

Educating Ourselves about Race & Racism

Salem First United Methodist Church

Summer Series

May 24-July 28, 2021



May 24 **Service of Reflection:
Remembering George Floyd and others killed because of racial hatred**

May 31 Memorial Day – **No Class**

June 7 **A Brief History of Race & Racism in the Theater**



Lisa Joyce, Executive Director, Pentacle Theatre

The theater has been a participant in overt and covert racism. Lisa will provide a high-level overview of “Red face,” “Yellow face,” color-conscious casting, “White-washing” and other ways the theater has intentionally and unintentionally harmed BIPOC. She will also talk about specific practices that the theater can use to be more welcoming to BIPOC. Class member Heather Toller will also be contributing.

June 14 **What is Juneteenth?**



Kim Martin and Cesie Delve Scheuermann

Juneteenth will be celebrated on Saturday, June 19th. But what exactly is it? We will watch an episode of the award-winning comedy “Black-ish” to learn more.

June 21 **What is Critical Race Theory?**



Tom Scheuermann

“Critical race theory” has become a hot button issue and another part of the so-called culture wars. What is it? What are its origins? Why do some people and institutions find it controversial? Come and find out.

June 28 **Letter from a Birmingham Jail: A Classic Piece of Civil Rights Literature**



Rev. Sam McPhail

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote this persuasive essay April 16, 1963. We’ll read the letter and class member Sam McPhail will help us understand its importance and relevance for today. It’s worth noting that Sam served a church in Birmingham in the 1970s and knew some of the people to whom Dr. King was writing.

July 5 4th of July weekend – **No class**

July 12 **Issues Facing Pacific Islanders in Oregon and the United States**



Pastor Kalina Seluvaia Malua Katoa

In addition to being a pastor for Open Door Churches, Pastor Kalina is also an immigrant from the Tonga islands (Friendly Islands) from the South Pacific. She will highlight some of the challenges that are being faced by Pacific Islanders in Oregon and the United States.

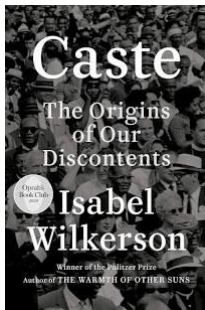
July 19 **What is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training?**



Paul James, President and Chief People Strategist, Lighthouse Strategy Consulting, Apex, North Carolina

Paul James has spent 25 years in higher education and health care serving in various executive roles. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies from Wichita State University; a Master's degree in Higher Education and Counseling from Oregon State University; and Mr. James holds a community commitment Rite-of-Passage certificate from the Iqraa African American Books and Gifts. He is an expert in the areas of Human Resources and Development, Diversity Management and Intercultural Awareness, and Executive Coaching.

July 28 & August 2 **A Two-Week Book Study of Isabelle Wilkerson's "Caste"**



Glenda Melton

The New York Times said *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* (2020) is “an instant American classic and most certainly the keynote nonfiction book of the American century thus far.” Class member Glenda Melton will lead us in a discussion of this best-selling and critically acclaimed book.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Feel free to contact:
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