

The Case for Christian Pacifism and Peace-building

Garden Spot Village and Eastern Mennonite Seminary

In Partnership with Weaverland and Bowmansville Mennonite congregations

Spring Class

Monday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

7:00–8:30 PM at Garden Spot Village

This class will explore and wrestle with the relevant questions and tensions surrounding the question of what it means to live as a follower of Jesus in a violent world. The class format will engage with the challenging questions in a dialogical and thought-stimulating setting. Dr. Mark Wenger will lead this class and utilize various guests and resources. Dr. Wenger also directs the EMS-Lancaster program. This class will meet at Garden Spot Village and is open to the Eastern Lancaster County community.

Textbook: *Choosing Against War: A Christian View – A Love Stronger Than our Fears*

Author: John D. Roth, Good Books, 2002

DATE CLASS FOCUS

March 12: Getting our Bearings: The Importance of WWJD

Focus: Christian faith means following Jesus

March 19: Non-Violence and War: Idealism and Realism

Focus: Philosophical and theological arguments

March 26: A Biblical Case for Peace and Non-violence

Focus: Biblical Hermeneutics

Sermon: Charles Stanley “A Nation at War”

April 2: Telling the Stories of Peace

Focus: Witnessing for peace with modesty and humility

April 9: Dilemmas of Christian Citizenship

Focus: The question of allegiance and loyalty

April 16: Transformed Politics

Focus: What is a positive peace witness in America?



Mark Wenger, PhD.
teacher, professor, pastor

Planned Guests:

- Chester L. Wenger – WW2 Conscientious Objector
- Jack Scandrett – Former U.S. Marine
- Brenda Yoder – Public school teacher
- Herman Bontrager – Amish response to killings
- Ken Nissley – Center for Community Peacemaking
- Titus Peachey – Works at MCC and with military personnel

To register call Barbara at 717.355.6159 by March 1, 2012.

For WMC registrants, the cost for the class is \$10.00 which includes the textbook.

Questions: please contact Pastor Brian Martin at brianmartin@weaverland.org, or Chaplain Chet Yoder at CYoder@gardenspotvillage.org