

REV. DR. BRENDA J. STIERS MEMORIAL SPEAKER SERIES



The First Congregational Church of Greenwich announces the **Rev. Dr. Brenda J. Stiers Memorial Speaker Series**, presenting a variety of speakers and panels throughout 2015 and early 2016. This series is part of First Church's celebration of its 350th Anniversary and is dedicated to the memory of Brenda Stiers, a beloved spiritual and community leader in Greenwich for many years, and the wife of First Church's Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Stiers. The series focuses on various ways in which faith and religion interact with other aspects of human society and endeavor.

All events in the series will be held in the First Congregational Church Auditorium at 108 Sound Beach Avenue in Old Greenwich, across from Binney Park.

The Series kicked off on May 17, 2015 with a lecture by Dr. Maryan Ainsworth, the Curator of European Paintings at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and an adjunct professor of art history at Columbia University. Dr. Ainsworth led a visual exploration of the relationship of certain important works of the German Renaissance to the origins of the Protestant Reformation.

Three upcoming programs include:

October 3, 2015 – 5:00 pm

Dr. Heidi Hadsell

President and Professor of Social Ethics at Hartford Seminary
Special Guest, Feryal Salem, Muslim Scholar at Hartford Seminary

Topic: *Can We Get Along? A Muslim-Christian Dialog.*

November 14, 2015 – 5:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

President, Union Theological Seminary

Dr. Robert Johnson

President, Institute for New Economic Thinking
Senior Fellow, Dir of the Global Finance Project, Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

Topic: *Economics and Theology*

December 6, 2015 – 10:00 am, guest preacher followed by discussion and Q & A

Jim Ziolkowski

Founder, buildOn & Author, *Walk in Their Shoes*

Topic: *Faith and Mission*