

We would like to invite you to join us this Lenten season in exploring God's challenge to love across racial and cultural boundaries.

To do this, we will examine our racial and cultural backgrounds. How we understand, live and relate to one another is very much influenced by those backgrounds.

Exploring our racial and cultural backgrounds is a first step in identifying what we believe and value; how we have come to those norms, values, and beliefs; and what Jesus teaches us about bridging differences in norms, values, and beliefs.

Our Lenten study will run on Wednesdays, February 22 through March 29, and will involve reading *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The book relates how Irving came to understand the impact of her race, family culture, and class culture on her worldview and how they set her up to succeed.

Using the lens of her own background and experiences, Irving challenges us to engage in similar examination.

To make clear how this relates to following Jesus, we'll also discuss examples in the Bible of cross-racial and cross-cultural encounters through which God worked.

Please consider joining us. We would like to meet in person but will explore participation via Zoom if that is requested. If we meet in person, we will gather at 5:45 p.m. for a simple meal (soup, bread etc.) in the Ebenezer Room.

We will end our discussion by 7:30 p.m.

Please inform the Office by **Monday, Feb. 6**, if you will attend so that we can order sufficient copies of the book and have enough food.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Bev Andrews at pastorbevta@gmail.com or Margaret Hopkins at mah242@psu.edu.

We look forward to seeing you and learning with you as we explore what it means to follow Jesus.