

Social Justice

Social Justice Book Club starts March 2!

Social Justice Committee book club will discuss social justice issues and current events. The meetings start on March 2 and will be on Thursday evenings at 7pm (frequency will be determined at the first meeting).



The first book is *A Good Time for the Truth* edited Sun Yung Shin. Copies will be available for purchase for \$12.00. Dr. Amy Zsohar will lead this first book. Dr. Zsohar, a regular visitor of OGPC and active member of the Social Justice Committee, has her PhD in communication looking specifically at how culture impacts and influences the way we communicate with others. She has taught culture and communication at colleges in both Colorado and Minnesota and looks forward to engaging in a critical dialogue about Minnesota culture, race and how our faith plays into how we see these entities. If you have any questions about the book club, please contact Amy directly at azsohar@yahoo.com or 214-924-6932.

Synopsis of the book from Amazon.com: In this provocative book, sixteen of Minnesota's best writers provide a range of perspectives on what it is like to live as a person of color in one of the whitest states in the nation. They give readers a splendid gift: the gift of touching another human being's inner reality, behind masks and veils and politeness. They bring us generously into experiences that we must understand if we are to come together in real relationships.

Minnesota communities struggle with some of the nation's worst racial disparities. As its authors confront and consider the realities that lie beneath the numbers, this book provides an important tool to those who want to be part of closing those gaps.

ON THE STREETS in Bloomington, SONGS, READINGS AND POETRY

Sunday March 26, 3 pm – 4:30 pm Oak Grove Presbyterian Church (*sponsored by Mission Committee*)

Raising Awareness of Local Homelessness and Poverty — a multi-media awareness concert to benefit Oasis for Youth will feature:

- The “Journals of Julian” (Emerson) – columnist for the Eau Claire *Leader-Telegram*
- Original music by Dalyce Elliott (violin), Joel Kroenke (harmonica) + Yata (vocal/guitar)
- Spoken word by Timothy Young with music accompaniment

When a group of musicians, artists and writers arrived on a small island on the Minnesota/Canada border to participate in a one-week retreat in July 2015, they expected to create new works inspired by their scenic surroundings. Instead, they found themselves composing haunting music and poetry more appropriate for an urban setting after finding inspiration in a series of stories published in the Eau Claire *Leader-Telegram* newspaper depicting how homeless people in Eau Claire had survived an especially frigid winter the previous year. **Free will offering — all proceeds go to Oasis for Youth.**

Contact Cecelia Laurie (calaurie78@gmail.com) for more information.