



FAITH in FORMATION



Adults | Fall 2016

Classes meet on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Faith & Justice programs are on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Sundays

Sacred Storytelling in a World of Touchy Language

September 11, 18 | Colhoun A | Clergy and Lay Leaders

“Hot button” phrases are everywhere in our public sphere right now: stereotyping, profiling, privilege, Black Lives Matter, All Lives Matter. These phrases make authentic conversation difficult. God calls us to share the stories of our lives with people who are different from us. How can we communicate God’s love when it seems the whole world is arguing? How do we navigate sacred conversations about these topics amid our diversity and learn how to listen? At St. Paul’s, our Faith and Justice ministry leads excellent conversations about issues of racism that affect us all, and we are excited to extend this program to our Sunday morning adult forum. Join our clergy and lay leaders as we engage sacred storytelling and see the face of God in each other.

Love as a Way of Life | September 11, 18, 25, October 2

Colhoun B and C | Lynn Parsley, MA, LPC

In his book, *Love as a Way of Life*, Dr. Gary Chapman wrote, “Our overarching calling is to enrich the lives of others by making love the fundamental purpose of our lives.” Love is the outward and visible sign of Christ’s presence within us. Counselor, author and educator Lynn Parsley will use Dr. Chapman’s book to explore God’s expression of love through us in our kindness, patience, forgiveness, courtesy, humility, generosity and honesty.

The Jesus Story, Then and Now | September 25, October 2 | Colhoun A | The Rev. Dr. Bill J. Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies, Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University

On September 25, Dr. Leonard will discuss “The Early Church: Who is Jesus and Why Does He Matter?” The great challenge of early Christianity was convincing the (Roman) world that

the life, death, (and Christians believed) the resurrection of a Nazarene rabbi had cosmic significance. The Jesus Story involved details that became dogmas, that created heresy. (Does nothing change?) Two thousand years later, the church confronts another challenge: Who is Jesus and why does he matter? On October 2, the class is titled, “Retelling the Jesus Story in a Post-Modern, Pluralistic, Post-Protestant-Privileged World: Who’s Listening?” The discussion will explore the rise of the “nones,” the decline of Protestant Mainlines and evangelicals, Catholic and Orthodox Christianity, especially in the West, the loss of “once-born” and “twice-born” conversion experiences, and ways for retelling the Jesus Story in such a culture.

The Governance of God: How to be Politically Christian in the Modern World | October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13

Colhoun A | The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser

Using Bible study, church history and cultural criticism, Dixon will lead a six-week exploration of the place politics does and does not have in the Church as well the place the Church does and does not have in politics. Scheduled during the 2016 Presidential contest, this class mixes lecture, discussion and, most importantly, spiritual practices to resource Jesus followers who want their faith to be faithful this election year.

Outward and Visible Signs: Episcopal Practices of Blessing and Healing | October 9, 16, 23 | Colhoun B and C

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves

As we consider where God might be in our hurting world, we find ourselves praying for a miracle. Whether for ourselves, a beloved family member, or people who are far off and unknown to us, we ask God to offer healing and wholeness whenever we experience suffering. We want God to fix what is broken in our world. What does a holy healing really look like? What do we believe to be true about a blessing from God? How does the Episcopal Church incorporate a spirituality of blessing in our worship and prayer practices? Join Sara as we explore these many questions in our Christian faith.

The Spirituality of Letting Go and Living Forward

October 30, November 6 and 13 | Colhoun B and C

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard, Associate Rector, and Anne Rahn, Senior Adults Minister

This class will reflect on letting go and stewardship of what really matters in life. This life is not the end of the life that God has in mind for us. The focus of the discussion will be on learning to live a life you can look back on in peace and living forward into the future to which God calls us. There will also be practical conversations on preparing for care at the end of life.



Thursdays

Making Change Work | September 15, October 20, November 17 | Colhoun A

In My Backyard: Faith and Current Events is a monthly bag lunch and speaker series offered by the Faith & Justice Committee. This fall, the committee will present speakers exploring the theme, "Making Change Work." Details of the programs will be announced. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome.

Small Groups

Enneagram Study

2:00-3:30 p.m. Monthly, 4th Monday | Conference Room
Contact Nancy Dunn at nancy.dunn@aladdintravel.com.

Cindy Lou Franke Small Group

9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays | Emma Gribbin Room
This group studies women in the Bible with a new focus each session. Contact Cindy Lou Franke at 717 658-3211 or clfranke@yadtel.net.

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.

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 Engram 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.

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Centering Prayer

6:00-7:30 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 970-1700 or carolinableu@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 David Tamer at davelaw@bellsouth.net or (336) 407-7345. www.sewanee.edu/EFM/

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