

April 2010

- 6 **CEIRS Course** — *The Theology of Clint Eastwood*, Four Tuesdays in April, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights
Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies (CEIRS) presents a study of the western plot narrative as the Christian narrative. Using three films by Clint Eastwood, this course will explore the western as Christian metaphor as well as show how popular culture can be used as a tool for theological conversation and exploration. Led by Rev. Shawnthea Monroe, D.Min. Cost: \$60. Go to www.ceirs.org for registration information or pick up a brochure from the table in the Old Narthex.
- 11 Sun **ADULT FORUM:** *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and The Brahms Requiem* — seven Sundays through April 18, 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room
The Brahms Requiem differs from traditional Latin requiems by its emphasis on consolation, reconciling the living with the idea of suffering and death. Drawing on his deep faith and knowledge of Scripture, Brahms takes us on a journey, not necessarily from grief to hope, but through grief to hope. Led by the Rev. Richard Israel, Associate Rector
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- 15 **CEIRS Course** — *Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know*, four Thursdays through May 6, Plymouth Church, Shaker Heights
What do Barack Obama, Marge Simpson, Bono, and Madonna have in common? They all draw inspiration from the Bible! In this course, the author of *Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know* invites us to join him for a fun, no-experience-necessary exploration of the Bible's greatest cultural hits, those stories that have had the most influence outside the church on art, literature, and politics. Led by Timothy Beal, Ph.D. Cost: \$60. Go to www.ceirs.org for registration information or pick up a brochure from the table in the Old Narthex.
- 18 Sun **ADULT FORMATION:** *Practicing Our Faith – The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude*, 10:10 a.m. in the Chapel of the Cross
Join us for discussion, prayer and resources for your spiritual journey. Led by Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program.
- ADULT FORUM:** *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms's Requiem* — (see 4/11) 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room
- CEIRS Lecture:** *God is Still Speaking...Already Then*, Walter Brueggemann, Ph.D., Th.D.; 2:30 p.m. at Church of the Covenant, Cleveland
Professor Brueggemann's presentation will consider the ways in which the Bible itself exhibits the practice of ongoing interpretive freedom and imagination. Co-sponsored by The Covenant Lecture Fund and Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies (CEIRS). Free. Go to www.ceirs.org for more information or pick up a brochure from the table in the Old Narthex.
- Inquirer's Class** — Offered on three Sunday evenings through May 2, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Sanders Room
Want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Are you considering being presented to the Bishop for confirmation or reception? Facilitators include members of the clergy and program staff. A light supper will be

served and childcare provided upon request. Registration is required. Please contact Barbara Pelowski, Director of New Member Ministries, at bpelowski@stpauls-church.org or (216) 932-5815, ext. 206.

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25 Sun **ADULT FORMATION:** *The First Christians — The Beginning of the Christian Church*, 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room

Join us for a discussion of some readings from the Acts of the Apostles, and an examination of the practices and beliefs of the early church, as presented in clips from the Frontline video series "From Jesus to Christ." Together we will explore our religious roots and consider which issues remain relevant to the church of today. Led by Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program.

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9 Sun **ADULT FORMATION:** *Emerging Christianity — Reframing our Beliefs for the New Millennium*, 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room

The word "emergence" has been used in disciplines as diverse as architecture, physics, biology, sociology, economics, and politics. Now, thanks to writers such as Phyllis Tickle (*The Great Emergence*) and Brian McLaren (*A New Kind of Christian; A Generous Orthodoxy; The Secret Message of Jesus*) a new discussion has been initiated about "the emergent church." In preparation for a series of public lectures to be offered by Brian McLaren at First Baptist Church (see 5/26), Rich Israel and Kate Gillooly will offer an overview of "The Great Emergence" and "Five Streams of the Emerging Church" on two Sundays in May. All are welcome.

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26 **CEIRS Workshop and Lecture:** *Emerging Christianity – Reframing our Beliefs for the New Millennium with Brian McLaren*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Lecture at 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights
Brian McLaren has been giving voice to the thoughts of people who have become disenchanted with the church and American Christianity. See Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies Web site for details on how to register for this workshop: www.ceirs.org.

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6 Sun Combined worship at 10 a.m.: Recognition Sunday —We gather for *combined worship at 10 a.m.*, hearing reflections from graduating seniors and honoring all those who have taught and learned in our Christian Formation programs for all ages this year.

13 Sun Summer Schedule Begins — 9 a.m. service is held outside; the traditional service is held in the Nave at 10:15 a.m.