

Amlin UMC 5441 Cosgray Rd., Dublin, OH April 22nd at 7:00 pm

Today, we are in the midst of the largest human migration in history due to the refugee crisis in Syria. An estimated 9 million Syrians have fled their homes since the outbreak of civil war in March 2011.

"Salam Neighbor," is a documentary made by two Americans. They travel to the edge of war, just seven miles from the Syrian border, to live among 85,000 uprooted refugees in Jordan's Za'atari camp. As the first filmmakers allowed by the United Nations to register and set up a tent inside a refugee camp, Zach and Chris meet Um Ali, a woman struggling to overcome personal loss and cultural barriers. They befriend the street smart 10-year-old Raouf, whose trauma during the civil war in Syria hides just beneath his smile. Zach and Chris find inspiring stories among people trying to rebuild their lives.

As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors. There is no fine print specifying only neighbors who look or act like us. Part of loving our neighbors is to understand them. Lately we have been inundated with fear mongering commentary coming at us from all directions. This leaves us wondering - who are these refugees? Should we be afraid? Why can't they just stay in the refugee camps until the fighting is over?

Amlin UMC hopes to help answer some of these questions with a screening of "Salam Neighbor". The United Methodist Church tagline is "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors." Let's put that motto into action and open our hearts, our minds, and maybe even our doors.

"Show your love to the foreigner, for you too were once foreigners in the land of Egypt." - Deuteronomy 10:19