



**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.

**Easter Egg Hunt**– Sat, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Skinner Building; Lunch included. Watch for more information.

**Baptism:** We will celebrate Baptism at Easter Vigil. **If you or your child is interested in Baptism, please speak with Fr. Mike. Baptism instruction class will be on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

**Sack Lunch Fundraiser:** Vein Clinics of Arkansas is sponsoring the WATA tennis tournament, *April 1-3, 2016* to benefit The Sack Lunch Program. *The Racquet to Sack It Tournament* will be held at Ben Geren Park. 100 plus players are expected to play. See Holy Babble for more information.

**Wednesday Night Lenten Services: Wednesday, March 22.**  
Time: 5:30pm – 6:30 Holy Eucharist & Program  
6:30pm – 7:00pm – dinner

**Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch – Monday, March 27:** will be held at here at Immaculate Conception Church. The Rev. Mike Lager from St. John’s Episcopal Church will be preaching.  
Lunch: 11:45—12:15  
Service: 12:15-- 12:45  
Lunch: 12:45 – 1:15



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

**Girl’s Night Out: 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.

**Laymen’s League:** We will meet on Thursday, March 30 at noon in the Parish Hall.

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



## 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.

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.

- **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. Program:

1. Bishop Benfield will speak and visit with us Saturday morning.
2. Reverend Roger Joslin will share his experience of Walking the Camino de Santiago. (name of any of the [pilgrimage](#) routes o the shrine of the [apostle St. James the Great](#) in the [Cathedral](#) of [Santiago de Compostela](#) in [Galicia](#) in northwestern [Spain](#), where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried. Many follow its routes as a form of spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth. It is also popular with hiking and cycling enthusiasts)
3. There will be ample time for meditation, hiking, or simply being.
4. Cost is \$190 for two nights lodging, 6 meals, the fellowship and the program.

For reservations contact the Director at Camp Mitchell by phone [501 727-5451](tel:5017275451) or e-mail:

[director@campmitchell.org](mailto:director@campmitchell.org)

For further information contact Harold Hedges

[hhedges3@gmail.com](mailto:hhedges3@gmail.com)

- **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](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.

- **March: NO Vino League, 7pm**

### **Youth:**

- Dolphins & STARFISH meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 12—2:00pm. Lunch provided.
- STARFISH meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, too, for Sack Lunch prep.
- Brownie Troop – Girls in 2-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 26, 2017**

**8:00 service:**

**Usher:** Bill Spear.

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

**Altar Guild:** Muggy Murray.

**Hospitality:** Dr. Rebecca James.

**Announcements:** John Cross.

**10:30 service:**

**Ushers:** Ron & Karen Lawson.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Harold MacDowell; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Pat Klahr; *Prayers (Special)* Rex Terry; *Chalice*, Pettus Kincannon & Brent Ward.

**Acolytes:** *Asst. Server*, Olivia Poirier; *Crucifer*, Anthony Williams; *Clergy*, Kenzie Williams; *Torches*, Lana Contreras & Sydney Randall. *Parent helper*, Randall.

**Children's Chapel:** Joan Kincannon.

**Altar Guild:** Chuck & Larry Bearden.

**Hospitality:** Cissy Goff.

**Announcements:** Kandi Poirier.