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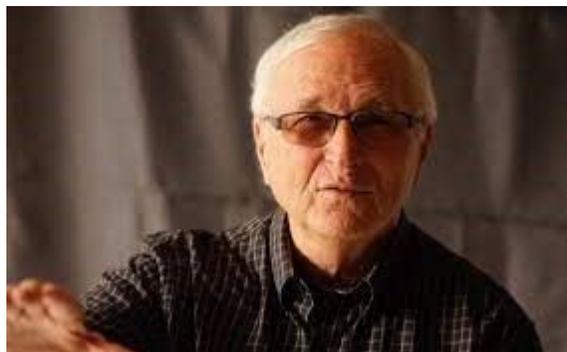
We're one year old!

But this is not the newsletter we expected to be producing after 12 months. Some local events are still being canceled and others moved to online webinars. It's clear that faith formation continues to be affected by the pandemic. And yet the opportunities for online learning keep exploding. With a bit of determination, a little free time and occasionally some serious money, you can find a world of opportunities to grow spiritually. Even in a not-yet-ended pandemic.

--David W. Reid, editor



Northern Colorado



Rev. David Dalke, who served many years as a member of First Church's clergy team, will discuss and sign his 2020 book ***Don't Miss It: Four Seasons***

of Stories that Spark Enjoyment and Reflection at 7 p.m. October 13 in the Parlor. His foil for the evening will be former senior pastor Rev. Charles Schuster.

Copies of the book will be available for \$11 at the event. You may also purchase a four-CD set of Dalke reading each of the 36 stories for \$25. If you want the book or CD and cannot attend, contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707 to reserve a copy. This event is sponsored by the Northern Colorado Faith Library.

<https://www.dontmissitstories.com/david-dalke-author>



Yaa Gyasi's *Transcendent Kingdom* is the Spirituality Book of the Month Club selection for October. The discussion will be at 3 p.m. October 17 in the Parlor at First Church. The *Washington Post* has called *Transcendent Kingdom* "a book of blazing brilliance . . . a novel of profound scientific and spiritual reflection." This event is sponsored by the Fort Collins Interfaith Council and the Northern Colorado Faith Library. For more information: Martha Conant at marthaconant@gmail.com.

Some upcoming World Wisdoms Project programs have been canceled due to the pandemic. However, a video of the September 9 program titled "Listening to the Voices of Grief, Gratitude and Hope through Music and Reflection" is available for viewing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tL0bIKE7GA>





Dr. Jeffrey Mahan will deliver the lecture “**Congregations and Other Forms of Christian Connection: Church as Network**” at 7:30 p.m. October 7 at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1908 Dahlia Street, Denver. Mahan is retiring as Peck Professor of Religion and Communication at Iliff School of Theology and is an ordained United Methodist clergyman. Registration is required and attendance may be in person or online.

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E345509&id=45>



Rev. Amanda Henderson, director of the Iliff Institute of Religion, Politics and Culture, presents a one-night course on “Religion and Politics: Facing the Forbidden Topics” 7-9 p.m. October 11. Advance registration is required.

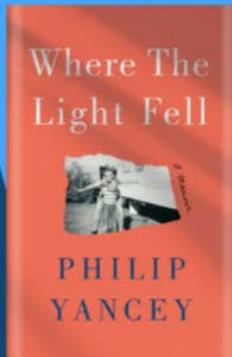
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The Center for EcoJustice at Iliff School of Theology presents its 2021 conference “**Shifting Climates, Shifting People**” October 21-22. The agenda is packed with presenters representing numerous viewpoints. <https://www.iliff.edu/centerforecojustice/conference2021/>

“**Women’s Protests and Religion**” is the topic of the Everding Lecture that theologian **Kwok Pui Lan** will present as a webinar at 7 p.m. October 12. A revised schedule for her Denver visit has been published.

<https://www.iliff.edu/everding-kwok/>

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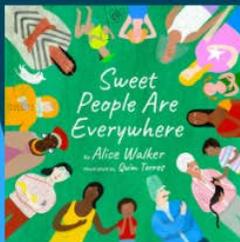


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YANCEY**

*Where the Light Fell:
a Memoir*

Thursday, October 7
7:00PM MT | Aspen Grove

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ALICE WALKER

*Sweet People Are
Everywhere*

Wednesday, October 13
11:00 AM MT | Virtual

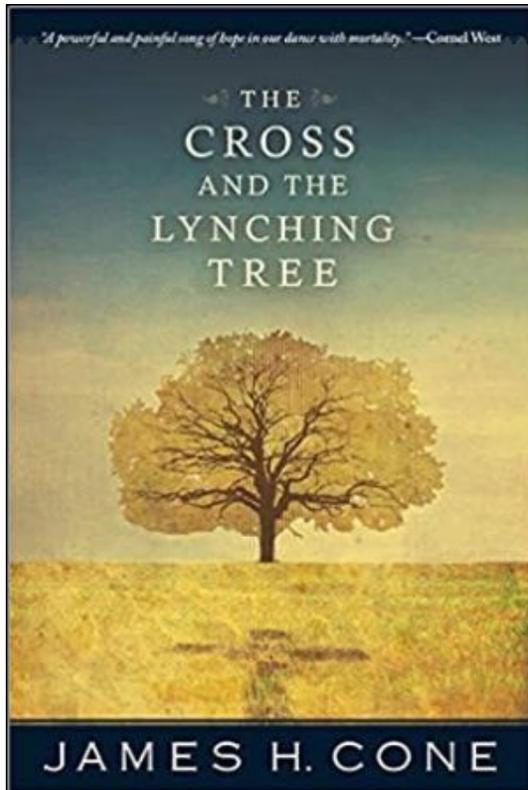
Two author events of note are on the October schedule at Tattered Cover Book Store.

- Philip Yancey presents his new book about the allure of extremist faith in *Where the Light Fell* at 7 p.m. October 7 at the Aspen Grove location, 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton. <https://www.tatteredcover.com/event/philip-yancey-presents-where-light-fell>
- Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker will hold a virtual storytime reading of her new children's book *Sweet Children are Everywhere* at 11 a.m. October 13. <https://www.tatteredcover.com/event/alice-walker-virtual-storytime>



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The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, who holds too many titles to list here, will teach an intensive online course October 29-30 on *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*.

This is a wonderful reason to read and study this seminal book by the late James H. Cone. https://utsnyc.edu/event/on-james-cones-the-cross-and-the-lynching-tree/?fbclid=IwAR1I8jUnKMyRJ5NhwURSN2y4WA2w4NYHxcL-aYk_5Fb9WKg_OiJgQTs



United Methodist Communications just launched its 100th episode of the podcast Get Your Spirit in Shape. This episode features **Bishop Minerva Carcaño**. The podcast features interviews with UMC leaders who offer “spiritual nutrition and exercises” to keep your spirit in shape.

https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/get-your-spirit-in-shape-podcast-to-debut-100th-episode?fbclid=IwAR1Lfr6wCnBXcWrAP20rpQq2_4RAjE-HH-OKhvcSPC5O6kh8Q1qd9bQ4zPI



**Bartimaeus
Cooperative
Ministries**

Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries <https://www.bcm-net.org/> has geared up for several in-person and online offerings this fall. Elaine Enns and Ched Myers offer a unique approach to ministry from their base in California. One of the highlights is an October 22-23 in-person study of their new book, ***Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization***. <https://mailchi.mp/bcm-net/12xqcr19vd-989745?e=a744f81b53> . Also, their Festival of Radical Discipleship is scheduled for February 18-21.



Quaker author Brent Bill offers lessons from his new book, *Hope and Witness in Dangerous Times: Lessons from the Quakers on Blending Faith, Daily Life and Activism* at 5:30 p.m. MST November 1. This is an online program produced by Pendle Hill, a very active retreat center in a Pennsylvania Quaker community. <https://pendlehill.org/events/hope-and-witness-in-dangerous-times/>



Have you had enough of the pandemic yet? Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat at Spirituality and Practice offer a list of 37 universal spiritual practices that may help carry you through this time of crisis for all of humanity.

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/features/view/28921/a->

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