

ADULT FORUM
Spring 2023
In person in the Memorial Lounge
* You are invited!
* 9 – 10 a.m.

LENT Difficult Words of Jesus

March 5, 12, 19 and 26 – During these four weeks of Lent, **Judy Packheiser, Brian Yeich and David Clouser** will lead us in a new study by **Amy-Jill Levine**, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. What did Jesus mean when he said, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters...cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27) Levine shows how this and other challenging teachings of Jesus would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the gospel of love and reconciliation.

April 2 (Palm Sunday), May 7 and 14 – Do you know what it means to be Presbyterian? Have you ever wondered how Presbyterians differ from Methodists, Lutherans or Episcopalians? Thanks to Derry P.C. and YouTube we will have the chance to learn about the **distinctive elements of Presbyterian life and thought** from **Charles “Buzz” Myers**, Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies, Gettysburg College.

April 9 EASTER – NO ADULT FORUM

April 16 – Some of you will remember Charles Terry, our pastor emeritus, who was raised in an orphanage called The Village. Although The Village has since merged with another non-profit school under the name **Gemma Services**, there is still a Charles Terry Society.

Gemma is Italian for “precious gem”. In nature it means a seedling that grows despite being separated from its parents in a storm. **Lynn Unipan**, Social Worker and Chief Development Officer of Gemma, will join us to share how Gemma is a place of hope and healing. For example, their residential treatment program serves children 6-14 who have experienced loss, unexpected challenges and/or significant trauma.

April 23 – **Aaron Keller**, marketing director of **Jubilee Ministries**, will share how this prison ministry of the Lebanon District of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference serves those affected by incarceration by being ambassadors of life change through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

April 30 – **Sue Copenhaver**, member of Derry Church and an accomplished artist, will share **the story of Ukrainian “Pysanky” decorated Easter eggs**. She enjoys teaching people how to decorate eggs and use them to raise funds for causes such as Ukrainian refugee relief and resettlement.

May 21 and May 28 - NO ADULT FORUM due to church breakfast and
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