



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast:** Sunday, May 7 from 9:00—9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.

**"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. 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.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all the lectors and chalice beaters who gave of their time to attend the extra Wednesday night services during Lent and then the Holy Week Services leading up to Easter Sunday. Everyone did an outstanding job with this important ministry. High five's to all of you! Mary Ann Arnold

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

**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:**

- **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. Register: [programdirector@campmitchell.org](mailto:programdirector@campmitchell.org) Cost: Registration info on home page & on hallway bulletin board. Day only attendance is possible. Meals: Sat. only \$85.00.

- **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: SUMMER QUEST – JUNE 2-4, 2017** Forms at [arkansasecw.org](http://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](http://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:** *Thursday, May 4 at noon* at Sake Restaurant on Garrison Ave.
- **SAHMs (Stay At Home Moms):** *Wednesday, May 17 at noon* at Stonehouse at Chaffee Crossing.

### **Youth:**

- **NEW:** Girl Scout BROWNIE Troop formed! Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays through May 5:00-7:00pm in the church. 1st-3rd grade girls. Group will meet once a month over the summer, new meeting time will be announced.
- **STARFISH & Dolphins:** 12:00-2:00  
May 7 – Last meeting of the year.
- **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.

### **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 7, 2017**

**8:00 service:**

**Usher:** John Cross.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Lindsey Fielder; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Cindy Cole; *Prayers*, Becky Ibison; *Chalice*, Cindy Cole & Stan Vlademar. *Parish Hall Chalice*, Debbie Chandler & Rick Hayes.

**Altar Guild:** Muggy Murray.

**Hospitality:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast.

**Announcements:** Jean Kolljeski.

**10:30 service:**

**Ushers:** Ron & Karen Lawson.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Mariko Clifton; *2nd Lesson*, Tony Contreras; *Prayers (Form IV)* Pat Klahr; *Chalice*, Sherri Tickler & Cecil Engles.

**Acolytes:** *Server*, Wyatt Robinson; *Asst. Server*, Will Robinson; *Crucifer*, Mattie McLellan; *Clergy*, Ian McLellan; *Torch*, Reed Stinson. *Parent helper*, Margaret McLellan.

**Children's Chapel:** Margaret McLellan.

**Altar Guild:** Eleanor Foltz & Susan Horton.

**Hospitality:** Teresa Williamson.

**Announcements:** Ron Lawson.