

# Preaching Peace Presents



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## ***Blessed Brutalities***

**The Religious Origins of American Violence**

**March 14, 2009 10am - 4pm**

**Landisville Mennonite Church**

*Light lunch included-donations will be gladly received!*

- Can America be considered a peacemaking culture or are we a culture embedded in violence?
- How can we understand the relationship between religion and our legitimizing of violence in America?

*Come explore how early religious traditions grounded political violence in theological systems. American religion has thus come to justify sacrifice and violence as a "Christian" way of life. This seminar will look at examples from American history where themes of sacrifice have played out against youth, race, gender or sexual orientation. Discover an alternative narrative that can be lived out in the church when we follow the Prince of Peace.*

**Reservations a must! 717-392-1550 or [www.PreachingPeace.org](http://www.PreachingPeace.org)**