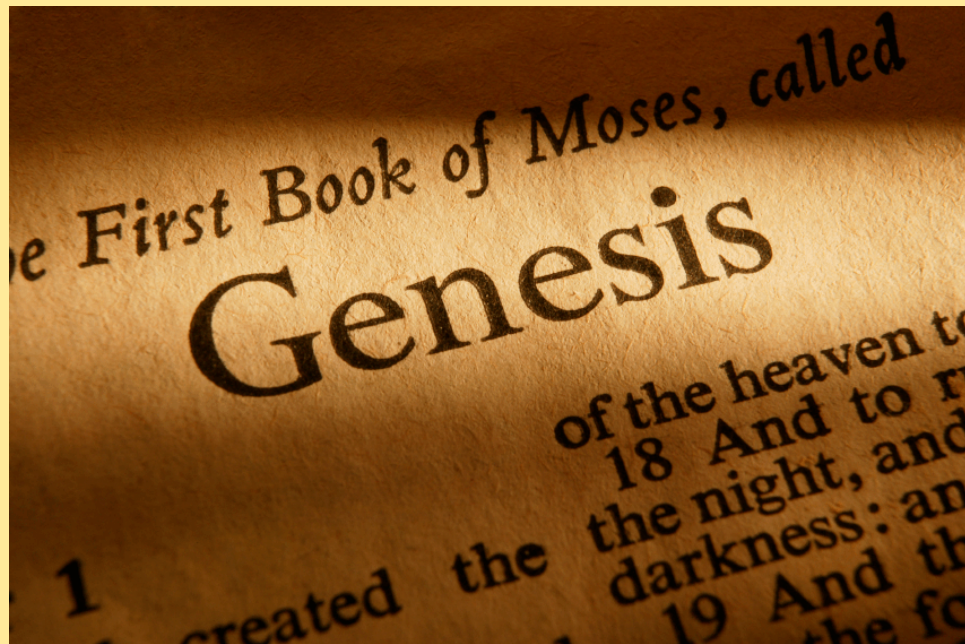


Faith Seeking Understanding Adult Christian Formation Winter – Spring Update for 2011



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Faith Seeking Understanding — Winter-Spring Update for 2011

This Winter Spring 2011 program of "Faith Seeking Understanding" includes several rich opportunities to learn, seek, explore and grow.

The following pages cover schedules and details, including suggested donations. Scholarships are available. Updated information will be sent via St Bartholomew's printed and electronic media and will be posted on the WebSite at (www.stbartschurch.org) .

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities for Seeking at St. Bart's. As the prophet Isaiah encouraged. "Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near." (Isaiah 55:6)

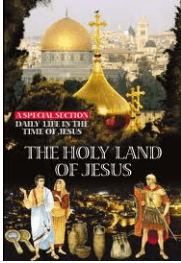
Faithfully in Christ,

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Walking in Their Sandals



What: Study on the Holy Land and Gospels

When: Wednesdays January 5, 12 and 19

Time: 10:30 am and 7:00 pm

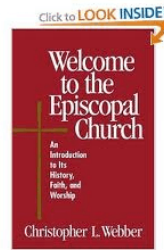
Place: Conference Room

Food: Lunch in the morning and snacks in the evening

Cost: \$25/person including materials and lunch in the morning; \$5 /person including materials and snacks in the evening

Come with us as we come closer to the Holy Land and the Gospels with a virtual pilgrimage. This journey is for everyone who is going with us to the Holy Land in February, or for those who would simply like more information about these sacred places. We will also explore the Gospels and bring them to life as we walk with Jesus through Galilee.

EpEx: Episcopal Explorations



The Episcopal Explorations course is intended for adults who are new to St. Bartholomew's and/or the Episcopal Church, adults who wish a refresher course on the Episcopal Church, and adults who wish to consider receiving the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church, having previously been Confirmed in another branch (denomination) of the Church.

Classes will be held on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.** You may purchase a copy of "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" by Christopher L. Webber at the first class. Each session will conclude at approximately 8:10 pm following one of the two services in the Book of Common Prayer which provide prayers for the close of the day.

To register call or e-mail Maureen Ovenstone at (858) 487-2159/310 or movenstone@stbartschurch.org. Please indicate whether you will need childcare provided during the classes.

Questions and discussion are encouraged. In fact, most of the material will be presented in response to class members' questions.

EpExSchedule

There will be no class on third Tuesdays when the rector will preside at vestry meetings.

- 1/25/11 Introductions & Overview
- 2/01/11 Exploring Episcopal Church History Highlights: From Jerusalem to San Diego
- 2/08/11 Exploring Our Ways of Worship: Praise and Thanksgiving Episcopal Style
- 2/22/11 Exploring the Use of the Bible in the Episcopal Church
- 3/01/11 Exploring the Faith and Spirituality of the Episcopal Church

From Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) through Holy Week, EpEx will not meet. During this time, EpEx class members are encouraged to attend "Lenten University" on five evenings, March 16 through April 13.

- 4/26/11 Exploring the Sunday Liturgy: Proclaiming the Word and Celebrating Communion
- 5/03/11 Exploring the Prayer Book, Bible and Hymnal
- 5/10/11 Exploring the Church Year
- 5/24/11 Exploring the Episcopal Church's Mission and Organization
- 5/31/11 Exploring our Vocations in Ministry and Cosmic EpEx Wrap-Up

For those who decide to be Confirmed or to be Received into the Episcopal Church, an individual consultation with Fr. Fred will also be scheduled.

Lenten University "Entangled States"



What: Study on Scripture, Creation, Science and Quantum Physics.

When: Wednesdays March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Parish Hall and Church

Food: Traditional Soup Suppers catered by St. Bart's Ministries

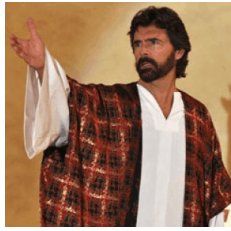
Cost: Free will donation for Soup Supper

Child care available: On request

This year's Lenten University promises to be both educational and entertaining, because this Lenten season, we will explore the boundaries between science and religion. We will consider new ways of understanding God, the Infinite Creator and the possibility that the Genesis account is compatible with science. We will look at God in the microscopic universe and seek to understand how new discoveries in quantum physics opens doors to understanding Scripture in new ways and explore how the Goldilocks Universes may be made just for us and by us. Then, we will open the book on spirituality and experience how our faith ties everything together.

The evening will conclude with Compline.

A Special Holy Week Offering “The Struggle to Live in a Media Age”

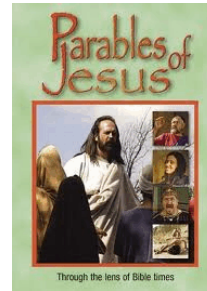


Wednesday April 20 at 7:00 pm will be especially exciting because we have invited Frank Runyeon to be a featured speaker during Holy Week. Frank has been acclaimed by critics, scholars, and over 2,000 Catholic and Protestant churches. He performs ecumenical one-man plays of scripture and speaks with humor about his years in Hollywood. Frank has the uncanny ability to make our faith and understanding of God in the modern world come alive.

Don't miss Frank Runyeon and his one man play: "The Struggle to Live with Faith in a Media Age."

A donation of \$10 is requested.

Journey into Following Jesus



What: The Parables of Jesus
When: Wednesdays May 4, 11 and 18
Time: 10:30 am and 7:00 pm
Place: Conference Room
Food: Lunch in the morning and snacks in the evening
Cost: \$25/person including materials and lunch in the morning; \$5 /person including materials and snacks in the evening

In the parables of Jesus we learn secrets about God's kingdom and also about ourselves. In this study we will come to discover what Jesus really meant in the parables, why he spoke the way he did and why these secrets fascinate us so.

Will My Pet Go to Heaven?



What: Will My Pet Go to Heaven?
When: Wednesdays June 1, 8 and 15
Time: 10:30 am and 7:00 pm
Place: Conference Room
Food: Lunch in the morning and snacks in the evening
Cost: \$25/person including materials and lunch in the morning; \$5 /person including materials and snacks in the evening

Steve Wohlberg's book: "Will My Pet Go to Heaven?," tries to answer this age old question. You may have asked it yourself—or, perhaps, you may have wondered how to answer when your child asks it of you. A recent ABC News poll showed that 47% of pet owners believed the answer was yes (35% said “no”). Come join the discussion.

Centering Prayer



Centering Prayer is a Christ-centered form of silent prayer. It is a renewal of the ancient Christian practice of contemplative prayer—here presented in contemporary form—as a way to deepen an intimate relationship with God by consenting to his presence and action within us. It complements other forms of prayers within church services, and it casts new meaning and depth on them. In essence, Centering Prayer is both a means of deepening your relationship with God as well as a spiritual discipline to foster and strengthen that relationship. The group meets on **Tuesday at 5 pm in the Education Building room 3E.**



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