

Adult Education December 2016

Christmas with the Classics



Melissa Martin leads discussions of beloved classics like *It's a Wonderful Life* through December 18.

Our understandings of Christmas and Advent are framed by many stories. As Christians the most “classic” story is the story we find in Luke 2. But there are others. Some of these stories come to us in the form of movies, others in poems, and others in children’s books. As we wait for the birth of our Lord this season, we will explore Advent and Christmas themes through the biblical text and some of these other classic stories.

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Maya Angelou

9:15 a.m., Music Room

In 2005 Maya Angelou presented her poem “Amazing Peace” at the White House tree lighting ceremony. In the wake of the election season and as we enter into Advent, come and hear a dramatic reading of this poem from Barbara Florvil, a Princeton Theological Seminary Senior, and discuss the theme of peace as it relates to Luke 2 and our responsibility as Christians in our communities.



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#AmazingPeace

Melissa Martin is a third-year student at Princeton Theological seminary and an Adult Education intern at Nassau. She also works in the church office as the Administrative Assistant for Pastoral Care. Between her many responsibilities she loves to sneak in a good novel, because she finds that through them her big theological questions can be explored in a refreshingly human way.

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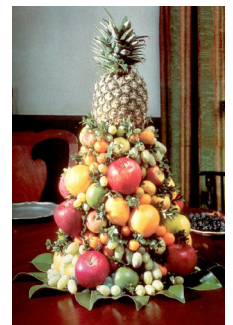
A Colonial Christmas

Edward A. Mauger

9:15 a.m., Assembly Room

A colonial-era Virginia Almanack once announced, “We may expect to hear of a great Mortality among the Hogs, Sheep, Geese, Capons, and Turkeys.” Colonists claimed that even the deaf and blind could tell when they crossed into Virginia around Christmas just by the aromas — of spices, nutmeg, mincemeat, great roasts, cakes, and, of course, Martha Washington’s famous pies. We’ll look at the ways Christmas was celebrated (or not) in colonial America as well as by the founding fathers.

Edward A. Mauger, founder and director of Philadelphia on Foot, has been hailed as “America’s top tour guide” by the travel writers of *USA Today* and the *Chicago Tribune*. He is the founding president of the Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides (APT) and has authored several books on historical Philadelphia. Mauger served as an associate dean and director at Rutgers University, Camden.



Dec 11

The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry

9:15 a.m., Assembly Room

“The Gift of the Magi” is a classic Christmas short story by O. Henry. First, hear the story as told by Michael Dean Morgan & Company. Then, ask the question, is it really better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)? What is Christmas about — giving or receiving?

Dec 18

It’s a Wonderful Life

9:15 a.m., Assembly Room

Following the guidance of Clarence Oddbody (Henry Travers), the bumbling angel in *It’s a Wonderful Life*, the 1946 classic Christmas film, come and wonder what it would be like if George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) had never been born. With the same sort of wonder, listen to the biblical story. What characters wondered about the coming of the Messiah? Is this wonder actually doubt? In the season of advent, is it ok to doubt? What would it be like if Jesus had never been born?

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Melissa Martin, @ptseminary field ed intern, brings us “Classic Christmas Stories” at 9:15am on Dec 4, 11, & 18

17 Nov 2016

1 Corinthians

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

George Hunsinger returns for the 20th year to lead this in-depth Bible study, which continues 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. He is the founder of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

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