

# Weaving Together the Family of God



## Christian Formation 2011 – 2012

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Weaving Together the Family of God  
Christian Formation  
2011-2012

Welcome to a brand new year of Christian Formation at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church!

Believing that spiritual and Christian formation occurs in every aspect of our life together: worship, study, fellowship, prayer, it is the intention of the Christian Formation Committee to provide educational opportunities for people of all ages on Sundays, as well as throughout the week. We want our church to be a safe harbor where you can come for spiritual nurture and growth.

To that end, we have created a program of studies which, we hope, will strengthen your relationship with God and one another. Our formation as Christians continues throughout our lives. It is a life-long process of "seeking first the kingdom of God."

Know that you are WELCOME to participate in all of our programs. You are important to the life of this faith community.

Grace and peace to each of you,

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

# The Year at a Glance

## Sundays

Age/Class Title	Location	Time	Dates
Infant – 3 yrs/Nursery	Children's Center Nursery	8:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Year Round
Children's Chapel	301 Ferguson	During 10:30 Service	Year Round
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade/Weaving God's Promises	Day School Classroom Downstairs	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 18, 2011 – May 13, 2012
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade/ Weaving God's Promises	Day School Cafeteria Downstairs	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 18, 2011 – May 13, 2012
Children of All Ages/ Holy Communion Class	St. Nicholas Chapel	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 2 & 9, 2011
6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade/The Gathering	Youth Director's Office	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 18, 2011 – May 13, 2012
6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade/EYC	Parish Hall	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Sept. 18, 2011 – May 13, 2012
Adults/A New Kind of Christianity	301 Ferguson	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2011
Adults/Journey through John	Parish Library	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 25 – Dec. 18, 2011

Adults/ Christian Stewardship: A Way of Life	Parish Hall	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 16, 2011 – Mar. 25, 2012 (various dates)
Adults and Youth/Annual Congregational Meeting	Parish Hall	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 13, 2011
Adults/Bible Study: The Letters of Paul	301 Ferguson	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Jan. 15 – Mar. 25, 2012
Confirmation Class	Parish Library	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Jan. 15 – April 20, 2011

### Weekdays

Age/Class Title	Location	Time	Dates
Women of the Word/ Living Beyond Yourself	Parish Library	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Every Wed. Sep. 7 – Nov. 16
Adults/ Thursday Morning Bible Study: Romans	Parish Library	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Every Thurs. Sep. 15, 2011 – May 13, 2012

# FALL 2011 SUNDAYS

## **CHILDREN**

### **Nursery (Infant- 3 years)**

Location: Children's Center Nursery

Time: 8:45 – 11:30 a.m. (year round)

*Supervisor: Jenna Roby*

We value our youngest parishioners as integral to the life of the parish. Spiritual formation begins at the very beginning of life. It is important to us that we create an environment where our little ones can experience the love of God.

Our nursery is a loving, peaceful, safe, and nurturing environment, which is staffed by competent, trained staff and volunteers. Throughout the year, the Nursery is provided for special services and programs.

## **Godly Play (3 years – Kindergarten)**

Location: Children's Center

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Coordinator: Sabrina Miles*

Godly Play is a Christian education program that helps children become aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives through storytelling of Scripture.

Godly Play is based upon the belief that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. All they lack is the appropriate language to help them recognize and express this awareness so it can be explored and strengthened. The Godly Play approach uses classical Christian language in a way that enhances the child's authentic experience of God so as to contribute to the creative life of the child in the world.

To learn more visit: [www.GodlyPlay.org](http://www.GodlyPlay.org)



## **Weaving God's Promises (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Locations: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Day School Classroom Downstairs

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Day School Cafeteria Downstairs

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Coordinators: Nancy Orrison, Gina McGrory,  
Margaret Bivins*

*Weaving God's Promises* is a new, exciting, innovative Episcopal curriculum for children (1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade). Arranged seasonally (Fall, Winter, Spring), *Weaving God's Promises* broadly follows the Church year by focusing on the Biblical story of salvation as told in the Old and New Testaments. Lessons also connect to the seasons of the church year, with Episcopal prayers, history, sacraments and traditions woven throughout the materials each week. Special sessions are also provided to further explore the Episcopal perspective of reading scripture and worshipping in community.



*Weaving God's Promises* features:

- A link between one's personal story and the Biblical story as well as Episcopal faith and tradition
- Original, creative activities for gathering, storytelling, community prayer and shared snacks
- Multiple theme-reinforcing crafts, drama, movement and games

## **Children's Chapel**

Location: 301 Ferguson

Time: After Gospel Procession during the 10:30 service (year round)

*Coordinator: Suzanne Renforth*

During the 10:30 Holy Eucharist, children are invited to the center aisle of the church to hear the Gospel. Afterwards, the children follow the cross in procession to Children's Chapel where Brad leads music, our Priests provide a homily, and a team of volunteers lead the Apostles' Creed and further discussion/illustration of the Gospel reading.



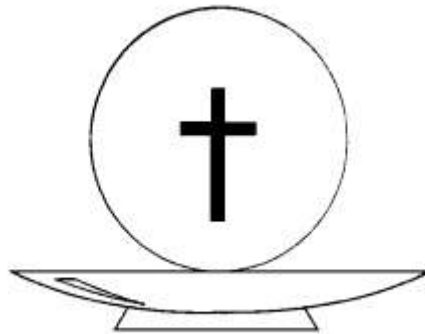
**Holy Communion Classes for Children** *October 2 & 9*

Location: St. Nicholas Chapel

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Led by: The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler*

Communion instruction classes will be available for children this Fall and again in the Spring. Children will learn about different aspects the Episcopal Liturgy and Holy Eucharist in ways which are understandable and exciting to them. Please call the church office(595-0371)to register your child for class.



## **Tween Scene**

Time: First Event—Sunday, September 18 , 4:00-5:30 PM

Location: Parish Hall

*Facilitators: The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler, Parents*

Developmentally, children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, have matured beyond their “childhood” but are not yet teenagers. Already, in this time of their lives, they are noticing changes in themselves physically, emotionally, spiritually, and psychologically.

Christian Formation for ‘Tweens’ strives to address the unique issues of this developmental stage. In preparation for their teen years and EYC, we will be offering special programs as announced.

Programs will include fun activities, art projects, mission opportunities, service projects, and music, which will be based in Christian faith and formation. Please check the Newsletter for future dates and times.

# ***YOUTH***

## **The Gathering (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Location: Youth Director's Office next to Parish Hall

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Director: Harper Lewis*

Come to discuss your faith through Bible-based lessons and prayer, conversation, current events, our Episcopal tradition, and much, much more with friends and youth leaders. Breakfast will be provided.



## EYC

### Episcopal Youth Community (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Location: Parish Hall

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Director: Harper  
Lewis*

St. Andrew's has an active youth group open to all youth, grades 6 – 12. Our weekly meetings include fellowship, worship, prayer, music, games, spiritual nurture, and outreach.

Other offerings throughout the year include mission trips, sporting events, outings, a lock-in, and more. They also participate in Diocesan retreats in the fall and spring. Food is provided at each event.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding youth programming please contact Harper Lewis, Youth Director at [saec.harper15@verizon.net](mailto:saec.harper15@verizon.net) or 595-0371 ext. 15.



# ADULTS

**Book Study: *A New Kind of Christianity, Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith***      *September 25, October 2, 9, 16*

Location: 301 Ferguson

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

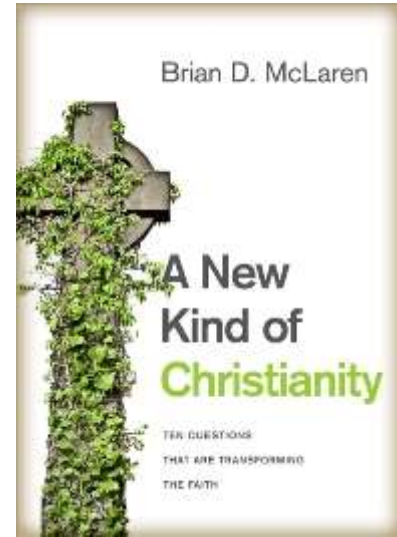
*Facilitator: John Wood*

Brian McLaren, the author of *A New Kind of Christianity*, is one of the foremost spokesmen for the Emergent Church Movement that seeks to create Christian faith consistent with modern culture and scientific knowledge. McLaren argues that the message of Jesus was distorted by the Greco-Roman world view of the church fathers during the first four centuries of church history. He also points out that, as Christianity further evolved, the Bible has been used to justify political systems, slavery, and persecution of peoples who do not believe as we do. He has us view Jesus as the culmination of the Old Testament's evolving perception of the nature of God, rather than through the lens of those who created the institutionalized Church after the death of Jesus.

Through systematically responding to ten questions related to the core of our faith, McLaren leads us to a more rational, loving, and compassionate approach - within our faith communities and in dealing with a pluralistic world.

Questions addressed include:

- What is the overarching story line of the Bible and how should the Bible be understood?
- Who is Jesus and what is the Gospel?
- How do we relate to people of other religions?
- Where do we go from here and how do we get there?



**Bible Study: Journey through John**     *September 25 – December 18*

Location: Parish Library

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator: The Rev. Dick Holley*

*Back by popular demand, this study of the fourth Gospel explains the mystery of the person of Jesus. Like others among his contemporaries, yet unlike them, he stands above them in unique, solitary grandeur. Whence this uniqueness? The Evangelist takes us behind the scenes of Jesus' ministry, giving us a glimpse into his eternal origin and divine nature. He was unique because "he was in the beginning with God," active in creation, the source of light and life (1:2-). Hence when he became incarnate in human flesh, he made known the eternal God, whom "no one has ever seen" (1:14, 18). Intrigued? Join us in a "Journey Through John," led by our intrepid Assisting Priest, Dick Holley and other fellow travelers. [Most of this note is from the New Oxford Annotated Bible, c. Oxford University Press, Inc., 1991]*



## **Christian Stewardship: A Way of Life** *October 16—December 11 (continues in Jan.)*

Location: Parish Hall

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Christian Stewardship is more than the amount of money we contribute to the offering plate each Sunday, more than our pledge. Join us for this **two-semester unit** of study on Stewardship as a way of life, a spiritual discipline.

- October 16 A Broader View of Stewardship/Spiritual Perspective  
*Rob, Rhonda, Betty*

- October 23, 30 Stewardship of Body, Mind, Spirit  
*David Lilley, Craig Frey*

Session 1—Body-Feeding the “Temple of God” What to eat... Exercise for Life...

Session 2—Care of our minds and spirits - Prayer, Meditation, Yoga

- November 6, December 4, 11,18 Stewardship of Our Assets  
Session 1—Transparency in Church Finances/Spiritual Perspective  
*The Rev. Dr. Rob Marston (“Make prudent provisions”)*  
*Stewardship Committee—John Holt, John Wood*

Session 2—Planning for the Future, Estate Planning

Sessions 3 & 4 -- Nuts and Bolts

*Rob Saunders*

- November 20, 27 Stewardship of the Environment  
*Creation Care Committee*

**Annual Congregational Meeting** *November 13, 2011*

Location: Parish Hall

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitators: The Rev. Dr. Rob Marston, Rector  
Mrs. Elise Wall, Senior Warden*

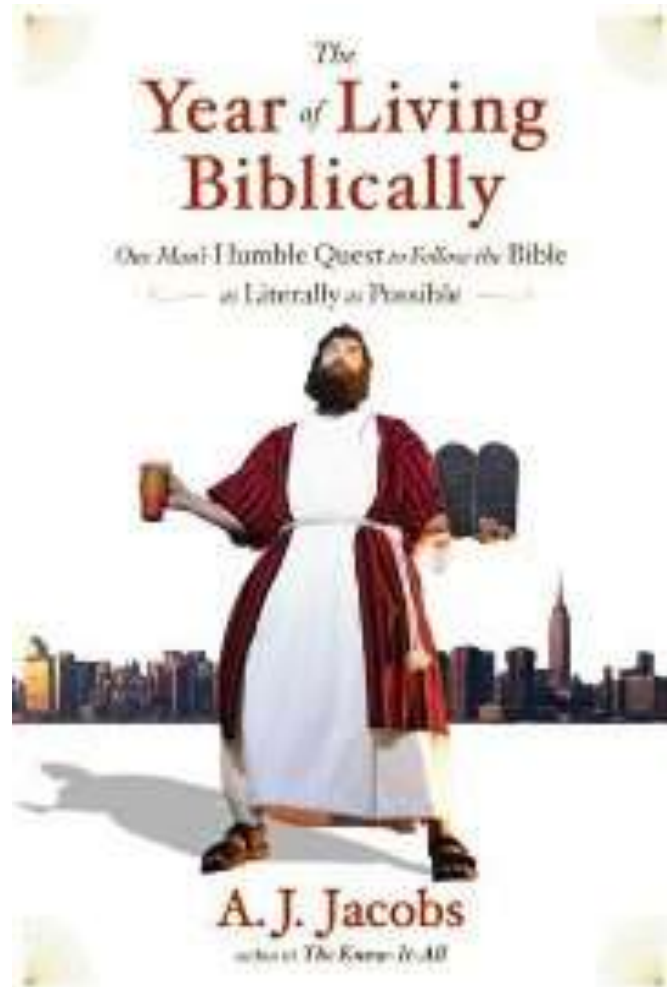
This is an opportunity for all adults and youth to gather together as one to hear reports on our parish and elect new Vestry members. *Note: Children's Classes will meet as regularly scheduled.*

**Book Study: *A Year of Living Biblically, One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* A.J. Jacobs**      *November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2011*

Location: 301 Ferguson

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitators: Sean Bradberry and The Rev. Betty Hudson*



Raised in a secular family but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, the author decided to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, personal and universal, and will make readers see history's most influential book with new eyes.

## Weekday Adult Christian Formation

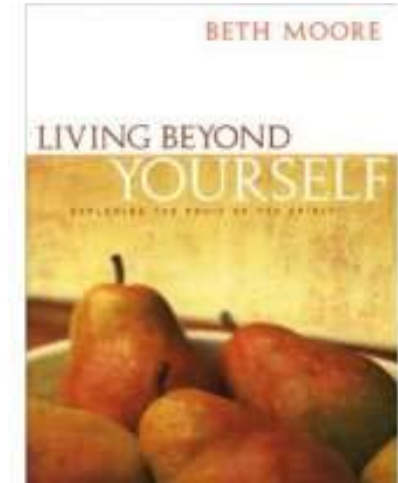
### **Women of the Word: *Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit***

**of the Spirit** Beth Moore September 7 – November 16

Location: Parish Library

Time: Every Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Facilitators: Carol Capo, Joan Verhoef*



In this small group, women are encouraged to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life as they walk through each trait presented in the book of Galatians as a Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Through this

study, participants will look at the supernatural aspects of Spiritual Fruit, qualities that we can't grow, learn, or produce on our own. Beth challenges us to develop the Fruit of the Spirit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself. Some of our long-time members may remember this study from prior to 2007.

### **Thursday Morning Bible**

Location: Parish Library

Time: Every Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitators: Merrill Hemmert, Mary Poole, Margie Holt*

This Fall, the Thursday Morning group will study ***The Letter to the Romans***. All are Welcome!

# SPRING 2011 SUNDAYS

## **Bible Study: The Letters of Paul**    *January 15 – March 25, 2012*

Location: 301 Ferguson

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitator: David Lilley*

The importance of Paul in our faith cannot be overstated. His presence occupies half of the New Testament. Yet, he is a complicated, seemingly contradictory figure. On one hand he has become, to some, an icon of intolerance and prejudice, while on the other hand, we see him as the visionary evangelist who boldly established Christianity's presence in the world. Likewise, his letters often soar with ecstatic, poetic beauty, and sometimes turn to what sounds to us like offensive statements about women or Jews. In this class we will take an unflinching, loving look at the letters of Paul. We will examine the letters in the probable order they were written and in the context of Paul's travels. Additionally, we will explore in depth those passages that speak so directly to us today and enrich our spiritual lives.

## **Confirmation Classes**    *January 15 – April 20, 2012*

Location: Parish Library

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Facilitators: St. Andrew's Clergy, Bill Wilds*

Whether you're new to St. Andrew's and have never been confirmed, you wish to reaffirm your faith or simply learn more about the Episcopal Church, we welcome you.

## **Christian Stewardship: A Way of Life** (Continued from our Fall Semester )

Location: Parish Hall

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

- January 15, 22: Stewardship of Aging  
*Facilitator: The Rev. Kathy Gray*

Session 1: Living Engaged, Letting Go with Grace: Biblical Models of Aging, or "Suddenly Seventy"... Question: How Then Shall I Live ?

Session 2: Biblical Models of Dying, from the Dramatic to the Mundane...  
Question: How Then Shall I Die ?

- January 29, February 5, 12: Pathways to Spirituality: Labyrinth and Other Opening to Our Soul Space; Music to Enrich Our Souls

*Facilitators: Vicki Lanier, Brad Norris*

- February 19, 26, March 24: Stewardship – Caring for the Next Generation  
Parenting from a Spiritual/Christian Perspective
- March 11, 18, 25: Stewardship of Relationships

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Episcopal Schools Sunday**  
*Sunday, October 2, 2011, 10:30 a.m.*
- **Blessing of the Animals**  
*Sunday, October 2, 2011, 1:00 p.m.*
- **All Saint's Sunday**  
*Sunday, November 6, 2011*
- **Thanksgiving Service**  
*Wednesday, November 23, 2011, Noon*
- **EYC Wreath Project**  
Hampton National Cemetery  
*Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 (Times to be announced)*
- **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**  
*Saturday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.*

- **Christmas Eve:**  
*Saturday, December 24, 2011*  
 4:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Festival Eucharist - Rite II  
 10:40 p.m. Concert of Christmas Music  
 11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist - Rite II
  
- **Christmas Day**  
*Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.*  
 Holy Eucharist - Rite I
  
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show**  
 Parish Hall  
*Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.*
  
- **LENT**  
*February 26 - March 25*
  
- ▶ **Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, February 22  
 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. services
- ▶ **Lenten Wednesdays:** February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28  
 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I  
 8:00 a.m. Lenten Breakfast  
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Healing  
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper  
 6:15 p.m. Lenten Programs for all ages

- **HOLY WEEK**

*April 1 – April 8*

- ▶ **Palm Sunday** April 1 Hilton Community Churches Palm Processional  
*8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services*
- ▶ **Wednesday:** April 4
  - 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I
  - 8:00 a.m. Lenten Breakfast
  - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Healing
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday** April 5
  - 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar
- ▶ **Good Friday** April 6
  - 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross led by Hilton Clergy
  - 7:30 p.m. to be announced
- ▶ **Saturday** April 7
  - 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

- ▶ **EASTER** April 8
  - 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on Hilton Pier
  - 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I
  - 10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist - Rite II
  
- **Acolyte Recognition Sunday** May 6
  - 10:30 a.m. service
  
- **Youth Sunday/Mother's Day** Sunday, May 13
  - 10:30 a.m. service
  
- **Christian Formation Recognition Sunday** May 20
  - 10:30 a.m. service
  
- **Pentecost/ Memorial Sunday** May 27
  - 10:30 a.m. service
  
- **Outdoor Service and Recognition of Our High School Seniors** June 3
  - Behind Hilton Elementary School on the James
  - 10:30 a.m. service

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