



**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. Please submit your order by April 14, 2017.

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Empty Bowls”:** A fundraiser for the Meals for Kids Program.  
When: *February 16, 2017*. Drop in from 5:30-7:30pm.  
Where: Van Buren High School.  
Cost: \$15, for dinner and a handmade bowl.

**Diocesan Convention**

The 145th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Arkansas will take place **Friday, Feb. 17 – Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017**. Your delegates are Pat Klahr & Karen Orite, alternates are Jeannie McCabe & David Sims.

**ECW (Episcopal Church Women):** we will meet on *Sunday, February 19* at noon in Chambers Hall

**Faith Family Fun:** *Sunday, Feb. 19 from 4:00—5:30pm at the church*. Families with children 3 yrs-2nd grade and siblings!! Bring FAITH CHEST; items provided if no Chest available. Childcare for infants/toddlers. SEE YOU THERE!!

**LENTEN RETREAT-** *Sat. Mar 4, 10:00-4:00* at St. John's. "Women at the Cross" with Retreat speaker, Helen Hargreaves. \$10 with registration. Forms on hallway bulletin board and on Home Page of website, [www.stjohnfs.org](http://www.stjohnfs.org)

**Mindstretchers:** *Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:00pm* in the Skinner Building. Subject: DNA and our changing understanding.

**Laymen’s League:** We will meet at noon on *Thursday, Feb. 23* in the Parish Hall.

**Girl’s Night Out Changed:** Since *February 28<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday*, this group will not meet in February, but will meet on *Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>*, at Grub’s Bar and Grill Restaurant, at 6:00 p.m. Email reminders for reservations will be sent out later.

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Shrove Tuesday Shrimp Boil:** At Trinity, Van Buren, *Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 5:00pm—8:00pm*. Adults \$15, Kids (ages 5-11) \$5. You can get your tickets at the church office.

**The Boys Shelter Incorporated:** is a non-profit organization that helps special boys between the

ages of 13-18 years of age adjust to life's responsibilities through the hands of Family teachers. The Shelter works with boys that have been described as pre-delinquent, educationally handicapped or slightly educationally disturbed. The program teaches young men to have a more successful lifestyle. Through the value of dignity it also teaches them to be proud of themselves.

Nita Newman, of St. John's is a volunteer there. The boys call her "Grandma" as she lovingly prepares, serves, and shares meals with them, helps them with homework, and assists on field trips.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Boys clothing (gently used acceptable); household cleaning supplies, personal toiletries, kitchen paper products. *Place items in labeled collection basket found with others in front hallway. THANK YOU!*

**Come get in on the fun! Remember to sign up to host Saints' Alive for 2017:** There is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. **The host provides the place, dishes, silverware, ice and an entrée,** with everyone bringing a dish and beverage of choice. The host chooses what weekend and what day to have it that month and the time. Please call Karen Rouse at 479-763-1050 if you have any questions. April, May, June, September & October have already been reserved. Pick your date now.

**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.

**Vino League** - Last Friday of each month, at 7:00pm. *Next gathering Feb. 24, 7pm.* Beth and Jody Carson are hosting this month! The theme is rosé! Shades of pink, and flavors of citrus and berries.

Please bring an appetizer, entree, or dessert that pairs with your wine selection. Get creative! Be prepared to tell us a bit about your wine, such as, vineyard or grapes/region, bouquet, lingering flavors, pairing options, why you chose your pairing, etc.

If you have any questions please contact Kandi 479-414-5719 or Beth 501-690-5852

**NEW Service "Connections" Group:** (name forthcoming) Monthly, on 4th Fridays. Prepare and serve HOT Lunch for clients of Next Step Homeless Services. Meal prep that morning in the big kitchen off the parish hall. from 8:30 to 11:30. Serving meal at 11:30. Open to anyone who wants to pitch in. starts Friday, Feb 24

**Youth:**

• March 10-12, WINTERSTAR (6th-12th) at Camp Mitchell. Register on-line at <http://eycarkansas.org/winterstar/> Van going from St. John's. Scholarships available: contact Jeannie. *Deadline to register is Friday, March 3.*

**New Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am—4:30pm.  
Saturday hours, 9:30am—12:30pm.

**REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

**Rector's Class:** Wednesday nights, at 5:00pm in the Skinner Building, or Sunday mornings at 9:15am in Chambers Hall.

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

**WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, February 19, 2017**

**8:00 service:**

**Usher:** Bill Chandler.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Terri Glasco; *2nd Lesson*, Debbie Lee; *Prayers*, Rebecca James; *Chalice*, Debbie Lee & Debbie Chandler.

**Altar Guild:** Connie Smith.

**Hospitality:** Sandy McGowan.

**Announcements:** Bill Chandler.

**10:30 service:**

**Ushers:** Ron & Karen Lawson.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Sara Edmiston; *2nd Lesson*, Richard Hossley; *Prayers (Form III)*, Mariko Clifton; *Chalice*, Gordon Strauss & Pettus Kincannon.

**Acolytes:** *Server*, Chance Hevner; *Asst. Server*, Grace Lowe; *Crucifer*, Baylor Hossley; *Clergy*, Grayson Fielder; *Torches* Benton Hossley & Mya Schnauffer. *Parent helper*, Hossley.

**Children's Chapel:** Macon Hossley.

**Altar Guild:** June DeWitt & Sanna Sullivan.

**Hospitality:** Jackie Sanders.

**Announcements:** Karen Orite.