



CHILDREN OF PALESTINE: HEARTBREAK AND HOPE

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 West 13th Street, Wilmington 19806

(Pennsylvania Avenue & Rodney Street)

Parking lot is behind the church - enter through wooden door

All programs are from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26

PLAYGROUNDS FOR PALESTINE - AN ACT OF LOVE

Presented by Hanan Urick. This project is an expression of solidarity with the plight of children and an affirmation of their right to childhood. There are 36 playgrounds in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon, and many happy children. Hanan will also talk about SkateQilya, a skateboarding camp for boys and girls in Palestine that Playgrounds for Palestine has sponsored for the past three summers.

Hanan Urick is a first generation Palestinian-American. She is a mom, pharmacist, school volunteer and children's rights advocate. Her involvement in *Playgrounds for Palestine* stems from her love of children and her strong beliefs in the merits of play. Hanan will bring olive oil and ceramics from Palestine to sell for the benefit of *Playgrounds for Palestine*.

Following this will be a short documentary "*Flying Paper*" which tells the uplifting story of resilient youth in the Gaza Strip on a quest to shatter the Guinness World Record for the most kites ever flown.

Tuesday, April 2

DOCUMENTARY - "DISPATCHES - CHILDREN OF GAZA"

This focuses on the lives of a few children in Gaza whose lives were devastated when Israel launched a military attack on their homes and how they have been struggling to deal with the fallout of their physical injuries and psychological scars. The documentary gives the children of Gaza an opportunity to speak out themselves and to tell their own stories.

PALESTINE CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND (PCRF)

Presented by Nora Whisnant, President of the Delaware Chapter of PCRF, on the organization which brings children from Palestine and other Mideast countries to the U.S. for surgery and treatments they are not able to get at home. To date, two children have come to Nemours Hospital for Children. PCRF has built and maintains two pediatric cancer clinics, two cardiac clinics and is currently building a pediatric intensive care unit in Palestine, thus changing the face of health care in that country.

Tuesday, April 9

NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD - project of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Presented by Jennifer Bing. This campaign is committed to securing a just and viable future for Palestinian children living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and envisions a world where all children attain rights in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international standards.

Jennifer Bing has worked with AFSC's Palestine-Israel Program since 1989. Based in Chicago, she coordinates AFSC's education and advocacy work on this project and works closely with faith organizations and human rights groups throughout the U.S.

Co-sponsors include Centre Friends Meeting; Delawareans for Palestinian Human Rights, DE Churches for Middle East Peace, Hanover Presbyterian Church, Human Right Task Force of First Unitarian Church, New Ark United Church of Christ; Newark Friends Meeting; Silverside Church, St. Helena's Social Ministry; The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew; Westminster Presbyterian Church; Wilm. Friends Peace & Social Justice Committee.