



Saints Alive: The Glasco's will be hosting Saints Alive at their home on *Friday September 29 at 6:30*, co-hosted by Bill Speer. The main dish will be beef and pork sliders. They ask you to bring a side or dessert and beverage. If the weather holds out, we will gather around the "cauldron" at the shed. Bring your lawn chairs.

Sack Lunch Sunday, September 24, 2017. All donations go toward the purchase of food and supplies for the program since the SLP is staffed solely by the help of 300 volunteers. Checks should be made to St. John's Sack Lunch Program. On-line gifts are accepted by visiting: www.stjohnfs.org and clicking on "Donate to the Sack Lunch Program".

Newcomers Instruction: Begins *September 24, noon* in Chambers Hall. Anyone new to the parish in the last 12 months this is an introduction to the Episcopal Church and St. John's.

Fort Smith Little Theatre - Dark Night benefit performance to benefit The Sack Lunch Program, Tuesday, September 26th. **"Making God Laugh"**

Tickets Available Online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/sack-lunch-program-14849325721>

Click on "Make God Laugh" and purchase tickets or call or Stop By St. John's Skinner Building to purchase tickets. 782-9912

Girl's Night Out: *Tuesday, September 26th at 6pm* at Lulu's Bistro, 9417 Rogers Ave. (Old Mill place).

Laymen's League: *Thursday, September 28th at noon* in the Parish Hall.

Blessing of the Animals at St. Bart's: On *October 1st at 3:00 p.m.* St. John's and St. Bartholomew's will celebrate Blessing of the Animals and both Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael will do the blessings.

Sack Lunch Open House and Reception for all volunteers, churches, donors/benefactors and friends on *Sunday, October 8th, 2PM-4PM* at the new location!

St. John's Fall Clean-Up: *Saturday, October 14th, 9am—12 noon.* Everyone welcome to come out & help spruce up our campus, inside & out.

Cards for Others: Remember as you clean out your drawers, closets and spaces that we are always in need of Cards for Others. Any occasion. They may be dropped off in the hallway basket at the Parish Hall or in the basket at the front of the reception desk at the Skinner Building. Thank you, Bill Speer, Coordinator.

SIMPLY SACRED EVERYDAY – CREATING AN INTENTIONAL RULE OF LIFE: A

*Retreat sponsored by Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat (AECS) at **Camp Mitchell** - **November 3 - 4, 2017; 5:00 pm Friday* to 3:00 pm Saturday**; \$85 for housing, meals and materials. *Registration deadline: Friday, October 20th* Forms and details on website www.stjohnfs.org Home Page & Hallway bulletin board*

To help with “Hurricane Harvey” Assistance – 1). Monetary: make checks payable to Bishop’s Discretionary Fund with Diocese of Texas aid in the memo line. Mail your gift to: Bishop’s Discretionary Fund, The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, P.O. Box 164668, Little Rock, AR 72216-4668.

Camp Mitchell, the camp and conference center of the Diocese of Arkansas, will be open as a *shelter for those evacuating due to Hurricane Harvey*. The camp will offer 125 beds for those needing emergency shelter in this national time of crisis. Thank you for your support of our Camp and Conference facility and our ministry in the wider world.

Invitation to all St. John’s women: anyone who is interested in serving as President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of ECW; please contact Patricia Irby, Molly Schardt or Mariko Clifton to be added to the list of nominees for the November meeting.

➤ **Did you know?** You can make a secure donation to St. John’s using your PayPal account or your Debit Card. Just click the link to go to our website <http://stjohnfs.org/giving/> it’s that easy!



CONNECTIONS GROUPS: For Service, Social, or Study opportunities: Online Sign Up- www.stjohnfs.org Home Page. Or Forms are on the Hallway Bulletin Board.

- **BIBLE JOURNALING:** Meets 3rd Mondays 6:30pm in the Library of the Skinner Bldg. Bring a Bible to draw, paint ... be creative with selected passages.
- **Casserole of Life:** 4th Fridays, 8:30am, Sept. 22, Parish Hall Kitchen – prepares hot meal for Next Step Homeless Services clients. Serve meal at 11:30. Coordinator: Jeff Champlin (479) 452-7029.
- **Enneagram:** Meet 5:30pm-6:15pm, 2nd & 4th Monday, next meeting Sept. 25 in the Youth Room/Skinner Building. Group meets 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. Book to be used (available on Amazon) The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery by Ian Morgan Cron (Author), Suzanne Stabile (Author). Group will view introduction dvd series on Enneagram. No previous knowledge required.
- **Golf** – Mondays, 5:30pm @ Ben Geren Park. Come join in “Friendship on the Fairways.”
- **Rector’s Classes** – Story of the Church in America. Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Skinner Building and Sundays at 9:15am in Chambers Hall.

- **VINO LEAGUE: October 7/Sat. @ 6pm** Skinner bldg
"Finery and fondue, costumes & consuming" Halloween dress. Host: Mariko Clifton

- **“First and Third Thursdays” Bible Study:** You are invited to be a part of a new Bible study group that is forming at St. John’s. It’s entitled, “First and Third Thursdays” because we will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Skinner Building ‘Youth’ Room. Bring your lunch and we will provide the drinks. The study will begin in Genesis and work through the Story of the Old Testament. Contact Emily Zeigler 462-2366 or Father Mike 221-4030

YOUTH:

STARFISH – (6th-12th grades)

- Meet 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month, 12:00-2:00 in Skinner Building. Lunch Provided.
- Next gathering: Sept. 24th.
- This year focus will be “WORSHIP” and HOPE. Group will learn about the nature of worship in the Episcopal tradition, other Christian traditions and in other religions. Group will attend other worship services to gain a deeper understanding and experience of God in all places.
- **AYE – Weekend at Camp Mitchell Oct. 20-22** at Camp Mitchell (6th-12th grades) Cost: \$120.00. All registration online at eycarkansas.org Tab: Events – AYE. For scholarship assistance contact Jeannie McCabe.

Dolphin’s – (3rd-5th grades)

- Meet the 2nd Sunday of the Month. Lunch provided.
- Will share lunch with STARFISH
- Then meet separately for fun activities and community building

Girls Scouts: meetings are now first and third Mondays from 5-7 at St John's in the classrooms by the nursery (church side of campus). Everyone please bring a snack, it's potluck! As always, guests are always welcome. Leader: Natalie King-Hyman

WORSHIP MINISTERS –Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017

8:00 service:

Usher: Rick Hayes.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Mack Skeen; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Muggy Murray; *Prayers*, Becky Ibison; *Chalice*, Muggy Murray & Becky Ibison.

Altar Guild: Connie Smith.

Hospitality: Rebecca James.

Announcements: Jean Kolljeski.

10:30 service:

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Harold MacDowell; *2nd Lesson*, Lori Burton; *Prayers (Form V)* Rex Terry; *Chalice*, Steve Irby & Pettus Kincannon.

Acolytes: *Server*, Mattie McLellan; *Asst. Server*, Garroway Nance; *Crucifer*, Ian McLellan; *Clergy*, Thomas Burton; *Torches*, Kyle Burton & Raquel Nash.

Children's Chapel: Jeannie McCabe.

Altar Guild: Chuck & Larry Bearden.

Hospitality: Patricia Irby.

Announcements: Jean Kolljeski.