



FRED Talks

The 2019 Summer Series

Presented by the Trinity Presbyterian Education Division

FRED Talks: Conversations That Inform Our Faith

Similar to the well-known TED Talks, FRED Talks work to offer a wide variety of topics that will help open our eyes and hearts to God, God's creation, and God's children. Faith, Religion, Education, and Discussion, FRED Talks may range from Christian theological and Biblical discussions to other religions and denominations to the needs in our community and our world and the way others are trying to address those needs. One week we might talk about the psychology of how people relate and the next we may deal with issues of the environment. But the focus and purpose of the conversations is always the same: to help us deal with our faithful response to issues and people as a follower of Christ.

The talks take place in Trinity's Gearing Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15am with refreshments and fellowship time beginning at 9:00am.

The Summer 2019 Schedule

June 2: "Conversations with Islam" – Sophia Said, Executive Director of the Interfaith Center and founder and leader of the Madina Institute and Mosque, will be joining us for a second talk. She will be discussing the spiritual journey of the followers of Islam and their relationship with the Muslim Jesus. She will also discuss the historical relationship between Islam and Christianity, providing common ground between the two largest religions in the world.

June 9: "Conversations with Quakers" – David Shoen and John Coffin will join us to share beliefs and practices of the Quaker church. John, who moved to Little Rock from Nashville, grew up Presbyterian but became a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) in the early 1970's. David lives in Little Rock with his wife Susan and their shepherd mix, Samson. He is currently the Clerk of the Little Rock Friends Meeting.

June 16: "When Worldviews Collide: Religious Faith and Science, Part 2" – Back by popular demand, Allan Diekman is returning to add to a conversation from last summer, but he will spend time familiarizing us with the original topic. He will discuss how the theory of evolution is viewed in the USA and by American churches as well as discuss court cases concerning the teaching of evolution in public schools. Alan is a member at Second Presbyterian, a Presbyterian Elder, and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Urology at UAMS.

June 23: "Exploring The Enneagram" – The Enneagram is an ancient spiritual tool dating back to the Sufis and the Christian desert mothers and fathers. They

defined nine personality types hundreds of years ago and used the system for spiritual direction and growth. Each personality type or number is defined by what motivates behavior. In this session, we will have an overview of the system and its place in our spiritual lives. Catherine Lowry is an Elder at Second Presbyterian and has been facilitating Enneagram classes for the past four years. She is a native of Little Rock and is retired from the faculty at UALR.

June 30: “Stroke Awareness” – Gale Scott is a member of the Arkansas Acute Stroke Task Force which was set up by the legislature to help Arkansans get quality care before and after a stroke. As the task force’s public educator, Gale will talk to us about stroke awareness, signs and symptoms, as well as a personal talk about her own stroke!

July 7: “What? Women?” – It seems that there are five oddities in Matthew’s genealogy of Christ. Why break from Jewish custom to highlight such a diverse set of ancestors? What does it say to us about who God chooses to accomplish His will? Nick Brown is a member of Trinity and is CEO of Southwest Power Pool.

July 14: “Removing the Mask of Insanity” – Today’s speaker will endeavor to humanize those people suffering from the most severe forms of mental illness and those who have been found criminally insane and, hopefully, will decrease the stigma and advance our care and compassion for those with mental illness in their lives. Raymond Moulden is an Assistant Professor at UAMS and works at the Arkansas State Hospital, in addition to being a partner physician with Forensic Psychiatric Consultants.

July 21: “Helping Feed the World” – Not only is Tacos 4 Life a wonderful, growing local restaurant, it donates funds to Feed My Starving Children to purchase one meal for every meal sold in the restaurant. Join Quin Wilkes, the Little Rock Marketing Director of Tacos 4 Life, as she shares the origins and mission of this business.

July 28: “Teaming Up To Share God’s Love” – Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education. Come hear Trinity friend Katie Kasten, who works for them as a Strategic Partnerships Manager. But Katie’s story has a much more personal side. Come meet her canine partner, Scully, and hear their story of working together to reach the vulnerable and those in need in our society. Hear their personal story of how animals provide a unique glimpse at unconditional love.

August 4: “Showing Mercy” – Mercy Community Church is a multi-denominational worshipping community in downtown Little Rock welcoming all people, especially those living on the streets of our city. Come hear founder Robert Williamson Jr’s story. Robert is an ordained Presbyterian minister, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Hendrix College, a published author, and pastor of Mercy Community Church of Little Rock.

**During the 10 weeks of FRED Talks,
the following classes for children and youth
will take place from 9:15-10:15am:**

- ◆ Children 4 years through 5th grade will meet with Nette Curtis and friends for **Children's Summer Fun** in Room 4.
- ◆ **Youth** 6th through 12th grade will meet with Jared Brown in the Youth Room, Room 7.

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