

“Interrupting the Sermon”

A play using stories and a sermon written by Dr. Wayne C. Olson

Created by Kevin Olson

Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:00pm

*Bradford Congregational United Church of Christ
Bradford, Vermont*

"Welcome to this second reading of a new play. This reading is an opportunity for us to hear this material out loud and to assess how it might be developed further.

In this play, stories are being told and a sermon is being preached. I wrote the stories years after they occurred, as part of a collection of over eighty stories chronicling my professional life. And I preached this reflective sermon, from which excerpts are included, not so very long ago. Everything you will hear, whether in story or sermon, actually happened to me over fifty years as a Pastor serving several congregations and as Faculty and Campus Minister on several college campuses.

Please, despite the title of this production, do not interrupt either story or sermon, except with applause or laughter when warranted."

-- Dr. Wayne C. Olson

Story Titles

Being a Hero Without Being One

Committee To Stop the Nuclear War Confirm Me Please

AIDS Baptism

Don't Interrupt the Sermon

Pillars

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Performance Ensemble

(in order of appearance)

John Atwood, organ

Mary Sanborn

Dottie Dzenis

Kevin Olson

Daniel Olson

Amy Olson

Natalie Mitchell

Shira Olson

Ian Mitchell

Excerpts from a Sermon titled *My Bible Then and Now* are used between each story.

These stories are taken from a collection of stories titled *Pastoral Stories* by Dr. Wayne C. Olson

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