St. John's Episcopal Church

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.

Wednesday Night Lenten Services: ***Wednesday, March 15.***
Time: 5:30pm – 6:30 Holy Eucharist & Program
6:30pm – 7:00pm – dinner hosted by the Vestry

Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch – *Monday, March 20*: will be held at here at Central Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Deacon Greg Pair from Immaculate Conception Church will be preaching.

Lunch: 11:45—12:15
Service: 12:15-- 12:45
Lunch: 12:45 – 1:15

Mindstretchers: ***Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00pm in*** the Skinner Building. Subject: What is Epigenetics and What Does it Have to do with Cancer Treatment. Speaker: Becky Williamson, PhD., UAFS faculty.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Clean-up Day. ***Saturday, March 25th at 9:30am*** in the Parish kitchen. All invited to participate.

Girl's Night Out: ***Tuesday, March 28th***, at Grub's Bar and Grill Restaurant, at 6:00 p.m. Email reminders for reservations will be sent out later.

Saints Alive Cancelled: ***March 31 at 6:00pm***

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **TIME FOR JOY RETREAT –Date has been changed to 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.

  ECW is offering 2 scholarships to this event. If you are interested, please contact Vickie at

the church office 782-9912. More details will be provided at a later date.

- **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.

  ECW has 2 scholarships available to this retreat if needed. Please call Vickie at the church office 782-9912 if interested in attending. **More details will be provided at a later date.**

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.

- **March 21**: **Mind Stretchers, 6pm** in the Skinner Building. "What is Epigenetics and What Does It Have to do with Cancer Treatment?" Becky Williamson, PhD
- **March 31**: **Vino League, 7pm**

Youth:

- Dolphins & STARFISH meet 1st Sunday, 12—2:00pm. Lunch provided.
- STARFISH meet 2nd Sunday, too, for Sack Lunch prep.
- Brownie Troop – Girls in 2-3rd grad. Contact Jeannie McCabe ASAP, 479-221-4032 with interest. May meet on Sunday(s) after service. Natalie King-Hyman to become leader. Will need an assistant.

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

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?

What better way to teach your child about community service or for you to meet other parishioners than to work side by side with family and other parishioners to take care of our church. Come join the Building & Grounds Committee, Jeannie McCabe with the church's youth and families, and a group of UAFS students.

We will be raking leaves, weeding flower beds, picking up trash, washing windows, trimming bushes, sweeping outside and inside, dusting, washing windows, cleaning the fish pond and the

garden area. Whether you come for one hour or two hours or three hours, your help will be greatly appreciated and you will feel so good!! MANY hands make light the work and twice the fun when you get to work alongside a new (or long-term) friend!!

Lunch will be served to all volunteers at noon; pizza & bottled water donated by the ECW
Spring Cleaning Day at St. John's
Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9 AM-12 noon
Lou Skeen & Becky Ibison will be our coordinators.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

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

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00 service:

Usher: Bill Spear.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Terri Glasco *2nd Lesson*, Rick Hayes; *Prayers*, Rebecca James; *Chalice*, Becky Ibison & Rick Hayes.

Altar Guild: Muggy Murray.

Hospitality: Debbie Chandler.

Announcements: Becky Ibison.

10:30 service:

Ushers:

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Richard Hossley; *2nd Lesson*, Sara Kincannon; *Prayers (Special)* Dave Arnold; *Chalice*, Jeannie McCabe & Steve Kilpatrick.

Acolytes: *Server*, Keo Ward; *Asst. Server*, Gregory Smith; *Crucifer*, ?? ; *Clergy*, ?? :*Torches*, Walker Cloninger & Sam Cloninger. *Parent helper*, Ward.

Children's Chapel: Joan Kincannon.

Altar Guild: Chuck & Larry Bearden.

Hospitality: Calline Ellis.

Announcements: Jean Kolljeski.