



## The Bible through Visual Art

Monday, April 1, 2019 - Elizabethtown College - Susquehanna Room  
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Presenters: Chris Bucher and Bob Neff**

*Chris is the Carl W. Zeigler Professor of Religion at Elizabethtown College, where she teaches courses in biblical study.*

*Bob is an Old Testament scholar, President Emeritus of Juniata College, and former General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren.*

The primary goal of this class is to explore the intersection of art and biblical texts by examining the ways in which the visual arts (e.g., paintings, drawings, mosaics, sculpture) offer new insights into biblical texts. How can visual art call our attention to neglected biblical texts or to overlooked elements in texts? How can it help us see the multiple levels of meaning within a text? How can visual art help us wrestle with difficult biblical texts or with challenging theological concepts? We will explore early Christian art, which visualized Jesus as shepherd and highlighted the biblical stories about Daniel, Jonah, and Noah, and we will examine biblical interpretation by selected artists from the Renaissance to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Finally, we will discuss ways in which art might be incorporated into church life as a way of engaging church members at visual and kinesthetic levels. Format of the course: presentations by Chris Bucher and Bob Neff and guided group discussions. Those who register for the course will receive a bibliography of recommended resources.

Registration due by March 15, 2019:  \$60.00 (0.6 CEUs, light breakfast, lunch)  
 \$50.00 (NO CEUs, light breakfast, lunch)

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

<p><b>Please make checks payable to "SVMC".</b></p> <p>Mail completed registration form and payment for "The Bible through Visual Art" to:          Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center          One Alpha Drive          Elizabethtown, PA 17022          Questions:          Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or <a href="mailto:svmc@etown.edu">svmc@etown.edu</a>.          Thank you!!</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Congregation _____ District _____</p> <p>Email _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Meat or Vegetarian Lunch _____ Other Dietary Restrictions _____</p> <p>Amount Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 for 0.6 CEUs  <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 for NO CEUs</p> <p>Where did you hear about this event? _____</p>
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