

Ministry of Pastoral Care Course

A 20 hour course on Pastoral Care will be taught by the Rev. Jane Dasher beginning Feb. 9, 6:30-9:00 pm at First Presbyterian in Tonawanda. Skills in the ministry of caring for others will be offered. It will provide excellent education for Deacons, pastoral care teams, church school teachers and those caring for others. The cost is \$75 payable to the Education Committee of WNY and mailed to the Resource Center by February 5. A brochure is attached with dates and textbook needed.

Help spread the word by placing this in newsletter and bulletins.

Two Vacation Bible School Starter Kits are available for you to borrow for preview.

Discovery Canyon covers the stories of the Song of Miriam, Hannah praying for a child, a storm from Matthew, a dying girl and sick woman, and Jesus healing a man who cannot work. There are Bible memory verses for each day and critters related to the stories.

Camp Edge is about treks to the Promised Land, Bethlehem a Pharisee's House, the Upper Room and to Galilee. Children will discover God everywhere through music, science, games, crafts and more.

Visioning

The Education Committee of WNY is visioning for the future and we want to know what the Resource Center should offer, what workshops would be helpful, and what longer term courses should be offered. Drop Mary Mohlke a line at mmohlke@gmail.com or talk with a team member: Rev. Gary Gossel, Rev. Debbie Baxter, Dawn Hemann, Donna Donner, Carol Timmerman-Yorty, Monica Barner, Mary Lou Zerby, Cindy Smist, Mary Lee Talbot, Pat Pynn.

Lent Resources

Worship services, dramas, devotions, studies, children's activities, prayers plus videos are available to use during Lent. A complete list can be found under Resource Center at www.pbywny.org. Videos include

<u>For older youth, adults</u>	Resurrection: Keeping Jesus in Sight	Light In The Darkness: The Easter
Dateline Jerusalem	The Death and Resurrection of Jesus	Story
Did Christians Invent Judas?	The Pre-Easter Jesus	Mr. Pascal
Jesus' Resurrection: Then and Now	The Resurrected Life	Nanny and Isaiah: Easter Today,
One Who Was There	The Resurrection of Jesus: Hoax or	Easter Forever
Phos: The Light	History?	The Last Leaf
Photos: Lent and Easter Images	The Story Behind the Cross	The Proud Tree
Chocolat	The Wall	The Story of Benjamin Burro
Discovering the Empty Tomb	<u>For children</u>	The Story of Easter
Easter Promise	Barrington Bunny	
Reading the Gospel with Jewish Eyes		

Video Studies about Jesus are also available

New Hours for Resource Center

The Resource Center will be open Monday through Thursday 9 am to noon. It will be closed on Fridays. Every effort will be made to make sure resources are available for you. Call the Resource Center to make arrangements to visit at another time or to bring a group of people to use the Resource Center.

New Resources to Borrow

Adults

- Who Is God in Three Persons* John Tyson A study of the doctrine of the Trinity in 7 chapters with reflection questions throughout.
- Finding Intimacy in a World of Fear* Eric Law A journey through the landscape of fear we encounter in the wake of catastrophic events such as terrorist acts, wars, tsunamis, and hurricanes, plus a proposal that by following Jesus we can become fear-miners..
- Worship for All Ages* Ian Macconald, Multi-sensory activities, ideas and suggestions for including all ages,

- outlines for special services, lectionary options, drama, theme conversations from the Whole People of God
- Amazing Grace* Micael Apted DVD story of how William Wilberforce, changed the world through his courageous quest to end British slave trade.
- Holy Superheroes!* Greg Garrett At help to see the depth that can be found in comics, graphic novels and the films that they inspire.
- Acts for Everyone Part One* N.T. Wright This brief guide, covering chapters 1-12 of Acts, offers a short passage of text, followed by a highly readable and through-

- provoking discussion. *Acts for Everyone Part Two* covering chapters 13-28 of Acts
- Peaceprints* Evelyn McLean Brady Find keys to living a life of nonviolence and compassion in this tribute to Sister Karen Klimczak of buffalo.
- The Power of God and the Gods of Power* Daniel Migliore Migliore shows how different God's power is from the powers that surround us. He demonstrates who God's power is at work in the world.
- Prayers for the New Social Awakening* Christian Iosso A book of prayers that reflects social justice themes of the new Social Creed, which is also provided in this book.
- A New Church for a New World* John Buchanan In this book of basic Christian faith, Buchanan describes historical and cultural changes impacting the church and invites us to be open to what God might be calling the church to be in our time and beyond.
- Hebrews An Open Door to God* H. Michael Brewer A seven session Bible study for men that looks at Doors of Christ Our High Priest, of Christ our sacrifice, Doors to forgiveness, to nowhere, the path as maturity and the path of faithfulness.
- The Life of Jesus for Today* Ronald Allen A discussion of what Jesus' life, as teacher, miracle worker, crucified Messiah, resurrected Lord and Son of God, means for modern-day believers. Questions for reflection.
- The Rhythm of Discipleship* Luther Ivory To live the Christian life, one must be part of a community. Then each of us have a unique call and together, we can establish righteousness in the world.
- Fasting* Lynne Baab Fasting is about freedom from bondage to various appetites. You can fast from a cell phone, from food, over scheduling. Learn about freedom. Find out ways the author fasted while writing this book.
- Raising Children to Love Their Neighbors* Carolyn Brown Practical ideas for raising mission-minded children in your congregation, monthly service projects for preschoolers-grade 5, mini workshops for teachers.
- Beatitudes from the Back Side* J. Ellsworth Kalas Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into the Beatitudes, Jesus' blessings from the Sermon on the Mount.
- Meeting God in Scripture: Entering the Old Testament* Mary Lou Redding 8 session group study with a spiritual formation lens which involves reflection on the daily readings, an activity and lectio divina with individual response. Guide, Participant's Workbook.
- Christian Education in the Small Membership Church* Karen Tye A multitude of activities and ideas for small churches to nurture relationships and empower Christian formation through education.
- Spirituality for Extroverts* Nancy Reeves Includes getting to know spiritual extroverts, examining extrovert spiritual practices, maturing in extrovert spirituality.
- Prayers for a Privileged People* Walter Brueggemann Brueggemann's prayers will jolt the church to renew the risky, rewarding, faithful mission of proclaiming and laboring for justice, peace, righteousness and joy.
- So *That All Might Know* Thomas Troeger This book about preaching examines the sermon in light of multiple intelligences, children's and adult ways of knowing or understanding
- Faith and American Politics: Liberty and Justice for All* Lori Rosenkvist Six sessions on helping citizens secure the blessings of liberty that they have inherited and to understand what their faith and history mean as citizens and a nation. 2 facilitator's guides, Participant Notebook and 3 DVD's
- Everything Must Change* Brian McLaren Jesus' message is an invitation to personal and global transformation. The message can infuse people with purpose and passion to address the economic, environmental, military, political and social dysfunctions that have overtaken the world.
- Life, Faith, Discuss* John DeYoung Five 3-4 minute DVD vignettes will get students talking and thinking. A 16 page guide gives Scriptures and direction for discussion.
- Bead One, Pray Too* Kimberly Winston In stories and pictures, this book shows how people of faith traditions use prayer beads as a spiritual tool and a means of expressing their creativity.
- Contemplative By Design* Gerrie Grimsley How to create quiet spaces for retreats, workshops, churches and personal settings.
- What's In the Bible About Jesus?* Lee Stroble 4 sessions about what is in the Bible about Jesus, Bible readings, and applying the readings to daily life.
- What's in the Bible About God?* Lee Stroble
- What's in the Bible About Us?* Lee Stroble
- Meeting God in Scripture Entering the New Testament* Leader Guide Anne Crumpler 8 session guide for groups who are reading the Bible devotionally weekly. Included are articles on lectio divina, spiritual formation, meeting God in life and in service.
- Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God* Marcus Borg Join Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This 12-session DVD explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.
- The Ten Commandments: A Foundation For Christian Living* Boyd Lien A 10 session course for youth covering sessions salvation, revelation, dedication, devotion, re-creation, compassion, liberation, faithfulness, transformation and celebration.
- The Way of Discernment* Elizabeth Liebert A holistic, accessible and solid guidance for practicing discernment, faithful decisions, across the spectrum of Christian denominations.
- The Yellow Leaves* Frederick Buechner Poems and short stories that will make readers laugh and cry.
- Gospelized Lives* John Indermark Meet New Testament individual who heard Jesus speak a word about their life. A 6 week study.
- Talking About Preteens* Charlene Giannetti CD includes communicating with your preteen, the struggle for independence, preteen's friends, peer pressure, cliques, bullying, homework, emotional, physical, and sexual development

Preaching the Gospel of Mark Dawn O. Wilhelm The author combines biblical scholarship with a close reading of the gospel of the Gospels text to meet the needs of preachers today.

Hebrews Interpretation Bible Studies Earl Johnson, Jr. Johnson discusses how the book of Hebrews encouraged people to remain faithful through its claims that Jesus was the true and final revelation of God, God's eternal priest who was superior to the prophets of the Old Testament, and the way to our salvation.

Great Prayers of the Old Testament Walter Brueggemann Wisdom on 12 prayers in the Old Testament. He shows how this text can make prayer come alive for us today.

A Feminist Introduction to Paul Sandra H. Polaski An introduction to Paul, his world and his churches and to the diversity of interpretation through the centuries and recent scholarship

Opening to God Marilyn M Adams A collection of short, simple prayers to encourage people to move to a deeper level of intimacy with God.

Active Parenting Now Michael Popkin A 6 session DVD series for parents of children 5-12 to learn to communicate with children, prevent substance abuse, teach responsibility, encourage development of self-esteem explore nonviolent conflict resolution.

In the Midst of Chaos Bonnie Miller-McLemore The flip of chaos and the flop of quiescence are rejected in favor of finding God's presence in the living complexity of every day.

The Gospel According to Bruce Springsteen Jeffrey Symynkywicz An exploration of Springsteen's hopeful body of work uncovering the singer's religious impulse and offering insight that even the most knowledgeable Springsteen fan will appreciate.

The Gospel According to Harry Potter Connie Neal A book by book discussion of all seven books of J. K. Rowling with many glimmers of the gospel.

The Parables of Dr. Seuss Robert Short Robert short looks at spirituality in the stories of children's book author Theodore Geisel and argues that he was a first class Christian thinker.

Heretics for Armchair Theologians Justo & Catherine Gonzalez An introduction to early church figures whose teaching were denounced by the church as heresies.

Black Presbyterians Stories of oppression, the movement and lives of legacy plus interviews of some of the pioneers of Black Presbyterian congregations in the US.

Easter from the Back Side J. Ellsworth Kalas The author looks beyond the traditional Gospel stories to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories and scriptures in the Bible. Discussion guide.

Windows Into Light Michael Sullivan A Lenten journey of 10 windows with stories and art, exercises and soul questions.

Come to the Cross John Indermark A 7 session Bible study based on the lectionary for Year B. Leader's guide and student booklet.

Peter and Paul Ron Byars 40 daily readings will give the reader and understanding of the gifts that Peter and Paul gave the church. Study guide is included.

Listening to Scripture Richard Rohrbaugh An introduction of 6 skills that will enable learners to uncover enough about the text that they can begin to understand the meaning it might have for its first readers and hearers and its message for today. Leader's guide printed and CD, DVD from author, and Resource Book for students.

Watching the Disciples Mary Jane Gorman Learn from the mistakes of the disciples and assess one's own discipleship. Join the 12 in on-the-job training. 7 sessions with study guide.

A New Church for a New World John Buchanan Buchanan describes the historical and cultural changes impacting the church and invites us to be open to what God might be calling the church to be.

Earth-wise Calvin DeWitt DeWitt provides suggestions for what Christians can do to work for the environment.

Living the Good Life on God's Good Earth David Koetje this is an invitation to live out our calling as caretakers of God's good earth in our daily living.

About Children and Youth

Awesome Volunteers for Children's Ministry Christine Yount Suggestions on recruiting and supporting adults for children's ministry.

Children's Ministry that Works! Craig Jutila Developing a leadership team, safety and liability, partnering with parents, extra activities, VBS, after school ministry and more are covered in this basic book.

Sleep On It! And 5 other Dramas for Tweens Nate Lee Dramas include Jesus the Servant, Arrest and Crucifixion, Sleep on It, The Escape, Through the Roof and A Wild West Mellerdramer.

Parade of Lights Nate Lee 6 dramas for tweens: A Marriage Made In Heaven, Family Reunion, big Mistake Royal Edition, blessed Family of God, Let's go Fishing, Parade of Lights

100 Ways to Tell God's Great Story Phyllis Wezeman Different methods of storytelling include ideas in art, creative writing, food, games, music, and puppetry.

Ready to Go Service Projects Ann Saylor 140 ways for youth groups to lend a hand and gives practical tips for incorporating reflection and relationship building in the projects.

104 Bible Puzzles for Tweens Marcia Stoner These include scriptural and topical puzzles for 11-13 year olds

Be Tween Joyce M. Walker This resource explores with older children and their parents practices that encourage spiritual growth and community building.

Getting Well John Penn A 6 session study for tweens about spiritual and physical healing.

Around the Moringa Tree Christina Berry A Bible study curriculum that teaches how it provides nutrition, sustenance and health for so many hungry people in God's world.

Devotions for Mission & Service Mark Ray 5 pre-trip devotions, 7 on-trip devotions for youth. Topics include hospitality, cultural differences, evangelism, humility, sacrifice, and thanksgiving.