



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)

Easter Sunday: *Sunday, April 16*

8:00am service, Rite I

10:00am Flowering of the Cross in the Garden

10:30am service, Rite II

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

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

Easter Flower Offering (Easter is April 16)

If you would like to contribute toward the Easter Flowers, please place your check marked “Easter Flowers” in the alms basin or leave it in the church office. Please provide the names of those you would like to memorialize or honor in an email to vphelan@stjohnfs.org or drop off at the church office today. **Deadline for submitting names is today, Wednesday, April 12.**

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

NEW: Girl Scout BROWNIE Troop forming! Every Wednesday till summer.

5:00 in Skinner Bldg. 1st-3rd grade girls. ***FIRST gathering, April 12.***

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. **Deadline for orders is April 14, 2017.**

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

Saints Alive: Mark your calendars for *Friday April 21st 6:30 P.M. for Saints Alive at the GLASCO's*. 3908 Glen Flora Way, Fort Smith.

Serving Pork Tenderloin. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert and your favorite beverage. Also, **bring your lawn chair/chairs** as well. We plan to gather around the cabin in our back yard.

The Diocese of Arkansas is offering Education for Ministry (EfM) Mentor Training at Camp

Mitchell, *Sunday, April 23–Tuesday, April 25*. Registration fees, including meals and lodging, is \$250 for a double room, \$295 for a single. For more information, email David Sims, EfM coordinator, or call 479-474-4215.

Girls Night Out: Get ready for a taste of Italy at the **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant**, 7515 Rogers Avenue. We will gather at **6:00 pm** on **Tuesday, April 25th**, to feast on your favorites. You will be contacted by email or telephone for reservations. Bring a friend to join in the fun and fellowship with this group.

Laymen's League: All Saint John's Laymen are warmly invited to participate in the *April 27 meeting, at noon* in the Parish Hall

The Fort Smith Chorale will present "Songs of Love" on *Thursday, April 27th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church*. Tickets for the single performance are \$15 (Available online at www.FortSmithChorale.com). The single performance tickets are available online or see either Ginger Terry, Rex Terry, or Pettus Kincannon.

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.

- **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.

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.

Youth:

- 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.
- **NEW:** Girl Scout BROWNIE Troop forming! Every Wednesday till summer. 5:00 in Skinner Bldg. 1st-3rd grade girls. **FIRST** gathering, April 12.

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 – Thursday, April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Karen Orite; *Psalm/2nd Lesson*, Kody Goad; *Prayers (Form V)*, Angela Covey; *Psalm 22*, Rick Hayes; *Chalice*, David Sims & Becky Ibison.

Usher: Ron & Karen Lawson.

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Friday, April 14, 2017 Good Friday

Noon service

Lay Readers: *Noon service* - 1st Lesson, David Arnold; *Psalm/2nd Lesson*, Sara Edmiston.

Passion Gospel: *Narrator & Woman*, Mary Ann Arnold; *Jesus*, Harold MacDowell; *Pilate, Peter, Officer, Slave*, Rex Terry; *Solemn Collects*; Dave Arnold;

Chalice: Mary Ann Arnold & Mike Orite.

7:00 PM

Usher: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Readers: *7:00 service* - 1st Lesson, Rick Hayes; *Psalm/2nd Lesson*, Jeannie McCabe.

Passion Gospel: *Narrator & Woman*, Muggy Murray; *Jesus*, Chris Glasco; *Pilate, Peter, Officer, Slave*, Pettus Kincannon; *Solemn Collects*, Fr. Jeff Champlin & Fr. Mike Lager.

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Saturday, April 15, 2017 Easter Vigil

7:00 PM

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Ministers: *1st Reading & Psalm 33*, Jeannie McCabe; *2nd Reading & Canticle 8*, Mack Skeen; *3rd Reading & Psalm 30*, Mary Ann Arnold; *Baptismal Prayers*, Rex Terry; *1st Lesson*, Harold MacDowell.

Chalice Bearers: Sherri Tickler & Cecil Engles.

Acolytes: *Server*, Will Robinson; *Asst. Server*, Wyatt Robinson; *Crucifer*, Cole Meyers; *Clergy Crucifer*, Andrew Buergler; *Torches*, Walker Cloninger & Sam Cloninger.

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, April 16, 2017 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 service:

Usher: Bill Chandler.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Rebecca James; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Helen Harper; *Prayers*, Becky Ibison; *Chalice*, Becky Ibison & Helen Harper.

Altar Guild: Connie Smith.

Hospitality: Jo Ann Flocks.

Announcements: Mike Lager.

10:30 service:

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Sara Kincannon; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Richard Hossley; *Prayers (Special)* Angela Covey; *Chalice*, Pettus Kincannon & Brent Ward.

Acolytes: *Server*, Keo Ward; *Asst. Server*, Anthony Williams; *Crucifer*, Gregory Allen; *Clergy*, Kenzie Williams; *Torches*, Sydney Randall & Alana Contreras.

Children's Chapel: Kim Lager.

Altar Guild: Mariko Clifton & Eric Clifton.

Hospitality: Jackie Sanders.

Announcements: Mike Lager.