



Reminder: Order your Official Bicentennial Commemorative Book “Bridging Borders and Time – A Bicentennial Portrait of Fort Smith.” St. John’s special discounted rate of \$35.00 each. (\$30.00 each additional book on the same order). Drop off your order at the church office or call Angela Covey at 484-5134. Please submit your order by **April 14, 2017**.

Vestry Meeting: *Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30pm*. Reports are due on Friday, April 7.

Wednesday Night Lenten Services: *Wednesday, April 5.*

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30 Holy Eucharist & Program
6:30pm – 7:00pm – dinner

Book Study Group: We will meet on *Thursday, April 6 at noon* at Sake Restaurant.



St. John’s Sack Lunch Program

Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch – Monday, April 10: will be held at Goddard United Methodist Church. The Tasha Blackburn of First Presbyterian Church will be preaching.

Lunch: 11:45—12:15

Service: 12:15-- 12:45

Lunch: 12:45 – 1:15

SAHMs (Stay At Home Moms): We will meet at noon on *Wednesday, April 12* at Chili’s.

Easter Egg Hunt– *Sat, April 15th at 10:00 a.m.* at the Skinner Building; Lunch included. Click the link to RSVP if you have not. We want to prepare accordingly.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hTCnj2SLhS6MnOsDNJCp4bSiZ68JYAR_1UPe0kuXkEQ/edit

Baptism: We will celebrate *Baptism at Easter Vigil, April 15th at 7pm*. If you or your child is interested in Baptism, please speak with Fr. Mike. Baptism instruction class will be on *Sunday, April 9th at 3pm*.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 13 at 7pm.

Good Friday Services: Friday, April 14 at noon, and again at 7pm.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 15 at 7pm (incl. Baptism)

Church Offices will be closed on Monday, April 17, after Easter.

We will reopen on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:30am.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **TIME FOR JOY RETREAT – April 28-30, 2017**

If you are between the ages of 19-40 something and would like to spend a weekend retreat at Camp Mitchell to get away from living stressful lives this is for you. The purpose of the retreat is to provide experiences which affirm and encourage young women on their spiritual journey.

ECW is offering 2 scholarships to this event. If you are interested, please contact Vickie at the church office 782-9912. Paper registration form in the Holy Babble, on the <http://arkansasecw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Time-for-JOY-2017-Brochure-PDF-1.pdf> and the church bulletin board.

- **MEN's WEEKEND – Camp Mitchell:** Men of the Episcopal Church far and near! Hear ye, Hear ye! Save the first weekend in May...**May 5, 6, and 7** for an Episcopal Men's Retreat, the first in many, many years. A time for rest, relaxation, re-creation, and renewal. Leave your day job and weekend chores behind, they will be there on Monday. Arrive anytime on Friday and enjoy the beauty and serenity of Camp Mitchell. Check in any time after 3PM. Dinner at 6, Friday evening program starts at 7. See the Holy Babble for more information. Registration info on web page <http://stjohnfs.org/uploads/2017%20Mens%20Wkd%20CLR.pdf> home & on hallway bulletin board.

- **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: SUMMER QUEST – JUNE 2-4, 2017**

This is an annual 3-day retreat held the first full weekend of June at Camp Mitchell atop Petit Jean Mountain located near Morrilton, AR. Women of all ages come together bringing diverse experiences and representing different parishes and missions in AR.

The retreat begins on Friday with a personal spiritual growth day know as Quiet Day. The weekend features a noteworthy speaker, workshops, time to rest, and lots of love and laughter.

ECW has 2 scholarships available to this retreat if needed. Please call Vickie at the church office 782-9912 if interested in attending. More details are in the Holy Babble with the registration form or see web page https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-quest-2017-registration-32637464535?utm_term=eventurl_text & hallway bulletin board.

CONNECTIONS GROUPS: *For Service, Social, or Study opportunities:* Online Sign Up- www.stjohnfs.org Home Page. Or Forms are on the Hallway Bulletin Board. See a complete list in the *Holy Babble* that is being mailed out today.

- **Book Study Group:** We will meet on *Thursday, April 6 at noon* at Sake Restaurant.
- **Creative Bible Journaling:** We will meet on Monday, April 10 at 7pm in the Skinner Bldg.

Youth:

- Apr. 9 - STARFISH meet 2nd Sunday, too, for Sack Lunch prep. 12:00—2:00pm.
- Apr. 9 - Brownie Troop – Girls in 2-3rd grad. All interested meet in the Skinner Bldg. for 12:00 lunch, then meeting. Parents & girls. Meet to discuss possible meeting times & program start-up time.
- Apr. 15 - Easter Egg Hunt– Sat, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Skinner Building; Lunch included. More information in the Holy Babble.
- Families come for “Day of Service” – April 22. For more details see below.

2017 Seniors – Congratulations! Graduate Celebration, Sunday, May 21. High School Graduates are Ryan Davis, Chance Hevner, Andy McLellan, Courtney Meyers, Rebecca Parham, and Maddie Petrus. College Graduates are Beth Carson, Sarah Kincannon, Madison Lager, Kandi Poirier, and Kayla Tickler. Please notify the office or Jeannie McCabe if any names have been omitted.

New Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am—4:30pm.

Saturday hours, 9:30am—12:30pm.

Sexton hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:00am—1:30pm.

COMING SOON:

**A Day of Service and Fun/Saturday, April 22nd, 9AM-12 noon:
for Parish Families and Friends...Spring Clean Up Day at St. John's.**

How can you teach your family about service? What can you do to help St. John's? More information in the Holy Babble.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

EfM (Education for Ministry) Thursday nights, at 5:30pm in the Skinner Building.
Cancelled for Thursday, April 13 (Maundy Thursday).

Homeschool Kids: Fridays in April, 9:00—11:00am in the Skinner Building.

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00 service:

Usher: Bill Chandler.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Chris Glasco; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Rick Hayes; *Prayers*, Muggy Murray; *Chalice*, Muggy Murray & Rick Hayes.

Passion Gospel: *Narrator*, Muggy Murray; *Jesus*, Rick Hayes; *Pilot*, Chris Glasco.

Altar Guild: Connie Smith.

Hospitality: Jo Ann Flocks.

Announcements: Karen Orite.

10:30 service:

Ushers: Mike & Sherri Tickler.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Pat Klahr; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Dennis Goff; *Prayers (Special)* Mary Ann Arnold; *Chalice*, Mike Orite & Sherri Tickler.

Passion Gospel: *Narrator*, Mariko Clifton; *Jesus*, Brent Ward; *Pilot*, Kody Goad.

Acolytes: *Server*, Ian Werthmuller; *Asst. Server*, Maggie Werthmuller; *Crucifer*, Mattie McLellan; *Clergy*, Ian McLellan. *Parent helper*, Werthmuller.

Children's Chapel: Margaret McLellan.

Altar Guild: Mariko Clifton & Eric Clifton.

Hospitality: Karen Orite.

Announcements: Susan McCluney.