

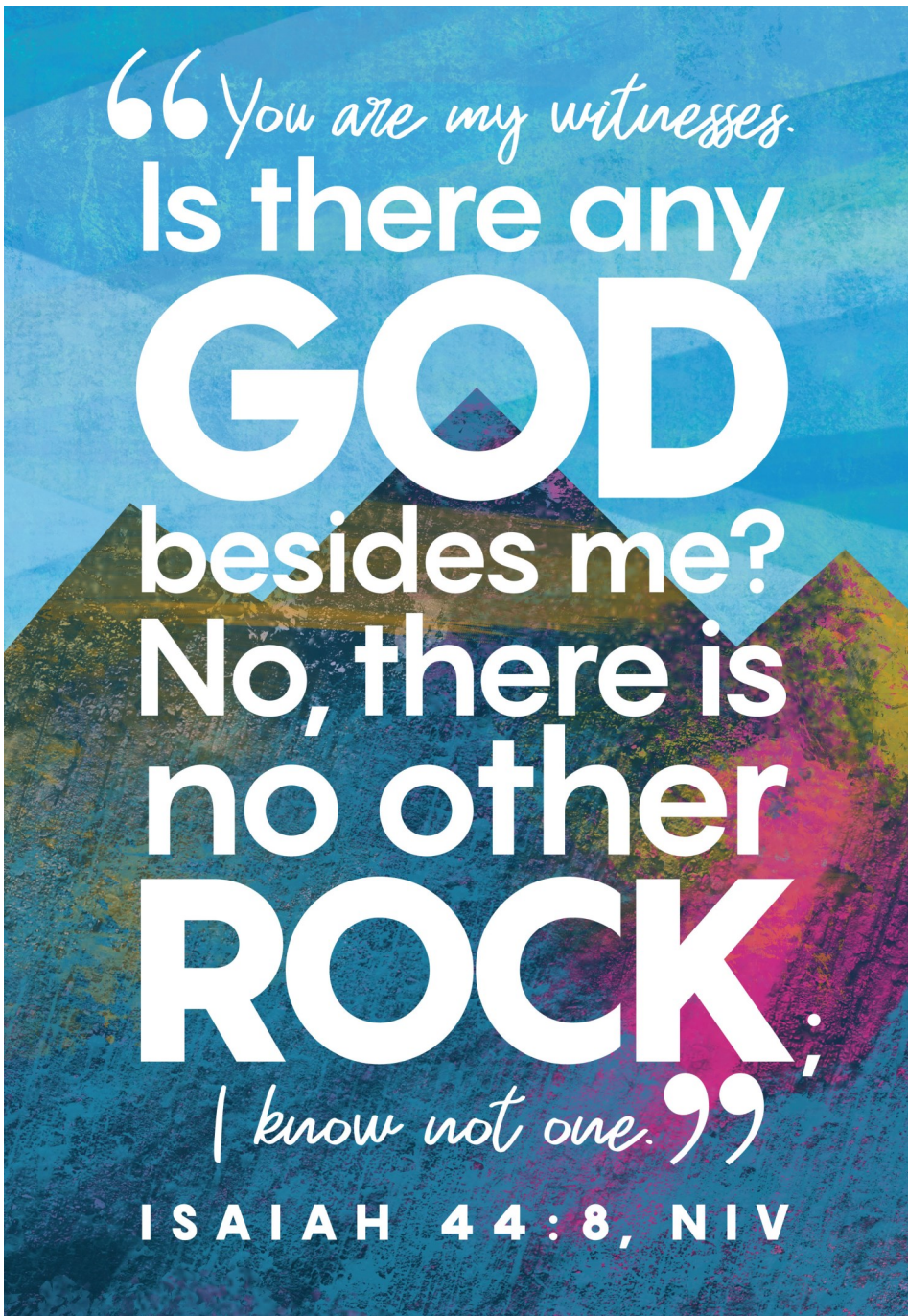
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The Carillon

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**The Carillon
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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am

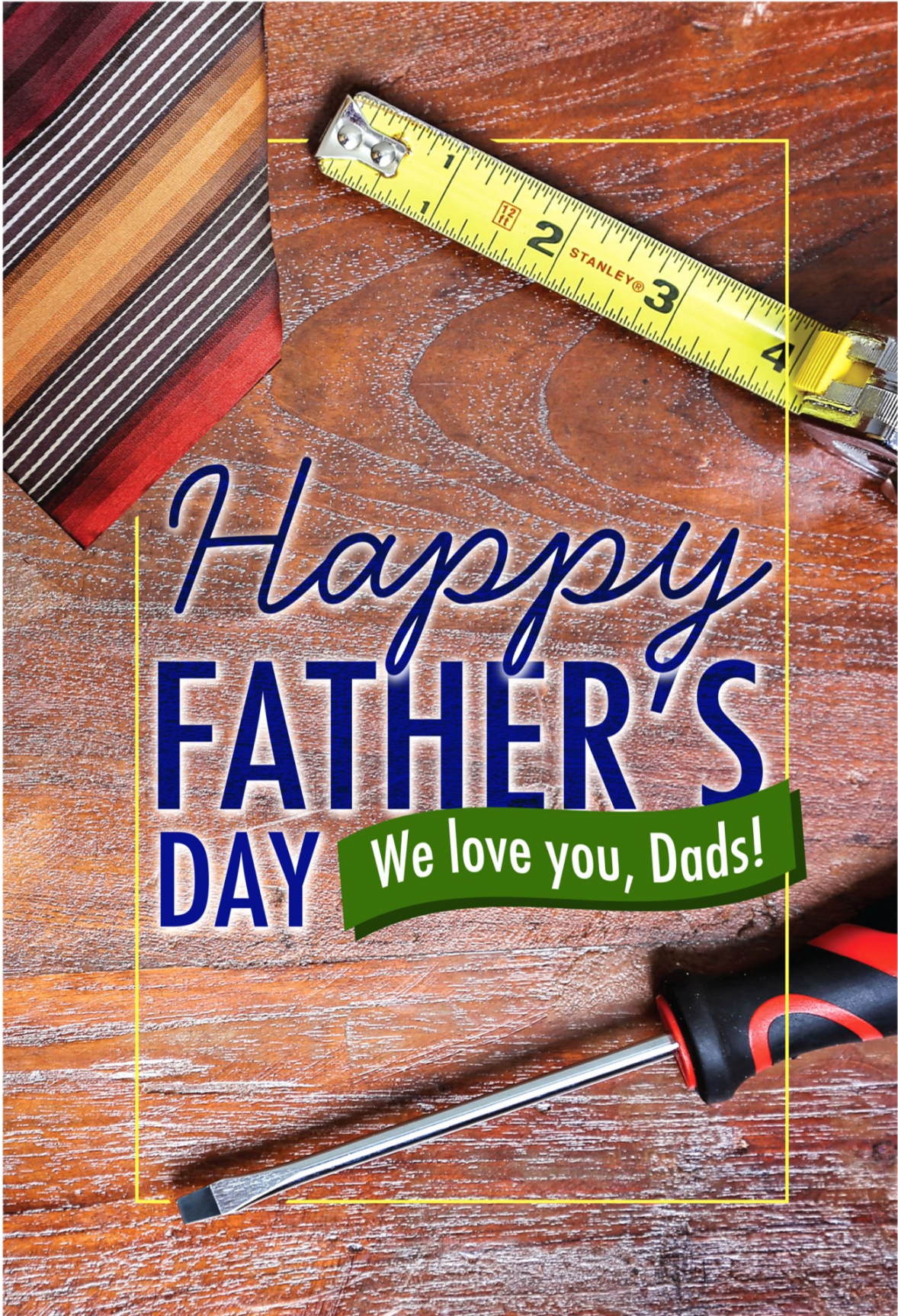


If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.



In the May edition of The Carillon, page 2 of the music survey was missing. Please find the survey in its entirety here on page 4 and on page 5.

Everett First Presbyterian Music Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, which we hope will guide music improvements for you and the church.

1. I have attended FPC for:

- five years or less
- more than five years but less than fifteen years
- fifteen years or more

2. What worship style do you MOST prefer?

- Traditional - Choir, Music from Hymnal, use of organ, use of liturgy such as responsive readings
 - Contemporary - projecting words to songs on screens, newer and/or praise music, use of instruments with or other than organ/piano
 - Blended - a mixture of both traditional and contemporary styles
 - Other _____
-

3. If FPC changed to a worship style different from what you prefer, would you still attend here?

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Rarely

4. Do you feel we need to change our worship style/music to attract more and younger members?

- Yes
 - No
 - Why? _____
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5. How often do you sing in worship?

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Rarely

What would help you sing more often? _____

6. If you don't sing, why not?

- Hymns are too hard
- Music isn't inspirational (slow and/or boring)
- No one else is singing
- I prefer to listen
- I never sing anywhere (not even the shower)
- I want a hymn leader.

7. What suggestions/comments (good/bad) do you have for the music program overall that would make it better for all in worship?

8. What suggestions/comments (good/bad) do you have for the choir director?

9. What suggestions/comments (good/bad) do you have for the organist?

10. I play an instrument and would like to be contacted about opportunities to bring this talent to worship.

- What instrument? _____
- Contact information? Phone _____ Email _____

Library Update - June 2023

Spring, with its swift shifts between sun and shower is upon us.

For our church library shelves and perhaps home book collections changes need to come as well. Time to do some scanning and sorting. As we reconnect following the pandemic closure it seems that some books checked out pre-Covid have yet to make their way back to the church. Others have lingered too long on our shelves.

Request: as each of us does spring cleaning of home bookshelves, let's be alert to library books snuggled up into our personal collections. The library computer will soon send reminder notices for items it "thinks"—as well as computers can think—patrons still have. Please don't be alarmed or embarrassed to receive notice of long forgotten items connected to your name.

Church library spring tasks include bringing records up to date and checking shelves. No doubt a few items are casualties of the shutdown. With a single click our library computer can note that a book is no longer available so whatever shows in our online catalog is accurate. Bottom line: if the library thinks you have a book that is not in your possession—or even in your memory—please let us know. We can fix the record.

Shifting gears: what happened to the Burgundy Bookmobile?

It is still part of the library plan as soon as a couple of glitches are worked out. The idea is to make parts of the collection more easily accessible on a nearby book cart for Sunday morning worshippers. Until wrinkles in the plan are ironed out, we will attempt to handle personal requests and promotion of featured titles in other ways.

As always, we want to know your needs for reading material and to provide for them best we can. Your ideas for ways we can better serve you are always welcome.

For specific requests please contact me or go to our online public catalog:
<https://15781.rmwebopac.com>

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Fourth Monday Book Group - June 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom. We convene virtually at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Our discussions help us understand both the featured book and our fellow readers in new ways. We strive for varied, well-written books, balancing novels and nonfiction. Newcomers are always welcome. The road ahead:

June 26 *Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago* Mike Royko Leader TBA
“New edition of the classic story of the late Richard J. Daley, politician and self-promoter extraordinaire, from his inauspicious youth on Chicago’s South Side through his rapid climb to the seat of power as mayor and boss of the Democratic Party machine. A bare-all account of Daley’s cardinal sins as well as his milestone achievements, this scathing work by Chicago journalist Mike Royko brings to life the most powerful political figure of his time...”

July 24 *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* Isabel Wilkerson Leader: TBA
Another timely topic! The paperback edition containing updates of earlier material has been released recently. “An expansive interrogation of racism, institutionalized inequality and injustice . . . This is an American reckoning and so it should be. . . . It is a painfully resonant book and could not have come at a more urgent time.”—Fatima Bhutto, *The Guardian*.
Isabel Wilkerson also authored *The Warmth of Other Suns* which we discussed many months ago.

August 28 *Lessons in Chemistry* Bonnie Garmus Leader: TBA
A witty, light-hearted novel that explores women’s worth and work through the adventures of Elizabeth Zott, a memorable heroine. Recently, and deservedly, on best-seller lists; worth the effort to locate a copy.

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. If you are already on our email list, watch for the link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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Peacemaking Puerto Rico Travel Study Seminar Report by Katherine Campbell

This is a report on a Peacemaking Travel Study Seminar to Puerto Rico that I took in March with some support from the Mission Committee.

The title of the Seminar was *In the Aftermath of Catastrophe: The Political, Social and Racial Dynamics Revealed by Multiple Catastrophes and How the Church is Responding to Them*. It included a study of resources and three webinars ahead of time with all 14 participants and was co-led by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Since we have supported PDA for as long as I can remember, I particularly wanted to report on the PDA responses I saw.



Puerto Rico was struck by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017, by large earthquakes in January 2020, by the pandemic from 2020 on, and by Hurricane Fiona last September. Hurricane Irma was a category 5 storm that passed close to the main island of Puerto Rico and left the ground saturated. Aid was sent to nearby islands that were harder hit, leaving supplies short when category 5 Maria hit 2 weeks later. It was 5 months before significant electricity and water began to be restored. Fuel and nearly all food are shipped in and were restricted since they rely on ports that were damaged. The swarm of large earthquakes that struck the southern part of the main island in 2020 at 6.4 magnitude destroyed or damaged many buildings and left people living outdoors for fear of further collapses. The pandemic cut off volunteer assistance in recovery for 3 years. And Hurricane Fiona last year, while only a Category 1, lingered over the island with long heavy rains, causing landslides and flooding. These catastrophes, one after another, left residents in a state of emotional exhaustion and a loss of the sense of hope. Pastors reported struggling in these circumstances.

PDA is not a first responder but works with groups already on the ground to provide support and on-going assistance. Here are some of the places we visited and how PDA has been active there:

The Martin Pena Canal on the north coast near San Juan had needed to be dredged to restore its function. The 8 surrounding communities organized with help from Self Development of People and established a land trust, working to restore the ecosystem which included installing sewage treatment to disrupt the pollution of the canal. PDA repaired over 100 roofs in those communities after the hurricanes.

The Presbyterian Church in Lares is a small elderly congregation that serves a very poor remote agricultural community in the western mountains. They lost windows and part of their roof and had water damage from Maria that PDA helped repair. They say they “worship through service” and established a community kitchen with solar power using PDA funds and became a receiving center for relief supplies including food, water cisterns, solar lamps, and water filters. They helped residents with required papers to access FEMA funds and stored insulin in their refrigerators.

Camp El Guacio in the western mountains had a generator and their own water spring. With PDA assistance, they supplied water to the community, a laundry facility, medical resources, lawyers to help with FEMA forms, and access to psychologists. They also were able to obtain an ice machine with funds from Presbyterian Women to help supply the community with ice for storing medicines. They became a PDA volunteer site for groups working in the camp and in the community.

Ensenada, a community on the southern coast, was in the center of the area struck by earthquakes. Houses were damaged or collapsed and the church had to be structurally inspected before it could be used. Assistance provided by PDA also included attention to psychosocial needs and a pastoral retreat.

The Mutual Support Center in the community of Bucarabones utilizes part of a school that had been closed for ten years. It started as a community kitchen, shifted to tutoring, and is now solely centered on education. They have solar panels that support the internet, computers and classes for the community. PDA volunteers have been sent to the area for cleaning, painting, and repairs.

The Women's Alliance on the island of Vieques was originally involved in the fight against the Navy base that had been present for 60 years, including a bombing practice site. Incidence of cancer there is 27% higher than on the main island. They worked to establish a community clinic because the only hospital was destroyed by Maria. Members also worked against women's violence, child abuse and gentrification that takes advantage of homeowners.

Vieques Center for Resilience and Conservation was started ten years ago in a former school building. After Maria there was no communication from Puerto Rico with the outside world. A local ham radio station was able to connect people via email using computer assistance with PDA funding. There also was funding for solar power to continue off the grid and provide refrigeration for medicines. Mangrove losses there were about 30% and there is a project underway to grow, acclimatize to salt water, and transplant mangroves that will preserve the ecosystem of the bioluminescent bay on Vieques which is the brightest in the world.

I hope this gives you some insight into how PDA works with local groups already on the ground to serve in the aftermath of catastrophes.

Find me in coffee hour if you have questions. Thank you.

Photo Credit: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/puerto-rico/>)

Church Work Party – June 10

Mark your calendar for our next church work party, happening Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Donuts and coffee will be provided. All skill levels can help. Bring good shoes and gloves. We'll see you there!



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SCRABBLE WEDNESDAYS



*Newbies, the average “word-joe”,
experts, mentors and YOU are
invited to play!*

JUNE 7 & 21

JULY 5 & 19

AUGUST 2 & 16

1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall

North door will be open 12:50 to 1 p.m.

JOIN US!

For more info contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling





Deacons' Father's Day Celebration

Join the FPCE Deacons as they honor our amazing dads with a root beer floats & pretzels celebration for Father's Day. Join us after worship on Sunday, June 18 at 11:15 a.m. in Westminster Hall.

We'll see you there!

Men's Breakfast – June 10

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, June 10 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!



JUNE CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 6/4 James & Mary Lou Finley
- 6/6 Brian & Anna Cochran
- 6/9 Alan & Judy Hutchison
- 6/11 Sig & Sondra Santos
- 6/28 Ari & Robin Kohler
- 6/30 Michael & Martha Clemans

Birthdays:

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| 6/1 | Mike Davis | 6/28 | Jackie Minor |
| 6/2 | Jody Heath | 6/30 | Florence Day |
| 6/3 | Greg Faith | 6/30 | Marsha Lueth |
| 6/5 | Ed Coon | | |
| 6/10 | Tony Scoringe | | |
| 6/12 | James Finley | | |
| 6/13 | Ari Kohler | | |
| 6/25 | Linda Senter | | |
| 6/25 | Doreen Solberg | | |

Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to: sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

June 11, 2023

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

June 8, 2023

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



We donated 210 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in May. Great job! Your donations support those in need here in Everett.

Our next Monday drop-off is July 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (no drop-off in June).

Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.





**Sign-ups are open for the All-Church Retreat happening on
September 16 at Warm Beach.**

The cost is \$20/adult, \$5/youth (age 9-18), free for 8 and younger.

To make sure we have an accurate count for our fun activities and surprises, we will ask for payment before the retreat. However, for now, sign-up during coffee time to add your name to the list and let's get excited for this wonderful event!

Adult Sunday School

We are reviewing another engaging lecture series, Great Figures of the New Testament, in our Adult Sunday School class. The lecturer is Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

The New Testament is full of stories about interesting people. The lecture series takes an in-depth look at many of these people, including the major figures such as John the Baptist, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Peter, Paul, and Jesus himself, but also at some of the lesser-known figures, such as Martha and her sister Mary, the Gentile Mother, Philip, the Centurions, the Samaritan Woman, and many more.

Dr. Levine's fascination with, and respect for, the New Testament writings and the human figures who populate them are infectious and at times provocative. You will be bound to encounter many new perspectives and insights on this familiar material, and there will be much to ponder and discuss as we journey through this course together.

Each lecture stands on its own, so you can drop in on class whenever you are able to, without preparation, though, as with any good course, there is much to gain by attending all the lectures!

Join us in person at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge or on Zoom. Please see the Sunday worship bulletin for ZOOM meeting information.



Special Dates:

Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023
Flag Day, June 14, 2023
Father's Day, June 18, 2023
Juneteenth, June 19, 2023
First day of summer, June 21, 2023

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Elizabeth Nelson	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
Debbie Roberts	Jamie Hunter	Steve Ulvestad
Roy Yates	Jan Weakley	John Gebert

Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sonya Beardsley	Susan Davis	Lisa Comstock
Amy Farnham	Ed Pearson	Bob Barren
Mike Davis	Doris Pearson	Joan Lyderson

