTER

The BMPC Y Group (fellowship and study for mothers of young children) is hosting a conversation on Mitali Perkins' book on classic children's stories providing an opportunity to reflect on famous stories that shape our own and our kids' childhoods, but also bring up questions of how we can talk about the stories in scripture with our families. Stories are an important part of our Christian tradition. Free copies of the book will be available in the Education Building at 11:00am on Jan. 22 and 29. *MaryRichards@bmpc.org*.





PASTORS' BOOK GROUP – BEGIN AGAIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 - 7:00 P.M.

FULLERTON ROOM

Join us once again as we continue to renew this unique Adult Education opportunity. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead a discussion of Eddie S. Glaude Jr's book, Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons. Glaude finds hope and guidance in Baldwin as he mixes biography—drawn partially from newly uncovered Baldwin interviews—with history, memoir, and poignant analysis of our current moment to reveal the painful cycle of Black resistance and white retrenchment. Eddie S. Glaude Jr. Is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. Glaude will be our spring Community Forum speaker, Monday, March 27.

For more information or to purchase a book, contact - AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.