

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Darnestown Presbyterian Church** - is sending a team to the Beth-el ministries in Florida this summer for our annual mission trip. Beth-el is where our former associate pastor Tamara Leonard Lara accepted a call to minister to the migrant farm workers in that area. This is our 1st trip to Beth-el, and we would like to invite anyone high school aged and up interested in going with us to join the team. The focus will be providing VBS to the children of the workers, but we are hoping to be able to also do some work to help improve the campus facilities. The dates for the trip will be from Sunday July 28th thru Saturday Aug. 3rd. If you are interested in joining please contact me at [daleandterrie@msn.com](mailto:daleandterrie@msn.com). Please put "summer mission trip" in the subject line so I will know to answer you. I can answer questions or bring you up to speed with where we are if you want to jump right on board. Thank you for prayerfully considering this great opportunity to help DPC help those in need in God's kingdom.

### OPEN SPACE TOPICS – MAY 21 PRESBYTERY MEETING (4:00 – 5:00 PM):

#### FAITH AND FICTION IN PREACHING AND TEACHING

Jesus was a great story-teller and knew the power of a narrative to deliver a theological point. What works for you, as a preacher, teacher or listener? Narrative sermons can be effective, as can excerpts from novels and short stories in adult education classes. David Williams and Henry Brinton will share their experiences and lead a discussion in which clergy and laity can learn from each other. David is the pastor of Poolesville Presbyterian Church and author of the novel *When the English Fall*; Henry is the pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian Church and author of the novel *City of Peace*. *LEAD BY: David Williams and Henry Brinton*

#### “Telling our Stories: How We Use (Or Don’t Use) Our Stories of Sexual Abuse in Ministry”

Using a PowerPoint presentation of a theological reflection on my story of sexual abuse and violence as a starting point for conversation. The conversation will be determined by the gathered group. We may share our stories of abuse or discuss how - or even if - we use them in our ministries. *LEAD BY: Megan Klose*

#### The Pastor’s Involvement in Stewardship

Stewardship is critical to any congregation, both for its financial sustainability and for the spiritual health of its members. Often the focus of budgets and finance is led by laity. Yet pastors have an important role to play in successful stewardship. Sponsored by our Presbytery’s Stewardship Team. Join Rev. David Gray of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church for a discussion, group sharing, and lessons learned about the role of the pastor in church stewardship. *LEAD BY: David Gray and the Stewardship Cmte of NCP*

#### The "Worldwide View from Elenora Giddings Ivory Tower: The Life and Times of a Religious Advocate”

*LEAD BY: ELENORA GIDDINGS IVORY*