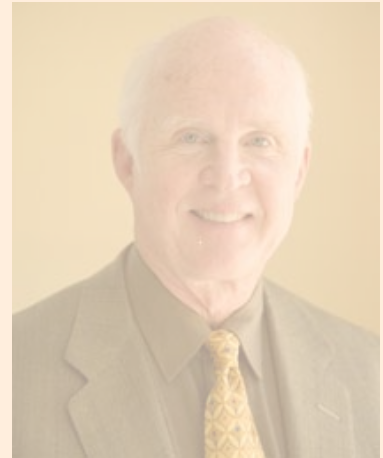


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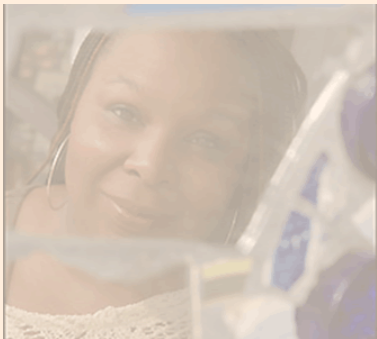
The second annual Maryland Presbyterian Church Peacemaking Weekend will be held October 3-5. This year the theme is *Engaging the Other: Building the Beloved Community*. A Friday night concert by *Sang Mele* will kick-off the events which include a “Conversation with Taylor Branch” Pulitzer prize-winning author of the acclaimed series: *America in the King Years*.

The Rev. Mary D. Gaut, pastor of the church said, “At a time when those who are perceived as different (immigrants, persons of other faiths, races and sexual orientations) are being scapegoated as "threats" the mandate to Christians is to build healthy, welcoming communities, rather than searching for ways to build fences that keep us separate and fearful.”



Taylor Branch

The Concert for Peace on Friday, October 3 at 8 PM, features **SANG MELE** (sang-ma-lay - a Creole word meaning mixed blood), an acoustic trio comprised of Walt Michael,



Lea Gilmore

New Orleans bassist and educator Dr. Henry Rieff, and vocalist Lea Gilmore who leads the trio through a combination of spirituals, gospel, blues, folk music and jazz selections. Sangmele has performed at The Kennedy Center, The American Music and Arts Festival, Scotland's National Folk Festival, and at a variety of American universities. (See accompanying biographical info.)

Tickets go on sale for \$20 or \$15 for a student with ID and can be purchased through the church office by calling 410-825-0719.

Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 AM an Adult Forum will feature **Taylor Branch, the Pulitzer prize winning author** of the trilogy of books chronicling the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the history of the American civil rights movement collectively called *America in the King Years*.

Worship, including the celebration of **World Communion**, will be held at 10:30 AM and will feature **Story Teller, Cindy Woodruff, co-founder of the Peace Study Center in Baltimore** which focuses on educating children around peaceful conflict resolution.

ALL SUNDAY EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.