



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

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.

Blessing of the Animals at St. Bart's:

Location: St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in the open field.

Blessers: Father Michael Briggs and Father Mike Lager

Time: *3:00 pm on Sunday, October 1*

Special Guests: Sebastian County Animal Shelter will be present with the Mobile Adoption Truck (arrives at 2:30 pm).

Fort Smith and Sheriff's K-9 Unites. A short presentation by the K-9 unit.

Collection: For Sebastian County Animal Shelter

Needing: Dog/Cat food; Kitty Litter; Newspapers; Old blankets/towels

1st Sunday Breakfast: This *Sunday, Oct. 1* is 1st Sunday Breakfast, 9-930am. Come & join us!

Girls Scouts: meetings are now first and third *Mondays from 5-7. Next meeting is Oct. 2.*

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

Confirmation Class for Adults begins October 8

The Bishop makes his annual visit to St. John's on Sunday, November 5th. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a major part of this visit. Confirmation is our mature commitment to live out the Baptismal Vows that were made for us in our early years. In other words, it is the official way a mature member says, "Yes! I want to live out the Christian faith through the traditions of the Anglican Communion."

In preparation for Confirmation, the Rector will lead classes on **Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Skinner Building. The weekly classes will meet on October 8, 15, 22, & 29 On November 5 Confirmands will meet with the Bishop prior to the 10:30 a.m. service.** If you need to miss a class, Fr. Mike will work with your schedule for a make-up session. Please contact Fr. Mike if interested. MLAGER@STJOHNFS.ORG

"First and Third Thursdays" Bible Study: *Thursday, Oct. 5* 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.*

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. Location is moving and TBA. Call/text Emily Ziegler to be notified of new location. 1 (479) 462-2366.

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. Any amount of time will be helpful. All ages – families – something for all to do!!

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*

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.

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.

➤ **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!*

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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.
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YOUTH:

New: **Youth Chapel (6th-9th grades)** meets during 10:30 service for study of bible lesson. Youth to exit/return behind children’s chapel group.

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.

- Next meeting *Oct. 8.*
- 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, Oct. 1, 2017

8:00 service:

Usher: Mack Skeen.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Lindsey Fielder; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Rick Hayes; *Prayers*, Muggy Murray; *Chalice*, Cindy Cole & Debbie Chandler; *Parish Hall Chalice*, Rick Hayes & Helen Harper.

Altar Guild: Muggy Murray.

Hospitality: 1st Sunday Breakfast.

Announcements: Mike Lager.

10:30 service:

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Mariko Clifton; *2nd Lesson*, Kody Goad; *Prayers (Form II)* Lori Burton; *Chalice*, Steve Kilpatrick & Sherri Tickler.

Acolytes: *Server*, Anthony Williams; *Asst. Server*, Baylor Hossley; *Crucifer*, Kenzie Williams; *Clergy*, Benton Hossley; *Torches*, TBA.

Children's Chapel: Jeannie McCabe.

Eucharistic Visitor: Harold MacDowell to Gene Rapley.

Altar Guild: Dorothy, Kristen & Desirae Love.

Hospitality: Karen Orite.

Announcements: Pettus Kincannon.