

THE HEART OF HARRY POTTER: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

PATCHOGUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 10 CHURCH STREET, PATCHOGUE

You may not hear Harry Potter mentioned in your church, (except in the parking lot, the vestibule, the hallways, classrooms or the fellowship hall) but look around you-almost everyone in the pews has read these books. Come, join us for the day as we talk about relating this best selling series to our Christianity.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER JOHN GRANGER

“THE CHRISTIAN CONTENT OF ‘HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS’”



John Granger is best known for explaining the artistry, meaning, and popularity of Joanne Rowling’s Harry Potter novels. His four books, *How Harry Cast His Spell* (Tyndale, 2008), *Unlocking Harry Potter: Five Keys for the Serious Reader* (Zossima 2007), *The Deathly Hallows Lectures* (Zossima, 2008), and *Harry Meets Hamlet and Scrooge: A Literary Companion to Harry Potter* (Penguin, 2009) are used in University classrooms from Princeton to Pepperdine because they are the only books in print that discuss the literary merits and cultural impact of Ms. Rowling’s novels. He has been a Featured Speaker at academic and fan conferences and his theories and thoughts have been written up in the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Philadelphia Inquirer. In addition to almost one hundred radio talk show appearances, John has been interviewed on CNN, MSNBC, and A&E. The DVD of the Order of the Phoenix movie even includes an interview with

John in the DVD extras.

As an ordained Orthodox Christian Reader (Psalte) and classicist trained at Phillips Exeter and the University of Chicago, John takes his bearings from the western and eastern traditions, spiritual and philosophical. In addition to talks on Harry Potter, John has also been a Featured Speaker at a C. S. Lewis International Conference (Past Watchful Dragons, 2005) and the New York C. S. Lewis Society (February, 2008) as well. He delights in explaining the relevance and brilliance of the medieval imagination and traditional psychology for understanding not only the popularity of Lewis, Tolkien, and Rowling but how we are meant to live in order to be fully human. John believes great authors help us achieve with story what Lewis said was the end of human existence, that is, “conforming the soul to Reality.”

Please indicate three breakout sessions when you register.

Talking with Children about Harry Potter”

John Granger

Reading as Part of the Christian Walk”

John Granger

Preaching on Harry Potter”

Rev. Yuri Ando

Harry Potter Resources for Christian Education”

Debbie Kolacki

Postmodernism, Youth, and Popular Culture” Rita Dlug

Harry Potter Fandom” Becky Kolacki

Harry Potter Open Forum” Becky Kolacki

See reverse for session descriptions.

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by September 21**

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9:30 AM – Sign-in with refreshments.

10:00 AM – “The Christian Content of ‘Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows’”
talk by John Granger with question and answer period.

12:00 Noon – Lunch and book signing. Sign up for breakout sessions.

1:00 – 2:55 PM – Breakout sessions

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Talking with Children about Harry Potter

led by John Granger

John Granger is the father of seven home-schooled children. He read the first Harry Potter book so he could explain to his oldest daughter why she wasn't allowed to read it. He ended up using the books to teach and connect with his children. In this session he talks about ways to share the meaning of Harry Potter with children.

Reading as Part of the Christian Walk

led by John Granger

In this session, John talks about the Christian message in C.S. Lewis' Narnia series and J.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings as well as the Harry Potter series. How stories are an important part of the Christian walk will also be discussed.

Preaching on Harry Potter

led by Rev. Yuri Ando

What approach should be used when preparing sermons or messages for the adults, youth, and children of your church based on the Harry Potter books? What themes in the books can be drawn upon for these sermons or messages?"

Harry Potter Resources for Christian Education

led by Debbie Kolacki

Churches can tap into the enormous interest in the Harry Potter series by using the books and movies as part of their Christian Education programs for children, youth, and adults. In this session, a brief overview of what resources are available will be presented.

Postmodernism, Youth, and Popular Culture

led by Rita Dlug

John Granger and others have pointed out the postmodern aspects of J.K. Rowling's' Harry Potter series, but what exactly is postmodernism and how does learning about it help those in the church who minister to youth and young adults?

Harry Potter Fandom

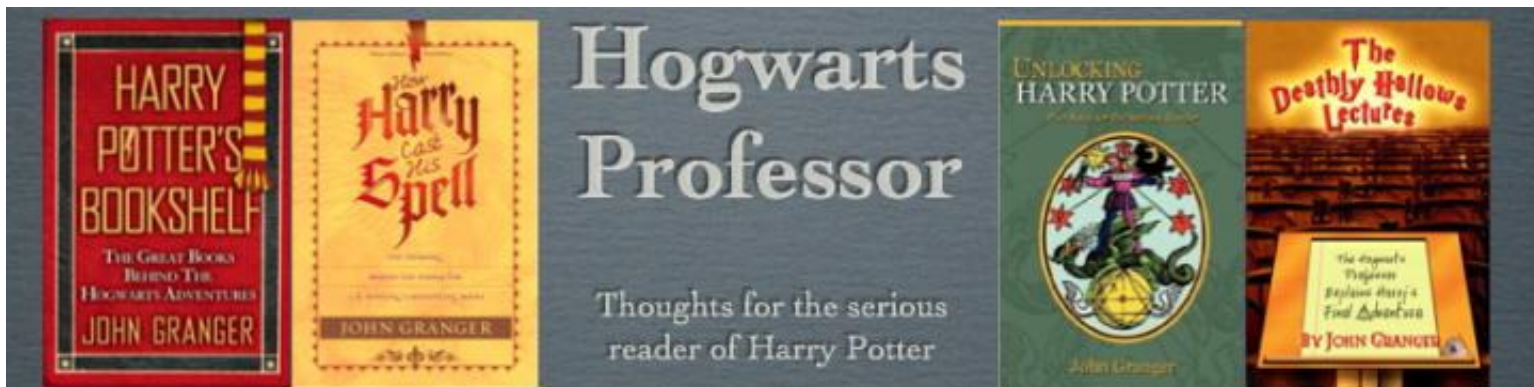
led by Becky Kolacki

The enormous popularity of the Harry Potter series has led to a world-wide informal community or fandom, which includes websites, podcasts, online social networks, conventions, wizard wrock groups, fan fiction, and more. Charitable organizations such as The Harry Potter Alliance are dedicated to eradicating genocide, AIDS, poverty, and global warming. The presenter of this session is involved in many areas of the HP fandom as well as being part of a wizard wrock group.

Harry Potter Open Forum

led by Becky Kolacki

Do you have a question to ask or an opinion to share about the Harry Potter books and movies? Join us for this open discussion about any aspect of Harry Potter that you'd like to see covered.



Renewing Our Love; Couples Retreat
Saturday, September 26, 2009
9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Villa Immacolata, 3560 Sound Ave.
Riverhead
Leader: Rev Yuri & Susumu Ando

Ministering to Teens Today is Like Nailing
Jello to a Wall
Saturday, October 17, 2009
9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Location: TBA
Leader: Wayne Rice & Fr. Frank Pizzarelli

A Day With Tony Campolo
Saturday, October 24, 2009
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Bible Korean United Methodist Church
1201 Carlls Straight Path, Dix Hills