

## Soul Food Wednesday 2015

We will be meeting this spring for our "Soul Food" feasting and want to give you details about what you can expect. The three dates will February 25th, March 11th and March 25th. Come for dinner, along with JYF and Venture Club activities. As part of our Year of the Bible we have invited three different scholars to talk to us about three different genres in scripture. The three we have named for exploration are wisdom literature, Gospel literature and apocalyptic literature. We have asked them questions like: what is the scripture trying to accomplish? What should we expect from it within our Bible? How is it similar to or different from other historical writings? How is our understanding of Jesus affected by our understanding of this genre? The Pastoral Team welcome all to come to eat together and then to be inspired and enlightened.

## Service Auction: And the winner is...

A question you will hear often in Kansas City is, "Are you a Gates person or an Arthur Bryant's person?" These two restaurants are the most famous among Kansas City's legendary barbecue restaurants, and each has their loyal followers. As we prepare for convention this summer, a group of five MYFers have determined a favorite, so we will be featuring Gates and Sons as the sauce of choice at a pulled pork supper leading into the service auction on March 8. Join us at 5 p.m. for pulled pork sandwiches with Gates and Sons sauce and traditional sides like baked beans, cole slaw, and fries.

The meal will be completed with the traditional peach cobbler dessert. The meal is by donation, so no advance tickets are necessary. Following the meal, we will begin our annual auction at 6 p.m. Childcare will be available and popcorn will be served during the auction. This evening is the prime fundraiser for faith formation such as this summer's convention in Kansas City, winter youth retreat, and other activities throughout the year.

## Walking with Jesus during Lent

Having been given an introduction to the mission and message of Jesus in our Year of the Bible Sundays in January and February, Ash Wednesday marks our entrance into the preparatory season of Lent. As we have done a few years ago, our Lenten Sundays will take the events of the last week before Jesus' death and expand them out over six weeks. This material comprises about a fourth of what we have in the Gospels, yet Christians may not read or hear it if they jump straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This year we will feature the events of Holy Week as told in the Gospel of Mark. To usher in Lent, we will once again offer an Ash Wednesday service here at Waterford, including the ritual of imposition of ashes. Set for 6:30 pm, this service helps us get in touch with our mortality and need for the forgiveness offered in Jesus Christ.

## WMC Church Library Additions

**221.6 Bru** *An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination* by Walter Brueggemann. The author introduces the reader to the broad theological scope and chronological sweep of the Old Testament. He covers every book of the Old Testament in the order in which it appears in the Hebrew Bible and treats the most important issues and methods in contemporary interpretation of the Old Testament.

**234.25 Bru** *Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks* by Walter Brueggemann. Pointing out striking correlations between the catastrophe of 9/11 and the destruction of ancient Jerusalem, Brueggemann shows how the prophetic biblical response to that crisis was truth-telling in the face of ideology, grief in the face of denial, and hope in the face of despair. He argues that the same prophetic responses are urgently required from us now if we are to escape the deathliness of denial and despair.

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## Stephen Ministry Training Continues

During the next two weeks the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of "Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly." During these sessions they will be finding out the difference between passive, assertive, and aggressive behavior. They will be gaining skills that will help them both in relating with others and in affirming their own self-worth.

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**242.4 Cop** *Beyond Casseroles: 505 ways to Encourage a Chronically Ill Friend* by Lisa J. Copen. Packed with 505 ways to encourage a friend, from what to say, what not to say, things to write in cards or emails, gift ideas, you will find yourself flipping through it to get an idea for someone you care about who is hurting.

**248.4 Bel** *A Road That I Must Walk: A Disciple's Journey* by Darrin W. Snyder Belousek. This book represents the author's own wrestling with the call and cost of discipleship across a decade. Rather than an academic attempt to define or describe discipleship, these are simply the words of a disciple, one who has sought to walk in the way of Jesus.

**248.4 Cly** *Spacious Heart, The Room for Spiritual Awakening* by Donald Clymer and Sharon Clymer Landis. How can I know God more fully? What does it mean to be a true servant walking closely with God? Through riveting stories and text grounded in scripture, the book speaks to the deep cynicism of soul and despair that grip so many in this age.

**248.8 Led** *Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians*. This book serves as a guide for Christians seeking a scriptural view of reconciliation and practical steps for transforming conflict. Originally published as *The Journey Toward Reconciliation*, this is a revised and updated version.

**261.8 Kao** *Healing God's Earth: Rural Community in the Context of Urban Civilization* by S. Roy Kaufman. This book reads the Bible through the lenses of rural communities. The Bible has something to say about the origin and character of urban civilization and the dynamic of its relationship to rural communities.

**289.7 Neu** *Path of Thorns: Soviet Mennonite Life Under Communist and Nazi Rule* by Jacob S. Neufeld. A prominent Soviet Mennonite leader and writer as well as one of these Mennonites sent to the Gulag. Consisting of three parts – a Gulag memoir, a memoir – history, and a letter from Neufeld to his wife – this volume mirrors the life and suffering of Neufeld's generation of Soviet Mennonites.

**641.5 Oak** *Share: The cookbook that celebrates our common humanity*. The underlying message of Share is simply: for all our apparent diversity, as nations, communities, and individuals, and actions can have positive influence both on the

world and lives of others. The recipes featured in this book are contributed by contributors who are all actively engaged in humanitarian issues.

**920 Fur** *Bonnet Strings: An Amish Woman's Ties to Two Worlds* by Saloma Miller. At age twenty, Saloma Miller left behind her Amish community in Burton, Ohio, and boarded a night train for Vermont, where she knew no one. Soon, however, a van load of people from her community arrive to take her back into the fold. Thus begins a years-long struggle of feeling torn between two worlds.

**920 McG** *Emma: A Will to Surrender* by Becky McGurrin. Emma is a Hurst, and a very determined one. Epilepsy, death of a loved one, incarceration, cancer, the adjustments of a long singlehood followed by marriage: God used all these things to shape Emma into a woman with a desire to yield completely to him.

**920 Rut** *Branch* – a memoir with pictures by John L. Ruth. donated

**956.7 Gis** *Walking Through Fire: Iraq's Struggle for Justice and Reconciliation* by Peggy Gish. This book "tells the truth" about what war and the U.S. government's antiterrorism policies have really meant for them. You get a glimpse of how the author, a peace-worker, immersed in the violence and chaos of war, dealt with pain and suffering of those around her, as well as her own personal losses and kidnapping ordeal. Her experiences strengthen her belief that the power of non violent suffering love is stronger than the power of violence and force.

**F Chi** *The Wedding Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel* by Jennifer Chiaverine. As her daughter's day approaches, Sarah McClure reflects upon Elm Creek brides past and present – the traditions they honored, the legacies they bequeathed, the wedding quilts that contain their stories in every stitch.

**F Eva** *A Winter Dream: A novel* by Richard Paul Evans. the author reimagines the biblical story of Joseph and the coat of many colors, presenting an inspiring modern story of family and forgiveness.

**F Mill** *Everyday Mercies* by Evie Yoder Miller. The tensions and humor of family living spill out in the most ordinary interactions. This novel gives a lively look into four generations of women coming from conservative Mennonite and Amish backgrounds. Through all the scenes and introspection, healing mercy awaits.



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