



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

# Adult Education

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

Come explore the Story. Our lives are a tapestry of stories; stories of family, stories of faith, stories of the future. Stories give color, texture and meaning to our lives and help us understand ourselves and our world. It is through exploring our stories and how they intersect with God's story that we discover the meaning of our lives and come to understand our very purpose and calling. So join us in a class or small group and with our pastors during the Lenten Series as we engage this year's theme and together "Explore the Story."

## EXPLORING THE BIBLICAL STORIES Lenten Series

WEDNESDAYS - FEB. 29 - MAR. 21, 7:00 P.M.

Led by BMPC Pastors

Explore the Biblical stories that relate to Lent. This contemplative study will help you discover how these stories affect you as you attempt to live and serve as Jesus did in the kind of world he envisioned.

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

JANUARY 8 - 29, 8:30 A.M.

**THE CASE FOR GOD: Discussion of the book by Karen Armstrong**  
Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray  
Conference Room

Exploration of the history of religious practices in many different cultures and the part that religion plays in human life continues.

JANUARY 8, 10:15 A.M. TO 2:15 P.M.

**GATEWAY TO RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**  
Visit faith communities in West Philadelphia.

Tour the congregation with a small group. Attend a service with the religious community. Reflect and ask questions with community members!

White Rock Baptist Church  
5240 Chestnut St., Philadelphia PA 19139

To Register: [www.interfaithcenterpa.org/involved/gateway-reg-php](http://www.interfaithcenterpa.org/involved/gateway-reg-php)  
Questions: [ndd@interfaithcenterpa.org](mailto:ndd@interfaithcenterpa.org)

JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 5, 11:15 A.M.



**Our Stories, Muslim Stories, God Story**  
Led by the Dr. Jon Pahl,  
Witherspoon Parlor

Christians, Muslims, and Jews share in being "People of the Book." Where do our stories intersect, and where do they diverge? Participants are encouraged to read Fethullah Gulen, *Toward a Global Civilization of Love and Tolerance*. Available online at <http://www.fethullahgulenconference.org/resources/books/tolerance.pdf>.

FEBRUARY 5, 8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**New Member Orientation**

Open to all. 10 a.m. worship and luncheon included. Childcare available. Includes an overview of the evolution of our denomination and polity; reformed theology (our beliefs); and Membership expectations and opportunities. For more information about membership or orientation classes contact Donna Barrickman [DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org](mailto:DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 -

**ENCOUNTERS WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LEGEND GWEN APPLING**

11:15 A.M. **Mighty Times: The Children's March**  
Screening of the Academy Award winning film.



12:00 P.M. **Soul Food Luncheon**

2:00 P.M. **Concert of music related to the Civil Rights Movement**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 -

9:30 A.M. **Mighty Times: The Children's March:**

Youth, Family and Fine Arts will co-sponsor a special event for children, youth and their families, featuring a 2nd screening of the film and the opportunity to interact with Gwen.

## WEEKDAY PASTOR-LED BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAYS, NOON — 1:00 P.M.  
**PREACHER'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY.**  
Conference Room.

Led by the preacher for the coming week. Together we will study the scripture for the coming week's sermon.

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 — 11:00 A.M.  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY:**  
*Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*  
by Ellen F. Davis

Led by the Rev. Louisa Watkins Umphres.  
Converse House Meeting Room

THURSDAYS, 11:00 A.M.  
**TORAH STUDY - JOEL**  
Led by Rabbi Ethan Franzel  
Main Line Reform Temple, Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood  
Members of MLRF and BMPC join to study the Torah (Old Testament) together. BMPC contact: [Phoebe Sheftel pasheftel@comcast.net](mailto:PhoebeSheftel@comcast.net)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18, 12:00 P.M., CONGREGATIONAL HALL  
**SENIOR CLUB LUNCH - Karl Rickels, M.D.**  
Bring a brown bag lunch - coffee and sweets provided.  
Author of "A Serendipitous Life" from German POW to American psychiatrist.

## CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY

Visit our library (accessed via the ramp of the Ministries Center) and check out our books, CDs, and DVDs. Sunday's sermon CD's also available.

## THE BOOK CENTER

We offer books, including many used in our classes. The Book Center is located in the Court of the Ministries Center and is open following services on Sundays and weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For updates, see our Sunday worship bulletin, visit us on our website, [www.bmpc.org/AdultEducation.htm](http://www.bmpc.org/AdultEducation.htm), or contact Carol Schmidt, 610-525-2821, ext. 8819, or [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).