

## Forums

### Adult Education Forum

11:15am in the Lounge

#### September 16 – Conflict, Dialogue & Reconciliation:

**A Middle East Perspective.** We have the privilege to host Mr. Samuel Rizk, the 2007 Egypt International Peacemaker. Mr. Rizk is currently working on his PhD at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, VA. Mr. Rizk will cover issues such as conflict resolution as the mission of Christ and the Church in the Middle East and interfaith dialogue and the role of Christians in the Middle East. Mr. Rizk will be with us during worship and the adult forum.

**September 23 & 30** - Have you wondered how Presbyterians are different from Baptists, Lutherans, or Catholics? Or, why we baptize babies? Join us for two Adult Forums, September 23 and September 30, to discuss our Presbyterian heritage. Jeff Vamos, Brandt McCabe and Mary Alice Lyman will lead the discussion.

#### October 7 – A conversation with leaders of Temple

**Micah.** We have been sharing our facilities with a Jewish congregation, Temple Micah, since 1969. This conversation is part of a number of activities we are participating in with Temple Micah this fall. The conversation will cover topics of mutual interest about our respective faith practices. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about and get to know each other.

**October 21 – (Chapel)** On Saturday October 27, we are taking a trip into New York to attend a performance of *Madama Butterfly* at the Metropolitan Opera in Lincoln Center. Today, Professor Margaret Cusack will be here to discuss the plot, themes and arias from Puccini's great masterwork. Ms. Cusack teaches voice and opera literature at Westminster Choir College. In addition to having sung at the Metropolitan Opera, Ms. Cusack has performed the role of Butterfly many times. Even you cannot attend the opera, come and attend this class. *Information on the trip can be found in the October church newsletter.*

**October 21 – (Lounge)** Four years ago our congregation created the Micah Award in order to recognize and support the work of a local ministry or non-profit organization which has been serving the community in a way that exemplifies the principles of Micah 6:8. Each year an award of \$1,000 is given to such an organization in order to enable them to complete a special one-time project that would not have been accomplished without our award. The 2006 Micah Award was given to Court Appointed Special Advocates. A representative from CASA will be with us to discuss the work of CASA and Micah Award project.

#### October 28 – Caring for the Mind, Body, and Spirit

What does it mean to be a healthy Christian? How can we care for the mind, body, and Spirit so we can live the abundant life Christ calls us to live? Join us for this six-part series, exploring forgiveness; prayer and meditation; and healthy eating and exercise. In our two-part discussion of forgiveness on October 28 and November 18, Mary Alice Lyman and Nancy Allen will discuss strategies for forgiveness that have been effective in rebuilding relationships in families, among friends, and in intimate relationships. We will also explore the art of forgiveness as demonstrated in the life and ministry of Christ.

#### November 4 – Summer Youth Mission Presentation

**“Rebuilding Hope”** - The youth and youth advisors who participated in this year's summer youth trip to New Orleans will talk about their experiences as well as show MANY photos from the trip. Two years after the storm, New Orleans and other areas in the Gulf Coast are still in horrific condition. Come hear about a first entry experience as well as stories about cultural and political stances on the response and rebuilding of the city.

#### **“Rebuilding Hope”: Images of the Summer Youth Trip to New Orleans**

This photographic exhibit will be displayed from August 26 to November 4 in the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville Art Gallery located in the long hall across

from the Lounge. These images were taken by participants of the trip this past July. Come hear about the trip on November 4, after worship!

#### **November 18 – Caring for Mind, Body, and Spirit continued.**

## Classes & Small Groups

### Wednesday Evening Book Club

Love to read? Love to talk about what you've read? Want to learn more about Israel/Palestine? Then join our Book Club. We'll meet the first Wednesday of the month October through January at 6:00 pm and at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. We'll begin our reading in September with the book *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding* by Idliby, Oliver and Warner. We'll follow with the Nobel Peace Prize winner *Night Trilogy* by Elie Wiesel. The month of November we'll spend reading *Blood Brothers – the Story of a Palestinian Christian Working for Peace in Israel* by Elias Chacour and we'll wrap up with *The Lemon Tree – An Arab, A Jew and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan. Join us for one book, or all four. For more information, contact Jan Everett at 732-350-0793.

If you cannot be part of the Wednesday Evening Book club join the **PCOL Book Club**. Oprah has a book club and several million people are suddenly reading and talking about the same book. During the fall, the Peacemaking Committee is encouraging everyone in the congregation to read *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding*. We encourage members to discuss this book in existing small groups, or host your own small group to discuss the book. Let the church office know if you want publicity for your group.

**Meditation on the Morning Scripture**  
**9:00 am in Room 104**

Come experience the depth of meaning found in focused meditation. Group members read the scripture lesson of the day following the practice of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is an ancient method for praying with the Bible.

**Registration required for the following.**

**Morning Spiritual Practice Group** – *6-week practice period, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-7:30 am, October 2-November 8.* Many yearn to connect more deeply with that same spiritual wellspring that Jesus himself needed, by developing a personal spiritual discipline. This experience is for anyone interested in exploring a personal spiritual practice, a deeper relationship with God, and in living a more centered life. The practice begins promptly at 7:00am (come early) in the Chapel and will consist mainly of silent meditation/prayer, but will also include scripture reading and communal prayer. There will be some introduction to varying spiritual disciplines and methods of meditation.

**People to Preacher Symposium on Faith & Politics** – *Convener: Jeff Vamos. Two Sections (choose one) Tuesday, October 30, 6:30-9:00 pm (dinner); or Saturday, November 3, 9-11:00 am.* What does the Bible say about the relationship between faith and politics? How have Presbyterians dealt with that issue? Is it appropriate to speak of politics from the pulpit? What did Jesus have to say on this? These are questions we will discuss in this symposium. Each one-time conversation is designed to provide Jeff with “grist for the sermon mill” before a two-part sermon series on Faith & Politics in early November. Please call the church office, 896-1212 or email [office@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:office@pclawrenceville.org) to register for one of the sessions. *Preparatory reading material from the Book of Confessions will be expected.*

**Theological Round Table** is for those who are interested in theology and desire an in-depth conversation about theological topics, themes and theologians. The group will meet initially for six weeks, and will focus discussion on the theology of Reinhold Neibuhr. *Convener is John Eory.* Please call the church office, 896-1212 or email [office@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:office@pclawrenceville.org) to register.

**Bible Study on the Book of Jeremiah** – *Time TBD.* This fall, the lectionary has us reading the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. At first glance, the world of the 7<sup>th</sup> Century BCE, to which Jeremiah spoke, seems so different from ours; on going deeper, we might discover that Jeremiah’s critique of the people, culture, and politics of his time is keenly relevant to today. Please call the church office, 896-1212 or email [office@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:office@pclawrenceville.org) to register.

**Rhythm for the Soul:**  
**Jazz Vespers and Supper Concert**  
Sunday, September 30

4:00 pm Vespers, 5:00 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm Concert  
Join us for an experience of worship in a new key, and enjoy food for both body and soul. We hope every member will consider attending this event, and bringing a neighbor or friend. *Information: email the church office at: [office@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:office@pclawrenceville.org). \$5 suggested donation per person.*

**—Email Devotional Reading**

To receive a devotional reading each weekday on your email, Contact Joan Semenuk at:  
[JoanWSemenuk@verizon.net](mailto:JoanWSemenuk@verizon.net) .

## Educational Opportunities

**Fall 2007**



### Goals of the Adult Education Program:

- To provide opportunities for people to participate in lifelong learning about Christian faith
- To develop our understanding of God’s working in the world
  - To come together as a community of Christians
- To deepen our understanding of the faith journey we are on individually and collectively