

Workshop on the Church's Response to Domestic Violence  
Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-9:00pm

Domestic violence (Intimate Partner Violence) is a very difficult issue - one that is hard to bring to the surface and talk about openly. Recent high profile cases in the sports, college, and military worlds have helped to focus our attention on the scourge of domestic abuse and sexual assault. But, we often continue to think about these issues as ones that only effect "other" people in "other" places - not families at Woods and in other congregations and not our friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We can't turn away, though, from the statistics that at least one in five women (and many men) experience some form of interpersonal violence during their lifetime.

On March 10, Woods will host a workshop on domestic abuse specifically designed for clergy and lay leaders at Woods and other churches in the community. (The evening is open, however, to all who would like to attend). The goal is to help those in leadership positions (e.g. Stephen Ministers, Deacons, Youth Leaders) learn to recognize the signs of interpersonal violence and respond effectively to those impacted.

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, author of *Breaking the Silence: The Church Responds to Domestic Violence* (2008), will lead the workshop. She is an Episcopal priest in Hagerstown, MD. As she says in the book's introduction ... "when a faith community is educated, challenged, and involved in the issue of domestic violence, life-transforming work happens."

This program will be offered at no charge and will begin at 6:30pm with light refreshments. To register, please email Linda Eggbeer ([linda@eggbeer.com](mailto:linda@eggbeer.com)).