



FAITH in
FORMATION



Winter and Spring 2016

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The Rector's Forum

Holy Interruptions: God's Renewing Call to Growth

10:15 a.m. Sunday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31

Colhoun A

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves

God calls us to enlarge our borders, whether individually in spiritual depth or tangibly in the size of our communities. But we all resist change and discomfort. How does God work to grow the Church, and how might we all participate in the dream of God's expanding Kingdom at St. Paul's? Join Associate Rector Sara Ardrey-Graves for a theological reflection on the mission of the church in the world this Epiphany season. We will learn from writers Titus Presler, Jen Hatmaker and Verna Dozier, as well as Mary Parmer, the keynote speaker at the 2015 Annual Diocesan Convention.

The Prayers of the People: Reflections on the Psalms

10:15 a.m. Sunday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31

Colhoun B and C

Dr. David Nelson

Focusing on selected psalms, Dr. David Nelson and class participants will explore together how this scriptural prayer book served God's people in ages past and today gives voice to our personal devotion, spiritual formation and liturgical celebration.

Confirmation and Reception in the Episcopal Church for Youth and Adults

10:15 a.m. Sunday, January 24 and 31, February 14, 21 and 28, March 6 and 13, April 3

Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, youth meet in the top of the T, next to the youth room

Clergy and Director of Youth Ministries Nick VanHorn

Confirmation classes are designed for adults and youth (eighth grade and older) who wish to make a public affirmation of their Christian faith by either being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or for those who wish to learn more about the church. There will be a variety of topics covered which will explore how the Episcopal Church works, what we believe as Episcopalians, our liturgy and music, *The Book of Common Prayer*, the sacraments, the *Bible*, prayer and spiritual practices, stewardship and mission. For more information or to sign up for the classes, adults may contact Amy Schell at 723-4391, ext. 1208 or aschell@stpauls-ws.org. Youth may contact Nick VanHorn at nvanhorn@stpauls-ws.org or 723-4391, ext. 1216. Confirmation is April 10 at 10:00 a.m. Rehearsal time will be determined.

Faith & Justice Lunch and Speaker Series

Our Children, Our Prisons: Moving Young People from Incarceration to Education

12:15 p.m. Thursday, January 28

Colhoun A

Bryan Stevenson (video recording)

The Faith & Justice Committee Lunch and Speaker Series, *In My Backyard: Faith and Current Events*, will present a video recording of a Trinity Institute presentation by attorney Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative and professor of law at New York University School of Law. In the United States each year, approximately 2,570 children as young as 13 are sentenced to life in prison without parole, and more than 2.7 million children have an incarcerated parent, including one in nine African-American children.

Stevenson will focus on the impact of incarceration on young people whose parents or who themselves are incarcerated. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Lenten Programs and Practices

The Lenten Sermon Series

Sermons on the Mount

**7:45, 9:00, 11:15 a.m. in the nave, 5:00 p.m. in the chapel
Sunday, February 14, 21, 28 and March 6**

This Lent at St. Paul's the clergy will preach through the entirety of Jesus' Kingdom of God manifesto, also called "The Sermon on the Mount". Expect each week's sermon to cover a portion of the sermon from chapters 5-7 of Matthew's Gospel and then, be directly tied to the Rector's forum where a doable Christian practice will be offered to compliment each sermon.

The Rector's Forum

Practices, Pearls and Pigs: Living the Sermon on the Mount

10:15 a.m., Sunday, February 14, 21, 28 and March 6

Colhoun A

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard, the Rev. John E. Shields, the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, the Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves

In conjunction with the St. Paul's sermon series from Matthew this Lent, the St. Paul's clergy will lead us to explore various spiritual practices of the life of the Christian faith. We will learn what it means to live our faith every day, in the unusual and startling vision of God's kingdom that Jesus presents to us in the Sermon on the Mount.

Stop Hunger Now

10:15 a.m. Sunday, March 13

Colhoun A

The Social Action Committee invites parishioners of all ages to practice loving our neighbors by participating in the *Stop Hunger Now* food packaging event. Parishioners will help package 10,000 or more nutritious meals to be used in crisis situations and in feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and White Elephant Sale

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9

Colhoun Room

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in conjunction with the 64th annual White Elephant Sale.

The sale accepts donated household goods, toys, furniture, jewelry, working small appliances, holiday decorations (except Christmas lights or trees), books, china and collectibles. The sale does not accept televisions, electronics, artificial flowers, food, sharp knives or clothing. Drop off will be Sunday, February 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Linda Hill at 723-1454 or memphisbelle1722@gmail.com or Margaret Varner at 659-8629 or mvarner1@triad.rr.com. Proceeds will support youth-oriented projects in our church and community.

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

7:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:30 p.m. in the nave

Ash Wednesday, February 10

Child care for children four years old and younger will be offered in room 107 off the Preschool hallway during the 5:30 p.m. service.

The Wednesday Supper Series

Looking Through the Lens of the Cross

Wednesday, February 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16

Colhoun A

A series of five Wednesday night parish gatherings for supper and a program will be held in Colhoun A during Lent. Supper for the whole family will be from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Programs will be presented from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. The cost for supper will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12, with a maximum cost per family of \$20. After supper, child care for children four years old and younger will be available in room 107 off the Preschool hallway, and craft-making activities will be offered for Pre-K students through fifth graders in Colhoun B and C.

The five-part program series, *Looking Through the Lens of the Cross*, will be led by St. Paul's clergy and guest speakers. We all know that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world, so now what? Well, as it turns out, a lot. The cross of Christ changed everything, and for our Lenten supper series, we will explore some of what that change means for how we see the world and our everyday life with God and the issues of power, strength, service, suffering and change when seen through the lens of the cross. *Looking through the Cross*, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2014 by Graham Tomlin, is recommended as background reading.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist

As usual, a service of Holy Eucharist will be offered each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the side altar in the nave and at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

The Stations of the Cross

Parishioners may walk the Stations of the Cross in the nave and chapel during church office hours throughout Lent. Booklets containing the liturgy will be available.

The Labyrinth

The Labyrinth will be open all day on Wednesdays during Lent, with a special emphasis on the time from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., right before the 5:30 Eucharist in the chapel. Based on the labyrinth in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France, St. Paul's Labyrinth is etched into the floor of the chapel, a balanced, circular walking path with seven concentric circles, leading from an outer entry point to the center. As a true labyrinth, it offers a single, purposeful pathway, with no dead ends, and can be walked by people of all faiths. Some people pray as they walk, opening their minds and hearts to God's peace and the presence of the Holy Spirit, while others meditate, as they follow the path to the center and back out again into the world.

Lenten Devotional Materials

Printed Lenten devotional materials are available at the back of the nave and outside the chapel.

Spring Formation Classes

The Rector's Forum

A Christian Response to Terrorism

April 3, 17 and 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22 in Colhoun A
The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser

Hebrews 13:8 boldly proclaims that, "Jesus Christ is same, yesterday, today, and forever," yet we read that verse in a world where, "9/11 has changed everything." How do we hold these two realities together? This very tension provides the guiding dynamic of this seven-part class on what a uniquely Christian response to terrorism looks like. During each session, the Rev. D. Dixon Kinser will provide space to explore and discuss topics like Christians and fear, Christians and evil, Christians and just war, etc., that will provide some guidance for how Christian people live in a post-9/11 world.



Listen for a Change

Trinity Institute Video Teleconference

Friday, February 26, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 27, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Colhoun A

St. Paul's will serve as a remote partner site for Trinity Institute's 45th National Theological Conference, sponsored by Trinity Wall Street, an Episcopal parish in New York City. This year's theme is, "Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice." Trinity's three-day conference, which will take place in January, will be adapted by the Faith & Justice Committee as a more focused, condensed program to be presented at St. Paul's on Friday evening, February 26, and all day Saturday, February 27.

In today's society, many systems of racial discrimination thrive because they remain invisible. As children of God, we are called to wake up, and to listen up. People of faith know the power of truth-telling: speaking truth not only to those in positions of power, but first to ourselves.

"Listen for a Change" presents conversation as a learning opportunity: a chance to engage in deep listening and truth-telling and, as a result, develop the skills to create change within a troubled system. By having these difficult conversations, we can build the underlying skills and willingness to address the racial tensions of our time.

After viewing talks by featured speakers, including *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof, actor, playwright and professor Anna Deavere Smith, the Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School Emilie Townes, NPR journalist Michele Norris and Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, participants will break into small groups designed and facilitated to continue the conversation with peers, practicing the kinds of transformative conversations that may be carried into community contexts.

This event is open to the public. Advance registration will be required and admission will be charged to cover the cost of food and materials.

Small Groups

St. Paul's offers ongoing formation opportunities for adult parishioners who wish to pursue special interests and build relationships in small group settings. The groups listed are currently accepting new members.

Enneagram Study

2:00-3:30 p.m. Monthly, 4th Monday | Colhoun B

Contact Nancy Dunn at nancy.dunn@aladdintravel.com.

Ashley Dozier Small Group

9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays | Emma Gribbin Room

Contact Ashley Dozier at (336) 724-6074.

Mary Jo Walker Small Group

7:30-8:30 a.m. Fridays | Emma Gribbin Room

This group studies the lectionary for the following Sunday.

Contact Mary Jo Walker at mjw50@triad.rr.com.

Lucy Paynter Small Group

9:30-11:00 a.m. Fridays | Emma Gribbin Room

Contact Lucy Paynter at lpaynter@triad.rr.com.

Bob Linnell Small Group

3:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesdays | Conference Room

Contact Bob Linnell at rlinnell@triad.rr.com

Dudley Colhoun Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 a.m. Fridays | Colhoun Room

Bible study, featuring discussion of the current week's lectionary, with breakfast. Contact Jonathan Ingram at jengram@wscr.com.

Men's Prayer Group

7:30 a.m. Fridays | Colhoun Room

Breakfast and Bible study. Contact Charles Corpening at ccduck@triad.rr.com.

Centering Prayer

6:15-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays | Emma Gribbin Room

Centering Prayer is a gentle form of silent prayer grounded in the monastic contemplative tradition. After reading and reflecting on a brief passage, the group observes 20 to 25 minutes of silence. Contact Gail Phillips at (336) 970-1700 or carolineableu@aol.com.

GLADS (Gays, Lesbians and Dang Straights) | 7:00 p.m. Thursdays | Genie Carr's house at 453 Plymouth Avenue

GLADS members include gays, lesbians and straight allies who share a common interest in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. They gather weekly to read, reflect and do Bible and book study. Contact Lynn Parsley, group facilitator, at lynnparsley@gmail.com.

Education for Ministry | September through May

A four-year program offered by the School of Theology at Sewanee, The University of the South, EfM equips lay persons responding to the call to Christian ministry. Participants study Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology. Groups form in late spring and meet weekly during the academic year. A tuition payment and commitment to at least one year of study are required. Contact Chip Morgan at chip103@triad.rr.com or (336) 724-1843. www.sewanee.edu/EFM/

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