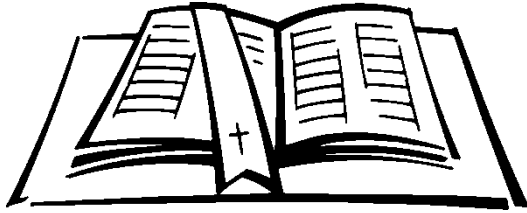


Church of the Good Shepherd

Adult Education



The Clergy and Staff
proudly present our Adult
Christian Education
Offerings for the
2016-2017 program year
featuring multiple
educational opportunities.

Special Events

Bible Study

Retreats

Inquirers Classes

Education for Ministry

Sunday Forum Programs

SUNDAY FORUM

The purpose of the Sunday Forums is to foster our spiritual growth as adults within a Christian community. From an Episcopal perspective, we examine and discuss Scripture, spirituality, our lives, our problems as well as current issues and concerns. We do this in group discussion as we strive to understand issues through Scripture, Reason, Tradition and the call of the Holy Spirit.

Program Year 2016-2017 September – December

Adult Education Begins
Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 am

September

- 9/11 Homecoming Breakfast/
Registration
- 9/18 Tales from my time away- Pastor
Alanna
- 9/25 Youth's Summer Mission: What
Did They Learn

October

- 10/2 Grounded in Faith, Growing to
Serve
- 10/9 CGS' Pilgrimage Discoveries
- 10/16 Cuba & Episcopal Mission

- 10/23 Learning from those we serve:
Meet clients from the Front Door
- 10/30 Pilgrimage of Possibility- Pastor
Alanna

November

- 11/6 Shepherd's Commendation
Recipients share their journey's of
faith
- 11/13 Welcoming Our Newcomers
- 11/20 David & Goliath- The real story!
- 11/27 Gingerbread Village

December

- 12/4 Winter Wellness
- 12/11 Genealogy and the Bible
- 12/18 Genealogy and you

**Topics for the Remainder of the
School Year will be announced in the
January Newsletter.**

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

“Walking in the Light” is a program of spiritual renewal and growth. The words “spiritual renewal and growth” typically conjure up negative fundamentalist images to Episcopalians. “Walking in the Light”, while led by people with great charisma, is non-charismatic in its style. The program is based upon the biblical model of the disciples sitting together with Jesus around a meal, asking questions, and being inspired by Jesus’ presence and his responses to the questions, learning how to better live their lives in relationship to God.

Leaders in 2016 are: **The Rev. Zina Jacque**, outstanding American Baptist preacher; **The Rt. Rev Drew Smith**, retired Bishop of Connecticut; **The Rev. Leng Lim**, spiritual advisor and retreat leader; and **The Rev. Jen Adams**, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Holland, Michigan.

Sun. evening Oct 30 – Opening reception.

Each Day Mon. Oct 31 – Thurs Nov 3 will feature each of the leaders speaking at a breakfast, lunch and dinner seminar. Each of those evenings will feature a service with one of the leaders preaching, followed by discussion groups led by the leaders.

Save these dates: Don’t miss this unique opportunity to have your faith challenged and inspired.

EFM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The EFM Program is an advanced study of Christianity. Participants study the Old and New Testaments, church history, and twenty-first century theology. Students make a commitment to this 4-year program one year at a time. The group usually meets once a week during a nine-month academic cycle. Lesson and study guides are provided for the students to read each week. There is a tuition fee for the academic cycle, and some funding support is available if tuition is a hardship. EFM teaches a person how to think theologically and deepens one's faith and understanding of our Christian heritage. Course to begin Fall 2016. For more information and to see what a session is like please contact John Rowntree, Robin Hertel or the Clergy.

INQUIRERS CLASS

Attendance at these classes will satisfactorily complete the requirements for all adults interested in being *Confirmed* or *Received* into the Episcopal Church when the Bishop comes in the spring. However, this class is open to anyone wishing to attend and attendance at all sessions is not required. **The course is not just for those interested in Confirmation - it is for everyone with questions.** Offered during Lent on two Saturday mornings TBA. The class is taught by Pastor Odie and Pastor Alanna.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – “KERYGMA”

Held as interest permits, please contact Pastor Odie or Pastor Alanna if you are interested.

LENTEN

SOUP AND SEMINAR

For four (4) Wednesdays in Lent we will explore a topic to pray, discuss and reflect upon together. Each seminar will begin with a Soup and Bread dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the seminar from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Led by Pastor Alanna and Pastor Odie. This year’s dates will be March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Look for the topic to be announced in our other CGS publications.

Please Note:

Church of the Good Shepherd follows Safe Church Policy and Procedures set forth by the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire