# Plattsburgh United Methodist Church (In the Chapel) Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. with discussion to follow!



#### What if the word "homosexual" was never meant to be in the Bible?

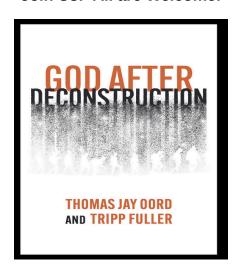
1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946.

It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators, 1946 is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring.

#### **Plattsburgh United Methodist Church**

Fall Book Study - God After Deconstruction – Monday afternoons at 12:15 p.m. or Monday Nights at 7 p.m. on ZOOM!

Join Us! All are Welcome!



Beginning on September 16<sup>th</sup> and running through November 18<sup>th</sup> Sign up with Diane P. (Registar) – (luv2garden5@gmail.com)

"God After Deconstruction" is a guide for perplexed evangelical and fundamentalist Christians who seek a kinder, saner understanding and practice of the faith. Its authors themselves have "deconstructed" from supernaturalist, exclusivist, and triumphalist Christianity.

This book breaks down the causes of deconstruction: grappling with the problem of evil, abuse in the church, irreconcilable conundrums in the Bible, doctrinal absurdities, conflicts with science, conflation of the faith with reactionary politics, and the reality of religious diversity. One by one, the authors offer alternative theological constructs, all pointing back to God as amipotent rather than omnipotent.

Not only is it okay to let go of biblical literalism, Christian exclusivism, and absurd and toxic doctrines, it is also okay to let go of thinking and talking about God as a supreme person or entity. It's a small step out of defunct doctrine, and a giant leap into a faith that embraces and nourishes the soul.

## **Ruining Lunch – Thursday, September 12**

### This month's topic: Orthopraxy is greater than Orthodoxy

What happens when a progressive Pastor and Community talk about everything you aren't supposed to discuss at lunch?

A new group will meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in Room 3 at PUMC. Each month, soup and beverages will be provided, and you are welcome to bring a sandwich. Phil will introduce the topic each month and we will be off and running with meaningful conversation.

We plan to host monthly conversations about religion, politics, and culture from a progressive Christian perspective. Each time we get together, we discuss whatever is happening in the public square at the intersection of religion and politics. Sign up with Diane P. (luv2garden5@gmail.com) She is our Adult Study registrar.

Dates: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12