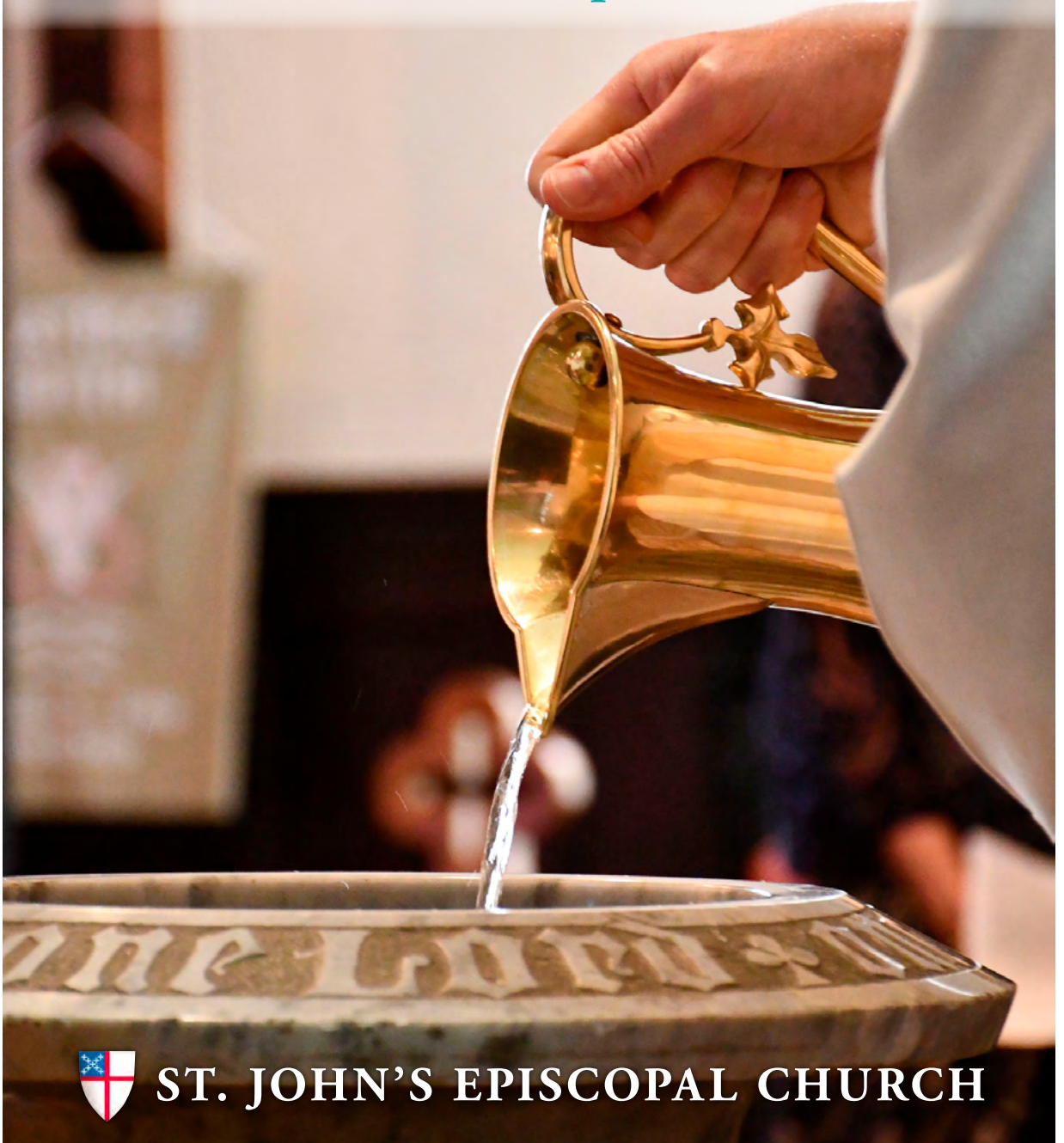
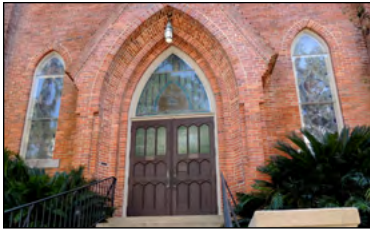


— 2020 SPRING CATALOG —
Christian Formation & Spiritual Enrichment



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Winter/Spring Worship

SUNDAY SERVICES:

- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, with choirs and Children's Chapel
- 11:15 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, with choirs
- 5:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 p.m.** Compline

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

- 12:10 p.m.** Monday & Friday, Holy Eucharist
- 12:10 p.m.** Wednesdays, Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Seasonal Offerings

DREAM GROUP

**Wednesdays – beginning
January 8, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Where is God is present in our dreams? Consider your dreams in a small group setting using the Haden Method and Parker Palmer's Circles of Trust. This group met throughout fall 2019, and they will resume meeting weekly in January, taking short breaks throughout the semester. There are a few openings for new members who are interested in learning more about their dreams. Facilitator: Kathy Hall

UNOPENED LETTERS FROM GOD

**Wednesdays – January 8, 15,
22 & 29, 1:00 p.m.**

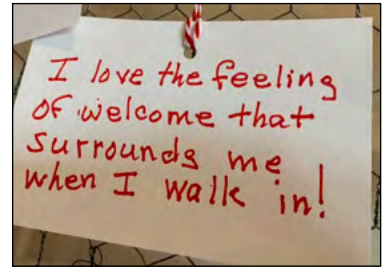
This small group class will use the book, *Unopened Letters from God* by Rev. Robert Hayden, a retired Episcopal priest, to understand our own dreams and work with dreams found in the Bible. Participants will read and work

from the book independently, and then gather weekly to discuss the ideas presented and share personal experiences. Facilitator: Kathy Hall

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

**Saturday, February 29
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for a half-day retreat about the Christian faith, the Episcopal Church, St. John's and how you can get involved. Breakfast and lunch are served. This is the last class until summer (June 13). For more information, or to join in the next class, please contact Claire Dodd at 222.2636 ext. 22 or claire@saint-john.org.



ANNUAL JEWISH/CHRISTIAN TEACHING SERIES

NOURISHMENT OF BODY, MIND AND SOUL

Wednesday, January 15 (Temple Israel) - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 16 (St. John's) - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Do we live to eat or eat to live? Explore our Christian and Jewish traditions with a discussion about foods that are symbolic in our stories as people of faith. How does prayer nourish the mind, body and spirit? Join Rabbi Shields, Father Dave, Morah Stefanie and Mother Abi for two nights of learning and laughter. Our first night, "Rabbi and the Rector" will address liturgy and practices of prayer around food. The second night, "Morah and the Mother" talks about the foods of the bible and their role in our present faith traditions.

The Jewish Christian Teaching Series would like to gratefully acknowledge the support of the St. John's Episcopal Church Foundation.

Sunday Morning Small Groups

The following special series and small group classes will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

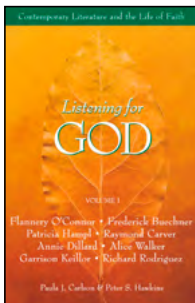
BIBLE STUDY/SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

Come enjoy conversation about the day's readings. This group meets upstairs in the Adult Classroom each Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. service. Facilitators: Jim & Betty Lou Joanos

LISTENING FOR GOD: CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

Sundays – January 12, 19 & February 16
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

We will listen for God in the short stories and essays of three contemporary American writers, including Patricia Hampl, Annie Dillard and Garrison Keillor. Participants can purchase *Listening for God* vol. 1 (contains all readings and discussion questions) from the St. John's Book and Gift Store in advance of the class. This class will meet in the chapel. Led by Fr. Dave.



Sunday Morning Forums

The following offerings will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Alfriend Hall.

JANUARY 12

Living into our Baptismal Covenant - Join us for a morning of service in Alfriend Hall, as we celebrate the promises we make at each and every baptism!

JANUARY 19

All God's Children Got a Place in the Choir - Learn what goes into the voice lessons provided to members of St. John's choir. What makes some of our favorite hymns easier to sing than others? All voices will be highly encouraged to participate, and those who find comfort in their own silence are welcome as well!

JANUARY 26

A celebration of Rev. Kathy's Ministry - Join us for cake and wish Rev. Kathy a fond farewell on her last Sunday at St. John's. Come and enjoy a slice of cake and share your best wishes.

FEBRUARY 2

Annual Parish Meeting & Lunch - On this Annual Meeting Sunday, we'll gather for one church service at 10:00 a.m. and then enjoy lunch and a parish gathering to elect vestry members, do a year in review and preview the coming year!



FEBRUARY 9

Living the Way of Love - On this day, we will be joined by Jerusalem Greer, a member of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's staff, and part of the Way of Love creative team. Jerusalem will discuss how the Way of Love is an intentional commitment to a set of practices and a commitment to follow



Jesus. When we place Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go and Rest at the heart of our daily lives, it helps provide

guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life - no matter our age, our income, our education, or our season of life. Come prepared to learn about this rhythm of living and how to practice it right where you are!

FEBRUARY 16

The Intersection of Technology and Privacy - What cookie crumbs do you leave online and how are they being devoured by businesses who want to reach you? Is it the battle of Good and Evil? Come and join Skip Foster as he shares his insights on this subject.



FEBRUARY 23

Cartooning as Preaching - Charles Schulz, inspired cartoonist and person of deep Christian faith, described cartooning as preaching. The Rev. Jay Sidebotham, descendant from a couple generations of cartoonists, has



taken that wisdom to heart and has woven cartooning into his ministry as an Episcopal priest. He has published several books of

cartoons, including a series that offers a cartoon for every Sunday in the lectionary year. He also has drawn cartoons for the Church Pension Group calendar, lovingly poking fun at the ways we do church. In this forum, Jay will share cartoons about our church and its traditions, about scripture and prayer and congregational life.

MARCH 1

March Mission of the Month: What Matters Most to You? - Come to our Mission of the Month breakfast to learn about ethical wills as a way to convey to those you love, your life lessons, values, wisdom and blessings. Our presenter is Rev. Candace McKibben, Director of Faith Outreach for Big Bend Hospice.

MARCH 8

Monks and Monasteries - Dr. David Proctor will discuss the Rise of Monasticism during the Early Medieval period of European history. Why did many devout Christians retreat into monasteries? What was life like for them there? Come learn about the political, social, and cultural context of the time and how it encouraged the growth of monasticism.

MARCH 15

“Christ our Passover Has Been Sacrificed for Us.” – Passover



themes are deeply woven into the Christian Eucharist. This adult forum, led by the Rev. Dr. Julia Gatta, will look at this deeper background of the

Eucharist, noting how Passover themes and images were both carried over and transformed at the Last Supper.

MARCH 22

Emmett Till and His Impact in 2020 – When Emmett Till was murdered in Mississippi in 1955, locals succeeded in trying to very quickly to forget the case. However, Emmett Till has re-emerged on the Mississippi landscape, and his story remains in the news almost on a weekly basis. What memory dynamics are in play, and what does his story tells us about race, place, and memory in 2020? Our presenter is FSU Professor Dr. Davis Houck, one of the nation’s leading experts on Emmett Till and an expert on the American civil rights movement.



MARCH 29

“Fruits of the Vineyard” Strategic Plan Update – Since beginning the process in 2018, we’ve been doing the exciting work of implementing the initiatives that were the vision of our parish. Now it’s time for the implementation team to share their stories as we continue to live into our strategic plan.

APRIL 5

Palm Sunday – Join us today for a forum on the history and traditions of Holy Week. Let’s prepare together!

APRIL 12

Easter Sunday – Join us as we celebrate with festive Easter receptions!

APRIL 19

Confirmation Sunday – Come celebrate the youth and adults who will be confirmed, as well as the adults who will be received and who will reaffirm their baptismal covenant!



APRIL 26

Shakespeare Sunday – Our forum will feature actors from The Southern Shakespeare Company as they share a few hilarious scenes from William Shakespeare’s tale of mismatched lovers and mistaken identities in Twelfth Night, this year’s Shakespeare in the Park production. Then, we’ll throw it back to the 1559 Book of Common Prayer at the 11:15 a.m. service, worshipping in the manner that Shakespeare would have!

MAY 3

Festal Eucharist – Come celebrate our first graders who have spent the year studying Baptism and Holy Eucharist.



MAY 17

Baccalaureate Sunday – Come celebrate our graduating high school seniors as they begin new chapters in their lives.



MAY 31

Godparent Sunday – This is the first weekend after we shift to the summer service schedule. Invite your Godparent or Godchild to join us for worship at the 10:00 a.m. service, and for a special celebration recognizing the gift of a lifelong journey of faith.



Wednesday Evening Programs

The following classes and gatherings will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday evenings, in various locations on the St. John's campus. Meeting spots will be shared weekly in *The Chimes*.

ANTISEMITISM IN TODAY'S WORLD



Wednesdays - January 22 & 29

With the rise in antisemitism, it is more important than ever to study the Holocaust and its impact on society. Our first meeting in this two-part series brings Barbara Goldstein, one of the founders of the Holocaust Education Resource Council, to share how this growing educational program is working to make a difference in today's society. The following week, parishioner Doug Mannheimer will share a moving experience that took place during his recent visit to Eltville, Germany, when he took part in the ceremonial laying of stolpersteines to commemorate the 21 members of his family and others in the town who died in the Holocaust. Come hear his story.



SHAKESPEARE AND THEOLOGY

Wednesdays – February 5, 12 & 19



Join us for a three-part series to learn more about William Shakespeare - his life and times, his plays

and theatre and his investigations of belief and believing. We will examine the history and look at moments within specific plays, connecting them to his religious era and our own. Led by Dr. Michael Wagoner and Dr. Cameron Jackson.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Wednesdays – February 26 through April 8

The Way of Love, introduced by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to follow Jesus through the following practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. This Lent go deeper in your faith in this supportive, small-group class that will be led by Fr. Dave and lay leaders.

SUPPORTING THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Wednesdays – March 1 through April 1

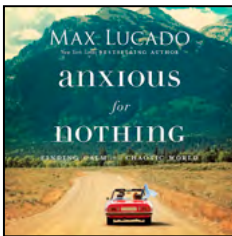
Bonus Meeting: Monday, April 6

This course will provide guidance for supporting LGBTQ family and friends in the context of Christian faith and facilitate discussion of concerns in the LGBTQ community at St. John's and at large. Guest professionals from the community involved with LGBTQ counseling will be featured, and there will be a panel discussion with members of the LGBTQ community from St. John's and the Tallahassee area. Led by Sandra Howard and Jim Mathes.

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Wednesdays - March 1, 11, 18 & 25

Join us as we prayerfully study Max Lucado's book, *Anxious for Nothing*. We will discuss how we can live prayerfully, faithfully and joyfully in a world of uncertainty! The book is available at the St. John's Book & Gift Store. Led by Mtr. Abi.



LIVING UNAFRAID

Wednesdays - April 1 & April 8

Join us as we discover Adam Hamilton's study of God's word and our call to be courageous. Led by Mtr. Abi.

CARE OF CREATION

Wednesdays - April 15, 22 & 29

Save these dates and watch for more information about our Creation Care series that will feature speakers and a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22)! Led by clergy and lay leaders.



Children's Education Offerings

The following programs and classes are designed for grades five and younger. They are run by a team of lay adult leaders and clergy.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

St. John's offers professionally staffed children's nurseries, for children as young as three months of age, every Sunday from 8:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Nurseries are located in the Annex. Parents will receive a pager for use during church services.



ELEMENTARY

The following programs meet from 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Education building.

PreK and Kindergarteners meet with teachers using Godly Play, where they hear about Bible stories and learn all about Jesus and God's love. There is typically a craft centered on that week's theme.

First Grade allows students to become familiar with the sights, sounds and traditional of the church. The class culminates with Festal Eucharist, a celebratory time when the children join in Eucharist together.

Second Grade children learn all about the Old Testament through lessons featuring food, crafts, games, theatre and more! In the fall, themes include: The Story of Samuel, David, Jeremiah and Judge Judy.

Third Grade children learn all about the New Testament through lessons featuring food, crafts, games, theatre and more! In the fall, themes include: When Jesus was a Child, Miracles of Jesus, The Disciples and Emmanuel.

Fourth and Fifth Grade children meet as one class. During this year, students learn all about the church through studies including: All About the Bible, Baptism, How to be Disciples, Ways to Pray and Missions. During the spring semester, children in the class have the opportunity to read the Decalogue during the Lenten church services.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Club 45 (For 4th and 5th Graders) Each month, our fourth and fifth graders come together to play games, sing silly songs and learn about our faith. Club 45 meets on the fourth or fifth Sunday of the month, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Spring 2020 Dates:

- January 26
- February 23
- March 29
- April 26



Youth Education Offerings

The following programs, classes and gatherings are designed for teenagers, grades 6-12. They are led by lay adult leaders.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday School for middle and high school youth will resume on January 12. Sunday School classes begin at 10:15 a.m. and run until 11:00 a.m., meeting weekly in the downstairs classrooms.

Confirmation Classes will begin January 12, for 9-12 grade students interested in learning more about their faith and desire to affirm the vows in their baptismal covenant. Classes meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There will also be a class retreat and service project. Confirmation will occur at the 9:00 a.m. service on April 19.



YOUTH GROUP

This spring, we will meet twice a month on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will gather as a community of 6-12 graders, with opportunities to divide into middle and high school groups. Some Sundays feature service-oriented activities; some are fellowship-oriented.

Spring 2020 Dates:

- January 12
- January 26
- February 9
- February 23
- March 8
- March 29
- April 5
- May 3

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS:

Please join us for these annual or semi-annual offerings that will take place this spring.

- **January 10** – Chili Cook-Off benefitting the Youth Mission Trips
- **January 17-19** – Happening #142 at Camp Weed (for 10-12 graders)
- **January 18-20** – Universal Studios Trip
- **February 21-23** – High School Camping Trip
- **April 17-19** – Happening #143 at Camp Weed (for 9-12 graders)
- **May 17** – Baccalaureate Sunday



Ongoing Weekday Offerings

MONDAY

CENTERING PRAYER

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Centering Prayer is a movement beyond conversation, or silent communion with God. Our Centering Prayer group meets weekly to study scripture, discuss writings by a contemplative author and listen to God through centering prayer. Led by Nancy Bechard.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

In discursive meditation, the mind, imagination and other faculties are actively employed to understand our relationship with God. Contemplative prayer is described as “a gaze of faith” or “a silent love.” Facilitator: Lynn Bannister

TUESDAY

MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:00- 8:00 a.m.

This weekly group gathers for a light breakfast, and a chance to support each other through discussion and prayer. Facilitator: Tim Cross.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is an extension course offered through the Sewanee School of Theology in individual churches. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mahaska Whitley.

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In discursive meditation, the mind, imagination and other faculties are actively employed to understand our relationship with God. Contemplative prayer is described as “a gaze of faith” or “a silent love.” Come join us on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. for our contemplative prayer group. Facilitator: Lynn Bannister

WEDNESDAY

WEEKLY YOGA & MEDITATION

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Our beginner-friendly yoga and meditation classes help participants link breath with movement and deepen their connection between body and mind. Classes are free and open to the public. No pre-registration is necessary, but please bring a mat. Facilitator: Chris Collins, certified yoga instructor.

THURSDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00-8:00 a.m.

Whether you've been reading the Bible your whole life or are just beginning to read it seriously for the first time, this is the class for you. This group will help you apply God's Word to your everyday life and grow in faith. Each week, we study the readings that you will hear in church the coming Sunday. Led by Fr. Dave and lay leaders. Weekly thru May.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

9:00-11:00 a.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please see Tuesday description for more information.

ST. ANNE'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS

10:30-11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join in weekly for a study on scripture. Clergy Led.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Come and join the women of the church for a discussion of *Life in Christ* by Julia Gatta. Led by Mtr. Abi.

We Make it Easy to Participate in Christian Education

All courses are *free*, open to all and require no advance sign-up. Come as a family! We offer concurrent childcare and children's learning programs on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and for special programs.

For **general questions**, call the church office: **850.222.2636** or check the website at **www.saint-john.org**. To inquire about **education programs** and topics, contact the Rev. Abigail W. Moon at **abi.moon@saint-john.org**.

Are you receiving emails from St. John's? We distribute the *eChimes* every Friday to highlight what's happening that weekend and to give you a sneak preview of Sunday's *Chimes*. If you are not receiving our weekly emails or if we need to update your profile, please email **mandy@saint-john.org**.