

NonViolence Film/Discussion Series

Baltimore, MD – Light Street Presbyterian Church will host a Film/Discussion Series on Nonviolence on Thursday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m., beginning October 9th, 2008.

The series will be based on the six-part PBS documentary "A Force More Powerful." Narrated by Ben Kingsley, the documentary explores one of the 20th century's most important but least-understood stories -- how nonviolent power was able to overcome oppression and authoritarian rule all over the world.

Each evening will include a simple supper of soup and bread, the viewing of a half-hour segment of "A Force More Powerful," and a guided discussion. The church's pastor, Rev. Roger Scott Powers, will lead the discussions. Rev. Powers is co-moderator of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and co-editor of Protest, Power, and Change: An Encyclopedia of Nonviolent Action from ACT-UP to Women's Suffrage (Garland, 1997). The series is free and open to the public.

Series Schedule - Six Thursdays: October 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 13

Thursday, October 9th 6:00-7:30 p.m: Nashville-"We Were Warriors"

<http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/films/afmp/stories/nashville.php>

-- Rev. James Lawson leads black college students on a campaign to desegregate the city's downtown business district.

Thursday, October 16th 6:00-7:30 p.m: India-Defying The Crown

<http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/films/afmp/stories/india.php>

-- Mohandas Gandhi's famous Salt March of 1930 -- during which he inspires Indians to protest the British salt monopoly -- is a turning point in the movement for Indian independence.

Thursday, October 23rd 6:00-7:30 p.m: South Africa-"Freedom In Our Lifetime"

<http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/films/afmp/stories/southAfrica.php>

-- Young activist Mkhuseleli Jack leads a consumer boycott campaign against apartheid in the black townships of the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa.

Thursday, October 30th 6:00-7:30 p.m: Denmark-Living With The Enemy

<http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/films/afmp/stories/denmark.php>

-- During five years of Nazi occupation, Danes' noncooperation undermines the Germans' attempt to exploit Denmark for food and war materiel, and rescues all but a few hundred of Denmark's seven thousand Jews from the Holocaust.

Thursday, November 6th 6:00-7:30 p.m: Poland-"We've Caught God ByThe Arm"

<http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/films/afmp/stories/poland.php>

-- The 1980 Gdansk Shipyard strike wins Poles the right to have free trade unions, launches the Solidarity movement, and catapults him to national labor leader and eventually president of Poland.

Thursday, November 13th 6:00-7:30 p.m: Chile-Defeat Of A Dictator

<http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/films/afmp/stories/chile.php>

-- Overcoming a decade of paralyzing fear, Chilean copper miners trigger a national day of protest of the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, leading to years of nonviolent organizing and culminating in victory in a plebiscite to end his rule.

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