

## SPRING 2019

### THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing is the foundation of beloved community. Join us as we discuss the great need for affordable housing in our community and reflect on the issue theologically. We will also explore what we as a congregation can do to help advocate for affordable housing in Decatur and Dekalb County.

**Facilitators:** David Lewicki and Samuel Turpen

**Location:** Large Classroom

**Dates:** January 13, 20, 27 and February 3

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY: DO YOU LONG TO BE A SERVANT LEADER WITH A JOYFUL HEART?

Spiritual Gifts Inventory: Do you long to be a servant leader with a joyful heart? Join us for this month-long dive into the many gifts that make us one body as a Church. Discover your "spiritual type" and the talents that will satisfy your soul. Stop signing up for "administration" when "artistry" makes your spirit soar or vice versa. Hold onto "humor" as a holy act despite pressure to offer "healing." We will look at several resources from church consultants, spiritual directors and social researchers like Brene Brown to consider how to avoid burn-out and stoke your spiritual gifts.

**Facilitator:** Beth Waltemath

**Location:** Parlor

**Dates:** January 10, 17, 24 and Feb 3

### MODERN FEMALE THEOLOGIANS

The stories of women in Christianity are multifaceted. Their texts, experiences, embodiment, and relationships invite us into their contexts, history, and theology. This class will invite you to understand the contribution of women to Christianity, particularly within feminist and womanist theological frameworks, by exploring the work of womanist and feminist theologians and ethicists such as Margaret Farley, Katie Cannon, M. Shawn Copeland, and Lois K. Daly.

**Facilitator:** Nicole Symmonds, Ph.D. candidate, Candler Theological Seminary

**Location:** Large Classroom

**Dates:** February 10, 17, 24 and March 3

### LENT: THE ARTS AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

We will venture deeper into the Lenten story and the meaning it brings to the life of faith by immersing ourselves in a variety of media including scripture, visual arts, music, poetry, and film

**Facilitators:** Rick Neale, Ellen Gadberry, Clint Miller

**Location:** Large Classroom

**Dates:** March 10, 17, 24 and 31

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### THE SPIRITUALITY OF PARENTING

For all its amazing joys and gifts, parenthood can often be challenging and quite frankly humbling. How many of us have felt lost, insecure, and even guilty when it comes to our own parenting choices? In this class, we'll explore what it means to bear the whole load of parenthood - the struggles as well as joys, the questions and doubts as well as the know-how, the utter failures as well as successes. We'll seek a more gentle and gracious narrative to apply to ourselves as parents, seeking to recognize how God is present and working in the holy thick of it all. Come join us to share the load and find some relief for your weary parent souls!

**Facilitators:** Kimberly Broerman and Susan White

**Location:** Parlor

**Dates:** March 10, 17, 24 and 31

### REVOLUTIONARY JESUS

Who was Jesus? Why does he continue to inspire and mystify us thousands of years later? This class will draw on the work of the premier historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan as it asks revolutionary questions about a truly remarkable life. We will take close look at the evidence supporting the revolutionary lifestyle of Jesus, with its emphasis on free healing and open eating without regard to social class or status.

**Facilitators:** John Hollender, Mike Nichols, and Rick Neale

**Location:** Large Classroom

**Dates:** April 7, 14, (not 21), 28 and May 5th

### STORIES OF LIFE AND DEATH

Using the PBS documentary "Into the Night: Portraits of Life and Death," this series will explore the stories we tell ourselves as we "go into the night." Recognizing that death is the great unanswered question this video features nine men and women who consider their mortality from very different perspectives—the imminence of their own death, the loss of a loved one, a questioning temperament, near-death experience, art, and astrophysics. These first person accounts will be the starting point each week for a conversation about how we may live generatively with the reality of our death.

To see a trailer or read more about the documentary go to <http://www.pbs.org/program/into-night-portraits-life-death/>.

**Facilitator:** Mary Anona Stoops

**Location:** Parlor

**Dates:** April 7, 14, (not 21), 28 and May 5th

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### WIRED WORD: BREAKING NEWS AND THE GOOD NEWS

In this year-long class, we digest breaking news with scripture and hope through the national curriculum, “The Wired Word.” Each week, we will explore a current news story through the lens of a relevant scripture text and the insights of the group. No advanced reading is required. Join us to become a community of regulars — or drop in whenever you can!

**Facilitators:** Sam Turpen and various facilitators

**Location:** Library

**Dates:** January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, (not 21), 28 and May 5

### CRAFTIVISM AND LITURGICAL ARTS – ON TUESDAYS!

God can work through our hands to do good in this world while we craft? Join us for two distinct flavors of crafting— ‘Craftivism’ and Liturgical Arts—on Tuesday evenings. Activism has never looked so beautiful. Questions? Contact Ellen Gadberry: [ellen.gadberry@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.gadberry@gmail.com).

**Dates and Times:** 1st & 3rd Tues, 7 pm (Craftivism);  
2nd & 4th Tues, 7 pm (Lit. Arts)

**Facilitator:** Ellen Gadberry

**Location:** Art Room, Education Hall

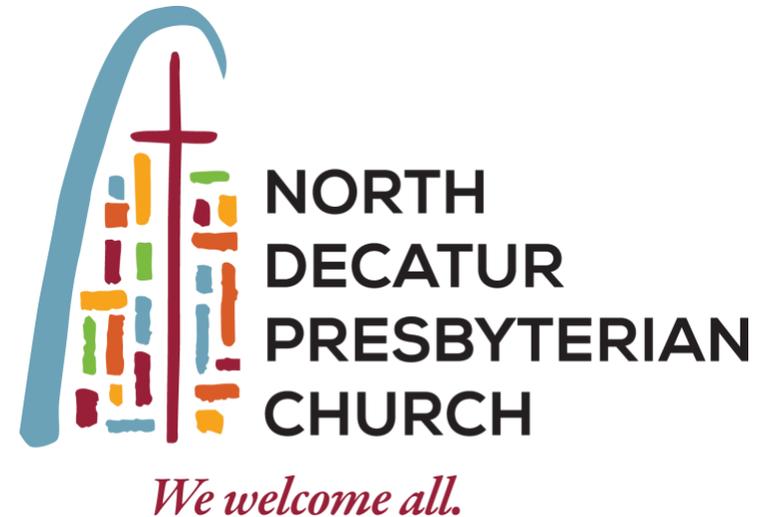
### INQUIRERS’ CLASS

Are you visiting NDPC? Would you like to learn more about this church, who we are as Presbyterians (PCUSA), and what we are doing? We try to follow Jesus by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. Let’s get to know one another and talk about how we at NDPC approach this ancient call and how you can be part of our journey.

**Facilitators:** Pastoral Staff and Engagement Team

**Location:** Pastor’s Study

**Dates:** March 3, 10 and 17



## Adult Education Course Catalog