

On the Spiritual Side

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Professor speaks about "World Christianity"

The DPC Forum at Doylestown Presbyterian Church, 127 E. Court St., Doylestown, offers its final program of the season at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, in the Celtic Cross Room.

Hear Princeton Theological Seminary's Dr. Richard Fox Young when he speaks on "World Christianity."

There has been a recent, significant shift in the church's center



RICHARD FOX YOUNG

of gravity – from north to south (i.e., from the developed world to the developing world), and this is changing the way church history is being written.

Increasingly, "reverse missions" are occurring, whereby evangelists and missionaries from developing countries are now working to expand the church in Europe and America.

The face of the church in the U.S. also is changing due to the immigration of Christians from other countries.

Young is Princeton Theological Seminary's Elmer K. and Ethel R. Timby Associate

Professor of the History of Religions.

He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and is interested in the history of the encounter between Christianity and various religions of Asian origin, the place of Christianity in non-Western pluralisms, and contemporary understandings of interreligious dialogue.

Young teaches courses on the encounter of other religions with

Christianity, comparative missionology, and Buddhism and Hinduism. He has served on the editorial advisory board for Studies in the History of Christian Mission since 1997.

He is a member of Pennington Presbyterian Church in Pennington, N.J.

Refreshments will be served. For information, contact the church at 215-348-3531 or dpc@downpc.org.

"Music for the Earth" concert supports climate action efforts

BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship celebrates its climate action efforts at a concert sponsored by the fellowship's music program.

"Music for the Earth" will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at 2040 Street Road, just east of Easton Road, Warrington. The concert will feature songs on themes of climate change, and caring for and healing the earth.

The public is invited to attend the

concert and take up the call for climate action. Concert tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors. Childcare will be available.

In 2006, the Unitarian Universalist Association released a statement of conscience on climate change that stated, "We as Unitarian Universalists are called to join with others to halt practices that fuel global warming/climate change."

In 2014, the BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship began a focused effort on climate action through all areas of fellowship life and by inviting members of the congregation to reduce their personal environmental footprint.

Following a survey of questions about current practices, the fellowship will be educated on good environmental practices and will be polled again in 12 weeks to see if change occurred.

The congregation also will read "Diet for a Hot Planet: The Climate Crisis at the End of Your Fork and What You Can Do About It," by Anna Lappe.

Fellowship grounds volunteers are busy with projects in the garden such as putting in native plants, which helps fight the effects of climate change by decreasing pesticide use and decreasing transport of plants from long distances.

The children in the religious edu-

cation department have chosen to support Plant One Million, an organization that seeks to plant one million trees in the tri-state area through fundraisers such as a pancake breakfast.

The fellowship also will examine energy usage in the fellowship building and work to make changes for greater energy efficiency.

Information on the fellowship's climate action efforts can be found at buxmontuau.org.

Interfaith pride service offered for New Hope Celebrates

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New Hope, offers the town its first Interfaith Pride Service, as part of New Hope Celebrates, the local LGBT pride festival.

The one-hour service will include elements of Jewish, Episcopal, Quaker, and Wiccan

traditions.

Everyone is invited to spend time in prayer, silence, reflection and fellowship with a variety of affirming and welcoming faith communities at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New

Hope.

Reflection will be offered by the Rev. Roger Broadley, priest at St. Luke and the Epiphany Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. For more than 30 years, the Rev. Broadley has ministered in Philadelphia's "Gayborhood" with all, especially

those touched by AIDS.

A reception will follow the service.

"Religion and spirituality is an important part of our community—including the LGBT community," said Michael Ruk, the pastor at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New

Hope. "Over the years, religion has changed to embrace and affirm those in the LGBT community."

The local church lives its motto: "All are welcome—and we really mean it," he said. For information, visit stphilip-newhope.org.

Speaker explores connection between science and Christianity

Can there really be a science to Christianity? Are there really spiritual laws that can be proven reliably?

Speaker Mary Alice Rose says, "Christian Science is rooted in the scientific method. I've witnessed examples in my own life and that of others illustrating how spiritual

laws can be put into practice."

Rose speaks on "The Science of Christianity" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22 at the Homewood Suites, 2650 Kelly Road, Warrington.

"In my talk I will draw parallels between how physical scientists approach the subjects they study

and how individuals approach the study of Christian Science," says Rose.

Rose's ideas are based on the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Bible, and as discussed in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

Rose's interest in science and technology led to a 20-year career in different areas of applied physical science. Her work ranged from a meteorologist for the National Severe Storms Laboratory to a manager developing the ground system for the Hubble Space Telescope.

In 2002, she made the transition from manager, engineer, and earth scientist to the full-time ministry as a Christian Science practitioner.

She is now an authorized teacher and a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. For information, contact Jan Hatherell at 609-977-6181.

Youth Theater Ministry performs "Anne of Green Gables"

The Youth Theater Ministry of the Lutheran Church of God's Love presents "Anne of Green Gables" at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17 and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18 in the church sanctuary, 791 Newtown-Yardley Road, Newtown.

Based on the much-loved books of Lucy Maud Montgomery, the musical is set in 1908 Prince Edward Island, Canada, and centers around the story of a stubborn but brilliant orphan girl who is adopted by an aging brother and sister who think they're getting a boy to help them on their farm.

They decide to keep Anne anyway, and what transpires after that decision is a series of poignant and funny scenes that tickle the funny bone and touch the heart.

The cast is made up of God's Love youth in grades six through



Brittany Morgan as Rachel Lynde, left, and Samantha Hackman as Marilla Cuthbert star in "Anne of Green Gables."

10. Actors include April Reddy, Andy Wodjilo, Samantha Hackman, Anna Sassaman, Andrew Piroue, Madison Webber, Tori Thompson and Brittany Morgan.

The youth have been hard at work since February, learning the script and the large number of songs involved in the production.

The show is being directed by God's Love organizer/choir director Patricia Guth; the music director is Gary Guth; and the accompanist is Susan Clark of Jenkintown. Stage Managers are Scott and Debbie Reddy.

Tickets are \$5 at the door or by calling the church office at 215-968-4335.

SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANITY

Explore spiritual law and hear examples that illustrate that law in action.



International speaker, Mary Alice Rose, is a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing and a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

"The Science of Christianity"

Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 pm

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2650 Kelly Road, Warrington, PA 18976

HAPPENINGS

Prime Timers host lunch and speakers

The Prime Timers, a mission of Salem United Church of Christ, 186 E. Court St., Doylestown, welcomes people of all ages, especially those in the prime of their lives, to its meetings on Wednesday each month for lunch and entertainment.

In May, join the group for a complimentary lunch and hear Chaplain Mike Campbell and Dietician Katie Gill from Wesley Enhanced Living as they present, "Nourish Your Mind, Body and Spirit."

Call the church to register at 215-348-9860 by May 14 for the May 21 lunch and program.

Salem UCC slates concert

Salem United Church of Christ, 186 E. Court St., Doylestown, hosts Chris Westfall in concert with acoustic classics on guitar and piano at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 17 in the Salem Assembly Room.

Admission is \$10 at the door. Refreshments will be available. For information, contact 215-348-9860 or admin@SalemDoylestownUCC.org.

Country Gospel Concert set for Mt. Airy Church

Mt. Airy Church hosts a Country Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. May 18. The Bill Clinton Country Music Band will perform gospel and country music. Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25 and will be available at the door.

The church is located at 39 Mt. Airy Village Road, just off of Route 179, Lambertville, N.J. For information or tickets, call 609-397-0977.

Concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity

A concert of Gospel and Sacred Music to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County's "The House that Faith Built" will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, 6055 Swamp Road, Fountainville.

There will be a freewill offering, and all of the money raised will be used to support "The House that Faith Built."

Performers include the Second Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir; OLG Keep the Faith Youth Band; soloist Phyllis Mwangim; a Habitat home owner; Anointed

Dancers of Praise; Sonya Burrus, Christian soloist; Hopkins sisters; New Britain Baptist Church Choir; and Back Bench Boys. For information, visit habitatsucks.org.

Stand-Up Comedy Night set

Karen's Place, the coffee shop ministry of Doylestown Mennonite Church, Broad Street and Sand Ridge Road, Doylestown, offers a special "Stand-Up Comedy Night" on Sunday May 18.

Headlining the show will be "Dave and Brian," a nationally touring musical comedy duo based in Philadelphia. The show also features Seth Knorr and Kellz, with special guests John Peters and Bob Farrell. The event will be hosted by Al Smith.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and there is no admission charge. Karen's Place will continue to donate a percentage of its coffee shop proceeds to the New Britain Baptist Food Larder.

Receive a free coffee or hot tea with a donation of canned fruit, vegetable, or soup (no baked beans or tomato soup), which the ministry will deliver to the larder. For information, call 215-345-6377 or visit karensplace.org.

Worship Directory

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