

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

READING THE BIBLE WITH BARTH

AN ONLINE CLASS

Dates: May 1-26, 2017

Instructor: Angela Dienhart Hancock, Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship, PTS

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EXTENDING HOSPITALITY

A COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SERIES

Dates: Feb. 15, 2017, with Liddy Barlow ~ "Hospitality and Ecumenism"

March 15, 2017, with Debbie Creamer ~ "Hospitality and Disability"

April 19, 2017, with Jerome Creach ~ "Hospitality and the Old Testament"

Engage in this series of conversations on various ways we can express hospitality. Sessions include content provided by the presenter and discussion. During morning events, participants are invited to chapel and lunch following the presentation. Leaders will join their group for lunch and further discussion. You can bring your lunch or purchase one at the Seminary's dining hall. Conversations will be held one Wednesday/month (December: 6:30-8:00 p.m.; February-April: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). [Learn more.](#)

IMMERSED IN GRACE

ALBRIGHT-DEERING WORKSHOP

Date: March 23, 2017

Leader: Paul W. Chilcote, Professor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio

In Wesleyan spirituality and theology, great space is given to the "means of grace." These spiritual practices shape disciples of Jesus into God's partners in the redemption of the world and fuel the ministry of the church. In this workshop participants will immerse themselves in the time-honored practices of prayer, Scripture, and Eucharist, not only talking about but experiencing God's lavish grace. You can hear more from Dr. Chilcote at the 4:00 p.m. Albright-Deering Lecture. [Learn more.](#)

THE ART OF TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY - PART 1

Dates: March 6-10, 2017

Leaders: Paul Rhebergen and Janet Nolting Carter, Transitional Ministers

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LANGUAGE OVER LUNCH: BIBLICAL HEBREW

Leader: James Durlleser, Lecturer in Biblical Languages, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and UMC Pastor (retired)

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LANGUAGE OVER LUNCH: GREEK

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