

Lent 2023 at OPPC



Join us at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, this season of Lent, as we study *The Peacemaker* and engage in dialogue of people of different faiths.

JERRY ZHER

March 1 – Jerry will share his work in interfaith dialogue and his book, *The Peacemaker’s Path*



Jerry Zehr is an ordained minister serving in pastoral ministry for 40 years. He concluded his full-time ministry at Carmel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Carmel, Indiana, in June 2021. He has been a leader in Interfaith ministries for over 35 years, creating four interfaith organizations, including the Carmel Interfaith Alliance and the Indiana Multifaith Network. He will receive the Interfaith Ambassador of the Year 2023 Award at the Center for Interfaith Cooperation Banquet on March 19th. Jerry has a Degree in Speech and Theater from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, and a Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana.

ANISSE ADNI

March 8 - Representing the Muslim Tradition



Imam Anisse Adni was born in Algeria and raised in Indiana and has served the Central Indiana and DFW areas for over 15 years as a religious leader and community organizer. Imam Anisse attended and graduated from Marian University and studied Islamic Theology and Sciences at the Qalam Seminary in Texas. At the height of the pandemic, Imam Anisse established Inspyred, an initiative addressing the socio-spiritual needs of Muslim youth, young adults, and families, inspiring and empowering them to develop and sustain a proud and reflective American Muslim identity. Currently, he serves as the Imam of the Alsalam Foundation in Carmel, Executive Director of Inspyred, and Muslim Life Advisor (Chaplain) at Butler University.

J.R. SINDADI

March 15 - Representing the Hindu Tradition



JR Sandadi was born in Hyderabad, India. He was raised with Hindu values that strongly emphasize education and good character. He migrated to the US in 1990, and Carmel has been home for the last 22 years. He is grateful to have a loving family, including a supportive spouse and two children currently attending college.

He spent 23 years working for Unisys Corporation before leaving the corporate world at the end of 2017. He wanted to pursue more meaningful work, so he engaged with various organizations focused on selfless service ('sewa').

DR. DENNIS C. SASSO & SANDY SASSO

March 22 - Representing the Jewish Tradition

Dr. Dennis C. Sasso is Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedek, Indianapolis, Indiana, where he has served as spiritual leader since 1977.

Rabbi Sasso is the recipient of the Rabbi Ira Eisenstein Award for Distinguished Rabbinic Service by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association. Rabbis Sandy and Dennis Sasso were honored in 2014 by the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites by designating "The Sandy and Dennis Sasso Jewish Heritage Collection" as part of the Museum's exhibit.

Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is the first woman to have been ordained a rabbi in Reconstructionist Judaism. She was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, on May 19, 1974. She is also the author of many children's books on religious topics.



Lenten Study

Soup and Study,

Every Wednesday in March from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Childcare will be available.