

Christian Education Offerings are complete for the Season. Please Worship with us over the Summer and Join us in the Fall for New and Exciting Offerings.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Christian

Education Offerings Fall 2009 thru Spring

2010

WELCOME

Whoever you are and wherever you come from, we are glad you are exploring your spiritual journey at St. Andrew's. This historic parish, founded in Hilton Village in 1919, is a community of people from many backgrounds; some of us grew up "from the cradle" as Episcopalians, some are new to the church altogether, and others grew up in other denominations or faith communities. And, while most of us live in the area surrounding the parish, some drive from 45 miles away. What we all share is a common desire to see God in each other, and having encountered the sacred in this place, to go forth proclaiming the love of God to all that we meet.

Christian Education is vital, rich, and vibrant at St. Andrew's. We seek to provide many opportunities of study, which are formative to our Christian journey. We take Christian formation seriously, providing diverse classes in intimate and larger settings.

Our commitment is 'to draw all people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to our Lord.' Our hope is that this guide will assist you in your faith journey, whether you are a newcomer or an old-timer, so that you can fulfill Christ's call in your life. Everyone has a place here in this sacred and intimate community of faith.

God's peace and love to you,

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler
Assistant Rector for Christian Education

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13*

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 a.m.
Christian Education for EVERYONE

ADULTS

- Spirituality in the Arts: A Series for Adult Christian Education Parish Hall

September 20, 27, October 4, 11
Spirituality in Literature—led by Allison Morvant

"Spirituality in Literature" is designed to be an introductory exploration of spiritual and theological themes in literature.

Throughout history, humans have sought to explain questions of the nature of the self and the universe through stories. In this four week series, we will look at the great themes of theology – origin, death, conversion, love, sin and evil, and eschatology ("the end times") – through excerpts from a variety of primary sources from Western literature, including the Bible, myths, poetry, short stories, plays and novels.

October 18, 25, November 1, 8
led by David Lilley

In keeping with the general theme of "Spirituality and the Arts," David will help us explore Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century German abbess who did very unique work in music, illuminations, and poetry. His second topic will focus on the Book of Job through the lens of William Blake's illustrations. The final topic, over the course of these four weeks, will be a look at the life of Thomas Merton as revealed through his essays and poetry.

November 29
Handel's Messiah - led by Brad Norris

“Spirituality in Music” will be the focus of this one-day offering by our Minister of Music, Brad Norris. We will look at Handel's *Messiah*, a perfect starting place for the First Sunday of Advent. Specifically, we will look at the text of this greatly-loved work and look for themes of redemption.

January 10, 17, 24, 31
Spirituality and Anthropology - led by Helen Rountree

Our very own Dr. Helen Rountree, retired professor of anthropology, will lead us in an exploration of spirituality in different cultures.

February 7, 21, 28

*Praying in Color - led by The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler and
The Rev. Betty Hudson*

Utilizing Sybil Macbeth's book, *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God*, we will be introduced to an active, visual, meditative form of intercessory prayer. Have you ever found yourself looking in the face of a crisis or difficult situation, needing and wanting to pray, but without words for prayer? Macbeth writes:

"I like to think of 'praying in color' as my II Corinthians 12 prayer form: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' This prayer practice came to me through my weaknesses: I can't draw; I fumble for words; my mind wanders; I can't sit still. When I 'pray in color' I turn my faltering words and my worry over to God."

- Bible Study – The Gospel According to Mark
Parish Library:
September 20 - December 20
led by The Rev. Dick Holley

Join Father Holley for this look into the life of Christ through the lens of Mark's Gospel. This journey through Mark will begin September 20 and continue through Advent.

- The Young and the Restless: A Study for Young Adults
Day School Library

September 20 - May 16

led by Elise Wall, Laurens Wright, Carol Ficklen, Carter Ficklen, Melissa Saunders

Using a series of DVDs which focus on life issues and our response as Christians, this offering will provide a unique opportunity for discussion for young adults, 18-40ish.

Whether you are chronologically a 'Young Adult' or 'young at heart,' this series is the place for you.

- Confirmation and Reaffirmation

Rector's Office:

January 10 - May 9

led by St. Andrew's Clergy

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

YOUTH

- Wingclips

301 Ferguson and Day School Art
Room *September 20 - May 16*

- Middle School (6th-8th Grade)
*led by: Lisa Marston, The Rev. Dr. Rob Marston,
Cristy Mahloy, Sean Bradberry, Pat Lule*
- High School (9th-12th)
*led by: Laura Downing, Rob Coleman,
Diane Cheek, Curt Lowery*

‘Wingclips’ is an exciting and intriguing way to have “Sunday School” for our youth. Recognizing the special concerns and issues facing our youth, we will be viewing ‘clips’ from current movies and discussing the spiritual themes, using Scripture to guide us in living a Christ-like life in a difficult time.

- Confirmation
Youth House Admin
Office *January 10 - May 9*
led by Bill Wilds

“Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.”
BCP 860 For youth, ninth grade and older.

CHILDREN

- Nursery (Infant- 3 years)
Youth House *Year Round*
Supervisor: Kara Beachy Hall

Nursery care is provided for our youngest parishioners during the Christian Education time and the 10:30 Holy Eucharist. It is a nurturing, warm, and safe environment for our young ones.

- Godly Play (2 ½ - 6 years)

Meeting Room

September 20 - May 16

led by: Lucy Wright, Sabrina Miles, Anne Epperly, Erin Knapp, Pam Kwiatkowski, Nancy Orrison, Rhonda Wheeler

Bible Stories come alive for our children using a Montessori-based method of story-telling. Creating a 'Holy Space' with an altar for praying together and materials to illustrate the Bible stories, children experience God and begin to form spiritual disciplines of prayer, quiet time, and worship.

- Chalice Year: A Focus on Holy Eucharist

September 20 - May 16

Last year we learned about Baptism in the 'Shell Year'. This year, in the Chalice Year, we study the Eucharist. Included in all units will be studies of the Old Testament, New Testament Sacraments, and the Church, as well as the major events of the Church year.

- 1st - 3rd Grade

Day School Kindergarten Classroom, downstairs

led by: Gloria Brooks, Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Doug Vaughan, Charlotte Vaughan, Ann Douglas Vaughan, Jennifer Batcha, Lisa Harrell, Linda Coffman, Nancy Orrison, The Rev. Betty Hudson

- 4th - 5th Grade

Day School Cafeteria

led by: Margaret Bivins, Darlene Bradberry, Candy Byrd, Steve Byrd, Nancy Orrison

Art & Bulletin Board Coordinators: *Jennifer Batcha, Lauri Nosil*

Substitute Teacher, all grades: *Margie Holt*

- Children's Chapel

301 Ferguson

Year Round Coordinator:

Anne Crocco

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:

St. Nicolas Chapel

Sundays, October 18 & 25 Led by The Rev.

Rhonda Wheeler

These two classes are for children who want to understand Holy Communion.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

- Episcopal Youth Community
Parish Hall (unless otherwise directed)

September 13 - May 16

led by: Laura Downing, Amanda Heath, Parents' Advisory Committee, Youth Council (elected by their peers)

5:00 p.m. EYC Council (when called)

6:00 p.m. EYC Program

EYC is designed for youth, 6th through 12th grade, to gather for fun, outreach, prayer, discussion groups and Bible study. It is an exciting community which is striving to grow closer to God, one another, and the community.

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Women of the Word – WOW
Parish Library: *Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.*
September 9 - November 11 (Second semester to be announced) led by: Carol Capó

WOW — the name says it all. Women of the Word is a group of St. Andrew's women who together study God's word and how it can guide and strengthen us in our daily lives, relationships and challenges. We're beginning a new study, *Esther: It's tough being a woman*, which uses the Old Testament story to explore how we can learn to trust God's providence in difficult times. Created by Beth Moore specifically for women, the study is structured around videos, workbooks and discussion. For information, call Carol Capó at 880-8245.

- Thursday Morning Bible Study

Parish Library: 10:00 a.m.

led by Ann Lee, Merrill Hemmert, and Mary Poole

“That We May Believe: A Study in the Gospel of John”

September 17 - December 17

“Lord Teach us to Pray: A Study in the Lord’s Prayer”

January 7 - February 11

“Shalom: The Biblical Concept of Peace”

February 18 - May 27

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Acolyte Training and Luncheon:
Church and Parish Hall
Saturday, September 19 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Special Event for Youth and Parents:
Parish Hall
Sunday, September 20 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
led by The Rev. Joyce Mercer, Ph.D.

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Mercer, Professor of Practical Theology, will lead an evening of reflection for our youth and their parents. Dr. Mercer is the author of *Lives to Offer: Accompanying Youth on Their Vocational Quests*; *Girl Talk, God Talk: Why Faith Matters of Teenage Girls – and Their Parents*; and *Welcoming Children: A Practical Theology of Childhood*.

- Blessing of the Animals:
River Road entrance steps
Sunday, October 4 1:00 p.m.

- Day of Reflection ~ Christian Faith and Daily Life
Parish Hall

Saturday, November 14

led by The Rev. Dr. Timothy Sedgwick

Tim Sedgwick will lead a day of reflection and conversation on Christian faith and daily life. Particular attention will be given to reconciliation and forgiveness in personal and public life, including how Christ reconciles and what this means in response to particular moral issues such as death and dying and terrorism and the politics of revenge.

9:00 a.m. Gather

9:30 - 10:45 First Session: How Does Christ Save?

11:00 - 12:15 Second Session: Christian Faith as Ars Moriendi (the art of dying)

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:15 Third Session: Breaking the Cycle of Revenge

2:30 - 3:15 Concluding Session: Reflections and Conversation

About Timothy Sedgwick:

Timothy F. Sedgwick joined the Virginia Theological Seminary faculty in 1997. He is now The Clinton S. Quin Professor of Christian Ethics and since 2007 has served as Vice President and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He received his A.B. from Albion College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. Following his doctorate he taught undergraduates at Denison University, Marshall University, and Blackburn College and then for 19 years taught Christian ethics at Seabury – Western Theological Seminary.

Prof. Sedgwick is author of *Preaching What We Practice*,

with David Schlafer, *The Christian Moral Life*,
Sacramental Ethics, and *The Making of Ministry*. He has
also published with a group of authors *Faithful Living*
Faithful Dying: Anglican Reflections on End of Life Care
and edited, with Philip Turner, *The Crisis in Moral*
Teaching in the Episcopal Church.

- Special Adult Forum
Parish Hall
Sunday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.
led by The Rev. Dr. Timothy Sedgwick
- Annual Congregational Meeting
Parish Hall
Sunday, November 22, 9:00 a.m.
- Thanksgiving Service with Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, November 25, Noon
- Advent Wreath Making Workshop
Day School Cafeteria
Sunday, November 29, 9:00 a.m.
- EYC Wreath Project
Hampton National Cemetery
*Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 (Times
to be announced)*
- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Saturday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.
- Christmas Eve:
Thursday, December 24
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
Friday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist - Rite I

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show
Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 16, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- LENT
February 17 - March 27
 - Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 17
7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. services

 - Lenten Wednesdays:
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
 - 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 Program
 - Adults: Soup and Stories: Faith and Vocation*
 - Children: Children @ Lent 7:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist, beginning at The Offertory*

- HOLY WEEK *March 29 - April 5*
 - Palm Sunday March 29
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services

 - Wednesday: April 1
 - 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 2
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist,

Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar

- Good Friday April 3
 - 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross led by Hilton Clergy
 - 7:30 p.m. to be announced
- Saturday April 4
 - 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- EASTER April 5
 - 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 2
 - 10:30 a.m. service
- Confirmation Sunday, May 16
 - 10:30 a.m. service
- Christian Formation Recognition Sunday May 23
 - 10:30 a.m. service
- Outdoor Service and Recognition of Our High School Seniors June 6 Behind Hilton Elementary School on the James
 - 10:30 a.m. service

Coming next Fall.....Alpha

Benediction

May God give you strength
and a virtuous heart, So
that in time of trial You will

find yourself armed with
treasures you can use.

May God give you faith,
So that in leaving this
place
You know firmly and with
conviction Who made you, and why,
And for what purpose.

May God give you peace, a lasting peace That
dwells in your heart And enables you to
comprehend The breadth and length, The
height and depth of Christ's love for you,

So that we may rejoice in his goodness And
give thanks for our time together. Amen.