



**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 29.*

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30 Holy Eucharist & Program

6:30pm – 7:00pm – dinner

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

Cheeseburgers will be grilled by Bill Chandler & Mike Orite.

**“Casserole for Life”** lunch crew – Friday, March 31, 8:30am cook, Parish Hall kitchen. Serve lunch at Next Step Homeless Services at 11:30am.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast:** *Sunday, April 2 from 9:00—9:30am* in the Parish Hall.

**Worship Committee Meeting:** *Mon., April 3 at 4:30pm.*

**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.

**Book Study Group:** We will meet on *Thursday, April 6 at noon* at Sake Restaurant.

**Easter Egg Hunt**– Sat, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Skinner Building; Lunch included. Click the link to register.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hTCnj2SLhS6MnOsDNJCp4bSiZ68JYAR\\_1UPe0kuXkEQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hTCnj2SLhS6MnOsDNJCp4bSiZ68JYAR_1UPe0kuXkEQ/edit)

**Baptism:** We will celebrate Baptism at Easter Vigil, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. **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.**

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**Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch – Monday, April 3:** will be held at First United Methodist Church. The Bishop Ken Carter will be preaching.

Lunch: 11:45—12:15

Service: 12:15-- 12:45

Lunch: 12:45 – 1:15



St. John's Sack Lunch Program

## 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. Paper registration form in the Holy Babble, on the <http://arkansasecw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Time-for-JOY-2017-Brochure-PDF-1.pdf> and the church bulletin board.

- **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.

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 are in the Holy Babble with the **registration form or see web page [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-quest-2017-registration-32637464535?utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-quest-2017-registration-32637464535?utm_term=eventurl_text) & hallway bulletin board.**

**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**
- **Book Study Group:** We will meet on *Thursday, April 6 at noon* at Sake Restaurant.

**Youth:**

- Apr. 2 - Dolphins & STARFISH meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 12—2:00pm. Lunch provided. Prep for Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt.
- Apr. 9 - STARFISH meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, too, for Sack Lunch prep. 12:00—2:00pm.
- Apr. 9 - Brownie Troop – Girls in 2-3<sup>rd</sup> grad. All interested meet in the Skinner Bldg. for 12:00 lunch, then meeting. Parents & girls. Meet to discuss possible meeting times & program start-up time.
- Apr. 15 - Easter Egg Hunt– Sat, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Skinner Building; Lunch included. More information in the Holy Babble.
- Families come for “Day of Service” – see details below.

**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.

**Homeschool Kids: Fridays in April, 9:00—11:00am** in the Skinner Building.

## **WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, April 2, 2017**

### **8:00 service:**

**Usher:** Bill Chandler.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Lindsey Fielder; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Stan Vlademar; *Prayers*, Becky Ibison; *Chalice*, Stan Vlademar & Cindy Cole. *Parish Hall Chalice*, Debbie Chandler & Debbie Lee.

**Altar Guild:** Connie Smith.

**Hospitality:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast.

**Announcements:** Becky Ibison.

### **10:30 service:**

**Ushers:** Mike & Sherri Tickler.

**Lay Ministers:** *1st Lesson*, Tony Contreras; *Psalm & 2nd Lesson*, Lori Burton; *Prayers (Special)* Steve Kilpatrick; *Chalice*, Cecil Engles & Jeannie McCabe.

**Acolytes:** *Server*, Keo Ward; *Asst. Server*, Olivia Poirier; *Crucifer*, Baylor Hossley; *Clergy*, Emily Napier; *Torches*, Benton Hossley & Rose Ward. *Parent helper*, Hossley.

**Children's Chapel:** Jeannie McCabe.

**Altar Guild:** Mariko Clifton & Eric Clifton.

**Hospitality:** Patricia Irby.

**Announcements:** Steve Irby.