



Adult Christian Education

WINTER 2010 CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome to a new season of Adult Christian Education at Plymouth.
All members and friends are encouraged to join us
as we grow together in learning more about our faith.



January 10 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PUBLIC SPHERE?

Discussion led by Colby Hall

Is it getting courser and more debased, or richer and more varied? Or both? Of-the-moment media web site Mediate.com Managing Editor Colby Hall leads a spirited discussion about the place of morals and values, or the lack of same, in our rapidly evolving digital culture.

January 17 & 24 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Workshop led by Carl Hodges

“Turn the other cheek” (Luke 6:27-31). “The meek shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5). How about, “Love thy neighbor” (Matthew 22:37-40)? Are these maxims from the Bible still valid in the 21st century? What if the Difficult Person is at your job, your home, your church or your community? What makes a Difficult Person? Are *you* one? Are there different types or processes? This workshop-style class looks at different models of “difficult” and explores strategies for understanding and managing our relationships. Come join the discussion and “Let not your heart be troubled” (John 14:1-3)!



Sunday ACE classes are held in the **Reception Room** of the Church House unless moved to accommodate other events. Check weekly bulletins for information.



January 31 & February 7 at 9:30 a.m. only

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER: MODERN PROPHET AND MARTYR

Study led by Rev. David Fisher

Rev. David Fisher leads a two-part course on the great 20th century Christian theologian and martyr to the Nazis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The first class presents his life, followed in the second class by a closer look at his impact on modern theology and the church. Note: While not required reading, according to David Fisher, the best book for laypeople is Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* which will be available to order at the Fellowship Hour book table in January.

February 14 at 12:45 p.m. only

THE TASK OF MODELING: Raising Children to Love God in the Christian Faith

Discussion led by Yvette D. Wilson

On Valentine's Day, the traditional day on which love is expressed and celebrated, minister-in-training Yvette D. Wilson will hold a conversation with Plymouth Parents on what it means for our children to be raised to love God within the fabric of the Christian faith, not just in the church but in their primary residence, the home. We will discuss the task of modeling Christian spirituality to our children who live in a society that too often minimizes its value.



February 28 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

OUR LINCOLN ANNIVERSARY

Discussion/Presentation by Frank Decker and Lois Rosebrooks

On the armrest at the end of Pew 89 is a marker with an engraved copy of Abraham Lincoln's signature and the date February 26, 1860. We are now recognizing the 150th anniversary of the occasion marked there, a key moment in Plymouth Church and American history. Have you ever wondered how this Illinois lawyer, then just a possible presidential candidate, came to be sitting at Plymouth? You may have heard Lincoln was in New York to deliver a speech, but why did he travel over half the country to be here and at whose invitation? How did the potentially combustible mix of politics and religion shape Lincoln's visit, and what took place when that speech was actually delivered? Our in-house historians, Frank Decker and Lois Rosebrooks, lead a journey back 150 years to uncover the context and content of Lincoln's historical moment at Plymouth.

Interfaith Movie Nights Encounters with “The Other”

3 Fridays, 3 Acclaimed and Award-Winning Films

Explore the unexpected power of personal connection between “others”



Friday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.

THE VISITOR

A widowed and disaffected college professor (played by Oscar-nominated Richard Jenkins) discovers, upon visiting his New York City apartment, that an immigrant couple has taken up residence there. What begins as a chance encounter becomes a profound connection with life-changing results.

“A marvelous film! The Visitor will make you think, and feel, and care about the world you live in.” (Rex Reed, *NY Observer*)

Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m.

PROMISES

This Oscar-nominated 2002 documentary follows seven Palestinian and Israeli children and their dramatic, emotional and sometimes amusing perspectives on issues that lie at the heart of the Middle East conflict. Living just 20 minutes – but worlds – apart, the children bring youthful honesty and heart to their story of crossing cultural boundaries.



“Extraordinary! Intensely personal and insightful.”

(Julie Salamon, *The New York Times*)



Friday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m.

HIDING AND SEEKING

In this acclaimed documentary, a Jewish father from Brooklyn travels with his two ultra-Orthodox sons back to Poland to find the Christian farmers who hid their family from the Nazis. To his sons, this is a land whose people are beyond redemption, yet the father hopes he can find examples of human decency to help his sons recognize the potential for goodness in all people.

“Far too important – and too moving – for anyone with a conscience to ignore.”

(Stuart Klawans, *The Nation*)

A light supper will be served at 6:30. Contributions of drinks or side dishes are welcome.

All events are free of charge and open to the public.

After the screenings there will be an opportunity for a short discussion.

Sponsored by the Plymouth Interfaith Connection Group and Adult Christian Education Ministry

Reception Room
Plymouth Church House

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WINTER 2010 SCHEDULE

Sunday Class		Special Event
Jan. 8	6:30 PM	Interfaith Movie Night: <i>The Visitor</i>
Jan. 10	9:30 & 12:45	The Public Sphere
Jan. 17	9:30 & 12:45	Dealing with Difficult People
Jan. 22	6:30 PM	Interfaith Movie Night: <i>Promises</i>
Jan. 24	9:30 & 12:45	Dealing with Difficult People
Jan. 31	9:30 AM	Dietrich Bonheoffer
Feb. 5	6:30 PM	Interfaith Movie Night: <i>Hiding and Seeking</i>
Feb. 7	9:30 AM	Dietrich Bonheoffer
Feb. 14	12:45 PM	The Task of Modeling
Feb. 28	9:30 & 12:45	Our Lincoln Anniversary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: ACE classes and special events are open to the public and free of charge, except as noted. ACE classes are typically held in the **Reception Room** of the Church House, although some classes may need to be moved for other events. Please check current calendars or contact the Church Office for up-to-date information.

Nursery care on Sunday is available without reservation beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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