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## ◆ FROM THE PASTOR

What are some of the practices that shape and sustain congregations? Do those same practices translate to personal practices of faith?

On Welcoming Sunday, September 11, we will begin a five-week worship series in which we will explore five *fruitful* practices: radical hospitality; passionate worship; intentional faith development; risk-taking mission and service; and extravagant generosity.

Our focus on those practices will allow us to consider how—as a congregation—we extend the invitation and welcome of God; provide worship that connects us to God and to one another; offer opportunities for people to grow in faith by learning in community; relieve suffering and improve the conditions of people in need through service and mission; and teach people to give of themselves.

This series also will allow us to reflect on how—as individuals—we invite God into our lives and make



*Welcoming  
Sunday*

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*Details inside.* 


room for God in our hearts; we love and worship God in return; we purposefully open ourselves to spiritual growth; we serve and love others; and we allow God to shape our giving.

I hope you will be able to join us each Sunday for this special worship series.

Kathryn



## Within Our Church Family

 Congratulations to Kate Newberry and John Londoño on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Juliet Londoño, on June 24 in Houston. Isabella is the granddaughter of Norman and Christine Newberry.



Congratulations to Ben Clarke, son of Deb and Pat Hentschell, on his promotion to corporal on July 4. You may write Ben, who is on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan, at 3/6 India Company, Unit 73295, FPO-AE 09510-3295.



We extend our sympathy to:

- Marsha Brome and family upon the death of her father, Glenn King, on August 27.
- Duana and Marshall Hodges upon the death of Marshall's daughter Maria Harrison on July 29 in Dayton, Tennessee.
- Denise Gamon and family upon the death of her nephew Sean Patrick Carlin on June 23.
- Ellen Greene and family upon the death of her cousin's son, Jacob Beaudry, on June 21.



## Guys Breakfast & Study Group

All men are invited to a series of breakfast discussions of the book *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World—and Why Their Differences Matter* by Stephen Prothero,

professor of religion at Boston University.

The group will meet at 8:00 a.m. each Saturday from September 17–November 12. For more information, please speak with Jim Traer.

## Play-reading Group

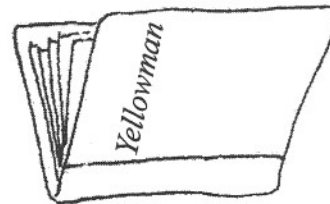
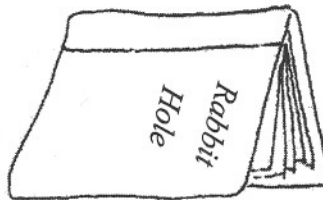
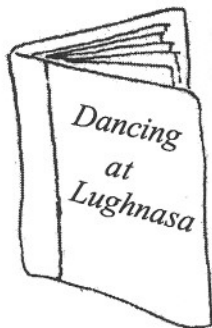


*Families and Faith* will be the focus of a new small group this fall. Each month the group will read an award-winning play and discuss what the play has to say about families and what they believe.

Tony-winning play *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel. Copies of the script will be available in the church parlor.

During the group's first meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, participants will discuss the

Other fall discussions will include *Rabbit Hole* on October 20; *Yellowman* on November 17; and *The Piano Lesson* on December 15.





## Fall Sunday Forums

We will inaugurate our fall schedule of Sunday forums on September 11 with *Ten Years Later—Remembering and Reflecting on the Events of 9/11*.

On September 25 Dr. Mary Raum, professor of national security affairs at the U.S. Naval War College, will speak about her development of *Femina Militaris*, the first gender-specific curriculum in the War College's history.

Our fall forums, each of which will begin at 11:00 a.m., also will include:

- October 9 *What's the Big Deal About the Wall of Separation?*
- October 23 *Domestic Violence* with Veronica Hobbs of the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol
- November 6 *Offering Thanks*
- November 27 *Wreath Decorating*
- December 18 *Christmas Carol Sing-a-long*

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

### *Reading Old Stories with New Eyes*

During our fall Bible study we will explore some familiar stories from Genesis—but from new perspectives. The group will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the following Wednesdays:

- September 14 *Reading Old Stories with New Eyes*
- September 21 *Babes in the Wood* (Genesis 2-3)
- September 28 *The Kindergarten of Eden* (Genesis 2-3)
- October 5 *Sibling Rivalry* (Genesis 4:1-16)
- October 12 *Vengeance Is Mine* (Genesis 4:17-26)
- October 19 *Boundary Violations & Evil Hearts* (Genesis 6:1-8)
- October 26 *Drunk with New Wine* (Genesis 9:18-27)
- November 2 *From Babel to Babble* (Genesis 11:1-9)
- November 9 *From Eden to Babel & Beyond*



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Join us as we celebrate the beginning of our fall schedule of worship and faith development opportunities.

Welcoming Sunday highlights will include:

- ☞ The beginning of a new worship series on *Fruitful Practices*. The focus of our 9:30 a.m. worship service will be radical hospitality.
- ☞ The return of our children's Sunday school program at 9:45 a.m.
- ☞ An 11:00 a.m. forum to mark the tenth anniversary of the September 11 attacks and to allow us to remember and reflect.
- ☞ A 4:00 p.m. interfaith service of prayers and remembrance at United Congregational Church, 524 Valley Road, Middletown.

☞ *Courier* material is due Sunday, September 25, October 30 and November 20.

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