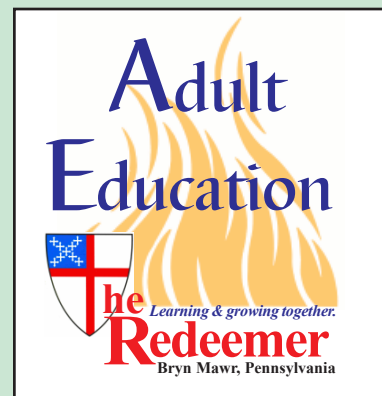


WEDNESDAY

NIGHTLIVE

in the Parish House Assembly Room



Holy Eucharist

followed by a light supper

6:30 pm

Adult Forum

concluding by 8pm

7:15 pm

November 11

EARLY CHRISTIAN MEAL PRACTICES



Dr. Hal Taussig joins us to discuss Early Christian Meal Practices: What They Mean for Christian Identity and How We Worship. Dr. Taussig has been bi-vocational for his entire adult life, being both a professor of biblical literature and an active pastor for the past three decades. He has been co-pastor of the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church in Philadelphia since 1990. His books include *A New Spiritual Home: Progressive Christianity at the Grass Roots*, *Reimagining Life Together in America: A New Gospel of Community* (with Catherine Nerney, SSJ); *Jesus Before God: The Prayer Life of the Historical Jesus*; *Reimagining Christian Origins* (with Elizabeth

Castelli); *Wisdom's Feast: Sophia in Study and Celebration* (with Susan Cole and Marian Ronan); and *Many Tables: The Eucharist in the New Testament and Liturgy Today* (with Dennis Smith). He also recently published "Grassroots Progressive Christianity: A Quiet Revolution," in *The Fourth R: An Advocate for Religious Literacy* (19:3), as well as a book review, Gerd Theissen, *Jesus als Historische Gestalt: Beitrage zur Jesusforschung*, in *Religious Studies Review*. He is the co-chair of the national Society of Biblical Literature's Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman World. He is co-editor of *Constellation: Thinking Progressively About Christianity*, an on-line journal associated with the Center for Progressive Christianity. He was a co-editor for the *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* volume on New Testament and Roman Empire, published in fall 2005. Two books scheduled for publication in 2008 are *In the Beginning Was the Meal: Social Experimentation and the Performance of Early Christian Identities* and (with four Union students as co-authors) *The Thunder: Perfect Mind: A New Translation and Commentary*.

