



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Morning Seminar

- Jan 8 Glenn Murphy - *Forgiveness*
- Jan 15 Steve Hess - *Martin Luther King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail*
- Jan 22 Rev. Dr. David Smazik - *Overcoming Paralysis of Purpose*
- Jan 29, Feb 12, 19 Rev. Dr. David Lawrence – *The End of Things*
- Mar 4, 18, 25 Dr. Stephen D. Moore – *Gospel of John*
- Apr 15 Jack Fraebel – *Serving Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect*
- Apr 22 Linda Gaden – *Sabbath Keeping*
- Apr 29 Dick Kaller & Mikey Knotts - *Holy Land*

Faith on Film

- January 22 *Gran Torino*
- February 26 *Adam's Apples*
- March 25 *The Truman Show*
- April 29 *The Adjustment Bureau*
- May 20 *Higher Ground*

The Adult Education program is overseen by the Christian Education Committee, which strives to nourish people's faith development, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. In general, Adult Education classes:

- ◆ cover the history and foundation of the church,
- ◆ explore current events and faithful responses,
- ◆ consider ways to think, act and pray, and
- ◆ explore the work of the church.

Adult Education programs offer opportunities for study using guest speakers, short articles, discussion guides, videos and group discussions.

Please direct questions and recommendations to Director of Christian Education, Alexandra Mead. Please join us!

Adult Education

Opportunities for Study

at

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown



Winter - Spring 2012

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Sanctuary and Chapel:
57 Park Place (On the Green)

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Parish House
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Worship Services:
Sundays at 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Wednesdays at Noon

Check website calendar for scheduling changes and special services

Small Groups Varying Times and Locations

Small Groups meet for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and the sharing of personal concerns. Each group is made up of about 8-12 members who meet at a regular time every week or two. Many groups are open for new members.

Books, Bible & Beyond – This monthly book group open to everyone meets next on January 12 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House to discuss Harold S. Kushner's *The Lord Is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*.

Body, Mind and Spirit – The next six week session begins Thursday, January 12, from 5-6 p.m. in the Parish House. Members share inspirational spiritual readings and resources to enhance their own wholeness and promote unity.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m. in Church Choir Room

Led by our ministers, this class follows the theme of the previous Sunday's sermon. Please check the church website regularly for the ongoing schedule.

Please join us after Bible study for worship in the Chapel at noon and a light lunch after worship.

Choosing Resilience Workshop Five sessions, Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beginning February 28

Led by Rick Miller and Dr. Susan Berg, this interactive workshop will provide research-based, practical tools to help build resilience through health balance, self-understanding, relationships, life balance and creativity (visit YouTube at www.bit.ly/chooseresilience).

Lenten Study 2012 Saturdays, March 3-24 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Parish House

Led by Mikey Knotts and sponsored by Presbyterian Women, this year's theme is *Beatitudes*. The class includes a light breakfast. All are welcome, including men!

Faith on Film

4:00 p.m. in the Parish House Parlor

The Faith on Film series includes a viewing followed by a pizza dinner and discussion led by Vern Verhoef.



January 22 – Gran Torino – Starring and directed by Clint Eastwood, this film is about an aging widower forced to confront his deep prejudices as his crime ridden Detroit neighborhood becomes an enclave for southeast Asian immigrants. Critic Nicole Sperling describes *Gran Torino* as “a meditation on tolerance wrapped in the disguise of a movie with a gun-toting Clint Eastwood and a cool car.” Rated R.



February 26 – Adam's Apples – Some critics see this Danish dramatic comedy as an exploration of the themes in the Book of Job. A zealously optimistic pastor, who believes everyone is capable of rehabilitation, is put to the test when he meets a neo-Nazi ex-convict who needs to perform community service. Both men are eager to change the other's world view. This inspiring, quirky film includes some mature content and subtitles.

March 25 – The Truman Show – This 1998 film seems to anticipate (prophesy against?) the reality show format which would come to dominate popular television a decade later. This thoughtful dramatic comedy also explores free will and the human condition. Rated PG.

April 29 – The Adjustment Bureau – Matt Damon stars in this 2011 romantic drama about the direct conflict between free will and fate. Damon plays a politician who decides to resist his handlers and make his own decisions. He soon realizes that there are much greater forces steering his path than he ever imagined. Rated PG.



May 20 – Higher Ground – On a twisting journey of faith, a woman explores the tension between faith, doubt and action without declaring an ultimate winner. Thoughtful discussion is inevitable after this affecting drama. Rated R.

FORGIVENESS
January 8
Glenn Murphy

Forgiveness is one of the most complex, challenging, and confusing issues we face in life. Jesus spoke extensively about the subject and taught his disciples to pray, "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Yet, if you have suffered the pain of victimization or have known the anguish of betrayal, then you know that forgiving your debtors is not simple or easy. If you have wrestled with God's command to forgive or wondered, "How do I forgive?" or "Why should I forgive?" If you are tired of easy answers to these questions, then this class is for you.

Glenn Murphy is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a full-time practice in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where he provides counseling and psychotherapy services to adults, adolescents and couples. Prior to opening his own private practice, Glenn served as an Associate Pastor at two local churches for a combined 23 years. His passion is to see hearts healed, lives transformed and captives set free.



MLK'S LETTER FROM A BIRMINGHAM JAIL
January 15
Steve Hess

In his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Martin Luther King, Jr. specifically addresses the role of the church in the struggle for civil rights and justice. This class will examine the prophetic language and Biblical references in MLK's powerful historical document to gain a better understanding of our past, and, hopefully, position ourselves to have more impact today. Though not necessary, it would be helpful to read the letter carefully before class. It can be found at http://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/letter_Birmingham_Jail.pdf.



OVERCOMING PARALYSIS OF PURPOSE
January 22
Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Dr. Smazik will discuss concepts from *Life Momentum*, a book he co-authored with his brother Ken. This book explores ideas from many disciplines to provide hopeful straightforward insights for discovering a life of impact. This seminar is a continuation of a popular class from November 2011, but participation in the first class is not necessary.

Dr. Smazik is Senior Pastor at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. He served the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rockford, Illinois for 17 years. Dr. Smazik graduated with a BA in Religion/Psychology from Hope College. He has his Master of Divinity from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology and a Doctorate of Ministry in Church Revitalization.



THE END OF THINGS
January 29, February 12 and 19
Rev. Dr. David Lawrence

In the middle of the 20th century, the great theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote "it is unwise for Christians to claim any knowledge of either the furniture of heaven or the temperature of hell; or to be too certain about any details of the kingdom of God in which history is consummated."

In this class, however, we will discuss several matters related to "the end of things." What is heaven? What is hell? Who is going where? If Jesus is "the only way," what happens to those who have not been introduced to him? Do the gospel writers' portrayals of Jesus offer help in figuring out what happens at the end of things? Are Biblical books like Revelation any real help in understanding the end of things? What will the revealed kingdom of God be like?

After serving churches in LaFayette, New York and East Hanover and Whippany, New Jersey, Dr. Lawrence was Parish Associate for Pastoral Psychotherapy at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown for 25 years. He retired after 40+ years in ministry in 2009. He still preaches and teaches regularly, and serves as Adjunct Faculty in the Doctor of Ministry program at Drew University Theological School.



GOSPEL OF JOHN
March 4, 18 and 25
Dr. Stephen D. Moore

This seminar continues Dr. Moore's exploration of the gospels during Sunday Morning Seminar. Over the past two years, Dr. Moore has led us in a careful examination of Luke and Mark. He will now turn his attention to the most cerebral of the gospels which has been described as the pinnacle of New Testament Theology.

A native of Ireland, Stephen D. Moore received his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from the University of Dublin (Trinity College) and has taught in Ireland, Great Britain and the United States. For the past ten years, he has been Professor of New Testament at Drew Theological School. He is the author or editor of more than 15 books and has published more than 60 academic articles and essays.



SERVING VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
April 15
Jack Fraebel

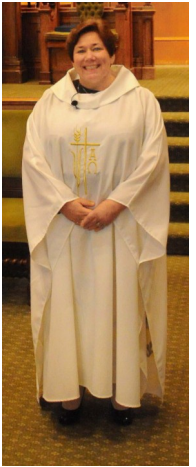


Every 57 minutes a child in New Jersey is abused or neglected (Children's Defense Fund). In Morris and Sussex counties this year, 354 of those children were represented by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Jack Fraebel, a retired attorney who works full time for CASA, will tell us more about these children and their families, who generally reflect the demographic of our congregation, and about the many dedicated volunteers and social service workers who devote their lives to caring for these children and supporting the adults – foster families, grandparents, and birth families – who raise them.

SABBATH KEEPING: AN INVITATION TO RELAX IN ABUNDANCE
April 22
Linda Gaden

What is Sabbath? Why do we have such difficulty discovering the simplicity of Sabbath and the sense of God's peace which it entails? The Sabbath is God's gift to us — a gift which allows us to rest in God's abundant and well ordered creation. Come and reflect on the things which impede your experience of God's goodness and generosity. Discover how you might accept the invitation to relax in abundance and keep Sabbath time.

Linda Gaden has been a member of The Presbyterian Church in Morristown for nearly 25 years. She is a Commissioned Lay Pastor and is currently serving as Spiritual Coordinator/Chaplain at Broadway House for Continuing Care in Newark. She previously served as sole pastor of the Mt. Freedom Presbyterian Church.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
April 29
Dick Kaller and Mikey Knotts

For centuries, Christians have journeyed to Israel to deepen their faith by exploring the physical realm of Jesus. Join Dick Kaller and Mikey Knotts as they share their impressions and photos from their trip to the Holy Land this past October.

