

Season of Reconciliation 2017

January 15 - February 5



Foundations of Community

Book Study

Thursdays, 5:45 - 7:30 pm -light supper provided
January 19, 26, and February 2

Life is the path that we walk. For most, that path is heavily influenced by where it begins. The Reconciliation Ministry invites all readers to explore two distinct origins to see where they converge and where they split. This year there will be two books discussed over the course of three weeks; a tall order, but there will be food! The two books are: "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates & "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. Copies of the books are available along with a sign up for the group in the gathering area.

Worship

Early Worship 8:30 am
Liturgical Worship 11 am

Witness to Reconciliation

Each Sunday at the 11 am service throughout the Season of Reconciliation, a member of our congregation is asked to speak to the notion of personal reconciliation in their own lives. They will share their stories of reconciliation, passion, and sacrifice in order that we may all humanize the stories of others and gain better insight into the body of Christ that we share with one another. Each will be given a few minutes during our time in worship. These stories have proven over the course of the years to be some of the most memorable and powerful aspects of the season of reconciliation.

Adult Education Sundays, 9:40-10:40 am

January 8 - Update on Holland Refugee Program
Update on Holland Refugee Program – both what is happening more broadly in our community and Hope Church's involvement

January 15 - Holland's Youth Programs
Holland's Youth Programs including ESCAPE ministries and Hope College's CASA.

January 22 - Andrea Mehall, Holland Equity Alliance
Andrea Mehall from Holland Equity Alliance will present on work being done surrounding racial justice in Holland, primarily in Holland Public Schools.

January 29 - Joel Westmaas, Taking Root Ministries
Taking Root Ministries will present on their training and transformation ministry using residential construction as a vehicle for both new skills and new lives

February 5 - Summary
A summary of the previous weeks and a time of reflection on the season of reconciliation.

Restorative Circles Facilitator Training

Thursday, February 2, 9am- 4pm

Friday, February 3, 9am- 4pm

Training for Restorative Circles has been a part of the Season of Reconciliation for the past 5 years. The mission of restorative circles melds easily with the message of reconciliation that is central to the season. Training Dates will be February 2nd and 3rd, 2017. Further information will be posted in the bulletin. Any questions can be directed to Jill Russell or Ann McKnight.