

# Season of Reconciliation 2018

## January 14 - February 4

### Beyond Us and Them



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

**January 7** - Beyond Us versus Them: A primer on mediation services in the area

**January 14** - Beyond 🙄: Social Media and Our Divisiveness, facilitated by Pastor Beth Carroll and Dr. Jayson Dibble, Associate Professor of Communication at Hope College

**January 21** - Beyond the Binary: Gender Identity in the New Millennium facilitated by Bev Schroeder  
*This session will be held in Room 106.*

**January 28** - Psalm 117 and the End of Us and Them facilitated by Travis West from Western Theological Seminary

**February 4** - Summary of the topics of the Season of Reconciliation



**Book Study**  
Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:00 pm  
coffee and dessert provided  
January 17, 24, and 31

***Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer**

This book offers the call for “the courage to create a politics worthy of the human spirit” as Palmer brings a spirituality of compassion and hope to the political divisiveness of our time. Palmer explores 5 “habits of the heart” to foster creative capacity in the daily connections of family, congregation and community which can be brought to our political convictions.

All are invited to be a part of this study. The books and a sign-up sheet are available in the Gathering Area. Our Wednesday schedule will begin with coffee and dessert followed by an hour of discussion.

**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. 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.

**Restorative Circles Facilitator Training**  
Thursday, February 1, 9am- 4pm  
Friday, February 2, 9am- 4pm

Training for Restorative Circles has been a part of the Season of Reconciliation for the past 6 years. The mission of restorative circles melds easily with the message of reconciliation that is central to the season. Training Dates will be February 1st and 2nd, 2018. Further information will be posted in the bulletin. Any questions can be directed to Jill Russell or Ann McKnight.