

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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Worship Schedule Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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The Holy Babble

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Annual Parish Picnic Sunday June 4

River City Scribes Creative Writing & Arts Camp June 2017

Saints Alive June 30 6:30pm

Dear St. John's Family,

In its earliest years, Fort Smith was the westernmost outpost of the United States and on the edge of Indian Territory. Westward expansion redefined us as central United States. However, Fort Smith remains on the outside edge of the Diocese of Arkansas, and our Cathedral in Little Rock. One challenge of living 160 miles from the seat of the Bishop, is the understanding that we are a Church who is structured as a "Diocese."

A Diocese is the collection of individual churches that make up the body of Christ in a geographical area. Each church has its own distinctive mission, but works in concert with the other churches for the overall health of the body. The strength of one parish can help the struggling parish. Parishes that are blessed in finance or leadership can share resources with those who are in need. Priests are trained and then sent out to other churches. Together we are the Episcopal Church in Arkansas.

One practical example of the importance of the Diocese is the care St. John's will receive while I am out on a medical leave. Services will be led by a variety of Diocesan priests. One is recently retired and a part of our congregation (Fr. Jeff!). Canon Alexander works on the staff of the Bishop. The Revs. Robert Baumgarten and Betsy Wetherington are a clergy couple who direct Camp Mitchell. The Bishop has given permission for our own David Sims to preach and do the liturgical acts of a Deacon as he moves toward ordination. I am so grateful to be a part of a Diocese. The Church is so much larger than our parish. My absence becomes a tangible example of the benefits of a diocesan structure. Finally, below you will find the schedule of Sunday Eucharists while I am away. Please know that I covet your prayers, and you will be in my prayers equally,

Fr. Mike

June 11 - Postulant David Sims preaching; The Rev. Jeff Champlin officiating

June 18 - The Rev. Jeff Champlin

June 25 - The Rev. Canon Jason Alexander

July 2 - The Rev. Betsy Baumgarten

July 9 - The Rev. Robert Wetherington