

## ADULT FORUM \* February 2018 \* *You are invited!*

Sunday mornings before worship in Fellowship Hall \* 9:15-10:15 a.m.

If **nursery** is needed, please call Erika Lauffer at 944-4713 a week in advance.

### **Theme: Lend A Hand**

**February 4** – Since **Lend A Hand** was founded in 1989 following Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina, it has achieved national respect and recognition. A mission project of Carlisle Presbytery, Lend A Hand coordinates transportation, labor, housing and meals for volunteers who want to help those who have lost homes or who are suffering great hardship as the result of a disaster. We will have the opportunity to meet leaders and volunteers **Jim and Deb Davis** and to hear stories of their extraordinary involvement in this worthwhile organization.

### **Theme: Town and Gown Relationships**

Feb 11, 18, 25

How can our congregation better connect with the Penn State Harrisburg Campus?  
How can the university reach out to the community and the community reach out to the campus?

**Feb 11: Susannah Gal.** You may have read some of Susannah's guest articles in our local newspaper. She is on faculty as well as working in the administration offices on the Penn State Harrisburg Campus. She also sings in our choir.

Susannah will begin our Town and Gown discussions by providing different perspectives based on her various campus/community relationship experiences in Massachusetts, Michigan, New York and now in Pennsylvania. She will also discuss the results of a recent survey of Penn State Harrisburg faculty and staff living in Middletown regarding their views of the relationship between the campus and the community.

**Feb 18:** Discussion with Middletown Borough Council members **Dawn Knull** and **Ben Kapenstein**, and member of the Human Relations Commission **Mike Woodworth** will describe the things they see as opportunities for the Borough to be doing with Penn State Harrisburg as well as some of the issues they have heard from residents about the relationship.

**Feb 25: Hilton Baxter and Guests.** Our Director of Music is an Adjunct Faculty at Penn State Harrisburg. He is inviting some **students** to join him in discussing how it feels to attend our local Penn State campus while living in Middletown. We will hear more about how these students interact with people in town and how they imagine improving those relationships.

*Please join us as we study the Bible and reflect on how the scriptures can inform and inspire us to "walk the talk" in our daily lives and to be responsible and faithful Christians as we confront the critical issues of our time.*

