

## Advent Parables

Brent Eelman

Charlie Pinches

Bill Carter

November 28, December 5, 12, 19

In our Advent Bible study, we will encounter four of Jesus' parables on the surprising arrival of God's kingdom. What is it like, when God "breaks into" our world?



Note: This weekly program will not meet on November 21 (Thanksgiving Eve) or December 26 (Christmas break).

### Come and join us!

Each week, we aim to offer a study of the Bible and a class that connects faith with daily life. The classes are free, and offered as a gift to the community.

Classes take place in Rooms 206 and 210 at First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit. Classes for children and youth are held at the same time.

All are invited to a simple meal in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings, served from 5:00 pm until 6:15 pm. Reservations are encouraged, and a \$3 donation is requested for the meal.

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# Adult Education Fall 2018

**Wednesdays,  
6:15 pm to 7:10 pm**

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## **Allowing Genesis to Speak for Itself**

**John Lawlor**

September 12, 19, 26, October 3

Let's read Genesis together! The emphasis of this four week course will be on identifying the literary and theological features of the composition that take the reader "inside the mind of the narrator."

*Dr. Lawlor is a retired professor of Old Testament and a biblical archaeologist.*

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## **What is Truth?**

**Brent Eelman**

September 12, 19, 26, October 3

This question, posed by Pilate to Jesus, will be considered by this class in what many have described as the "Post-Truth Era." We will look at the question philosophically, biblically, and practically, struggling with contemporary issues like "fake news," alternative facts," and the disintegration of language.

*Dr. Eelman is Transitional General  
Presbyter of Lackawanna Presbytery.*

## **Radical Ideas from Paul:**

### **1 Corinthians**

**Charlie Pinches**

October 10, 17, 24, 31

The apostle Paul can be controversial, yet his ideas anchor the New Testament. In this study we will read one letter carefully, considering how Paul's enthusiasm for Jesus connects with his forceful opinions

*Dr. Pinches teaches theology and ethics at the University of Scranton.*

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## **Music You Won't Hear in Church— But Should**

**Alan Baker**

October 10, 17, 24

Join us for an experience of the prophetic power of music. We will take a listening survey of choral works about social justice, care of the earth, and community life -- that may seem to be challenging for the church!

*Dr. Baker teaches choral music at Bloomsburg University and directs the Choral Society of NEPA.*

## **Alive to Beauty: A Summons**

**Sr. Cor Immaculatum Heffernan**

October 31, November 7, 14

God is constantly seeking to be in touch with us. He speaks to us through beauty. We will reflect on paintings that call us to a sense of awe and wonder, awakening us to prayer, reverence, transcendence.

*Sister Cor is Professor Emerita of art at Marywood University.*

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## **Ministry Entrusted to Us:**

### **2 Corinthians**

**Bill Carter**

November 7, 14

Why is serving God such difficult work? Not for you, perhaps, but it was for the apostle Paul. We will explore some painful correspondence that he had with one of his churches and explore why he never "lost heart."

*Rev. Carter is pastor of FPCCS.*

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