

Throughout the Week

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays at 9:30am, in the Knox Room, led by Casey Thompson (Begins September 19) Casey Thompson will lead the Monday Morning Bible Study. He'll use the study, "Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" to guide the class through a study of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Using a study guide, some great conversation and personal study you'll grow in your depth and knowledge of the Word of God. All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:45am and 9:45am

Men's Bible Study

Thursday mornings 7-8am

Take a look at our separate Men's and Women's brochures to check out some of the incredible speakers or wonderful classes offered to the men and women of the church. Try something new this fall and see where God meets you!

Spiritual Direction

A Ministry of WPC

Imagine a place where you are invited into a prayerful reflection on your life with God. It is a welcoming, peaceful, safe place. The listener is gifted and trained to listen for the movements of God in whatever aspect of your life you choose to share. You can talk about experiences of God ... or the lack of them. This place is Spiritual Direction. Spiritual Direction is a practice that encourages people of faith to "be with God" as a complement to our well developed activity of "doing for God."

Through the work of our three gifted Spiritual Directors you can participate in individual or group Spiritual Direction. Buff Barnes, Ellie Stratton and Jeanne Kauffman partner with us in this ministry and would be happy to tell you more about the different types of Spiritual Direction or answer any questions you may have.

For more information, please see the Spiritual Direction brochure or talk to Laurie Taylor Weicher.

And make sure you don't miss...

The First 1,000 Days: A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children- And the World



Sunday, November 13, 7pm
Visit by author, Roger Thurow

Journalist and author, Roger Thurow will join us to discuss his book entitled *The First 1,000 Days*, which refers to the time from early pregnancy up to a child's second birthday. Good nutrition during this time is essential for a child to grow into healthy and productive adulthood. Join us to learn about these 1,000 days for women and children here and around the world, and how we can faithfully respond to those in need.

Advent Prayer and Yoga Morning O' Come, All Ye Frazzled...

Saturday, December 3, 9am-11am

Treat yourself to a morning of gentle yoga and guided prayer during this Advent season. Step away from the crazy, busy world and listen for the voice of God during a time designed to nurture your body and soul. The morning will be led by Buff Barnes and Amy Nobles Dolan. Hope you can join us!

For more information on our Adult Education courses, please visit our website at:

www.waynepres.org/adults

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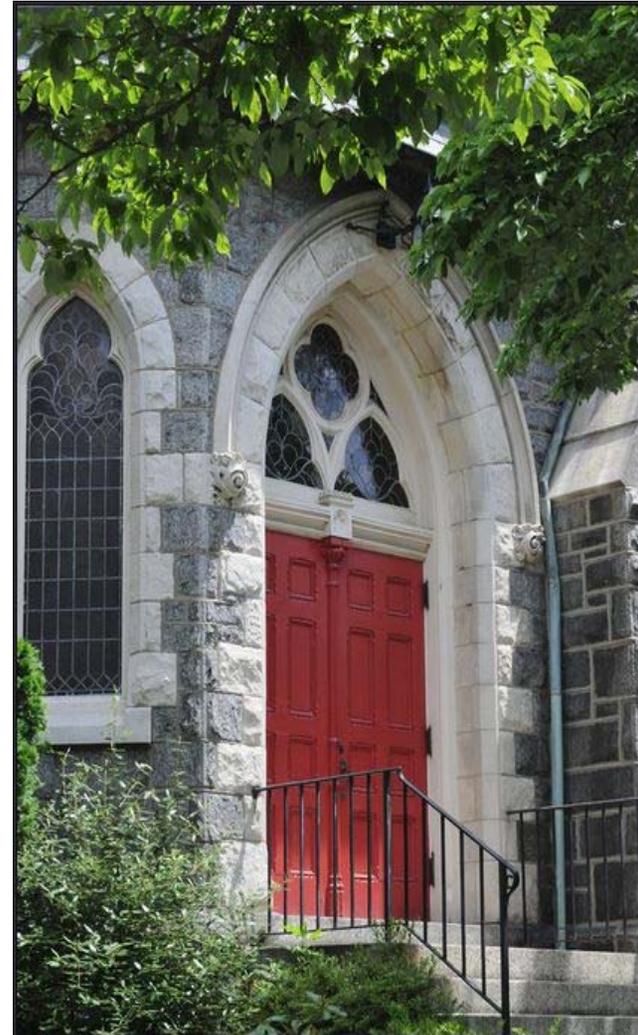
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Kick-Off Sunday Speaker

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

Sunday, September 11, 9:30am, Chapel

The Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace is the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. She is faithful and dynamic, loves the church and is a powerful speaker. Join us on Kick-Off Sunday to hear her share about “The Power of the Table.” We look at the joys and challenges of being in community, think about how we are growing and connecting to one another, and see how our gifts can be received and engaged. Join us to get excited about the year ahead!

Semester Long Bible Study:

Esther with Scholar in Residence, Dr. Joe Modica

9:30am, Knox Room beginning Sept. 18

This semester-long class will focus on the exegetical and theological issues surrounding an often underappreciated book of the Old Testament: *The Book of Esther*—the story of a Jewish woman, who becomes Queen, in a foreign land (Persia). We will study the entire book, and even glance at the Apocryphal additions of Esther (Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles). We will attempt to understand the book’s historical milieu, its narrative structure and the wise themes in it that can be appropriated today.



Shorter offerings

On Sunday mornings there are a number of three or four week classes designed around a topic or theme. We invite you to try out a class that interests you.

The Collapse of Parenting

Sept. 18 and 25, 9:30am, Fireside Room

Taught by Dr. Elisabeth Slate
In this class, we’ll explore the book by Dr. Leonard Sax by the same name. We’ll think about what it means to be a “just right” parent, one who is loving and strict. We’ll think about the role we have as parents and how we can continue to parent faithfully. No need to read the book, just join us for conversation, case studies and some parenting encouragement. Parents of all aged children are encouraged to attend.

Visit with Dr. Leonard Sax, author of The Collapse of Parenting

October 2, 9:30am, Chapel

Did you know we have an internationally recognized doctor and psychologist in our congregation? Dr. Leonard Sax has written several books on parenting and the state of children in the world today. His new book explores how we hurt our children by treating them like adults. Come soak up his wisdom and ask some questions. Whether you went to the class in September or not, join us for this very special event.

Islam 101

Oct. 9, 16 and 23, 9:30am, Fireside Room

Taught by Asheq Fazlullah of CAIR Philadelphia
This fall’s Islam 101 class will have three sessions. The first session will cover basic terminology, early Islamic history and foundational practices. The second session will take us into the text of the Quran, particularly Jesus and Mary along with Old Testament prophets. The last session will conclude with modern history, contemporary topics and interfaith practices. We expect to make this an engaging conversation rather than just a lecture; so questions are encouraged on an on going basis.

Star Struck; Seeing the Creator in the Wonder of the Cosmos

Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 9:30am, Chapel

Taught by Dr. David Bradstreet
Join us for two wonderful classes with a Professor of Astronomy at Eastern University. The first class is Reading God’s Two Books – How are we to interpret God’s revelation to us through His Word and through His Creation? It will be followed by, Are You a Closet Deist? – How we view God’s Role in the universe can profoundly influence our views on the supposed conflict between religion and science.

Ending Hunger

November 13 and 20, 9:30am, Chapel

As we approach Thanksgiving, a season when we give thanks and praise to God for the abundance of the earth, we pause to consider those who do not share in that abundance and whose children suffer from hunger and malnutrition. In conjunction with the visit by author Roger Thurow (please see last page), we will explore further how we can help hungry families here and around the globe.

The Friends of Jesus

Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 9:30am, Knox Room

Taught by Ted Behr

A number of figures are prominent in Luke’s account of the events surrounding Jesus’ birth: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph (of course), and Simeon and Anna. We examine the momentous times in which they lived; the spiritual leaven that made them so responsive to heavenly messengers; and the implications of such simple faith in our difficult times. Jump into the gospel this Advent and see where God is calling you to look for the light.

Centering Prayer Group

Sundays at 8:30am in Room 207

Led by Buff Barnes and Jeanne Kauffman
Centering prayer is an ancient way of praying where you simply sit in silence and be still. It can be a prayer that connects you to God more deeply, heals some internal wound, or gives you clarity in discernment. Try it out one week, or all semester. Try this simple prayer with others and see how your faith grows. Begins September 18.

Walking the Mourner’s Path

November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 11am-1pm

Many times when a loved one dies, it seems as if the world and everyone in it has gone back to normal in a few weeks, except for you. This program helps you walk through the journey of grief, and realize at the end of the journey, there is hope. This is a faith-based workshop with small group discussion and trained leaders. It is open to any who experience loss and grief. Contact Anne Clark Duncan to register for this workshop.

Young Adults

College students and young adults are welcome and invited to attend any of our Sunday morning classes. In addition to these, Theology on Tap meets twice a month. Join us for conversation, study and exploration of our faith. For more information or questions, email Sarah Hostetter (shostetter@waynepres.org)

