

## **From Philippi to Philadelphia: *Women's Leadership in the Church***

Throughout Jesus' ministry, women played an important role as witnesses, disciples, and friends who offered him hospitality and support. After his death, women continued to play prominent roles in the early church as deacons, apostles and missionaries. Yet the role of women in church leadership remained controversial for centuries. Come and learn about the history of women's roles in the church.

- March 26 Women in Scripture and Tradition (The Rev. Mary Hansley and Emily Zimbrick-Rogers)  
April 2 The Ordination of Women and Beyond (The Rev. Mary Hansley and Emily Zimbrick-Rogers)  
April 9 No Adult Forum (Palm Sunday)  
April 16 No Adult Forum (Easter)

## **Creation and Spirituality**



Creation Spirituality starts with original blessing, rather than with original sin. It regains the understanding that our original and true nature, the original and true nature of all things, is "very good." We reconnect with the relationship of reason and intuition, consciousness and embodiment, ourselves and others-humans, animals, plants.

- April 23 Matthew Fox and Creation Spirituality – Part 1 (Penny Moulis)  
April 30 Matthew Fox and Creation Spirituality – Part 2 (Penny Moulis)



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# **Foundations of Our Faith:**



## **learning it and living it**

### **Adult Forum Schedule Winter/Spring 2017**

Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00  
in the Auditorium

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## Foundations of Our Faith: learning it and living it

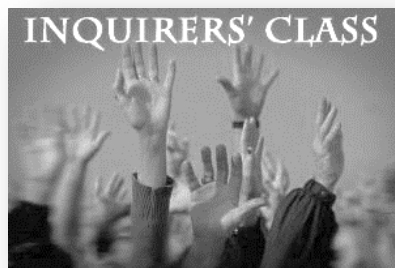
*But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.*

Hebrews 11:6 (Contemporary English Version)

As Episcopalians, the foundation of our faith is discovered through scripture, tradition and reason. We look to the Bible for knowledge of God and use tradition and reason to interpret the Bible. However, we also use tradition and our thinking to better understand ourselves and the world as it relates to our faith. All work together to help us uncover truth. This winter/spring we will explore many of the building blocks of our faith. Please join us.

### Inquirers' Class

Inquirers' Classes are open to all who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and St. Andrew's. The classes are especially geared toward newcomers but are open to everyone. Come and learn about the Episcopal Church - yesterday and today.



- Jan. 8 The Origins and Ethos of the Episcopal Church (John)
- Jan. 15 No Adult Forum (MLK Weekend)
- Jan. 22 The Episcopal Church Today (John)
- Jan. 29 How we Worship/Stump the Priest (Andie)

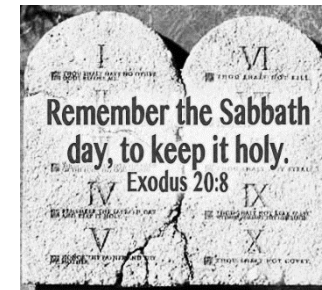
### Intro to Baptism and the Eucharist

For two weeks we are offering an alternative track in White Hall for parents and godparents and young children preparing for baptism or communion.

- Jan. 22 Holy Baptism (Harper and Marguerite)
- Jan. 29 Holy Eucharist (Harper and Marguerite)

## Practicing Sabbath

The Hebrew word Sabbath literally means "to cease." After six days of creating, God rested. God established the Sabbath day and commanded us to seek rest in our lives as well. John and Andie will be taking a sabbatical this summer, and this unit will help us prepare for that time of renewal and explore how we can all deepen our practice of Sabbath.



- Feb. 5 Practicing Sabbath (John and Wardens)
- Feb. 12 Preparing for John's Sabbatical (John and Wardens)
- Feb. 19 No Adult Forum (President's Day Weekend)

*Stay tuned for information about our Lenten Supper Series on the following Wednesday evenings: March 15, March 22, March 29 and April 5, when we will join with St. Paul's to explore the ways that our multi-tasking, technology-driven lives are impacting our faith and relationships. This discussion reflects the theme of John's sabbatical.*

### Asking the Big Questions

Questioning is an important part of faith development. For many of us, doubt and uncertainty can actually bring us closer to God and strengthen our beliefs. In this session we will wrestle with some big questions and share our ideas.



- Feb. 26 Is the Bible True? (John)
- March 5 No Adult Forum (Private School Spring Break)
- March 12 Where is heaven, and how do I get there? (John)
- March 19 How can a good God allow suffering and evil? (Andie)