

Hope in More Than the Vaccine

At this point in the pandemic, we are hearing a lot of hopeful talk about the “light at the end of the tunnel.” Yet, as Christians, we have long talked about Jesus as the light. Magi arrived at the manger by the light of the star. Simeon’s song, when holding baby Jesus in the temple, gave thanks for finally seeing the Messiah. Like them, our light and hope come through our faith in God’s gift to us in Jesus. Our Adult Forum in January will explore how to find and hold hope in these difficult times.

Sunday, January 17 | 9:15 AM | Zoom

Hope in Hebrew Scriptures

The biblical history of the Jewish people contains episodes of incredible tragedy and loss. Yet, it’s possible to find a strong, constant thread of hope woven into the whole.

Facilitator: Melissa Tubbs Loya, Adjunct Professor of Hebrew Scripture

Sunday, January 24

No Adult Forum - Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 31 | 9:15 AM | Zoom

Hope in African-American Music, Part 1

Whether in spirituals or jazz, hope is found in words and melodies of the African-American community. This session will combine listening to music and to material from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, by James Cone. Facilitator: Dr. Eric Bigalke

Sunday, February 7

Hope in African-American Music, Part II

Whether in spirituals or jazz, hope is found in words and melodies of the African-American community. This session will combine listening to music and to material from *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, by James Cone. Facilitator: Dr. Eric Bigalke

Sunday, February 14

Celebrating Hope in Mardi Gras

This festival happens on the day before Ash Wednesday and is in stark contrast to the season of Lent. Wear a party hat to set the mood. The conversation will be guided by imagery from the painting *The Fight Between Carnival and Lent* (1559) by Pieter Bruegel.

Facilitator: Megan Emery