



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt, lives are changed!

February 9, 2018

Adult Forum

This week we conclude our study of Being Christian. Last week we covered the chapter on the Eucharist. We had 30 present and great participation. This week we study prayer. We will be following the guidance from three major saints of the Church. Origen is from the early 200s. Gregory of Nyssa is from the late 300s. And, John Cassian is from the early 400s. We will practice some prayer. Come join us Sunday. Your input is so important. The books are here. Be sure you get your copy.

The Good Book Club

Sunday, February 11, this Sunday, begins our study called the Good Book Club. We do not discuss until the 18th, but you will want to begin to read on the 11th. Please go to this link so you can download your study guide. <https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2499/good-book-club-bible-study-for-lukeacts.aspx> There is no cost. There is a study guide for participant and for facilitator. Feel free to open both. The main page will give you the readings for each day and many resources to use from now until the end of Eastertide. <http://www.goodbookclub.org> Just imagine that by May 20 you will have read and studied two full books of the Bible written by Luke, the Evangelist.

Wednesday Nights In Lent

Our Wednesday night study during Lent is called "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. It is developed by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. If you sign up for it you will receive daily emails with videos and encouragement. Go to <http://www.meetingjesusinjohn.org> to register. You will also be able to access your electronic study guide and journal. If you would like to have a hard copy of the study guide and journal, please inform the office. They can be ordered to be ready for our first week, February 21.

EYF

Join us following 11:15 a.m. worship for lunch. We plan to set-up the tables and prepare for the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13.

Holy Baptism

**This Sunday
February 11, 11:15 a.m.**

Adult Confirmation Planning Meeting

We are beginning preparation for our Adult Confirmation Class. If you are interested in being confirmed, please plan to attend the meeting on February 18, immediately following 11:15 a.m. worship, in the Pollard Room.

Confirmation Class The Rite of Confirmation along with Reception and Reaffirmation, is something that only a bishop can perform. Bishop Cole will be here June 24, and anyone who has been baptized and taken the class will be confirmed on that day.



Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Imposition of Ashes/Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Healing Service/Holy Eucharist

**Lenten Bag Dinner and Study
Beginning February 21 through March 21
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Bring a bag meal and come enjoy dinner with your friends. Parish life will supply dessert and drinks.

See article on Wednesday Nights in Lent for more information on the study.

Adult Bible Class

Much struggle and suffering had brought the little band of Apostles to this day: Imprisonment and severe beatings to Peter and Paul and others and the martyring of two Apostles. But, today the Christian Church was launching the greatest of all steps: five men from diverse backgrounds led by Paul and Barnabas and filled with the Holy Spirit, launched what became a worldwide mission to bring the Gospel to Jews, Gentiles, and to all comers. Join us this Sunday at 10:00am in Room 109 as we learn about this mission in Ch. 13 of the Book of Acts. Jack Campbell will lead this session.



Would You Be Interested ?

This will be the third year of reading camp in Clearfork Valley. **If you are interested in being a part of planning our mission,** please join us after the late service Sunday in the Pollard Room to begin the process.

Sermon

Since Christmas we have been shown and told about the glory of Jesus. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is depicted in light when Peter, James and John accompany Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Peter wanted to enshrine the glory, but instead he was given a set of directions that changed his life. He was sent back down the mountain



Holy Communion

to follow the cross. As we move this Sunday from light to the ashes of Ash Wednesday, we move from light to a season of darkness, muted hopes, and even emptiness. Will you join me in paying attention to the gospel as shining in a dark place? Fr. Minter

Food Baskets

Please check your bulletin for a list of items needed for the Easter Food Baskets.

Outreach is in need of all of these items.



Food Baskets

You may also donate online: <http://www.ststephensor.com/contributions.html>

Quiet Day

The Daughters of the King will have a Quiet Day led by Fr. Minter on Saturday, February 17, 9-12 p.m. in the Pollard Room. Coffee and good things to eat will be provided.

The Schedule

**Orientation & Group Time
Walking the Labyrinth**

**Times of Silence & Journaling
Instruction & Private Time**

Following the meeting those wishing to continue in fellowship are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat in the parish hall. Drinks will be provided.

This day is open to all men and women of the parish, so won't you join the Daughters of the King in beginning a prayerful Lent with a Quiet Day?

**You may RSVP to Deborah Clary,
dpclary3@aol.com, 865-567-1091**

by TODAY

Pastoral Care

JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR Craig Brent; Irma Brown; Jaime Burnham & Gay Marie Logsdon; Nancy & David Caldwell; Anne Campbell .

Please add these names to your prayer list.