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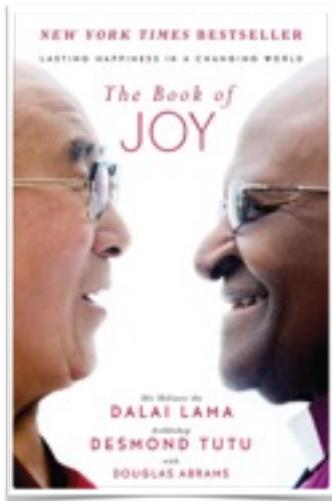
Adult Education

WINTER & SPRING
2019



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Sunday Mornings 8:45a.m.



SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

8:45 a.m. Conference Room, Ministries Center

Every week, through May 19

Join us in reading and discussing the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu's recent collaboration *The Book of Joy*. In these trying times, reading the text and doing the practices will help us become more focused and peaceful. Books are \$15 and may be purchased in class. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray facilitates this class.

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DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

8:45 a.m. Room 205, Education Building

Sundays, February 24 through April 14

This Sunday morning Bible Study offers a space for honest questions and reflections on matters of faith, while also helping to build community among long time and new members of our congregation. **This spring the group will read and discuss Dean Chapman's book *How to Worship as a Presbyterian*.** Building upon the idea of liturgy as the "work of the people," Chapman provides a "job description" for the Sunday pew sitter, describing in clear, accessible language what each aspect of worship is, why we do it, and how to do it well. The Rev. Franklyn Pottoroff facilitates this class. **BarbhHeaton@gmail.com**

FILLING THE WELL

8:45 a.m. Children's Library, Education Building

Every week, through May 19

This weekly gathering of women provides an opportunity to build community and be in conversation about life, faith and current events. This winter the class will be drawing upon resources from the NPR program On Being, listening to and reflecting on a curated series of poetry taken from interviews and conversations from the show. Women of all ages and stages in life are encouraged to attend. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick facilitates this class. **peggyhermann@hotmail.com**



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Sunday Mornings 11:15 a.m.



SUNDAYS, JANUARY 6 - 20, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor **CELTIC SPIRITUALITY WITH PATRICIA DANZON**

Celtic Spirituality originated in the early Christianity of the Celtic lands. The emphasis is on the goodness of creation, recognizing the immanent presence of God in the world; living in community, with hospitality to the stranger; expression of faith through art and music; and the practice of pilgrimage, both as an outward and an inner journey. Our basic text is *Listening to the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell. The course provides background for the Discovering Scotland tour in spring 2019 and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the inspiring Celtic tradition.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 27. 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor **RACISM AND RESPONSE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

We welcome Anita Friday, local educator, activist and founder of ***Open Hearts: A Path to Racial Healing*** to help our congregation begin a meaningful conversation on how we can better engage the issue of racism in our local context. This class is sponsored by the BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce.



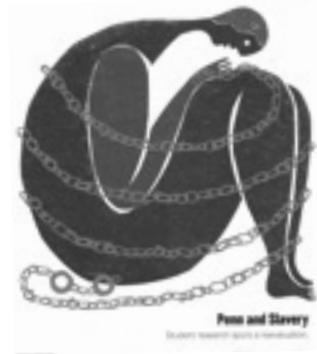
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor **ICYIZERA MEANS HOPE: TRAUMA, HEALING, & COMPASSIONATE LISTENING IN RWANDA**

The BMPC Peacemaking Committee welcomes Bill Jacobson to share about his remarkable reconciliation work in Africa, which he describes this way: "Sitting in with former enemies sharing a meal, after having lived through an unimaginable horror like the Genocide, is one of the greatest honors of my life."

Sunday, February 10, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor **PENN SLAVERY PROJECT**

UPenn History Professor Kathleen Brown and Public History Fellow

VanJessica Gladney (Class of 2018) will discuss the impetus behind the creation of the Penn and Slavery student research project in Fall 2017 and some of its findings. UPenn, while not itself a slaveholding institution, was complicit in slavery in a number of historically significant ways, including its credentialing of generations of doctors who returned to the slaveholding South to "practice" plantation medicine on the bodies of enslaved people, exhausted and injured from coerced plantation labor.



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Sunday, February 17, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

NORRISTOWN WORKS - Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry

Sunanda Charles, Executive Director of the Hospitality Center in Norristown, joins us to share more information about their new program, Norristown Works. One of this year's recipients of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry, this new program seeks to support Norristown residents needing mentoring and support as they seek to re-enter the job market. The Hospitality Center has served homeless and other vulnerable populations in Norristown since 1991.

Sunday, February 24, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

JANE ADDAMS PLACE - Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry

Erica Zaveloff and Shanon Healey of the Lutheran Settlement House, joins us to share the story and work of the Jane Addams House. One of this year's recipients of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry, this is one of the few family friendly homeless shelters in Philadelphia, and they seek to provide support and agency for families during times of crisis. The Lutheran Settlement House has been active in Greater Philadelphia since 1902.

Sunday, April 7, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

WHAT SHAPES OUR PRESBYTERIAN ETHICS?

The BMPC Peacemaking Committee invites you to a conversation on how Presbyterians respond to the world around us through both a personal and collective moral ethic. **Dr. Rob Trawick, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at St. Thomas Aquinas College and member of the PC(USA)'s Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy** will lead us through an exploration of how Presbyterian's have responded in the past and how we are responding to the world today.



Sunday, April 28, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

SYRIAN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE

We will hear from **Mouaz Mustafa, Executive Director for The Syrian Emergency Task Force (SETF)** established in March 2011 to support the demand of the Syrian people for freedom and democracy, irrespective of ethnicity, region, or background. SETF advocates in solidarity with the Syrian people to inform and educate the American public and its representatives about their suffering, while addressing the colossal humanitarian crisis and promoting the development of the Syrian civil society based on respect from human dignity and freedom.



Sunday, May 5. 11:15a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS - COME AND SEE

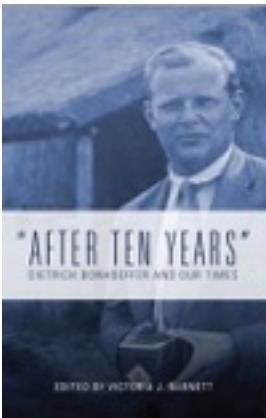
Come this morning to learn more about the Hosts for Hospitals which coordinates local volunteers to offer hospitality to people in the region seeking medical care.

THE LEGACY OF DIETRICH BONHOEFFER IN THE SEASON OF LENT

Sunday, March 3, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

BONHOEFFER DOCUMENTARY

We kick off four weeks of focus on German theologian an activist Dietrich Bonhoeffer by viewing this acclaimed documentary. Extraordinary archival footage is interwoven with interviews with friends, family, students of Bonhoeffer, leading historians and theologians.



ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH

Sunday March 10, 11:15a.m. Congregational Hall

After Ten Years: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Our Times

We welcome Dr. Victoria Barnett to lead us in a conversation on her recently published companion essay to Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *After Ten Years*. **Dr. Barnett is director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust**, as well as one of the general editors of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, the English translation of his complete works published in 2014. Copies of *After Ten Years* are available in the Book Center for \$5.00

Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

THE THEOLOGICAL LEGACY OF BONHOEFFER

While we especially remember Bonhoeffer for his legacy in resisting Hitler and his regime, he also left behind a remarkable theological legacy that shapes our understanding of grace and Christian discipleship. Come hear more about the theology of Bonhoeffer with **Dr. Katie Day, Professor of Church and Society at United Lutheran Seminary**.

Sunday March 24, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor

BONHOEFFER: AN ECUMENICAL YOUTH PASTOR

Bonhoeffer's extensive service as a youth pastor and ability to form ecumenical partnerships were central to his identity and critical to his influence on the church of his day. Though rarely emphasized, a parallel commitment to youth ministry and ecumenism are two of the most consistent themes that emerge from the German theologian's life story. **Rev. David B. Smith** will explore these formative elements of Bonhoeffer's witness and consider their relevance for the church today.

THOMAS LLOYD'S BONHOEFFER

Sun., March 17, 4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Tickets: \$20 for adults; \$5 for students with ID. The Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers present a groundbreaking theater piece featuring the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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Special Opportunities

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEAKER

Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States

History and Life

Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

Witherspoon Parlor

David Billings is an anti-racist trainer and organizer with The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a New Orleans based group led by people of color and the premier anti-racism training group in the country. A former Methodist minister, he has spent 40 years working for racial justice. David will lead us in a conversation on his life and work to name and challenge the pervasiveness of white supremacy in our culture. **Copies of his book *Deep Denial* are available in our Book Center for \$20.00.** This evening event is sponsored by our BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce.

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PASTORS' BOOK GROUP

***Educated*, by Tara Westover**

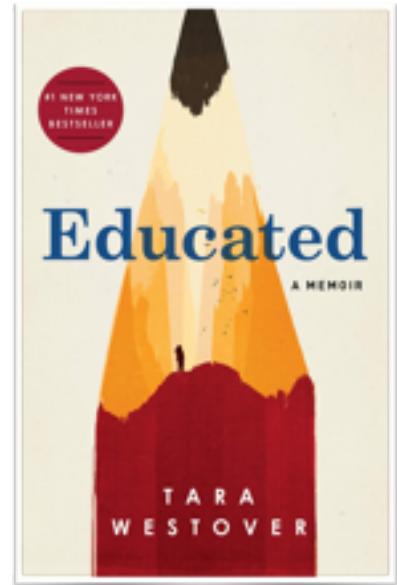
Wednesday., May 1, 6:30 p.m.

Witherspoon Parlor

Join the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries, as she leads us in a discussion of the recent bestselling memoir, *Educated*.

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Books are \$17 and available for purchase from the BMPC Book Center.



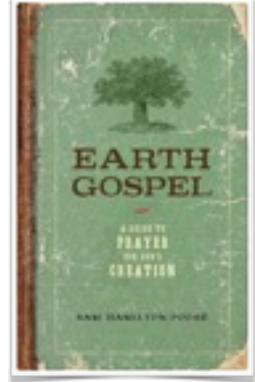
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Weekday Evenings

EARTH GOSPEL: A GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR GOD'S CREATION

Wednesdays in February, 6:30 p.m. Witherspoon Parlor

Join the Environmental Justice Committee, in reading, prayer and conversations during the month of February, using this wonderful resource that will help to deepen our appreciation of and commitment to God's Creation. Books are available in the Book Center for \$9.00. Courtenay Willcox: mcwillcox@gmail.com



CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Thursdays, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room

Together we will wrestle with the questions that Presbyterians are asked to answer as followers of Christ anytime we commit ourselves to be active members of a church, just as our young people are asked to do in the Confirmation process.

We will share our own questions and struggles when it comes to matters of faith. Too often in adult education we spend a lot of time learning and studying together on matters of faith and scripture without taking that next step to ask, "How and why does this impact my own faith expression through worship, through service, or even through our relationships? This class is led by The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

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WEEKDAY MORNING CLASSES

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

First Wednesday of the month

10:30 a.m. Sept. - May

Rosemont Presbyterian Village

The Rev. Drew Mann, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults leads our study of *God's Promise: I am With You* by Amy Poling Sutherlin. In nine lessons, the author takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. To find out more contact Joyce Malott:

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MEN'S STUDY GROUP

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month through May

10:00 a.m. Converse House Parlor

This fall the group will continue to read and discuss theologian Paul Tillich's classic *Dynamics of Faith*. One of the greatest books ever written on the subject, *Dynamics of Faith* is a primer in the philosophy of religion. Paul Tillich, a leading theologian of the twentieth century, explores the idea of faith in all its dimensions, while defining the concept in the process. Men of all ages are invited. This group is facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Drew Mann. Books available from AmyBauer@bmpc.org

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays through May

10:00 a.m. Gloucester Room

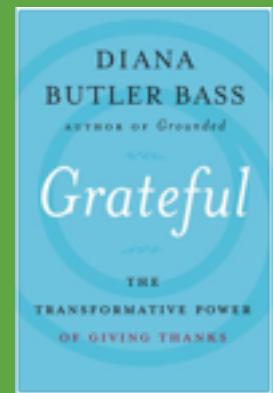
This fall the Coffee Cup Bible Study will begin a study of **the Old Testament Book of Proverbs**. This collection of wisdom and sayings provides both insights and challenges to how we understand life and faith in our modern context. This women's Bible study is sponsored by BMPC's Presbyterian Women and is led by The Rev. Rachel Pedersen. MaryRichards@bmpc.org

GRATEFUL: TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF GIVING THANKS

Tuesdays, March 5 - April 16

10:00 a.m. Fullerton Room

Join the Rev. Drew Mann in a Lenten study of Diana Butler Bass' newest book on the transformative power of gratitude in the life of faith. Books are available from the Book Center for \$15.00. For more information contact DrewMann@bmpc.org



For more information on any of these classes please contact CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org

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