



"Taste of EfM" Sunday, May 21, 3:00 pm in the Skinner Building. Come see what this study program through Sewanee offers. Talk to graduates, preview materials and books, and experience a small piece of the theological reflection process. Tentative plan is that the group will meet Tuesday night's, 5:30-8:00 starting in the fall. Questions can be directed to Mentors, Karen Lawson and Jeannie McCabe.

Sack Lunch Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: Friday, May 12 at 12:30pm at Fort Smith First United Methodist Church, 200 North 15th Street.

Daughters of the King (DoK): We will meet on *Sunday, May 14 at noon* in the Skinner Building.

Mind Stretchers: *Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00pm* in the Skinner Building. The final talk of the 2016-2017 Mind Stretchers series will be given by Brandy Ree, PhD of the University of Arkansas Fort Smith. She will continue our series on genetics by describing how to create experiments to develop cancer treatments. We will spend an hour or so being students. Join us at 6 pm for snacks with the talk starting at 6:30 in the Ruth Skinner Building.

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. EfM graduates are Lee Cross, Joan Kincannon and Irene Willbanks. Please notify the office or Jeannie McCabe if any names have been omitted.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

St. John's parish picnic will be held following the 10:30 service on **SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH**, in the Skinner Building and on the Victorian House Lawn (your choice). Games and food will be part of this event. Please bring an item or a dish to share from the list below. Dress is casual. We will picnic rain or shine!

A-B - 1 pkg. each hamburger and hot dog buns

C-D – Baked beans (serving for 12)

E-J – 1 dozen deviled eggs

K-N – 1 bag chips

O-T – coleslaw or potato salad for 12

U-Z – cookies, brownies, bars

Any questions, call Robin Flippin at 479-883-0780 or 479-484-7269

Kairos Donations: Prison ministry to McPherson Women's Unit – June 8-11. Cookies (no nuts, fruit, or powdered sugar). Money donations toward meals or cookies, checks payable to St.

John's, Memo: Kairos. Sign up on Prayer list, on table in Parish Hall. Donations submitted by June 4. Thank you, Jeannie McCabe, Team Member.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: SUMMER QUEST – JUNE 2-4, 2017** Forms at arkansasecw.org 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.

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.

- **SAHMs (Stay At Home Moms):** *Wednesday, May 17 at noon* at Stonehouse at Chaffee Crossing.

Youth:

- **NEW:** Girl Scout BROWNIE Troop formed! Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays through May, 5:00-7:00pm in the church. Next meetings will be May 10 & 24. 1st-3rd grade girls. Group will meet once a month over the summer, new meeting time will be announced.
- **STARFISH**
May 14 –Sack lunch prep. 12:00-2:00
- **July 24-27:** (Mon.-Thurs.) 5:30-8:00pm **SAVE the DATE: VBS program**
At St. John's "Weaving the web of Life," a Heifer International curriculum.
- **Creative Wednesdays:** Summer Program, 1:00—3:00pm. Details coming.

2017 Summer Camp Schedule: ALL REGISTRATION ONLINE.

See link below.

June 10	CIT Training
June 11–16	Senior High (completed 9th–12th grade)
June 18–23	Junior High (completed 6th–8th grade)
June 25–30	Middler (completed 4th–5th grade)
July 2–6	Robert R. Brown I Specialty Camp
July 16–21	Primary (completed 1st–3rd grade)

July 23–28 Dick Johnston Children's Camp
July 30–Aug. 4 Farm Camp
July 30–Aug. 4 Creative Arts Camp
Aug. 6–10 Robert R. Brown II Specialty Camp

[Learn more and register at Camp Mitchell.org website tab: summer camp.](http://CampMitchell.org)

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Rector's Class Resumes: *Wednesday nights, at 5:00 p.m.* in the Skinner Building.

EfM (Education for Ministry) *Thursday nights, at 5:30pm* in the Skinner Building. Last meeting May 25.

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00 service:

Usher: John Cross.

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

Altar Guild: Muggy Murray.

Hospitality: Becky Ibison.

10:30 service:

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Rex Terry; *2nd Lesson*, Angela Covey; *Prayers (Form IV)* Dave Arnold; *Chalice*, Stan Vlademar & Mike Orite.

Acolytes: *Server*, Grace Lowe; *Crucifer*, Emily Napier; *Torch*, Mya Schnauffer. *Parent helper*, Jennifer Napier.

Children's Chapel: Jeannie McCabe.

Altar Guild: Eleanor Foltz & Susan Horton.

Hospitality: Calline Ellis.