

The Caller



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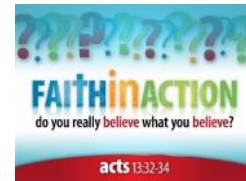
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*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord **require** of you?
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



OUTREACH NEWS

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by serving at Grace Café at Arch Street UMC on Sunday, January 6. Grace Café continues to be a crucial link in the network to serve the disadvantaged in Center City Philadelphia. We will be prepared to serve dinner to 200 guests at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help serve that evening, meet at SUMC at 4:15 p.m. and we will carpool into Philadelphia. We should return to Swarthmore by 8:00 p.m. Cash donations are also welcome at this time. Please contact Janice Ciampa @ciampaa@comcast.net for more information.

PBJ Night returns on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:45 p.m. We have been blessed with a generous supply of peanut butter and jelly from an outside donor. Bring your two loaves of sliced bread and we will make PBJ sandwiches together to benefit the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County and City Team ministries in Chester.

We continue to support a weekly collection of food and toiletries for City Team. Look for the collection table in the narthex or centennial room.

Save the date for the Swarthmore United Methodist Church's annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 23, 2019. It is never too soon to start tweaking those chili recipes.

We have been invited by our church leaders to be in prayer for the upcoming special session of General Conference on the Way Forward that will take place in St. Louis, Missouri from February 23-26. As a Reconciling congregation we can help lead that way forward!

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Book Club Dates

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

Book Club meets on January 9th at Nanette Tobin's home, 517 Elm Avenue, Swarthmore, PA

Discussion Book—***Lab Girl*** by Hope Jahren



All the World's a Stage
Theater Groups at Swarthmore United Methodist Church
MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS—SPOTLIGHT THEATER

Inherit the Wind

By Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee
Presented by special arrangement with DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE. INC.
Directed by Pat O'Neill

January 25, 26, February 1, 2, 3*, 8,9, 2019
Evenings at 8 PM – *Matinee at 2 PM
Tickets \$15.00



Seniors (65+) and Students w/student id \$12.00

Tickets: Phone 610-328-1079 or on-line at *Ticketleap* (fees apply)

From the Pastor's Desk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for the following events:

- January 6: Grace Café—meet at church—4:30pm
January 16: PBJ Night—Centennial Room—7:45pm
February 23: Chili Cook Off

Deadline for the November Caller is Tuesday, January 15th
Be sure and let the Church office know about any events you would like published



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Faith and Life Class Topics

Kick off the new year by joining us for Faith and Life classes in January. We meet at 11:15am after fellowship time in either the Centennial Room or the Parlor

January 6: View and discuss the second Great Courses DVD presentation by Professor Amy-Jill Levine on “the Old Testament, or Tanakh, (that) was written in ancient Israel over 1,000 years by many authors. What can this book teach us about the ancient Israelites? What does our faith find in new scholarly understanding? As scripture or as the most influential piece of literature ever written, this book is a source of constant wonder, inspiration, and intrigue.” The topic is “Adam and Eve”, although Professor Levine addresses events found throughout Genesis.

January 13: Response to today’s sermon lectionary passages, specifically Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 and the topic “Saved to Serve the Whole World: A Baptism Empowers Mission”. This is an excellent opportunity to delve further into scripture and discuss what it means to us today. Questions for contemplation will be provided during the session.

January 20: Pastor Kevin will present on the topic of "The Way Forward" in his first monthly “Conversations with Kevin” series that will take place on the third Sunday of every month. This is a terrific way to stay in touch with our mission, “To love God and Neighbor.”

January 27: Back by popular demand, David Page will lead a meditation session, a fulfilling way to quiet our busy minds and get in touch with the spirit within.