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March 4, 2018

Disabilities and Discipleship

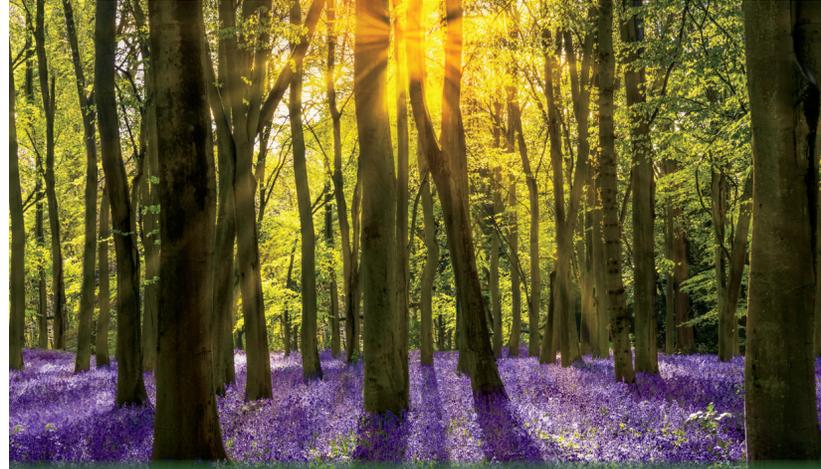
How is the ministry of college chaplaincy changing? How are LaGrave and the CRC reaching out to students with disabilities? After inclusion is achieved, then what? Join Rev. Peter Gordon as he discusses his work as a campus pastor at GRCC, ministering to students with disabilities. We'll examine the unique challenges that a two-year school presents, look at the gifts a college student and a person with disabilities can bring to our church, and learn about the available work centers on discipleship that aid students in realizing their gifts and provide them with valuable leadership training.

- Stephanie O. Hubach, *Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability*
- Michael S. Beates, *Disability and the Gospel: How God Uses Our Brokenness to Display His Grace*
- Larry J. Waters, *Why, O God?: Suffering and Disability in the Bible and the Church*
- Donald Opitz and Derek Melleby, *The Outrageous Idea of Academic Faithfulness: A Guide for Students*

Rev. Peter J. Gordon, originally from East Islip, New York moved to Grand Rapids in 1979, attended Calvin College, and later Calvin Theological Seminary. After eighteen years at Hope Network, and a second time through Calvin Seminary, he became a commissioned pastor in Classis Grand Rapids South. Rev. Gordon currently serves as a campus pastor at Grand Rapids Community College and director of Jabez Ministries which is a ministry that offers pastoral care and discipleship training to persons with disabilities. He lives with his wife, Alberta, in Alger heights, and they are members of LaGrave Ave CRC.



Growing U



January 7, 2018 – March 4, 2018

Welcome to the 2017-18 year of lifelong learning. Growing U is an educational opportunity for adults to deepen their relationship with Jesus as they intentionally journey into the character of Christ.

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January 7, 2018

Personal Finance Principles for Young Adults

Are you wondering about establishing a personal budget, ways to build your credit rating, how to handle those forms and benefits decisions that first day on the job (or during open enrollment), deciding on whether to buy or rent a home or car? Or what about getting a credit card or deciding which one? Or paying back student loans? Everything you need to know about personal finance for young adults in one session. This first financial session is geared towards high school students, college students, and those in their twenties and thirties.

January 14 & 28, 2018

A Christian's Guide to Personal Finance

How should we live as stewards and what does the Bible have to say to guide us? If God owns everything we have, how should that impact how we live? Have you learned true contentment? Do you want to have more confidence in your financial decision-making? The Bible has more to say about money than most any other single topic. Learn personal finance using Biblical principles.

- Ron Blue, *Never Enough? 3 Keys to Financial Contentment*
- Ron Blue with Michael Blue, *Master Your Money*
- Dave Ramsey, *The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness*
- Larry Burkett, *Caretakers of God's Blessings: Using our Resources Wisely*

Dirk Pruis is an assistant professor of business at Calvin College. He teaches upper level accounting and finance courses as well as personal finance. Prior to teaching at Calvin, Professor Pruis was a managing director at Goldman Sachs in New York serving in a number of roles and divisions, most recently Chief of Staff for the Operations Division. Professor Pruis has also worked for Intercontinental Exchange, parent company of the NYSE, and as a CPA with Deloitte in both New York and Grand Rapids. He is a member of LaGrave and is married to Liesl and father of four children.



January 7, 14, 28 & February 4, 2018

Developing & Growing Your Prayer Life

How can you develop a more intimate relationship with God? What are practical ways you can make prayer a bigger part of your daily life? How can you experience God's power and presence in prayer? During the course of these four sessions, class members will have an opportunity to explore and participate in prayer practices that will expand their appreciation for the power of prayer, help them develop a more intimate relationship with God, and learn how to pray for and with others.

- Richard Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*
- Daniel Wolpert, *Creating a Life with God: The Call of Ancient Prayer Practices*
- Don Postema, *Space for God: Study and Practice of Spirituality and Prayer*

Jolene DeHeer has been the keynote speaker for such events as the Annual Christian Reformed World Missionaries Conference in Africa, Christian Schools International, Kid's Hope, and at various conventions and conferences for leaders and students across the U.S. and Canada. She speaks at meetings, banquets, retreats, small groups, and graduation addresses from coast to coast.



February 4, 11, & 18, 2018

Growing Young

Many churches wonder how best to engage young people in the life of the church. The Fuller Youth Institute spent 10,000 hours researching this question with 250 congregations—and what they found might surprise you. Join us as Pastor Bob Grussing describes the research findings and the priorities of churches that thrive in the area of "growing young."

Bob Grussing has been a Youth Pastor at LaGrave for 32 years. Born and raised in Minnesota, Bob is a graduate of Dordt College and Calvin Theological Seminary. He has the best job in the world because he gets the opportunity to work with and shape the spiritual lives of children and youth. His goal is to accept students for who they are and help mold them into followers of Jesus Christ. Bob's ministry encompasses those who are college age and younger. Bob is married to Carol and has two married daughters and eight growing grandchildren.



February 25, 2018

Millennials, their Social Realities, and Discipleship

What is the student population at Calvin College? How is technology impacting the daily reality and living of students? How can older members in the church mentor, encourage, and empower millennial students in participation in the life of the church? In this session, we will describe the student population at Calvin; provide an overview of the programs offered through Campus Ministries: Discipleship, Worship, and Pastoral Care; and discuss the joys and challenges that come from working with millennial students.

- Paul Taylor, *The Next America*
- Jonathan Hill, *Emerging Adulthood and Faith*

Joella Ranaivoson is the Associate Chaplain of Upper Class Students at Calvin College, her alma mater. She is a native of Madagascar, but was raised in Papua New Guinea, the US, and Kenya. The world, its cultures, and the global church are among her loves. She completed her Master of Divinity at Calvin Seminary and she lives in Grand Rapids.

