

New Study Begins in May



Join friends from PLUM for a new study, "I Love to Tell the Story"

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Martin Rafanan, co-led by participants

*I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*

This four session (60 minutes per session) zoom gathering on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** in May (**May 4, 11, 18, 25**) is an opportunity to look more deeply at your own faith story and to find ways of telling it to your family, friends, and neighbors in practical and meaningful ways. Each session will begin with a meditation and reflection followed by sharing personal stories for that week and checking in with each other. Exercises for journaling and personal discovery will be explored and practiced. The sessions will be based on personal sharing, feedback from friends, and encouragement for developing our Christian witness. It will be the mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters. Join us for one or all of the sessions.

1. Share your story of faith with those who know you and will love to hear your story. With their questions and feedback, you can learn how to tell your story more effectively.
2. Journaling about your faith story. As you tell the story to yourself in a journal, or a taped conversation (on your phone), you begin to "lean into" your story in a powerful way.
3. This year's Synod Assembly Theme (June 16-18) is "I Love to Tell The Story" - The Gospel is the story of Jesus, and continues to grow as it includes the lives of the people who hear it. It is our North Star, guiding the work of the synod and those gathered in assembly to care for the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania. When we come together as a synod, it will once again be our joy to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Participants will need to contact Pastor Martin either by phone (314-258-0452) or by email (mjr9201@gmail.com) to get the URL for the zoom meeting. You may do so at any time prior to the end of the session on May 25 as participants may attend any number of the sessions that they wish.