

Adult Education September–October 2017

Standing Before God

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., in the Assembly Room
Unless otherwise noted

The Protestant Reformation in the 1500s has prompted 500 years of reform and continues to shape ministry for God's people. Let's celebrate the past and act in the present.



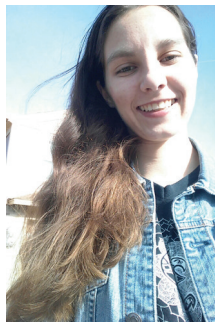
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Young Adults in Ministry: Nassau's Mission Dollars at Work

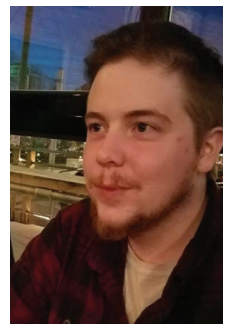
Katie McGee and Jonathan Freeman

Katie and Jonathan have both served God and the church this year as Young Adult Volunteers with the PCUSA. Come and hear their stories about why they chose to do a YAV year, what it means for their life and work, and how their experiences have impacted their plans and their future. The YAV motto is "A lifetime of change." That's a lot of promise!

Katie McGee has a degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Alabama. She worked as a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance YAV in the Center at Ferncliff Camp, outside of Little Rock, Arkansas. Thailand and an Elephant Nature Park are in her future.



Jonathan Freeman has a degree in Christian Education from Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. His YAV site was in Indianapolis, where he focused on interfaith dialogue and service with Habitat for Humanity. He will move on to an internship for the Waddell Fellowship program with the University of Georgia's Presbyterian Student Center.



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Healthcare Headwinds: New Jersey's Stake in the ACA Fight

Jon Whiten

What impact would federal health care changes and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act have on New Jersey's health, families, state budget and economy? A leader from New Jersey Policy Perspective, which has been on the front lines of the fight to preserve the ACA, will join us to discuss the organization's

analyses of the devastating impact, what New Jersey can do to protect the gains we've made, and how you can get involved.

Jon Whiten is Vice President of New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP), which drives policy change to advance economic justice and prosperity for all of New Jersey through evidence-based, independent research, analysis and advocacy. In his role as Vice President, Jon leads NJPP's advocacy efforts and oversees the organization's policy development and strategic communications, among other things.



500 Years of Reformed and Always Reforming

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed Ninety-Five Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, protesting the sale of indulgences. "Here I stand, may God help me, amen." Help us celebrate 500 years of Reformation by exploring aspects of the Reformation and its effect on art and literature.

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Old Problems for a New Administration

Sandra Matsen

Come and examine an overview of important and difficult policy decisions awaiting our new Governor and State Legislature in 2018. Join a discussion of these issues and learn where you can find candidate positions to help you make your choice when you vote on November 7.

Sandra Matsen currently serves as the League of Women Voters of New Jersey legislative agent representing the members' policy interests in Trenton. A member of the League since the early 1980s she has held numerous local and state League positions, serving as president from 1999–2003.



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Art and the Reformation

Holly Borham

The "image question" was a central one in the Reformation. When Martin Luther and John Calvin critiqued altars, relics, pilgrimages, and visual opulence, they struck at the heart of Catholic practice and its system of sacred economy. To what exactly were these reformers objecting, and how did their followers interpret their statements about religious imagery? Did Luther and Calvin free us from superstition, did they unleash ugly, destructive tendencies, or did they invent "art" as we know it today — an aesthetic object which we contemplate, rather than worship? Explore these provocative questions by looking carefully at texts, paintings, prints and sculptures from the sixteenth century in order to evaluate the Reformation's impact on the arts.

Holly Borham is a PhD candidate in Art and Archaeology at Princeton University. Her research examines art commissioned by Reformed, Lutheran, and Catholic patrons in Germany at the turn of the 17th Century.



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The 95 Theses: What Are They?

Miles Hopgood

Come hear about “what started it all,” the document that Martin Luther wrote and attached to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church, challenging Catholic doctrine, specifically, the practice of selling “indulgences” to wash away sins. This document started a movement that, ultimately, became the foundation for the Protestant Reformation.

Miles Spencer Hopgood is a PhD Candidate in History and Ecumenics at Princeton Theological Seminary. His current research centers on Martin Luther’s interpretation of the Bible, particularly his engagement with the Old Testament. Miles’ interests also include medieval and early modern Jewish-Christian relations as well as the modern ecumenical movement. His dissertation focuses on “How Luther Regards Moses: The Lectures on Deuteronomy.”



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Selling the Reformation: Media and the Making of Religious Revolution

Alastair Bellany

Martin Luther was the first heretic of a new media age — the age of the printing press — and the exploitation of media, both new and old, played a crucial role in the dissemination of Protestant theology and polemic. This class explores two case studies of the role of the media in the early Reformation. The first focuses on the use of (sometimes obscene) printed graphic satire by Lutheran propagandists in Germany. The second explores the 1530s multimedia campaign mounted by Henry VIII’s chief minister Thomas Cromwell, to convince English audiences of the legitimacy of the new royal supremacy over the Church and to defend the regime’s incremental evangelical reforms of religious life and practice.



Alastair Bellany is Professor of History at Rutgers University and works on the political and cultural history of 16th- and 17th-century Britain. He is the author most recently of *The Murder of King James I*, co-written with Thomas Cogswell, and published by Yale University Press.

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The Reformation Debates: Who? What? Where?

Miles Hopgood

Explore debates between Martin Luther and John Eck, and their respective allies, to understand just how significant a challenge Martin Luther was posing to contest years of Catholic teaching. The German cities of Heidelberg and Leipzig set the stage for what proved to be a dramatic series of confrontations of perspective on: 1) law and the gospel, 2) the fallibility of humankind, and 3) Jesus as sole Head of the Church.

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Reformation Influence on 16th- and 17th-Century Literature

Russ Leo

Examine the poet George Herbert’s collection *The Temple*, a magnificent artistic achievement that reveals the impact of the Reformation on English letters. We will pay particular attention to Herbert’s depictions of Christ through which he attempts to unite diverse congregations in an age marked by division and religious war.

Russ Leo, originally from Rochester, New York, received his PhD from the Program in Literature at Duke University where he studied Reformation poetics and their impact across 17th-century Europe. Leo came to Princeton University in 2009, first as a postdoctoral fellow at the Society of Fellows and, after 2012, as an Assistant Professor in the English Department.



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Childrens' Health in Malawi

Mphatso Nguluwe

12:15–1:15 p.m.

Assembly Room

Bagels and coffee provided

Mphatso Nguluwe, International Peacemaker from Malawi, will offer us a picture of her work for the Presbyterian Church (USA).



She has implemented initiatives for increasing the quality of life for children living with HIV and preventing parent-to-child transmission of HIV. She also promotes gender equity and equality for boys and girls, works to prevent child trafficking, and serves as a researcher in community development work.

Mphatso Nguluwe serves as Director of the Livingstonia Synod Aids Programme for the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian. She is a founding member of an initiative aimed at eliminating the cultural practices which put girls at risk of multiple abuses as well as HIV infection. She holds degrees in Midwifery from Queens University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and in Nursing Education, Administration and Community Nursing Science from the Medical University of Southern Africa.

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Medical Mission Malawi: Saving Lives with Villages in Partnership

Barbara Edwards

12:15–1:15 p.m., Assembly Room

Bagels and coffee provided

Barbara Edwards will speak about her trip to Malawi in May with Villages in Partnership's medical mission group. Hear how twenty-four Americans worked with local Malawians to create four pop-up medical clinics that served over five thousand people in three days.

Barbara Edwards is a general internist with a private practice at The University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro. She is also the Medical Director of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Community Health Center, which serves over 8000 patients, many uninsured or underinsured. Edwards worked in Liberia, West Africa, in 1988 as a medical student and has always wanted to return to work in Africa. "When Steve Heinzl-Nelson came to speak at Nassau about Villages in Partnership, I knew God was calling me to serve."

In-depth Bible Study with George Hunsinger

1 Corinthians

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., beginning Sep. 17
Maclean House (Garden Entrance)

George Hunsinger leads a verse-by-verse examination of the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. In this epistle the Corinthian congregation wrestles with doctrinal and ethical issues in conversation with their "founding pastor," Paul, and Paul offers compelling good news in his understanding of the cross, the resurrection, worship, and life together in Christian community.

George Hunsinger is Professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. This is his 21st year leading this Bible study!