

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church



Adult Christian Education

Fall 2014

November 9 and 16
"Cuba Partners Bible Study"
10:00 a.m., Room 511



First Church Havana and its sister congregations in the United States share common Biblical texts, ask common questions and then share what they have learned. Come join us for this two-week Bible study.

November 30
Congregation Sunday
10:00 a.m., Peter Marshall Hall



To be announced

December 7
"Presbyterian Churches in Iraq"
10:00 a.m., Room 520



Presentation of the PC(USA) Iraq Partnership Network describing the mission work of the three Presbyterian churches in Iraq. NYAPC is a member of the Iraq Partnership Network



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September 7, 14, 21, 28
"The Theology of Karl Barth"
10:00 a.m., Room 511



Many consider Karl Barth the most important Christian theologian of the 20th century. This class will discuss his lectures on the Apostle's Creed delivered in postwar Bonn in 1946 and published under the title Dogmatics in Outline. These lectures provide a brief introduction to many of the principal themes of his theological reflections. Copies of Dogmatics in Outline will be available from Paul Dornan or at the entryway desk. Each copy costs \$12. Dewey Wallace, Professor Emeritus, George Washington University, will lead the class.

Sundays
10:20 –10:50 a.m.
Lincoln Chapel



"Adventures in Prayer" Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class will meet in the Lincoln Chapel on two-service Sundays and is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We will learn together and we will pray together. All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. The adventure awaits. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.

September 14, 21, 28
"Hand Bells 101"
10:00 a.m., Room 127



Did you know the church has hand bells? This three week class will provide an introduction to how to play hand bells correctly and care for them, and we will play some very simple pieces. After the three weeks, there may be opportunities to get together additionally with the possible goal of a musical offering during a church service. Dan Stokes will lead.

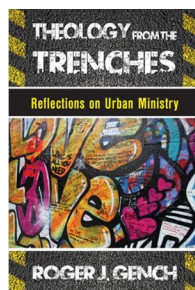
September 28 and October 5
"The Presbyterian Church and Life in Cuba"
10:00 a.m., Room 520



September 28: Presentation on the Cuban Presbyterian Church (the churches across the country in three Presbyteries) and life and scenes in Cuba. You will learn about the PC(USA) partnership with the IPRC (Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba), its purpose and mission collaborations - Marilyn Seiber will lead the class.

October 5: Rev Hector Mendez, of First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana, will continue our exploration of the relationship between PC(USA) and the Cuban Presbyterian Church, and in particular the relationship between NYAPC and First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana.

October 12, 19, 26
"Theology from the Trenches: Reflections on Urban Ministry"
10:00 a.m., Room 520



Rev. Roger Gench will introduce his new book to the class and discuss how it relates to his experiences here at NYAPC and what he envisions as possible for our congregation as an urban church.

October 12, 19, 26, November 2
"Who Is Your Mama?" A Look at the Face of God through Galatians
10:00 a.m., Room 511



In his letter to the church in Galacia, Paul responds passionately to those "Missionaries" who have drastically changed the Gospel Paul preached from a "Law-Less" relationship to a "Law-Full" relationship with God. Paul uses the familiar story of Hagar and Sarah and their sons, Ishmael and Isaac, to help the Galatians disconnect from the "Missionary's" version of the Gospel and reconnect with the Gospel he, Paul, originally preached. He uses the "Mamas," both slave and free, to help the Galatians [and us] see who their spiritual ancestors are and how those ancestors help us recognize the image of God. Rev. Paula Hill, student at Howard Divinity School, will lead the series.

November 2, 9, 23
"Israel and Palestine: Post Gaza War and GA221"
10:00 a.m., Room 520



At this summer's General Assembly in Detroit our church, the PC(USA), took the courageous step of divesting from three companies that profited from the occupation of the Palestinian territories. Several weeks later war broke out in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas resulting in over 2,100 Palestinian casualties, the overwhelming majority of whom were civilians, and 68 Israelis, all but four of whom were soldiers. What does GA221 mean for the Church and its involvement in the Israel-Palestine conflict? How can we assist with the rebuilding in Gaza and the securing of a just and lasting peace? What can you do as an individual to promote understanding and increase education on the issue? Matthew Asada and Stephanie Simpson will lead.
