

Christian Formation Class Offerings (Sundays, 10:00 am):

Bible 101: An Episcopal Journey Through Holy Scripture

Each week we will look at the ancient biblical writings to better understand how and why they were written and what they mean for us today. The objective is for you to have a better perception of each book as we will summarize the text for a more coherent picture of scripture. Facilitated by Rev. Rusty McCown and Jean Larson.

Christian Responsibility in a Changing World

This is an adult formation class facilitated by clergy, parishioners, and guest speakers to discuss issues relevant to contemporary life, and to wrestle with our Christian response to those issues. "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"

Reconciliation is the spiritual practice of seeking loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with God and one another, and striving to heal and transform injustice and brokenness in ourselves, our communities, institutions and society. In Christian Responsibility in a Changing World, we will listen and learn about racial reconciliation. Join us in discussion over the next two Sundays:

- March 17th and 24th: Paul Deepan, Bill Gittens and Rev. Monna Mayhall

Christian Formation for Children

We welcome children for Christian Formation on Sundays at 10:00 am. All the classrooms are located on the right side of the hallway as you move toward Otey Hall. There are three classes: Preschool (ages 3-5), K-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade. The nursery is available for children under 3 years of age.

Parish Prayer List

Cleo Cowan, Ginny Harshey, Judy Ladebauche, Susannah Pierce, Roberta Abstein, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Sam Austin, Henrietta Hobdy, Denny Wilkening, Alex Wilkerson, Lloyd Griffin, James Dickerson, Ellen More, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Natalie Hennes, Jim Gray, Jack Honeycutt,, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Laura Turner, Michelle Blackwelder, Ken Stansberry, Colleen Talbot, Gene Brown, Don and Jean Dicie, Frankie Dorsey, Catherine Mayhew, Susan Trailov, Margaret Brown, Cindy Thomsen, Phil Scharre, Matt Nicks, Lynne McFarland, and Sam Barcus, Michael, Kaleb, Martha, Mike, Linda and Dennis, Daniella, Dee, Don, Linda, Charles, Scott, Alan, Raymond, Fred, Meg, Fred, Nolen, Frank, June, Noah, Mary Reed, Delores, Joanne, Dylan, Norman, Joe, Emily, Mel, Bud, Phil, Ernie, Libby, Mark, John, Ferris, Ty, Dean, Sue, Sarah Ashley, Keith, Brenda, Jackie and Wayne, Joe, Bruce, Jason, Lorraine, Jean, Gary, Susan, Tommy, Mike and Greg



TODAY – March 17, 2019

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

Christian Formation Programs – Sunday Schedule

10:00 am

(See back of insert for class descriptions.)

Bible 101 – Meets in Antioch (across from Otey)

Christian Responsibility in A Changing World – Otey Hall

Children's Christian Formation classes – Classrooms off main hallway (K-2)

Youth Confirmation Classes/Sunday School - Barnabas

Spring Break Schedule:

St. Cecilia Choir and EYG (Episcopal Youth Group) will NOT meet this Sunday, March 17th And

Children's Sunday School will not be available on Sunday, March 24th.

Happy Spring Break, everyone!

St. Paul's 2019 Lenten Series: Making Sense of the Cross

Wednesday Evenings, March 20th – April 10th : 5:30 Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary, 6 pm Dinner and 6:30 pm Program in Otey

Whatever we say about the cross, we are also saying about God. So, what does the cross mean? What can it tell us about God? How can it help us approach, understand, and know God better? This study is an exploration of the cross and the different understandings of the cross that have existed across time (and how the diversity inspires, challenges, and often confuses us!) Our Lenten program will continue each week, ending on April 10th. We will begin each session with a simple Lenten meal, followed by our program. We will conclude by 7:30 pm. Childcare and children's programs will occur as well. We hope to see you all. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC) Training – Today!

Sundays, March 17th and 24th, in Otey Hall at *either* 12:15 or 5:00 pm

In follow-up to our September information series, we are ready to start training church members in the specific aspects of IWC implementation. If you are interested in helping others find their place at St. Paul's, we invite you to join in one of the following training sessions. The sessions offered on the same day contain the same information; you only need to attend one of them. A Sign-Up

Genius will be circulating through *News From the Pews* where you can officially sign up for a session. We would love to know who is coming in advance!

Sunday, March 17, 12:15 and 5:00 pm- Invite: Issuing the invitation to others and spreading the news through your community- the ministry of Evangelism

Sunday, March 24, 12:15 and 5:00 pm- Welcome: Specifically, being the face of St. Paul's on Sunday mornings- the ministry of Hospitality

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, March 31st

The Bishop's annual visitation will be held on Sunday, March 31st. He will preach and celebrate at the 7:30 am and 8:45 am services and Confirmation will take place at the 11:00 am service. Christian Formation with the Bishop will begin in Founders Hall at 10 am with a reception to follow.

The Coffee Club

Wednesdays from 6:45 am – 7:45 am in Barnabas

Come join the men's bible study every Wednesday morning. Please contact Rev. Rusty McCown with any questions at rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com.

WITS –During Lent

Thursdays from 9:30 am - 11:00 am in Barnabas

WITS (Women in Theological Study) will begin a new series for Lent using author, professor and biblical scholar, Amy Jill-Levine's newest study, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. In this study we will explore the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. Levine invites us to see how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. We will meet on these Thursdays for this study – *March 21, April 4, 11, and 18*. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Theology on Thursdays – Meetings Will Resume on April 25th

Tuesday Morning Lectionary Class

Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 am in Damascus

Searching for a better understanding of the readings you hear each Sunday? Every Tuesday morning, a group gathers and studies the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Lively discussion follows. Anyone is welcome to join this jolly crowd!

Be Part of Sundays at The Hearth – Every Sunday!

If you attend the 11:00 am service and ever wondered where I (Lucinda Dyer) go with the big black box that Rusty or Monna hands me at the end of the service.... Every Sunday afternoon St. Paul's brings "church" to the senior residents of The Hearth in Franklin. At 1:00 pm, we have a simple service (with lots of singing) for the memory care unit and from 1:30 to 3:15 pm, we have fellowship, a Bible study, and communion with a group of Assisted and Independent Living residents. Regardless of what service you attend, if you'd

like to be part of this truly joyful ministry (even for one Sunday a month), please contact Lucinda Dyer at 615-794-0310 or dyerpr@gmail.com.

Outreach - FrankTown Open Hearts Camp

Do you remember your summer camp experience and lessons learned? In 2018, the local nonprofit organization, *FrankTown Open Hearts* was able to send 155 of their students who range in age from 8-18 years, to camp! This was accomplished with partial scholarships from 9 camps and generosity of individual donors. We have an opportunity to help make 2019 just as successful. For \$150, you can sponsor a child. FrankTown has many children who want to go, and they must demonstrate good school citizenship to earn their spot. Your response to each Outreach project has been amazing and each agency has been very grateful. If you are willing to sponsor a child to camp, please mark your check for "FrankTown." There are informational cards available for you to fill out and return with your check by March 20th. Those can be found in the Narthex and Founders Hall. For every one sponsored by an individual family, St. Paul's Outreach Committee will sponsor another. It's our own camp buddy system. If you have questions or desire details, please see Will Boggs, Jim Miller, Nancy Black, Judy Stockton, Pamela Holley, Dovey McLeod, or Monna Mayhall. To learn more about *FrankTown Open Hearts*, go to their website <https://franktownopenhearts.com/> Help make a difference!

St. Paul's Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide spiritual and emotional, one-to-one, man-to-man, woman to woman, care to adults undergoing a wide variety of challenges or difficulties. If a Stephen Minister can care for you by listening, praying and encouraging you during your time of need, please call St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 615-790-0527 and ask to speak to one of our Priests or Fred Warner or email SM@stpaulsfranklin.com. All conversations are strictly confidential. Additional information about Stephen Ministry is in the pews or in the Narthex.

Sit and Stitch – The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Last Thursday of the month, March 28th, from 9:30-11:30 am in Founders'

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has gradually been expanding its focus, one stitch at a time, and is actually involved in many prayer-filled projects, and not all of them involve knitting or crocheting. So...Witty Knitters is rebranding itself to be **Sit and Stitch**. Here are some of the activities that we are presently working on.

- *Prayer Shawls* – knit or crochet
- *Prayer Scarves* – knit or crochet
- *Moses basket blankets* – knit, crochet or sew (blankets for newborns)
- *Preemie baby hats* – knit or crochet
- *Kangaroo Cuddlers* – sew

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jane Muir at nanadrives@comcast.net or 615-566-8465.