

# Theology with a **Twist**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7 PM  
Kutztown Tavern,  
272 W Main St Kutztown

**Tuesday March 14**  
**Byron Borger**

***Reading as Subversive Practice, Books as Tools for Transformation:  
10 Things Books Can Do For You.***

In a fast-paced, digital age there is something counter-cultural about the slower practice of reading. Join an independent bookstore owner talk about the influence of books on culture, how intentional reading can be transformative, and hear stories of how books have changed lives and served as catalysts for subverting the status quote. Reading with a twist, perhaps? This will be a lively and engaging time of reminding ourselves of the potential of the printed page.

Byron Borger, along with his wife, Beth, own and operate Hearts & Minds, an independent Christian bookstore in Dallastown, PA which they have run for 34 years. He speaks widely about the transforming consequences of the gospel for all of life and has lead workshops on reading, applied theology, cultural engagement, and social justice. Byron has written for various publications, including *Sojourners*, *Q Ideas*, *Comment*, and the Center for Public Justice's *Capitol Commentary*. Even though committed to the old-school printed page, he enjoys using social media and blogs regularly about books in their newsletter BookNotes. [www.heartsandmindsbooks.com/booknotes](http://www.heartsandmindsbooks.com/booknotes)

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**Tuesday April 11**  
**Rev Barbara K Peronteu**  
***A Trans Woman and Her Faith Journey***

From famous celebrities coming out, to “bathroom bills”, to acceptance by institutions such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, transgender folks have been in the news a lot lately. Even though not one person has ever been molested in a bathroom by a trans person, conservative religious people and right wing politicians want to vilify us. Progressive people of faith and liberal politicians want to include, protect our civil rights, and welcome trans people. But what I have found, even among people who welcome us, is most people do not understand who we are. By weaving her story with the latest professional understandings, Rev. Peronteu will share her version of “Trans 101” so that you might have a better understanding of who trans people truly are.

Barbara graduated from Lynchburg College and from Union Theological Seminary in VA. She served several congregations and currently is an Interfaith Chaplain Resident at Reading Hospital. Barbara speaks widely about being transgender, her Christian faith, and the need for inclusion and equal rights for the LGBTQ community. The institution of the Transgender Day of Remembrance in Reading is an achievement she is most proud of. Recently Barbara was featured in a short video, entitled “The Girl Wants Out”, by the Berks Story Project.

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