McPherson Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 8. 2026

9:45 AM ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS: "SERMON AT SUNSET"
How might nonhuman preachers expand and reframe our understandings of proclamation? With Psalm 19 as our center point, this session explores our preaching sky. Dr. McCray will begin with a reflection on preaching outside the pulpit and draw on specific examples that reveal the sky as a beloved preacher in African American religious imagination.

11:00 AM SERMON: "DEAR DREAMER"
This sermon will focus on the beatitudes. As an example of the fluidity of the sermon genre, the sermon will have an epistolary component.

3:00 PM COMMUNITY LECTURE: "AUNT PAULI"
Pauli Murray was affectionately known as "Aunt Pauli" to a host of nieces and nephews. This community lecture explores how Pauli approached this role, giving attention to (i) inherited models for aunthood and unclehood, (ii) Pauli's role caring for aging aunts, (iii) the influence of gender identity, and (iv) the impact on Pauli's writing agenda.

Monday, March 9

9:00 AM CLERGY & SEMINARIAN BREAKFAST: "PRAYING WITH PAULI"
Shortly after ordination, Pauli prayed through a major dispute. Using this situation as a case study, we will explore the spiritual resources and dispositions that helped Pauli flourish as a priest.