



A series of four films, held on Sunday afternoons this autumn, in Montgomery County, Maryland

Programs begin promptly at 2:30pm. A moderated discussion will follow each showing. No reservations needed. Free Event. Free Parking.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
9801 Centerway Road, Montgomery Village, MD, 20879

Open Bethlehem (90 minutes)

OCTOBER 15

Open Bethlehem spans seven momentous years in the life of Bethlehem, revealing a city of astonishing beauty and political strife under occupation. The documentary follows the story of director Leila Sansour as she returns to her hometown as it is soon to be encircled by The Wall. Chronicling Sansour's campaign to stop occupying Israeli forces encircling Bethlehem, this fierce and poignant story maps a determined and ongoing effort to unite Christians, Muslims and Jews in the desire for free access to the Holy City. Sansour, who lives in Bethlehem and London, plans to participate in the moderated discussion.

Life in Occupied Palestine (57 minutes)

OCTOBER 22

Anna Baltzer, a Jewish-American Columbia graduate and Fulbright scholar, presents her discoveries as a volunteer with the International Women's Peace Service in the West Bank, documenting human rights abuses and supporting Palestinian-led nonviolent resistance to the Occupation. The film provides a viewpoint not often seen in Western media sources, and encourages dialog towards taking action on the issue. Topics discussed include checkpoints, settlements, Israeli activism, Zionism, 1948 War and refugees, censorship, the Wall, the ongoing annexation of Palestinian land, and the almost unbearable living conditions under the occupation. Moderated discussion follows.

Two Blue Lines (99 minutes)

NOVEMBER 5

Filmed over a period of 25 years, *Two Blue Lines* examines the human and political situation of the Palestinian people from the years prior to the creation of Israeli to the present day. This documentary explores the passionate dispute among Israeli citizens about their government's Occupation of Palestine. It deftly splices together dueling creeds and the result is electrifying, because it's a split so rarely displayed on U.S. screens. Moderated discussion follows.

Where Should the Birds Fly (58 minutes)

NOVEMBER 12

Made by Palestinians living the reality it is the story of Israel's years long siege of Gaza and its 2008-2009 attack, told through the eyes of two young women, 11-year-old Mona Samouni (whose family was killed by Israeli rockets during Operation Cast Lead) and the filmmaker, Fida Qishta. The film will be followed by a **panel discussion** and audience Q&A.

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