



March 13, 2016

### THE REV. DR. JOHN C. DORHAUER TO VISIT PSEC MAY 14-15

Preliminary itinerary includes: **Saturday, May 14:** Lancaster Seminary Graduation at Church of the Apostles UCC in Lancaster from 10 am - 12 pm;

**Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop\*** at Bethany Children's Home from 2-6 pm (details below) Visit [psec.org](http://psec.org) to download a flier with more information and [register online by May 2](#);

**Sunday, May 15:** Preaching at Ascension UCC, 1700 W Main Street in Jeffersonville at 10 am; Presentation at Philadelphia Association meeting The Common Place, 5736 Chester Avenue in Philadelphia at 3 pm.

\* Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer will cover a variety of subjects related to his doctoral research on White Privilege and its affect on the church. He will introduce the concept of a Spiritual Autobiography told through the lens of race. Following that, John will open up discussion on two foundational pieces to understanding the manifestation and impact of white privilege: whiteness as the norm; and whiteness as cash value. The presentation will conclude with a look at what it means to be a white ally. This last part introduces critical thinking about what actions can be taken by allies, advocates, and accomplices who are passionate about racial equity.

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer grew up Roman Catholic in the city of St. Louis, but through a series of life changing events found himself attending Eden Theological Seminary and developing a love for the United Church of Christ. Following ordination Rev. Dorhauer was called to serve Zion UCC in Mayview, MO and followed by First UCC in Lebanon, MO. John served next as a member on the St. Louis Conference Staff. In 2008, John was called to the Southwest Conference to serve as Conference Minister. On June 29, 2015 Rev. Dorhauer was elected to serve as the 9th General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Dorhauer has penned three books and is recognized as a leader committed to social justice. Rev. Dorhauer's Doctoral studies were centered on White Privilege and Its Affect on the Church. He has traveled extensively across the county following the release of his second book, **Steelpiejack: How the Christian Right is Hijacking Mainstream Religion** and was presented with the Shalom Award by the student body at Eden Theological Seminary for his lifelong commitment to justice and peace.



*Getting to Know :*

**St. Peter's UCC**

57 Spring Street, Tremont, PA 17981



**St. Peter's UCC** is a thriving, multigenerational church making a difference in our very small community and our world through prayers and deeds. We are small but strong in spirit and faith. We support our local food bank with collections of food and money through Harvest Home in November and again in February. Our youth have provided recycling bins for our plastics, papers, aluminum and cardboard.

Finding time for Church activities is challenging for today's active youth, so in the fall of 2015, St. Peter's adopted a retreat style for our **Confirmation class**. Our flexible class dates/times enable our youth to stay involved. We gather once each month for several hours for class activities, and a lite meal. As part of their Confirmation experience, our youth participate in our Church services and community service events. They serve at two community events per Confirmation year, e.g., volunteering with our local food bank, the SPCA, and our free clothing collection/distribution center, or other service events that the youth may choose.

Our **Sunday school program** is growing and is extremely active. We emphasize how God's love is shown in the ways we treat each other every day as well as in the Church setting. We plan fun events, like visiting Hershey Park After Dark at Christmas time and a summer pool party. We had participants from age 87 to three months old actively involved in our 2015 Christmas program. After the pageant, everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast together.

Our **adult members** are encouraged to share their faith journey with our Sunday school and Confirmation classes. It is such a wonderful gift from God to see our youth connecting with our other members.

During the summer and early fall months, we collect snack items for our youth who are away at college or in the military, and fruit baskets for our elders and shut-ins. Our weekly bulletins are mailed to our shut-ins on a regular basis, so they are included in the life of St. Peter's.

To learn more about our ministry, visit us on Facebook or contact us by email [stpetersuctremont@yahoo.com](mailto:stpetersuctremont@yahoo.com) or phone 570-695-2415.

Prayers are requested for the congregation of St. Peter's UCC in Tremont.

