



3 Churches in Manchester DISMANTLING RACISM read “Waking Up White”

Three churches, St. Mary’s Episcopal, Concordia Lutheran, Emanuel Lutheran churches and a community partner, the Family Resource Centers in the Manchester Public Schools to hold a series of programs exploring systemic racism and seeking ways to dismantle it. St. Mary’s and its partner churches will continue that effort this year with a discussion series based on the book, “Waking up White” by Debby Irving.

“My hope,” Irving says, “is that by sharing my sometimes cringeworthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, I offer a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. “

The series will consist of three identical three-session programs, offered with a choice of days, times and locations. In particular, our Wednesday daytime session is dedicated to expanding the partnership between the churches and the Family Resource Centers.

All are welcome and **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED** ahead of session start date by calling St. Mary’s at 860.649.4583

Sunday afternoon - Dates: Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 3, *Snow Date: March 17* Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. (no meal). Location: St. Mary’s – 41 Park Street

The last date to register is Thursday, January 30th

Wednesday daytime - Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27, *Snow date: April 10* Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m. (brown bag lunch). Location: Concordia Lutheran - 40 Pitkin St.

The last date to register is Monday, January 28th

Wednesday evening - Dates: Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, *Snow date: May 8* Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. (no meal). Location: Emanuel Lutheran - 60 Church St

The last date to register is Monday, February 11th

“Waking up White” may be borrowed from the Manchester Public Library, and other libraries or purchased from any bookseller. (50% of profits go to charities addressing issues of racial inequity, according to Irving’s website.) St. Mary’s does have a small supply of books that can be borrowed on a ***first come, first serve basis.***

To Register: those wishing to attend any of the three sessions must register by the registration date by calling St. Mary’s Episcopal Church (leaving your name, number, email, and session) at 860.649.4583.

We look forward to the conversation!