

Adult Formation Classes Fall 2016

Christian formation programs for adults are offered on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel, and in the context of our weekly Bible study on Tuesdays, September through May.

September

- 4 Brian Prall: My Pilgrimage from Baptism to Seminary
- 11 Neal McGowan: My Pilgrimage in Egypt with the Coptic & Anglican Churches
- 18 Carol Oppel: T.S. Eliot's Conversion—A Journey to Anglicanism
- 25 Carol Oppel: T.S. Eliot, continued

October

- 2 Carol Oppel: T.S. Eliot, continued
- 9 David Peters+: My 100-Mile Ultra Marathon Pilgrimage
- 16 Ross Ramsey: The 2016 Journey to the White House
- 23 Rich Oppel: The 2016 Journey to the White House
- 30 David Peters+: Post Traumatic Pilgrims

November

- 6 All Saints/M&M Sunday
- 13 Jonea Raney: Our End of Life Pilgrimage
- 20 David Peters+: Pilgrims (based on the book, *Mayflower*)
- 27 *Advent 1* – Intergenerational Wreath Making

December

- 4 *Advent 2*: Elizabeth Turner+: Pilgrimage to Italy
- 11 *Advent 3*: David Peters+: Pilgrimage to Bethlehem: Celebrations of Christmas in the Early Church
- 18 *Advent 4*: Lessons & Carols/Cookie Exchange (no classes)
- 25 Christmas Day: one service @ 9 a.m. (no classes)

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January

- 1 New Year's Day: services at 8 & 10 a.m. Carol sing @ 10 a.m.
- 8 Michael Meigs: The Middle World of Islam
- 15 Michael Meigs: The Middle World of Islam, continued
- 22 Annual Parish Meeting (no classes)
- 29 Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation (no classes)

February

- 5 Bee Morehead (Texas Impact): Legislative Actions & the Religious Community
- 12 Cecilia Smith+: Christian Mysticism
- 19 Cecilia Smith+: Christian Mysticism (continued)
- 26 Cecilia Smith+: Christian Mysticism (continued)

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 5 Lent 1, Philip Turner+: Patterns of Life in the Spirit
- 12 Lent 2, Philip Turner+: Patterns of Life in the Spirit
- 19 Lent 3, Philip Turner+: Patterns of Life in the Spirit
- 26 Lent 4, Philip Turner+: Patterns of Life in the Spirit

April

- 2 Lent 5, Philip Turner+: Patterns of Life in the Spirit
- 9 Palm Sunday (no classes)
- 16 Easter (no classes). Easter Egg Hunt
- 23 Discussion: Followers of the Risen Christ
- 30 Discussion: Followers of the Risen Christ

May

- 7 Neal McGowan: Anglican Poets
- 14 Neal McGowan: Anglican Poets
- 21 Neal McGowan: Anglican Poets
- 28 Memorial Day Weekend (no classes)

June

- 4 Graduation Sunday and begin two service schedule.

Christian Formation for Children

Nursery

St. Mark's Nursery for crawling babies and children up to three years of age is in Classroom C in the main building. Nursery staff provide a safe, comfortable place for our younger children to play during services and the education hour.

Pre-K & Kindergarten: meets in Common Room (Classroom A)

Godly Play for Pre-kindergartners and Kindergartners uses simple figures and shapes to tell stories of God. Godly Play teaches children "the art of using the language of our Christian tradition so that they may encounter God in a personal way and begin to find direction for their own lives. It also draws heavily on the ancient tradition of storytelling where the storyteller tries to almost disappear so that the listener can enter the story completely and without distraction." After hearing the stories, children spend time working through the stories in both play and artwork.

First - Second Grades: meets in Parish Hall

Godly Play Two for 1st through 2nd graders will hear the same stories as the younger class, and engage in age-appropriate artwork and discussion. This class meets in the Parish Hall.

Third – Fifth Grades: meets in Classroom D

The older elementary children will meet for discussion, artwork, games and conversation focused on lectionary-based Bible study, using "Lesson Plans that Work."

Middle & High School

The Middle School and High School students meet together for breakfast and discussion about how to live as a Christian in today's world. The class meets in Classroom B until November when it moves to the Bennett Wing Classroom, following Confirmation Classes.

Youth & Adult Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for Youth, ages 7th grade and older, will meet on Sundays: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16 and 23. Our seminarians, Neal McGowan & Brian Prall, will teach the class. The class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Bennett Wing classroom. *Attendance at each class is a requirement for Confirmation*, which takes place on January 29, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

The Adult Confirmation class time will be determined at a later date.

Youth Group

The St. Mark's Youth Group is a vibrant, fun-filled & faith-filled group of kids, ages 6th grade through high school. We typically meet for 2 hours every Sunday for social events, field trips & outreach activities. Please contact Stephen Wilson (mr.stephen.wilson@gmail.com), or Susan & Clarence Bonnen (sdbonnen@gmail.com, cbonnen@gmail.com) for more information.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

Schedule:

6:00 p.m.: Soup Supper

7:00 p.m.: Lenten Program and Holy Eucharist
(Child care is provided from 7:00-8:00 p.m.)

Worship Schedule

Sundays

7:30 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist*

11:00 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist*

*Children's Chapel in Grace Chapel for Children ages 4-6

*Nursery for crawling babies up to age 3

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist, in Grace Chapel
(with prayers for healing the first Wednesday of each month)

Christian Formation

Adults and Children

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Adults meet in Grace Chapel

Children meet in their respective areas

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

(September 8, 2015 through May 17, 2016)

We will be studying the book of Jeremiah.

Choir

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings

6:00 p.m. Choristers (K-5th grade)

7:00 p.m. Adults

Christian Formation Schedule

September 2016 - May 2017



Classes for All Ages

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