



# Ministering To Those With Disabilities

**On Sunday June 3 at 11:30 am**

the Discipleship Committee invites you to the

**2018 Eberts Lecture**

presented by Alex Sider

Dr. Sider is on the Religion Faculty at Bluffton University and will be talking about caring for the spiritual and emotional needs of the disabled.

Congregants are asked to bring salads to share for lunch to go along with sliced meats and rolls provided by Discipleship.

Dr. Sider will be preaching at the 10:30 service prior to the event. Please sign up at Connection Point for attendance and salad donations.

## ***Face to Face: Connecting Anti-Ableism with Biblical Interpretation***

*For many Christians today, the Bible promotes radical inclusion for marginalized people in*

*community. Often, however, biblical texts were written in contexts - racism, ethnocentrism, classism and sexism-- that created and reinforced marginalization. Sider's lecture will examine another dimension of marginalization, ableism, and discuss three biblical texts (Genesis 16, Leviticus 21, and John 9) that pose problems for Christian interpreters who think of the Bible as straightforwardly "good news" for persons with disabilities. Our discussion will create careful theological reflection on the practice of biblical interpretation for Christians who want to use the resources of their faith to advocate for inclusion and social justice.*



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Alex Sider teaches religion and peace and conflict studies at Bluffton University. His research and teaching focus on the connections among medical ethics,

disability studies and Christian theology in historic peace church traditions. He is the author of *To See History Doxologically* (Eerdmans, 2011) and, with Isaac Villegas, *Presence: Giving and Receiving God* (Wipf & Stock, 2010), as well as numerous articles on theology, peace studies, and disability studies. Sider earned a Ph.D. in theology and ethics from Duke University. He lives in Bluffton, OH with his family.