

“Why is it OK that some people have access to clean water and others don’t?”

This question was raised by filmmaker David Barnhart while working on his new documentary, *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City* (Barnhart Films, 2019). Most of us have read the news about the ongoing drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Have you ever asked yourself, “how is it that people in 21st century America lack access to clean water? Are we also at risk in Wisconsin, either from lead or other hazards? What can we do to help those who are most vulnerable?”

First Presbyterian Church of Baraboo invites you to join us at the Al. Ringling Theater (136 4th Ave, Baraboo, WI) on Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. for a FREE screening and panel discussion of "Flint: The Poisoning of An American City." Following the film, our panelists will discuss water quality and environmental justice issues affecting residents of Wisconsin.

Matthew 25:31-46 calls on Christians to actively engage in the world around us. We hope that this event will not only inform about the ongoing crisis in Flint, but also inspire local action to protect clean drinking water and end inequity based on race or social class.

We are asking for your help with this event in two ways. First, would you pray for us. It is our prayer that the event will reach many, and inspire compassion for the residents of Flint and for marginalized populations everywhere. We pray that the church will be seen as a relevant presence in the world as we seek to promote justice and care of creation. We pray that the weather will cooperate on Sunday Feb. 9!

Second, would you please help us spread the word? The beautiful, historic Al. Ringling Theater has over 800 seats! We would like to reach as wide an audience as possible. Attached is a bulletin insert and poster. If you would please share them with your congregations and around your community we would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you very much in advance for your support of this endeavor! We hope to see you on Sunday, February 9.

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