

## Dr. Walter Brueggemann

The 2007 Harry Rankin Faith & Fellowship Series features Dr. Walter Brueggemann, William Marcellus McPheters Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Dr. Brueggemann is a renowned Old Testament scholar, the author of more than 50 books, hundreds of articles, several commentaries on books of the Bible, and presenter of numerous lectureships and seminars. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Dr. Brueggemann was also featured in Bill Moyers' PBS television series on Genesis. We are indeed privileged to welcome Dr. Brueggemann!

### Harry Rankin Faith & Fellowship Series

Dr. Harry Rankin labored in God's vineyard for more than 70 years. Licensed to preach while still attending high school in Arkansas, he began his ministry serving a circuit out of Conway, Arkansas, preaching at three towns on alternate Sundays. He joined the Texas Conference in 1929, starting a new church in Galveston. When retiring as a District Superintendent in 1978, he was appointed an Associate Minister at Memorial Drive UMC where he served 17 years in charge of membership cultivation and other assorted roles. Dr. Rankin believed strongly in Christian education and fellowship, thus the establishment of the Harry Rankin Faith & Fellowship Series in his memory.

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### Resources for Living: Consumerism and the Biblical Narrative

Sunday and Monday  
February 25–26, 2007

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church

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## Resources for Living: Consumerism and the Biblical Narrative

Most of us Christians are double-minded. We know the story of Jesus very well... all about generosity, forgiveness, mercy, compassion and justice. But we are pulled away from that story to another story of power, security and privilege. This double-mindedness is the essential task of our Christian life, deciding and redeciding about the shape and future of our life.

Dr. Brueggemann's presentations will consider the ways in which this biblical narrative of life and faith lives in tension with the dominant narrative of consumerism in our present day society. These two accounts of reality overlap and for the most part Christians in the United States try to hold the two narratives together in one sensible piece. These presentations will consider the cost of such tensions and the resources for living there.

*The Harry Rankin Faith & Fellowship Series is  
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## Schedule

Sunday, February 25, 2007

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Brueggemann will be preaching at all three traditional services in our sanctuary on "Remembering Who We Are: The Temptation to Amnesia"

6:00 p.m.

Refreshments and registration in Friendship Court

6:30 p.m.

Evening Lecture- "Living Between Narratives"

7:30 p.m.

Reception with Book Signing  
(Books will be available for purchase.)

Monday, February 26, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Refreshments and registration in Friendship Court

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Evening Lecture- "Spirituality for a Life  
Between the Narratives"

Prior registration, although not required, is appreciated. You may use the registration form in this brochure, call Sabrina Gallegos at 713/468-8356 ext. 134, e-mail [sabrinagallegos@mdumc.org](mailto:sabrinagallegos@mdumc.org), or register online at [www.mdumc.org](http://www.mdumc.org).

## Registration Form

*The Harry Rankin Faith & Fellowship Series*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare (by prior registration only; please list names and ages below)

There are no registration fees, but for planning purposes we would appreciate your reservation for each of the events. Please indicate the number attending for each.

Sunday morning worship \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday evening lecture \_\_\_\_\_

Monday evening lecture \_\_\_\_\_

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