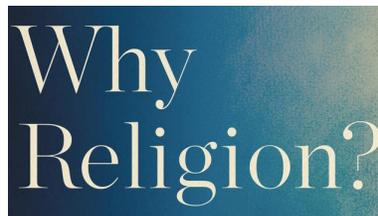


## JANUARY 6 WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns Monday, January 7, at the Grapevine, 9 W Hillgrove Ave, La Grange. Join us for dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm. Study begins at 7:00 pm. Please begin reading *Why Religion?: A Personal Story* by Elaine Pagels. *Why is religion still around in the twenty-first century? Why do so many still believe? And how do various traditions still shape the way people experience everything from sexuality to politics, whether they are religious or not?*

*These questions took on a new urgency for Pagels when dealing with unimaginable loss—the death of her young son, followed a year later by the shocking loss of her husband. Here she interweaves a personal story with the work that she loves, illuminating how, for better and worse, religious traditions have shaped how we understand ourselves; how we relate to one another; and, most importantly, how to get through the most difficult challenges we face.*

*Drawing upon the perspectives of neurologists, anthropologists, and historians, as well as her own research, Pagels opens unexpected ways of understanding persistent religious aspects of our culture.*



**LECTIONARY WORSHIP SERIES** – Epiphany Sunday, January 6, we begin a worship series based on the Common Lectionary called: *A Light to Enlighten the Nations*. We follow Jesus in the Gospel of Luke and discover how He shines a light beyond Israel, to the whole world.

**WORSHIP AT CANTATA SUNDAY** — The Deacons welcome any and all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata at 2:00 pm Sunday.

**MISSION/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**—It's time to get out your calendars and see where you can help with Fellowship and Mission opportunities in 2019. Ellen Hamilton will be at Coffee Fellowship right after worship Sunday with sign-up calendars for Coffee Fellowship and The Boulevard. Last year we filled them up within 15 minutes – it's easy when everyone does their part. Let's keep our generous service record intact!

**FREE BOOKS**—Books from the Berwyn Presbyterian Church have been donated and are in the front hallway. Take a look around and help yourself if anything is of interest to you.

**2019 PLEDGE ENVELOPES** are available for those who ordered them. You can find them in the front hallway.

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING**—On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money goes to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

**OPEN GYM FOR KIDS SUNDAY**—Supervised free time during coffee fellowship Sunday. When dropping your kids off at the gym, please wait with them until the childcare helpers arrive.

**CONFIRMATION** begins Sunday. Confirmation is open to any youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or higher). Please contact Reverend Jackson.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**— The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. The Annual Report will be available on our web site. Hard copies will be available in the office and outside the sanctuary for those who need them.

**ARMCHAIR VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND**—You won't even need to leave your seat unless you want food or coffee! Come see photos and souvenirs, and hear about our travels from some of those who went to Jerusalem and onto Egypt, January 27<sup>th</sup> during coffee time.

**THANK YOU FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Your generosity for the Capital Campaign has led to our ability to pay for all physical plant projects, including the Good Shepherd window, the roof, stonework, painting, and flooring. 2019 pledges are bringing us closer to a balanced budget. One of the key pieces to closing the budget deficit is every member paying their per capita of \$34.22.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** —Sunday School is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Sunday School semester. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante at 773-387-3779 or [diante\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diante_johnson@yahoo.com).

**FACEBOOK USERS** — You can easily help RPC promote its activities and mission. First, if you haven't done so already, "Like" RPC's Facebook page. Then when you see something in your news feed that interests you or that you'd like others to see, react to it in some way by either liking or loving the post. Or better yet, especially if it's an event RPC is hosting, "Share" the event to your own Facebook page! That automatically lets your friends know what is happening at RPC and hopefully will encourage them to attend and invite others. Events and other posts that are shared spread exponentially through the community.

**DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the January-February 2019 Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY** —We look forward to seeing you January 23 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.

**CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA**—Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale's office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

**Enriching CommYOUity** returns Thursday, February 28, 6:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church. In honor of World Day of Prayer (March 1) there will be prayer stations, a topical discussion on Human Trafficking and Evening Prayer.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Liturgist:* Lynda Nadkarni

*Ushers:* Deb Pike and Patti Perry-Halline

*Andrew Ministers:* Connie Kelly and Lynda Nadkarni

*Communion Servers:* Patti Friend, Jeanine Buttimer, and Ellen Hamilton

*Flowers* are given in memory of my father, Paul McCracken, from Paula McCracken.

*Fellowship* is hosted by the Deacons.

*Trustees of the Month:* Brad Staubus and Cyril Friend

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### *Sunday*

9:00 am Human Scene

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at Cantata (British Home)

#### *Tuesday*

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

#### *Wednesday*

6:30 pm Choir Party

#### *Thursday*

6:30 am Women's Forum

10:00 am CARERS Meeting

#### *Sunday*

9:00 am Human Scene

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