

All Aboard Our Matthew 25 Journey

All are invited to Join this exciting opportunity! During the DPC 2021/2022 program year, the Matthew 25 Taskforce will host a monthly “station” along our Matthew 25 Journey. Each Station will provide an opportunity to learn, dialog, experience, and take an action to move us forward toward answering God’s call in Christ-like ways to address inequality and its intersectionality with poverty. We will remain sensitive to the pandemic and provide virtual opportunities whenever possible. Below is a glimpse of the “stations” for the coming year. Passports will be provided, so get ready to come aboard!

Sunday, September 26

The Importance of Learning from History

Immediately following worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and an opportunity to listen to Harriet Tubman’s 3rd cousin re-enact Harriet’s journey in rescuing formerly enslaved people. We will also have an information table available with resources that address systemic racism in history and today, and an opportunity to participate in letter writing supporting issues identified in the Wealth Gap Simulation sponsored by Bread for the World.

Sunday, October 24

What Do Trees Have To Do with Racial Inequity and Poverty?

Come and learn the role trees can play in reducing the impact on health disparities, violence, and climate change on marginalized communities during a special adult education class at 10:45am. This is an opportunity to not only learn about the topic, but to also learn how to advocate to promote change. In addition, there will be an information table with resources on systemic and environmental racism, as well as opportunities to look at individual bias.

Sunday, November 28

Examples of Issues That Persist Today

This station will allow participants to peruse visual presentations looking at the impact of redlining on local communities and a photo exhibit looking at signs of segregation that still exist around the country today. We will offer another chance to participate in the Bread for the World letter writing and will have resources available for those who want to learn more about redlining and systemic racism.

Sunday, January 23

Celebration Station: Wreath Laying, Soul Food, and Gospel Choir

Join us for a presentation and culinary event with chef David Marable. While cooking us a wonderful meal, he will explain what the term “soul food” means in all different cultures, and more specifically to him as an African American and why he loves sharing experiences with others through food. Join us for a soul food dinner while listening to the uplifting music of a gospel choir.

Friday, February 11 and 18

Chew and View, in honor of Black History Month a two-night viewing and discussion of *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*

Share a light meal and explore with Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the evolution of the African-American people, as well as the multiplicity of cultural institutions, political strategies, and religious, social perspectives they developed-forging their own history, culture, and society against unimaginable odds. *In partnership with Movies with a Message*

Sunday, February 27

The Seeking Unity Station

During Black History Month, we will ask individuals and families to participate in a videotaping session to capture prayers to dismantle structural racism and focus on inclusion within our congregation, our country, and our world. There will also be an opportunity for you and your family to help create a mural with pictures and words about “What Unity Means to Me.”

Sunday, March 27

Coffee and Conversation Station

This station provides an opportunity to discuss findings in the Implicit Bias Test, view a photo display on racism, and share your experience with the Anti-Racism Challenge. Learn about additional resources for anti-racism skill building.

Sunday, April 24

Advocacy in Action Station

This Station will help you explore all of the many ways big and small that you can answer God's call to action.

Sunday, May 22

The Matthew 25 Journey Continues

This will be an opportunity to come together to provide feedback about where we have traveled and where we will go as we plan the next leg of our journey.