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February 18, 25 & March 4:
“Discussing the book, *Waking Up White*”

Krystal Leedy, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry,
University Presbyterian Church, Austin

After Krystal earned a Bachelor of Arts in Youth & Family Ministry from Abilene Christian University, she continued her education at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she received a Master of Divinity. She came to UPC

at the start of her time in seminary and feels a deep connection to the congregation. Her main church interests lie in community building, pastoral care for college students & young adults, worship, and preaching.

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March 18:

“Strength to Love: Race, Racism and Grace”

Stephanie Hawley, Associate Vice President of Equity and Inclusion, Austin Community College

Stephanie facilitates workshops about forgiveness, race relations and social justice issues. At ACC, she’s working to improve equity in enrollment, inclusion, retention and completion for underserved populations. Her office recently established scholarships for students re-entering from incarceration and to support DACA students. She was awarded Austin’s YWCA 2017 Legacy Award for racial equity work in the community.

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March 25:

“Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism”

Carolyn Helsel, Assistant Professor of Homiletics,
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

A native of San Antonio, Carolyn joined the faculty of Austin Seminary in 2015. She has served churches in Massachusetts and as a visiting professor at both the Boston College School of Theology & Ministry and Wartburg Theological Seminary.

She is especially interested in dialogue about racism and wrote for the Spring 2017 issue of *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary* on “Interpreting Whiteness.” Her book, *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism*, was published this February.

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April 8:

*“Undoing Institutional Racism:
The Poor People’s Campaign”*

Pam Brubaker, Emerita Professor of Religion, California Lutheran University, and member of UPC’s Social Witness Committee

At California Lutheran University, Pam served as Chair of the President’s Diversity Council. She has written or co-edited several books including *Globalization at What*

Price? Economic Change and Daily Life and *Justice in a Global Economy: Strategies for Home, Community, and World*. While her roots are in the Church of the Brethren, she joined UPC after moving to Austin in 2017.

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April 15:

*“Black Lives Matter
& Theology in the Public Square”*

Asante Todd, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics,
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Seminary, and Vanderbilt University, Asante has taught Christian ethics at Austin Seminary since completing his PhD in 2013. His publications include “Black Lives Matter and the New Politics” in the book *Faith and Resistance in the Age of Trump* (2017).

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April 29:

“Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America”

Margaret Aymer, The First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport,
D. Thomason Professor of New Testament Studies, Austin Seminary

Margaret teaches core courses on the Introduction to the New Testament, Exegesis, and Greek. She also teaches electives, including African Americans & the Bible, and feminist & womanist biblical interpretation. The author or editor of four books, she has spoken at academic and church conferences across the United States, and she served as a steering committee member for the Committee on Theological Education Consultation on Racism from 2004 – 2008.