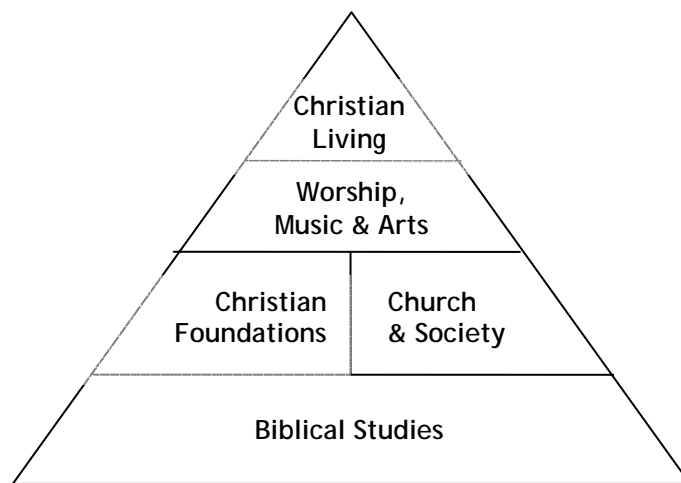


# Third Presbyterian Church Adult Faith Development 2006-2007 Catalog



## A Word of Welcome and Invitation

Welcome to Adult Faith Development at Third Presbyterian Church. Third Church is a participant in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Commitment to Peacemaking. We pursue avenues of peace and justice for ourselves, our families and communities, and for all people in the world. We seek to be agents of reconciliation.

Third Church has joined other like-minded Presbyterian congregations in declaring itself a More Light church. We are committed to the full participation of all persons in our church community without regard for sexual orientation, personal back- ground, or human condition. Third Church is a Bread for the World church and a host congregation for the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network. If you are interested in membership at Third Church, contact Deborah Hughes at 271-6537, extension 108.

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## Adult Faith Development at Third Church

### Meeting Your Needs

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Third Church's curriculum offers a variety of classes for children, youth, and adults. Choose a class that is of interest to you and join us each week. You will find many opportunities to meet and enjoy the company of others interested in growing and learning together, sharing our questions and doubts, as well as our hopes and faith. Adult Faith Development Sunday classes and Children's Education Plus begin at 9:30 a.m. during the program year.

All education and worship spaces are accessible via the elevator. From the outside there is a ground level entrance to the elevator from the Arnold Park (East side) parking lot. Greeters are available throughout the facility to answer questions and direct you to class locations. The Church's library is your source for recommended selections, theological works and fiction. Visit before or after worship or at any time during church office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

### How Courses Are Organized

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Third Church Adult Faith Development classes are offered on an elective basis over five terms which span the program year. Some courses last the entire term of five or six weeks. Other courses are shorter, allowing more choice and variety in both length and content. Courses are also offered at times other than Sunday mornings.

Each year, the Adult Faith Development Committee offers a balance of courses in each of five areas:

- B** Biblical Studies - Old and New Testaments and their Interpretation.
- CF** Christian Foundations - Theology and Church History.
- SOC** Church & Society - Social Issues, Ethics, and Mission.
- WMA** Worship, Music, & Arts - Sacred Works, Arts & Literature, Alternative Forms of Worship.
- LIV** Christian Living - Family Formation, Spiritual Development.

Each course is listed in only one of these five areas; however, some courses cover themes that overlap areas. The course area listings serve as a guide to help you plan a meaningful balance of courses over time. Biblical Studies consists of a core curriculum that explores every book of the Bible in four years. Christian Foundations repeats on a regular basis. Either cycle may be entered at any time. Even if you cannot make all the classes for each course, please feel free to attend as you can.

## How to Use This Catalog

### The Importance of Continuing Faith Development

There is something here for everyone, and in today's world, everyone needs to participate regularly in Adult Faith Development in some way. This is true in our business and professional lives, and it is equally true if we are to nurture and be engaged in a vital, mature, and growing life of faith. Without regular exercise our muscles and minds can atrophy. Without regular exercise our spirits can atrophy. Continuing Christian education is essential for spiritual health.

Just as a healthy diet needs to include portions from all the basic food groups, we also need to include a balance from all the basic study groups for healthy spiritual nourishment. A regular and balanced diet of continuing Christian education is essential for every adult who is intent on growing in the life of faith. The Adult Faith Development Committee has developed a calendar of offerings that reflects this balance.

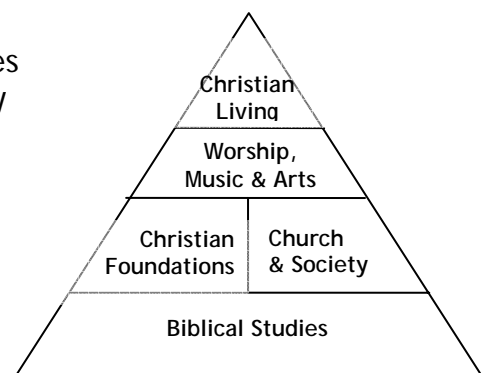
### Planning for Your Own Spiritual Growth

Keep and use this catalog to select and plan a healthy diet that meets your needs. Feed yourself, challenge yourself, and stretch yourself in some way regularly each term. Select courses that best meet your own interests and needs. But also make it a point to branch out beyond your own favorites to enrich your life with a diversity of choices to ensure healthy and well-rounded spiritual nourishment.

We all lead busy lives in a busy world and our personal schedules often change with the circumstances of our lives. It is precisely because we are faced with so many competing demands that it becomes imperative for us to set priorities, and make time to nurture our spiritual health which alone can sustain us. While none of us can participate in every program offering, each of us can find something that meets our personal needs and schedules given the choices in this catalog.

Be as regular and consistent as possible in your participation in each course you choose to ensure the best possible learning experience for everyone involved. An added benefit will be a sense of community, connectedness and mutual encouragement as you join with others in exploring together what it means to live as the people of God today. In summary, use this catalog as a tool to help you to:

- Select courses which match where you are in your own faith journey.
- Find times which best fit your own schedule.
- Identify new areas of study that will stretch and challenge you as well as provide you with a varied diet for your personal growth.
- Plan for a "balanced educational diet" over time.
- Develop a regular and consistent overall plan to help you grow in the life of faith.



## 2006-2007 Adult Faith Development Catalog

### Discovering *Genesis* for the First Time (B)

*H. Darrell Lance*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

September 17, 24; October 1, 8

Celebration Center

The questions raised in *Genesis* are still with us: Where did we come from? Who created us? Why does evil exist, and why doesn't God do something about it? Science can help with some questions but not the deepest ones. In four sessions we will examine some texts of Genesis to see what they can tell us about God and ourselves.

H. Darrell Lance holds a master of divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He was Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School from 1965 to 1993. Awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1973, he spent the year as the Annual Professor at the Albright Institute of Archaeological research in Jerusalem. Retired from seminary teaching, Darryl is an active member of Lake Avenue Baptist Church in Rochester. He is particularly interested in the work being done at the intersection of Christian faith and the experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and writes frequently on these topics.

### Experiencing the Divine - A Spiritual Intelligence (LIV)

*Beth Laidlaw*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

September 17, 24; October 1, 8

Johnston Hall

This four-week series explores the ways in which each of us uniquely experiences the Divine. After an introduction to Gardner's Multiple Intelligence Theory, we will explore the elements of our worship and describe examples of experiencing the Divine through art, music, mathematics, nature, and dance. The series concludes with a tour of the many paths one can travel to experience the Divine at Third Church.

Third Church elder Beth Laidlaw has been teaching philosophy in Rochester for 22 years. An international educator in the field of Multiple Intelligence Theory, her philosophical and spiritual interests often merge locally into community activism. Beth has a bachelor's degree in economics and management from Albion College in Albion, Michigan, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Rochester.

## The Economics of the Way: Reading the *Book of Acts* as a First Century Popular Movement for Economic Justice (B)

*Anthony J. Ricciuti*

Fridays, September 22; October 6; November 3; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays, October 21; November 18; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Johnston Hall

This course will explore the relationship between the Jesus movement (first century communities of faith), the temple-based religious establishment and the Roman Imperial occupiers of Palestine. We will touch on the latest historical Jesus scholarship, drawing connections to the first century social and religious context as well as the larger narrative structure of the Bible. Through group discussion, we will push toward modern ethical implications of our Biblical study.

**Anthony Ricciuti** was a co-pastor at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church from 1983 to 1997. He resigned his position to pursue graduate studies at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto where he also served on the Theology Subgroup of the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative, writing papers on Biblical interpretation for the "Jubilee 2000" project. He is currently writing a book on the subject matter of this course while serving as Stated Supply Pastor of the Mumford Presbyterian Church.

## Focus on African Faith (SOC)

*Robert Veitch*

Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m.

October 15

Celebration Center

This class will focus on the varieties of religious experience in Africa today with a focus on Kenya. It is the final class in a series preparing for a Third Church travel group to Kenya in 2007.

**Robert Veitch** is a member of Third Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Manchester University with bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. From 1994 to 1996 he spent a year and a half as a volunteer in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. Sponsored by a British charity, TEAR Fund, Robert worked as a hospital maintenance manager at the Centre Medical Evangelique.

## *How to Spell Presbyterian: An Introduction to Presbyterianism* (CF)

*John Wilkinson, Roderic Frohman, Deborah Hughes*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m. October 15, 22; November 5

Johnston Hall

This class will follow the book, *How To Spell Presbyterian*, by James W. Angell. Although designed for newcomers to the Presbyterian Church, longtime members will find this an excellent review. The book will be available for purchase for the class but purchase is not required. Third Church pastors will cover the following topics:

- Commitment, Leap, and Rescue - Roderic Frohman
- Witness Speaking and Doing - Deborah Hughes
- Order: An Alternative to Chaos - John Wilkinson

**Roderic Frohman**, a fourth generation pastor, is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in American Intellectual History. He is twice graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees. His thesis project was titled *Pastoral Hospitality with Worship Visitors in a Multi-Racial Setting*. He previously has served four Presbyterian congregations as a pastor/head of staff in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gary, Indiana, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Deborah Hughes** is Third Church's Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. Deborah received a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies from the University of Oregon and a master of divinity degree from Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall Crozer Theological Seminary where she majored in Biblical Studies with special emphasis in Biblical Greek and Hebrew. She served on the pastoral staff of the First Baptist Church in Birmingham, Michigan where she was ordained 18 years ago as an American Baptist minister. She later joined the national staff of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of American Baptist Churches in New York. Before coming to Third Church, she held the position of Vice President for Development at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

**John Wilkinson** became Pastor of Third Presbyterian Church in April 2001. Previously, John served as Executive Associate Pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. A graduate of the College of Wooster with a bachelor's degree in American History, John received a master of divinity degree from McCormick Seminary. He received a Ph.D. in American Religious History from Northwestern University. His dissertation was on the Presbyterian *Confession of 1967*.

### **Healthy Children-Healthy Planet: Reshaping Children's Earth Consciousness** (LIV)

*Amy Stratton-Smith*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m. October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3

Whitney Room

This class will help parents understand how the pervasive effects of advertising, media, and consumer culture can influence a child's view of the world. We will discover ways to create meaningful family times and healthful environments for children and explore ways to develop a child's connection to nature. The class was created by Northwest Earth Institute.

**Amelia (Amy) Stratton-Smith** received a bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster; an MTS from Methodist Seminary of Delaware, Ohio; and a Diploma in Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Amy is a certified spiritual director. Her particular interests are church and art history, creative expression, spiritual formation, Celtic spirituality, and writing. She is a member of Third Church.

### **Transformative Witnessing: Using Paul's Old Wheel** (B)

*Yulanda M. McKinney*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

October 22, 29; November 5, 12

Celebration Center

This four-week course will survey the transcending power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Paul's letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Paul's missionary definition for Christian is an ideal witnessing tool for the 21st century Church to use inside and outside of the Body of Jesus Christ. We will examine the simple, yet specific themes used by Paul in each epistle to emphasize the power of God's love operating in Christians to reclaim, encourage, and

center the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Yulanda McKinney** is Instructor of English at Monroe Community College, and Associate Minister at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Rochester, and a Th.M. from Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College. She has taught classes/studies of Old and New Testament focus, as well as worship, scripture exegesis/interpretation, and Christian ethics in contemporary culture. Her seminary thesis was on worship traditions, and she continues research and study in the areas of Christian Ethics, Religion, Gender and Culture, and Historical and Systematic Theology. She teaches African-American, Multicultural, and Bible Literature, as well as College Composition at Monroe Community College.

### **Mozart's *Requiem*: Special Music Preview** (WMA)

*Scott Stratton-Smith*

Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m.

October 29

Johnston Hall

Third Church and Chancel Choir member **Scott Stratton-Smith** will lead a preview of music Mozart's *Requiem* that will be performed during the 10:45 worship service, and in the evening, *A Concert for All Saints*.

### **From Sect to Empire: Foundations of the Early Church** (CF)

*George Gray and David Stimson*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

November 12, 19, 26; December 3

Johnston Hall

This course will explore early church history across five time frames:

- **A Short History Lesson:** 323 BCE: Alexander The Great's Empire and forced Hellenization; 163 BCE: Maccabee Revolt and Hasmonean Empire; 63 BCE to 4 BCE: Pompey to Herod the Great and the division of Palestine.
- **Identity amid Diversity:** Division within Judaism, different understandings of the faith, the need to find an identity.
- **Formation of the Great Church:** house churches, collegia, beginnings of the network of bishops, and ascendancy of the Bishop of Rome.
- **Councils and Heresies:** the growth of diversity and the struggle for uniformity in the Roman Empire.
- **The Fall of the Roman Empire:** Christianity during and after the collapse of its only known political environment.

**George Gray** is a longtime member of Third Church where he recently served on Session as chair of the Youth Committee. George is an attorney in private practice in Penfield. He is a graduate of Hamilton College and Albany Law School of Union University. Most recently he has been taking graduate courses at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, including courses on the Old Testament and exploring Paul and the Pauline Tradition.

**David Stimson** has been a member of Third Church since 1987 and is currently a Youth Advisor and an elder. He is an auditing student at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and an

adjunct professor at Syracuse University Law School. For his paying job, he is an attorney at Eastman Kodak Company. For fun he is involved in local community theater. He has two wonderful daughters, Emily and Sarah Grace.

### Wednesday Evening Series: Exploring *I Corinthians* (B)

*John Wilkinson (bio page 6)*

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.

November 15; January 24, 2007; February 28; March 21

Johnston Hall

*I Corinthians* contains some of Apostle Paul's most familiar and evocative language: about the apostle himself, his understanding of the gospel, and his views on the early church. This four-session course will explore the text and consider its cultural and theological settings both through presentation and group discussion. You need not be present for all four sessions to participate.

We will use N.T. (Tom) Wright's acclaimed new book, *Paul for Everyone: I Corinthians*, a popular, accessible commentary. You may purchase the book for \$11.00 by contacting Dona Summers at the church office, 271-6537 x 101. Though the book is helpful, it is not required for the sessions.

### Who was Jesus? The Jesus Seminar's Controversial Conclusions (B)

*Theodore J. Weeden, Sr.*

Sundays 9:30- 10:30 a.m.

November 19, and 26

Celebration Center

This course will explain the work of the Jesus Seminar, a group of over 80 scholars. It will profile the historical Jesus the Seminar recovered from the Gospels' "mythic" Jesus, and interpret why its work is condemned by Christian conservatives and praised by Christian progressives.

*Theodore J. Weeden, Sr.*, is both a New Testament scholar and a United Methodist pastor, retired. He received bachelor's of arts and divinity from Emory University, and a Ph.D. in New Testament from Claremont Graduate School. He is the author of *Mark – Traditions in Conflict*, as well as articles on the Gospel Mark and other New Testament subjects. He has taught at Occidental College, Shaw University, Wake Forest University, the University of Rochester, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and St. Bernard's Seminary. He has served as a pastor to many United Methodist churches. In 1995 he retired from Asbury-First United Methodist Church in Rochester, New York, a church he served as pastor for 18 years. He is a fellow of the [Jesus Seminar](#).

### Lunchtime Series: The Advent Lectionary (B)

*John Wilkinson, Roderic Frohman and Deborah Hughes (bios Page 6)*

Thursdays 12:00 noon

November 30; December 7, 14, 21

Johnston Hall

This course will trace the trajectory of the classical Sunday texts of the Advent Season. Since there are three cycles in the Sunday texts, the biblical texts for Advent 2006 are different from those for Advent 2005.

**Child Moral Development: What Makes Kids Do Those Things? (LIV)***Judith Smetana*

Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m.

December 10

Johnston Hall

This class will trace classical understandings of how children develop their capacity to make moral decisions. Ideal for parents and grandparents.

**Judith Smetana**, a developmental psychologist, is the Frederica Warner Chair in Education at the University of Rochester's Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development. Judith earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's and doctorate from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She is the author of *Concepts of Self and Morality*, editor of *Beliefs About Parenting: Origins and Developmental Implications*, and author of numerous journal articles.

**The Formation of God's Covenant People: A Study of *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy* (B)***Werner Lemke*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4

Celebration Center

These books of the Old Testament are held together by the over-arching theme of God's covenant with Israel. We shall study the origin and nature of this covenant with special attention given to its theological meaning and abiding significance for contemporary faith communities of both Christians and Jews.

**Werner Lemke** is the Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He received a B.A. from Northwestern University and University of Illinois, a B.D. from North Park Seminary, Chicago, an M.A. from Cambridge University, and a Th.D. from Harvard University. Werner taught for 37 years at Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary including two terms as the Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies, retiring in 2002. He is a contributor to scholarly books including *The Harper-Collins Study Bible*, *Harper's Bible Dictionary*, and *Anchor Bible Commentary*.

**Witness in Context 1827-2007:****The Third Church Story in the Context of American History (CF)***Loren Broc and Gregg Hamberger*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Johnston Hall

This course will explore the history of Third Presbyterian Church from its formation to the present. We will look at major religious and social movements in America of the last two centuries and consider their contribution to the evolution of the congregation and its sensibility. The weekly presentations will be: The Dominance of Evangelicalism, 1800-1871; Rural Protestants

and Urban Protestants, 1871-1925; Fundamentalism and Modernism, 1925-1945; and Conformity and Counterculture, 1946-present.

**Loren A. Broc** is a former U.S. Federal budget officer. He is currently a Ph.D. student and part-time instructor in American history at the University of Rochester. Loren's research specialty is American religious history. He is working on his dissertation entitled *Religion and Insanity in the United States, 1820-1880*.

**Gregg Hamberger**, a Third Church member since 2004, is a former international banker in New York and Boston who also was posted overseas. Since completing additional graduate work in 2000, he has been teaching Spanish and social studies at Avon Central School.

### Interfaith Exchange with Temple B'rith Kodesh WMA

Friday February 2, 6:00 p.m., Seder dinner, Temple B'rith Kodesh, followed by worship.

Sunday February 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Dialog with Rabbi Kotok, Johnston Hall

Sunday February 4, 10:45 a.m. Worship dialog with John Wilkinson, Sanctuary

**Rabbi Laurence A. Kotok, D.D.**, serves as the Senior Rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh. Prior to arriving in Rochester in 1996, Rabbi Kotok served the North Country Reform Temple Ner Tamid of Glen Cove for 22 years. He is currently National Chair of the ARZA Rabbinic Cabinet, serves on the Board of the Jewish Child Care Association, and has been active in both the New York and National UJA/Federation.

### Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*: Special Music Preview WMA

**Scott Stratton-Smith**

Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m.

February 11

Johnston Hall

Third Church and Chancel Choir member **Scott Stratton-Smith** will lead a preview of the music from Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*, which will be performed at 10:45 a.m., plus other gospel pieces that will be performed as part of the Keith Hampton concert that evening at 7:00 p.m.

### The African-American Family LIV

**Richard M. Williams**

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

February 11, 18, 25; March 4

Johnston Hall (Celebration Center February 11 only)

This course will cover the development of the African American family from its origins in Africa, through slave trade, the Jim Crow era, the Civil Rights Movement to its opportunities and challenges of today.

**Richard M. Williams** is an author and lecturer on the health and well-being of African-American families. His books include *They Stole It, But You Must Return It* and *Torches on the Road of Passage*. Richard has been a guest on more than 70 radio and television programs discussing his views on the black family stress, the need to value one another, and putting an end to self-defeating behavior which leads to cultural and economic hardship.

Richard earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Rochester and a doctorate in health

education and administration at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has traveled widely conducting workshops and seminars on personal and group health issues as well as subjects relevant to American-American families.

***Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical Texts That Make us Presbyterian*** (CF)

*Charles Stratton*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25

Celebration Center

Using the book of the same title by Earl S. Johnson, Jr., this class will cover eight significant passages of the Bible. Topics covered include: Jesus, justification by faith, predestination, male and female, and judging others. You may purchase the book for \$11.00 by contacting Dona Summers at the church office, 271-6537 x 101. Purchase of the book is recommended.

**Charles Stratton** is the Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls, New York, serving there with John Barclay (formerly of Third Church). He spent the last five winters with Third Presbyterian Church as a favorite and regular Bible teacher. He received a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, studied aerospace engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and received both a master's and a doctor of ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served twice as a missionary to Iran in the 1950s and 60s. He was Pastor and later Pastor Emeritus at The Presbyterian Church in Youngstown, New York, from 1967 to 1991.

**Lenten Lunchtime Series: Great Sermons** (WMA)

*Roderic Frohman, Deborah Hughes, John Wilkinson (bios page 6)*

Thursdays 12:00 noon

March 1; March 7, 14, 22, 28

Johnston Hall

Back by popular demand, this class will read and review a "classic" sermon each week during Lent.

***A Land Twice Promised*** (SOC)

*Noa Baum*

Teen workshop, Johnston Hall, Friday March 9, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Performance, Sanctuary, Saturday, March 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Community Building Workshop, Islamic Center, Sunday, March 11, 1:00 p.m.

Written and performed by Noa Baum, the 75-minute storytelling piece relives this captivating Jewish performer's journey with her Palestinian friend, Jumana.

Born and raised in Jerusalem and trained in theatre and education, **Noa Baum** is an acclaimed performance artist, educator and workshop facilitator who brings stories to life with her animated and energetic style. Her storytelling builds a bridge of understanding and compassion between East and West, American and Israeli, Arab and Jew, past and present.

***Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality*: Exploring Jack Rogers's book (SOC)**

*More Light Committee*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 11, 18, 25; April 1

Johnston Hall

What *exactly* does the Bible say about homosexuality? Not what you have heard. This class will examine this controversial topic through this book by a Presbyterian scholar and pastor. Purchase of the book is recommended. You may purchase the book for \$12.00 by contacting Dona Summers at the church office, 271-6537 x 101.

**Covenant, Community, and the Common Good (SOC)**

*Roderic Frohman (bio page 6)*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 am

April 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13

Johnston Hall

*Covenant*: a basis of Reformed theology and ethics. *Common good*: a category of Catholic moral thought. *Community*: a term for social concord used by everyone from politicians to religionists. What do these terms mean? How are they misused? How can they be recovered? This class will consist of dialogs with Rochester area people who are attempting to implement these values in our community.

***The Gospel of Luke In Context* (B)**

*Anne Merideth*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

April 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20

Celebration Center

In this course, we will examine the *Gospel of Luke*, highlighting those features that are unique to this Gospel and those aspects of Jesus' ministry that receive special attention by the evangelist. In particular, we will focus on Luke's portrait of Jesus, the role of women in the Gospel, and Luke's theology of salvation history.

**Anne Merideth** joined the University of Rochester faculty in 1995 and is Assistant Professor of religion. She teaches courses in the Old and New Testaments and Ancient Christianity and is a frequent participant in programs sponsored by the Interfaith Chapel. A veteran of the University's excavations in Israel, she has lectured in the Rochester community about the archaeological digs and other topics. In 1997, Anne earned the Abraham Karp Teaching Award shared by the Department of Religion and Classics and the Department of History as well as the Outstanding Faculty Award presented by the University's Women's Caucus.

**Truth is Multifaceted: A Study of World Religions** (WMA)*Sinnathamby Thevanesan*

Fridays 7:00-9:00 p.m.

April 27; May 11, 18; June 8

Gather at Johnston Hall

This course will feature presentations about Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Buddhism, coupled with field trips to the worship centers of these religions in the Rochester area.

**Sinnathamby Thevanesan** ("Pastor Theva" as he is known by his congregation of the Brockport United Methodist Church where he is the pastor) was born and raised in Sri Lanka. He has a B.D. from the University of Serampore, India, an M.A. from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and is an ordained United Methodist Minister.

**Apocalypse How? I & II Thessalonians** (B)*David Gregory*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

June 3, 10, 17

Celebration Center

Among the earliest of Christian writings, the Pauline letters of *First* and *Second Thessalonians* were meant to bring stability to the young movement known as the "church." Paul's brief ministry in this strategic and important city, which an ancient poet termed the "mother of all Macedon," included a statement that the apostle himself expected Christ to return in his lifetime. A subsequent persecution and hasty retreat prevented him from explaining himself, leaving his followers in a state of expectant confusion. What did he mean, and how would he explain himself? Inquiring minds wanted to know. This three-part series will briefly explore the historical position of these epistles, their authorship, authenticity, and place in the canon, followed by a path through the text that should demonstrate how the church can move from confusion to illumination when faced with unanswered and sometimes unanswerable questions.

**David Gregory**, an active member of Third Church, has served on Session, chaired the Adult Faith Development and More Light Committees, and is a current member of the Chancel Choir. A native Ohioan, he holds a bachelor's degree from Cedarville University, Ohio, and an M.A. from Denver Baptist Theological Seminary. He has 15 years' experience in pastoral ministry. David currently works in management with Costanza Enterprises in Rochester.

**Medical Moral Dilemmas: Poverty, Birth/Death, Prolongation of Life** (SOC)*Kenneth V. Dodgson, M.D.*

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

June 3, 10, 17

Johnston Hall

This class will cover medical moral dilemmas in three clusters:

1. Poverty, the primary medical moral reality covering such issues as education, employment, medical care, child care, nutrition, and housing;
2. Birth and death and related issues such as planned parenthood, abortion, and stem cell research;

3. Prolongation of life and related issues of genetic engineering, medical technology, and life-support systems.

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