Acts II in Action – Fall 2019
—an adult education ministry designed as a lay seminary to train and equip members to be faithful in the midst of these challenging times.

Sunday Adult Studies 9:45-10:45am in Pope Hall

November 10
Back by popular demand! Our youth will lead worship and then, along with our new Family Ministry, explain how they live generously in this world by addressing the needs of others.

November 17
Come hear about our church’s hopes and plans for 2020. Extensive work has already been done this year through leadership retreats and the renewal team report. In addition, we will see a short film on the Interfaith Community Shelter and hear a report from the Stewardship Committee.

November 24
Bill & Sharon Eklund, Barb Hutchison, and Melindajoy Pattison traveled to Cuba in late October and visited our sister church in Sagua la Grande. Come and hear about their adventures.

December 1
Thanksgiving weekend. No class this day, but feel free to come be thankful with your friends.

December 8
It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, so please come to our Alternative Gifts Sale. Coordinated by Presbyterian Women, this annual event will lure shoppers with items made by members of our congregation as well as international artisans. With a wide range of groups represented, you will have an opportunity to support various local, national, and international mission projects benefiting from the proceeds from this one-day sale.

December 15
The Surprising History of Christmas Across the Centuries.
Did you know that the birth of Jesus was not celebrated until the fourth century, and that the December date was chosen in good measure to absorb pagan mid-winter festivals loved by the public? Or that in the Middle Ages Christians attended Christmas services and then engaged in raucous celebrations? Or that Pilgrims in Boston outlawed the celebration of Christmas from 1659 to 1681? Or how Christmas came to be celebrated as it is today? The class will include an historical overview, and reflections on “the clear, bright blade of amazing grace” that lies at the core of our Christmas experiences, “amidst all forgetting’s, denials, and sheer cluttering’s,” as the theologian Joseph Sittler put it a generation ago.

Taught by Rev. Jim Brown