

YEAR LONG CLASSES

FORMING US PARENTING CLASS

Want to deepen your connections with other NDPC parents and dialogue about the hard and holy work of parenting? The NDPC Parenting class seeks to foster community among our families and to teach, encourage and support the spiritual formation of children and parents alike. This Fall, we'll be focused on Sharing Our Stories, Parenting with Mindfulness, and Simplicity Parenting. All parents and those who love our NDPC children are welcome to join us!

Facilitators: Kimberly Broerman, John Morgan and others

Location: Parent Classroom in the Children's Education Building

THE ARTISTRY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is weird. It's filled with quirky characters, and a lot of strange things happen. The Bible is also a big deal. But why? As part of our God's Creative Story project (connected to our Vital Worship Grant), we will explore this inspiring, sometimes baffling, and often controversial book, using a variety of media and approaches. In our time together we will learn more about its amazing artistry, what's in it, where it comes from, and the ways it influences our culture and our personal lives. For more information, see www.ndpc.org/story

This program is made possible through a Vital Worship grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Facilitators: Rick Neale, Ellen Gadberry and others

Location: Studio Classroom in Sanctuary Building

CRAFTIVISTS AND LITURGICAL ARTS – ON THURSDAYS!

Can God work through our hands to do good in this world while we craft? Join us for two distinct flavors of crafting— 'Craftivists' and Liturgical Arts—on Thursday evenings. Activism has never looked so beautiful. The mission of the Liturgical Arts Group is to support, enhance, and extend elements of worship in our community through the visual arts at North Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Dates & Times: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. (Liturgical Arts);
2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. (Craftivists)

Facilitator: Ellen Gadberry story@ndpc.org

Location: Studio Classroom in Sanctuary Building

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END OF LIFE CONVERSATIONS

The default position of our current medical system is often to treat illness and disease in order to extend life with little consideration of the toll on the well-being and quality of life of the patient. Given this, it is crucial that we have the conversations that allow us to consider and name our priorities for our healthcare and communicate our wishes with our loved ones who may be called upon to advocate for us in critical moments. NDPC members who treat patients facing critical medical decisions and will help participants to better understand the dying process, the medical system, and how to have these crucial conversations with family and practitioners. Mary Anona Stoops will explore the ways we cope and make meaning about death and dying.

Dates: January 5, 12, 19, 26

Facilitators: Lee Nichols, Jean Hill, David Markham and Mary Anona Stoops

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

JUST AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD: TRANSFORMING OUR FOOD SYSTEM

Avoiding meat and dairy is the 'single biggest way' to reduce your impact on Earth" (The Guardian, May 31, 2018). Are you alarmed by these kinds of headlines? Intrigued? Wonder how we ended up with 'industrialized agriculture' and 'factory farms' and what, if anything, you can do about it? Join us for a four-week introduction to the U.S. food system, its impacts on people and the planet, and what consumers and social movement organizations are doing to trying to transform "Big Ag." This class will draw on recent PhD work in environmental history and sustainability/food justice activism.

Dates: February 2, 9, 26 and 23 and March 8, 15, 22, and 29

Facilitators: Rebecca Watts Hull, PhD.

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

COURSE IN DEVELOPMENT

RACISM - THE CHURCH'S STORY

Join a small group of NDPC members in a conversation about race in DeKalb County with members from a majority black congregation. Please contact adulded@ndpc.org if you are interested in participating. A time outside of Sunday Mornings will be determined with interested participants

Facilitators: Rev. David Lewicki

Location and Dates: TBD

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VIOLENCE, NON-VIOLENCE AND PEACEMAKING

This course will explore the call God makes for God's children to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). The course consists of a field trip to the [Legacy Museum and Memorial](#) in Montgomery, Alabama on April 4, 2020 followed by 3 Sunday morning sessions at NDPC. The museum trip will begin our conversation of the use of brutality and terror to control our citizens. The following classes will explore other forms and causes of violence and its impact on individuals, groups and society as a whole. If you are not able to visit the museum with our group or if you'd like to prepare for its message ahead of time, we recommend reading Bryan Stevenson's Just Mercy or going to see the movie which debuts January 10th. In our final classes, we will discuss the power of non-violence as a response to institutional oppression and terror and our role as individual peacemakers, in our church community and the broader society.

Dates: April 5, 19 and May 3

Facilitators: Members of the Peace and Justice Committee

Location: Parlor in Sanctuary Building

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 or TBA

Dates: Sunday mornings: March 1, 8, 22 - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturdays: January 4 and May 2 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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We welcome all.

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