

FELLOWSHIP HALL SEMINARS

2009 WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE

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Program**

Clearing our
Eyes and
Making Vision
Reality

How important
are your eyes?

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Discussing
our options

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**The Financial Crisis
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Purpose:

Seminars and classes provide learning opportunities in all areas of Christian nurture. Topics include: Bible study, Presbyterian theology, interpersonal & family relationships, germane societal issues and appropriate special events and community awareness.

Goals:

The goal is to provide inviting, informative, and well prepared programs and classes by facilitators with the expertise to convey important information. The hope is to attract even more attendees with an appealing variety of adult education topics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Clearing Our Eyes and Making Vision Reality – ReconciliationFebruary 1 REV. DAN HRACH

In Dan's December seminar, he shared his vision and dreams for First Presbyterian Church in five categories: Discipleship, Reconciliation, Evangelism, Associations or Fellowship, Mission and Stewardship.

In his next three seminars he will begin to help us clarify the vision.

How can we live together when we have such strong disagreements about issues inside and outside of the church? Through scripture, and activity, we will try to come together through the ministries that unite us, and through keeping passionate about our opinions, focus in on what God would have us do to be pleasing to the Lord.

How Important Are Your Eyes?February 8 DR. STEVE ORR

Dr. Orr will tell us about common eye conditions that are associated with aging. He will discuss prevention and/or treatment options as well.

World Religions Inside Out (series).....February 15 REV. JERRY FOUST

The world has come to us. What's it like to see things from a vastly different perspective? How can Christians understand and relate positively to believers in other religious systems. Those religions covered would be Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism. Rev. Jerry Foust leads us on a trip through these major religions of the world from a birds-eye view and personal testimony. This series will overview the roots and unique character of these eastern and western religions, as well as a look from the inside through first hand testimony from adherents of different traditions.

SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder).....February 22 GENE McEVOY, MSW LISW

Seasonal Affective Disorder, also known as winter depression or winter blues is a mood disorder in which people who have normal mental health throughout most of the year experience depressive symptoms in the winter or, less frequently, in the summer. They may sleep too much, have little energy, and crave sweets and starchy foods. They may also feel depressed. Gene's seminar will provide valuable information about this disorder.

Clearing Our Eyes and Making Vision Reality – Making Disciples March 1 REV. DAN HRACH

We never stop growing as disciples, and thus education for Jesus never stops. What steps can we take to increase our ministry to children and youth and adults in our church, and make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

The “Jimmy Team” – Capital Campaign March 8

JIM WILKINS, JIM THOMAS

Spring is just around the corner and what better time to chat among ourselves about what we want to do about paying off the rest of our new building. The end of our five-year pledge commitments is now here and we still owe money on the project. It is not an emergency, but we should begin to examine our options and talk candidly and openly about them.

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The Financial Crisis--Indebtedness March 22

JERI BJORLING, ROD WALTON, ROXIE SNYDER, HOWARD ELLIOTT

HOT POTATO TOPIC

Many people are silently or verbally expressing distress over personal financial challenges, some of which may be a problem or a current crisis. Some topics to be discussed by the panel: housing or business delinquency, bankruptcy, trust of the banking community as a whole, ways to manage debt in general, estate planning and wills. Jeri is Banking Center Manager of First Federal, Rod is Vice President of First Federal Bank, Roxie is with Consumer Credit Counseling, and Howard is an attorney.

“My Stroke of Insight”..... March 29

ED ERNER

BOOK

My Stroke of Insight is a fascinating book written by Dr. Jill Taylor. She is a Harvard trained Neuroanatomist (the science for localizing function in the human brain) affiliated with the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center. At the age of 37, Jill suffered a severe stroke. She spent the next 12 years in recovery as well as redirecting her life's goals and objectives. Her book describes what it is like for a trained scientist to actually experience the tremendous challenges one faces both during and after such a traumatic event. Ed will review this book from the perspective of how we can use Dr. Taylor's insights to strengthen our own Christian faith and journey through life on God's earth.

Easter Symbols and Music April 5

MATT WALICKE

Matt Walicke, Director of Music, will provide a lively, informative, and joyful celebration of the music of Holy Week and Easter. Matt will present the stories of the music and musicians of this holy season and will lead us in singing many seasonal works, including Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus from "Messiah."

No Seminars EASTER April 12**World Religions Inside Out (series)..... April 19**SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED - *Watch News and Views for the specific religion and facilitator.*

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Columbarium and GroundsApril 26

DICK DEERHAKE, AL HOLTZSCHER

During the construction of our new building, needed improvements were made to the Columbarium. With the constructional and landscaping improvements, the Columbarium is now something of which this church can be very proud. Dick, a Master Gardner, will address the landscaping and maintenance of the Columbarium and Al will talk about its history and financing.

Clearing Our Eyes and Making Vision Reality – Evangelism May 3

REV. DAN HRACH

We are people of faith - yet we are reluctant to share this faith. This seminar will help us to own our faith stories and enable us to share our faith in a comfortable, yet effective, way. How do we reach out to the community not just with open doors, but with encouragement to know the *Good News* of the Gospel?

The State of Findlay’s Finances May 10

ROBERT SPRAGUE, FINDLAY CITY AUDITOR

COMMUNITY

Robert will discuss budget and financial conditions both locally and nationally, why tax revenues are down and whether, in his opinion, bail outs work or not.

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Memorial Weekend No Seminars May 24

Spring Children’s Program..... No Seminars May 31

MORE ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings

Character Builders - An ongoing Bible Study using *The Present Word* led by a variety of knowledgeable and insightful leaders. Those of all ages and all levels of Biblical literacy welcome. No need to sign up. Just come enjoy the stimulating discussion, the enjoyable fellowship, and the delicious treats! Character Builders meet in Rooms 209-210 during the Adult Education/Church School hour.

Prayer Ministry – gathers at 7:45 a.m. in the Chapel. First Presbyterian Church Prayer Ministry believes in the awesome power of prayer! Prayer requests are submitted to the prayer ministry team and we meet to pray for our congregation, their families and friends, our church and its leaders, our community, our military, and the world around us. We have been seeking God’s guidance for ways that we can grow this vital and important ministry and invite you to join us.

Circle of Friends – The newest Presbyterian Women’s circle gathers the first Sunday of each month during the Adult Education/Church School hour. We are studying the *2008-09 Horizons Bible Study – Jubilee!* All women of the church are welcome for a perfect opportunity to get involved with a PW circle while you are already here at the church! No special trip during the week needed or childcare to find! Contact Chris Butterworth, moderator of the Circle of Friends, for more information.

Peace, Unity, and Purity - This class is a biblical study of homosexuality within the larger framework of human relationships with God and one another. All are invited to participate in constructive dialogue between those who hold opposing or differing viewpoints on the subject.