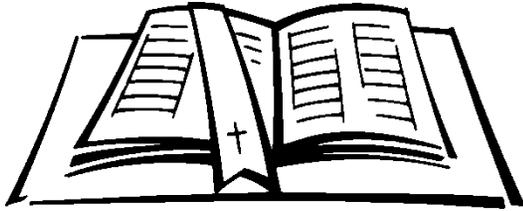


Church of the Good Shepherd

Adult Education



The Clergy and Staff
proudly present our Adult
Christian Education
Offerings for the
2017-2018 program year
featuring multiple
educational opportunities.

Special Events

Bible Study

Retreats

Inquirers Classes

Education for Ministry

Sunday Forum Programs

SUNDAY FORUM & COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

This program year on Sunday's where there is no formal Adult Ed Forum scheduled you will see "Coffee and Conversation" listed. These Sundays will be intentional times of fellowship and sharing during coffee hour as we move more deeply into the Interim process. These 'open' days will also allow us to schedule some structured conversations more spontaneously should the need arise. We're looking forward to going more deeply into relationship with one another during this exciting time!

Fall to Advent 2017 September – December

Adult Education Begins
Sunday, September 17th at 9:00 am

September

- 9/10 Homecoming Breakfast/
Registration
- 9/17 Coffee & Conversation
- 9/24 Coffee & Conversation

October

- 10/1 Stewarding Change
- 10/8 First Steps of the Search
- 10/15 Curious about the curate: Get to know Pastor Kate
- 10/22 Youth's Summer Mission Trip
- 10/29 Learning from those we serve:
Meet clients from the Front Door

November

- 11/5 Shepherd's Commendation
Recipients share their journey's of faith
- 11/12 Welcoming Our Newcomers
- 11/19 Coffee & Conversation
- 11/26 Gingerbread Village

December

- 12/3 Season of Advent
- 12/10 Season of Advent
- 12/17 Coffee & Conversation

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

Annual CGS Women's Retreat

September 15th- 16th
at Adelynrood

This annual offering will be an overnight at Adelynrood Retreat Center in Byfield, MA. Dates are Friday, September 15th starting with dinner at 6:30 and ending Saturday, September 16th at 3:00 pm. This year The Rev. Meg Hess will be leading the retreat for our CGS Women! The theme will be “Thresholds: Holy Transitions”. This will be a wonderful weekend of fellowship as well as challenging and inspiring discussion. Contact the office at 882-5352 for more information. Sign up deadline will be Sunday, August 13th.

Advent & Lent Quiet Days

Twice a year our Lay Ministers host “quiet days” during the Church’s seasons of preparation: an Advent quiet day in preparation for Christmas; and a Lent quiet day getting ready for Easter. These days are a wonderful respite from the busyness of life, allowing ourselves time for contemplation, prayer and meaningful conversation about our spiritual journeys. Please contact Karla Tolomeo for further information and seasonal sign ups.

Dates: Saturday December 16th, 9 am

Saturday March 10th, 9 am

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 2017. 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 Alanna.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – “KERYGMA”

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

LENTEN

SOUP AND SEMINAR

For four (5) 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 Kate. This year’s dates will be Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21. 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