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The 2012
Distinguished Speaker Series

at

The Moorings Presbyterian Church

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January 26 • February 5

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The Distinguished Speaker Series is funded through the Thomas Trust of The Moorings Presbyterian Church. This Trust was made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of the late Marguerite and Paul Thomas, faithful members of The Moorings Presbyterian Church during their years in Naples.

Its purpose is to bring a series of speakers who will both challenge and inspire us regarding the faith and current events. Nothing pleased Marguerite and Paul more than witnessing faithful Presbyterians gathered to consider the great issues of the day.

The church remains forever grateful to Marguerite, Paul, and the Thomas family for their vision and generosity, a commitment which promises to bear fruit for years to come.

Speaking events will take place in Moss Hall at The Moorings Presbyterian Church. Attendance at the Speaker Series is free of charge; however there will be a charge for meals. Please make reservations with the church office at (239) 261-1487.

Thursday, January 26 • 7 PM • Fellowship Dinner

Dr. Allen Weiss presents: Your Health Versus the Economy – How Both Can Thrive



Dr. Allen Weiss, President and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System, will address how we can stay healthy as individuals and as a community, as our nation faces profound changes. What is the best use of our limited resources? Adding value in healthcare, encouraging healthy living, and creating an environment where everyone can thrive, are worthwhile and obtainable goals. The common good can and will be served as we address these concerns.

Dr. Allen Weiss was appointed President and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System in September, 2006. After graduating from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and subsequently completing his training at both the New York Presbyterian Hospital and Hospital for Special Surgery of Cornell University, he had a solo practice in Rheumatology, Internal Medicine, and Geriatrics for twenty-three years. He is board certified in all three specialties and is recognized both as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology.

His interest in the development of the three core competencies of the NCH Healthcare System—demonstrated quality, operational efficiency and fiscal responsibility—began during his executive MBA program at Florida Gulf Coast University where he was named Distinguished Alumnus. At the state level, Dr. Weiss led the Quality committee of the Healthy Florida Foundation that subsequently shared recommendations for evidenced based medicine to transform healthcare. In 2008, he received Distinguished Executive of the Year recognition from the Women’s Bar Association. In 2010, he was recognized as one of the Men & Women of the year by *Gulfshore Life*.

Additionally, Dr. Weiss has been a member of the Foundation Board of Florida Gulf Coast University, Wolford School for Certified Nurse Anesthesiology since 2004 and on the Board of American Momentum Bank since inception.

Sunday, February 5 • 11:30 AM • Luncheon

Karl Weber presents: *Muhammad Yunus and the Economics of Peace*



It isn’t often that a college economics professor with *no* experience in financial services becomes the founder of a bank. And it’s even more unusual for a professor-turned-banker to win the Nobel Peace Prize. But that’s what happened to Muhammad Yunus, pioneer of “microcredit,” women’s rights advocate, national hero of his native country of Bangladesh, and 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate.

Karl Weber, an American book publisher, editor, and author, has collaborated with Muhammad Yunus on two best-selling books, *Creating a World Without Business* and *Building Social Business*. In his inspiring, photo-illustrated talk, Weber will tell the story of how Yunus invented microcredit, a revolutionary financial tool turning poor women into entrepreneurs and enabling over 100 million families in the developing world—and most recently in inner-city America—to work their way out of poverty.

Weber will recount his personal experiences in collaborating with Yunus, visiting Bangladesh to observe the work of Yunus’s world-famous Grameen Bank, and meeting with the poor men and women whose lives are being transformed by microcredit. He will also describe Yunus’s latest innovation: Social Business, a new form of capitalism that uses business methods not to generate profits but to alleviate poverty, improve health care, enhance nutrition, protect the environment, and otherwise make our world a better place.

In an era of economic distress, social unrest, and deepening divisions between rich and poor, Muhammad Yunus is both a hero to millions and a symbol of the power of human creativity to bring new hope to our troubled planet. Weber’s presentation will bring to life this unique man and the powerful ideals he represents.



Sunday, February 19 • 11:30 AM • Luncheon

Joan S. Gray presents: *Everything you ever wanted to know about prayer but were afraid to ask*



Have you ever wished you understood more about prayer and how it works? Have you ever felt guilty because you don't pray more? Has it ever seemed like you were just talking to yourself or to the ceiling when you pray? We have all heard from childhood that prayer is a good thing and the Bible tells us to pray. But there is much mystery and misunderstanding about the practice of this ancient discipline. This presentation will shed some light into the mystery around prayer, what it is for, what it can accomplish, and how we can break through our doubts and questions to a powerful practice of prayer. During lunch the audience will be asked to submit written questions about prayer which the speaker will answer after her talk. We will end with a time of prayer for our families, our church, and the world.

Joan S. Gray was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1978. Since then she has served eight congregations in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta including four as interim pastor. Her educational degrees are from Presbyterian College, Columbia Theological Seminary, General Theological Seminary (Episcopal) in New York City (Master of Sacred Theology in Spiritual Direction), and Wesley Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry) in Washington, DC. She is the co-author of *Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers* and the author of *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* both published by Geneva Press. Joan grew up in South Carolina, as did her husband, Bill Gray. Bill is a Presbyterian elder, and works in Atlanta as an attorney. Joan finished serving a two-year term as Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the PC(USA) in June of 2008. The Grays live in midtown Atlanta.

***“The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower,
share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's,
smile at someone and receive a smile in return,
are to me continual spiritual exercises.”***

-Leo Buscaglia, PhD

Sunday, March 4 • 11:30 AM • Luncheon

Stephen Fowl presents: *Struggling with Scripture in a Divided Church*



For over 500 years the church in the West has been divided. It is tempting to think that these divisions are the result of arguments between Christians over how to interpret the Bible. Instead we should come to see that argument, debate and disagreement over Scripture have always been part and parcel of Christianity. The fact that Christians are divided from each other must have other causes. We will explore what those causes are, and how Scripture might provide resources for healing divisions within the body of Christ.

Stephen Fowl has often attended Moorings Presbyterian Church when he and his family have visited his in-laws, Glenn and Marlys Haughie. He is Professor of Theology at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore where he has taught since 1989. He chaired the department of Theology from 1999-2009 and is now Director of Graduate Studies. Steve has written or edited 10 books and authored more than 35 articles. An Episcopal layperson, Steve preaches and teaches in parishes and churches around the country. He is currently a member of the House of Bishops' Theology Committee and is the Examining Chaplain for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

Steve graduated from Wheaton College where he received both a B.A. and M.A. degree. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield (England). Steve is married to Melinda Grace Haughie Fowl. They have two sons, Brendan (20) and Liam (17). Steve and his family worship at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore.

Sunday, March 18 • 11:30 AM • Luncheon

Bill Beckwith presents: *Remembering What Not to Forget*



Do you spend too much time looking for your glasses? Do names escape you? Dr. Bill E. Beckwith will provide effective, easy to use, and practical techniques to improve your memory. His lecture will help you understand how aging changes memory and what actually works to improve it.

Bill is a Clinical Psychologist and nationally known speaker on Aging, Memory, and Alzheimer's disease. He is the author of *Managing Your Memory: Practical Solutions for Forgetting*, a columnist in the *Naples Daily News*, co-founder with his wife Pamela of The Life and Memory Center, and has an office in Naples. He provides memory evaluations and consultation and has published more than 70 articles, co-edited three books, and won several teaching awards during his 30 years as a clinician and researcher in the area of memory and its disorders.

Bill earned his MA in learning and memory and his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Ohio State University. He has specialized in memory, memory and aging, and disorders of memory for over 30 years.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Casual Worship (Webster Chapel)

10:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

8:45 AM - Nursery Open - Rooms 103-104

Following the Children's Message,

Children may accompany their teachers to Sunday School.

Preschool may be picked up in Room 105;

Kindergarten and 1st grade in Room 204;

Grades 2 & 3 in Room 203;

Grades 4 & 5 in Room 202.

Middle School meets at 10 AM in Room 201

High School meets at 10 AM in the Chapel

◆ Get a live “view/stream”

of Sunday morning 10:00 AM Worship!

On your computer, go to www.moorings-presby.org and click on Archive and Streaming.

Archive recordings are available!

**◆ You can also watch a taped,
edited version of a Sunday service, Moorings Lighthouse**
at 8 AM on Sunday morning, cable channel 8.

◆ Purchase a CD (\$5) or DVD (\$10)
of a Sunday service. Call the Reception Desk (261-1487) to place your order.
Be sure to specify CD or DVD.