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January 11	**9 am |** Adult Conversation Hour *(in the Docherty Center) Drawn In or Driven Out? Founding Washington D.C.'s First Black Presbyterian Church* In 1840, six African-American members left the Second Presbyterian Church, one of our predecessor congregations, and helped form Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church. Paul Dornan will help us explore why and how that exodus might have occurred. Each session ends at 9:50 am.
January 18	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor *"Improving Our Discussions"* Are there techniques for having fruitful conversations, leading to shared learning of all those involved? Sara Barker, a Touchstones Discussion Project leader (https://touchstones.org/) will introduce the Touchstones approach to intentional and inclusive discussion-making and its potential to change the habits that are barriers to effective discussions
January 25	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor *Living Out One's Faith in Difficult Times: An Evening with Senator Chris Coons.* On January 12, Senator Chris Coons, deacon and active member of his Presbyterian church in Delaware shared thoughts about ways to live out our faith in the coming year. Evelyn Ying will highlight key moments from his presentation and lead our conversation.
February 1	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor *Reporting on Christianity in the Popular Media.* When covering religion, or politics or business where religion can be relevant, journalists might describe people or organizations as "Christian". Should journalists just report how people describe themselves, what they say they believe, and what they do and say as a result in order to avoid the debate about who is a Christian and who is not? Mike DeBonis will lead our conversation.
February 8	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor *Our National Covenant with God: A Reinterpretation* Soon after the end of WW2, Peter Marshall preached the sermon using these words. "Ours is a covenant nation, the only surviving nation on earth, ….

	that had its origins in the … Founding Fathers {hope} to establish … a settlement 'to the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith." Art Sidner will explain why he accepts Marshall's description of America as a covenant nation and how we can reinterpret this covenant for our time.
February 15	9 am | Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on the first floor. Neighbor Language. Parish Associate Rev. Dr. David Milam leads a discussion about neighborliness as an American way of speaking and thinking. How might "neighbor language" work when the cultural languages of "self-reliance" and "identity' remain predominant? What are the helpful specifics of the biblical witness in the command to "love your neighbor as yourself?" In this first session the text from Leviticus 19 asks what honesty and forthrightness "neighbor language" expects from us during disputes and disagreements and to what end?
Feb 22	9 am | Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on the first floor. Neighbor Language Parish Associate Rev. Dr. David Milam continues to unfold the biblical witness about the calling of God's people to love their neighbors as themselves. When we see each other as a neighbor, what implications are there for distributive economic justice? Acknowledging that our market economy is quite different from the agrarian economy of the 6th c. BCE prophet Micah's day, Micah 2 still asks what ethical norms endure and how they might be practiced? For fun, an imaginative question is asked: "What if a church community agreed that no one should make ten times what the least person makes?"
March 1	9 am | Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on the first floor. Neighbor Language Parish Associate Rev. Dr. David Milam continues a third week of study on Neighbor Language with a discussion of the diversity of who our neighbor is and how an inclusive, equitable society can be sought. With the starting place of the Good Samaritan parable Jesus turns things upside down when he poses the question who has proved neighbor to you? The challenge and value of interfaith relationships will be an illustrative focus of this session.
March 15	9 am | Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on the first floor. Neighbor Language Parish Associate Rev. Dr. David Milam finishes this study on Neighbor Language with a big question: How feasible is it to speak of the practice of democracy as a practice of loving our neighbors as ourselves? In Galatians 5, Paul says that freedom has the shape of neighborly love. Abraham Lincoln's vision of

	America was similarly shaped by the ethics of democracy's promise. How do democracy and neighbor language dovetail? Where does "kingdom language" limit and pervert the Christian witness when "neighbor language" might show itself in democratic practices?
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April 5	Easter, No program
April 12	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor. *President Truman lays the cornerstone of our church building- 75th anniversary.* Dan Stokes and Len Shabman and will display numerous and unique artifacts from the April 6, 1951 ceremony, play excerpts from an audio of the ceremony and then lead a discussion of the cornerstone ceremony and President Truman's speech. Each session ends at 9:50 A.M.
April 19	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor. *Cuba in the News and Your NYAPC Team on the Ground.* What is happening in Cuba? Limited oil imports, country-wide energy blackouts, food lines, no medicines, raging inflation — How are members and friends of NYAPC partner, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, coping? What did our NYAPC team encounter on their

	March visit, being amid Cuba's dire economic crisis? Each session ends at 9:50 A.M.
April 26	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor. *Homelessness- what more can we do to end this NYAPC response.* On April 18 MSIR scholar Rosanne Haggerty, President of Community Solutions, presented "Congregations and Our Unhoused Neighbors: Rising to Meet the Moment." We will highlight key moments from her presentation and discuss NYAPC's current support for the homeless in our midst and across the city and nation. Each session ends at 9:50 A.M.
May 3	**9 am |** Adult Conversation - Docherty Center on first floor. TBD
May 10	**9 am** | Adult Conversation Hour Docherty Center on first floor. *Begin your Sunday with a time of connection and reflection.* Share what's on your mind and heart, hear from others, and be part of a conversation at 9 am in the Docherty Center on the first floor. Special request for this Sunday -- share your interest in forming and participating in a Bible Study group beginning in Fall of 2026. Each session ends at 9:50 A.M.
May 17	**9 am** | Adult Conversation Hour Docherty Center on first floor. *Being homeless in DC in Summer of 2026.* Federal and city government's plans to prepare the streets for the nation's 250th anniversary, DC budget limits and a DC primary election primary will bring much uncertainty to our neighbors who live on the street. What challenges might they face and what can NYAPC do to respond? Paul Dornan will lead our discussion. Each session ends at 9:50 A.M.
May 24	**9 am** | Adult Conversation Hour Docherty Center on first floor. A *Spiritual Quest with the Book of Romans* Claude Swanson will discuss the how first six chapters of Romans became foundational for his understanding sin, grace, justification, and new life in Christ. Participants will consider St. Paul's presentation of the Gospel, recognizing humanity's universal sin problem, and grasping justification by faith, while exploring St. Paul's understanding of law and grace. Each session ends at 9:50 A.M.
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