

# Weekday Offerings for Fall 2008

*Something for everyone!*

## **Gospel of Mark Study Group**

**Tuesdays: Resumes in September, 4:00-5:00 pm**  
Qs call Segar @ 481-0577 or email: [jgravatt4@cox.net](mailto:jgravatt4@cox.net)

**The Rev. Dr. Segar Gravatt**  
@ Atlas Grill on Great Neck

## **Lay Eucharistic Minister/Pastoral Care Visitor Training**

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers** are licensed by the Bishop to take the consecrated elements to members of the congregation who are ill. **Pastoral Care Visitors** visit the sick and infirm to bring the support, comfort, and concern of the parish in a personal and pastoral manner. If you feel called to one of these ministries contact Segar at 481-0577 or [jgravatt4@cox.net](mailto:jgravatt4@cox.net).

## **Men's Morning Bible Study**

**Wednesdays: continues @ 7:00-8:00 am**

**The Rev. Dr. Stanley Sawyer**  
Rite 13 Room

## **Jan's Bible Study**

**Wednesdays: Resumes Sept. 3, 10-11:30 am**

**Jan Kibler**  
Rite 13 Room

Join us for great conversation, fellowship and a deeper understanding of our faith. This fall we continue our look at the great sweep of Biblical stories through Discovering the Bible, by Kerygma, a program that incorporates sound scholarship, while exploring scripture in its original setting and the significance of its recurring themes for us today. Participants must have access to a Bible. All are welcome. Qs? Call Jan @ 481-2690.

## **Segar's Book Group**

**Wednesdays: Begins Sept. 10, 6:30-7:30 pm,**

**The Rev. Dr. Segar Gravatt**  
Church Library

Discover God and God's journeying in our lives through a variety of readings and discussion.

To sign up or ask Qs call Segar @ 481-0577 (or email: [jgravatt4@cox.net](mailto:jgravatt4@cox.net)). There is room for anyone—even if you haven't read—the discussion is always lively. Mark your calendar NOW: **Sept. 12, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10, 17.** 2009's dates TBA.

## **H.U.G.S. Cancer Support Group**

**Jan Kibler and Dr. Jane Marks, PhD**

Our acronym stands for "helping, understanding, giving and sharing". HUGS is a visiting support for anyone who has, or who has had any type of cancer in the past, or who is undergoing treatment. We are available to share our stories, learnings and recommendations, and provide information on community resources, but our main purpose is healing through sharing our ludicrous stories and laughter as well as the tears. Our visits may include a gift basket or lunch. We provide a safe, uplifting environment wherein those who have experienced cancer can talk and heal. Call Jan at 481-2690 or Jane @ 412-4540 for a chat or a visit.

## **E.F.M.: Education for Ministry**

**Ann Hamill-Smith**

**Fridays, 9:00-Noon, resuming in the fall  
Westminster/Canterbury**

This extraordinary, four-year, advanced educational course for lay people studies the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology. They meet in a small group format for 9 months of each year, committing to one year at a time. The cost is \$340.00 per year. Scholarship aid is available. Contact Ann @ 496-1487 for more information about this life-changing course.

## **All Saints' Movie Ministry**

**Jane Marks, PhD**

**1st Friday of the month: Begins Sept. 5, 7:00 pm**

**Baines Hall**

Fascinating movies, a big screen, and great discussion, \$3.00 donation, popcorn, wine and soft drinks provided. Qs? See Oliver Hardy in the narthex to pick up this year's movie slate and sign-up sheet, or call Jane @ 412-4540.

## **Families with Children**

**Rotating leadership**

**Various weekends of the month**

**Emilie and Skip Templeton**

This group is for anyone with children to enjoy one another and fun, family fellowship. Families rotate hosting family activities of their choice. Want to host or have a Q? Call Emily and Skip @ 463-0822.

## **Foyer Groups: Sign-up during September!**

**Meeting selected days and evenings during fall and spring in various homes**

What *are* Foyer Groups? A Foyer Group is a "porch of welcome" where people gather and simply get to know one another. Meeting in host homes for a simple potluck dinner once a month for three months, Foyer Groups are an opportunity for all of us to meet and get to know people in our parish in a relaxed way, while enjoying fun, fellowship, and conversation. **Look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and choose a day/time convenient for you.** Qs? Call Caryl Felty @: 496-7007.

**July & Jan:**

**Sign up to host a foyer group**

**August & Feb:**

**General sign-up for groups**

**Sept, Oct, Nov & Mar, Apr, May:**

**Groups meet once each month for 3 months**

## **First Communion Class**

**Jan Kibler, D.R.E.**

**5 Sundays, Nov 16 - Dec 21, 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Atrium**

Instruction is offered for children who have reached the first grade, and are not yet confirmed, in preparation for making their first communion on Christmas Eve. If you feel your child is ready to join in the joyful celebration of the Lord's gifts to us, join us. **One parent must attend.** We Celebrate the Eucharist, Alleluia! Amen, and lessons from our atrium, help our children to grow in their understanding of the presence of Jesus in a deeper

way and show how we celebrate and comport ourselves during the Eucharist. **Sign up on the narthex bulletin board or speak with Jan.**

## **Confirmation/Adult Inquiry/Newcomers Classes**

Confirmation affirms one's faith and commitment to Christ as a spiritually mature individual and reaffirms one's baptismal vows. Those **adults** who wish to be confirmed, explore their desire for confirmation, or simply wish to refresh their knowledge, may receive instruction in the history, faith, creeds and sacraments of the Episcopal Church. Adults wishing to be confirmed are asked to speak with our Rector, Stan Sawyer, or sign up in the Narthex. Upon completion of Confirmation Classes, candidates will be confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia at a time to be determined.

## **Youth Confirmation**

Our mentored **Youth Confirmation** class, for young people age 16 or who have finished J2A class and gone on pilgrimage, is formed according to need. Upon completion of Confirmation Classes, candidates will be confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia at a time to be determined. Speak with Jan Kibler if you need information or have a child nearing confirmation age.

## **How to Make the Most out of Your Child's Christian Education**

**Attend regularly**---Children feel most comfortable in a group when they feel part of that group. Regular attendance helps your child develop a trusting relationship with their teacher and shows your child **you** feel faith education is important.

**Arrive on time**—Singing begins promptly at 8:45 a.m., Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Please don't pick up your child until 9:45 a.m. Our teachers work hard each week to prepare a stimulating and informative lesson for all our children and it is difficult to teach when children arrive intermittently or are late. Acolytes and children's choir leave class at 9:45 unless a special program is being planned.

**Pick your little ones up promptly**--- (Nursery through third grade) at their classroom door at 9:45 a.m. so our teachers can clean up and get to church on time too! Small children will not be allowed to wander the halls or search for parents.

**Bring in food for the hungry**---Take an active part in teaching your child how to share what you have with those who are less fortunate by helping your child to bring in food for our children's stewardship program called "**We love our Neighbor**". Model stewardship by purchasing a few extra food items each week, let your child select them and remember to bring them on Sunday and place them in the basket.

**Become a room parent** and participate in the spiritual journey with your child. There are little ways in which parents can assist our teachers, so give yourself the opportunity to support our efforts and have fun and learn in the bargain! **Consider teaching—it's the most effective way to learn.**

### **For Young Children in Church**

**Children's Picture Bibles, Communion booklets and plastic envelopes with drawing paper and crayons and Children's Bulletins** are available on the table in the Narthex for use during the service. These Bibles are a wonderful resource for Christian Education and can serve as another way for young ones to learn about their faith. Encourage your children to use them while in church and simply **return them to the bin after the service.** The children will want to take any pictures they've drawn home with them.

# Sunday Morning for Children

## Our schedule:

8:45 am Children's music in choir room

9:00 am Sunday school for children and adults

10:00 am Church service

Children's Music--for everyone--begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the Choir room. Come for fun and joy and the best choirmaster in town!

## NURSERY

### NEWBORN THRU 18 MONTHS (Education Wing—Room 6)

A professionally staffed nursery is available during 8:00 am service, 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and the 10:00 service. Because energetic or distressed young children can disturb the quiet worship of others, we encourage parents to use this service for their infants and toddlers. Mrs. Marlene Ramos and our parent volunteers will welcome your little ones with warmth, toys and rocking chairs. Pick up a parent guide to learn more about our nursery.

## TODDLER NURSERY

### 18 MONTHS THRU 3 YEARS (Education Wing—Room 7)

Because children absorb information at a very early age, we have created a toddler nursery where a loving environment filled with Bible-related stories, music, crafts and games can address those needs under the caring supervision of our nursery staff and our volunteers. **It is open when attendance necessitates.**

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### 3 THRU 6 YEARS (New Education Wing-Atrium)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is religious formation patterned on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori--self paced and individualized. The central point of the Catechesis (cat eh **key** sis) is the certainty that God and the child are in relationship and it is the joyful, peaceful response of children that has inspired the content of this unique program. The catechist's (teacher's) role is to help the child experience fully their encounter with God. This multi-level curriculum introduces our 3 to 6 year-olds to prayer, liturgy, the seasons of the Christian year, the altar, Holy Land geography and the parables through hands-on materials and art. Practical life "work" enhances life in the atrium.

## 1st THRU 5th GRADE (Education Wing)

Our elementary grades continue their adventures in learning using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum and the exceptional children's bulletin The Sunday Paper. This hybrid approach to a modified workshop rotation model of learning accommodates different learning styles. Divided by age into two classrooms, "Galilean Tales" and "Bedouin's Tent", the younger and older grades each share the Gospel for the day and hear selected stories and themes necessary for their spiritual growth from the artfully done ECC curriculum, developed by our own Virginia Theological Seminary. Our students hear parables, stories and our faith's history, experiencing them through two very different perspectives and from rotating teachers.

## JOURNEY to ADULTHOOD - 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Pinder Hall)

Using the flexibility accorded smaller groups, our Journey to Adulthood class combines Rite-13 and Journey to Adulthood curriculum and takes our young people together down the road toward their own examined and emerging adult life. Two guiding principles are inherent in the J2A program:

- Manhood and Womanhood are free gifts from God.
- Adulthood must be earned.

Using content that covers Self, Society, Sexuality and Spirituality, participants delve into the meaning and the ways of adulthood as interpreted through a faith journey modeled by the most loving and perfect adult, Jesus. Celebrating their journey to adulthood while learning the skills they'll need, this class explores the mystery of our faith heritage and establishes their experience in the strength of community and liturgy. When ready, the class culminates with a summer pilgrimage at a time chosen, followed by confirmation. They are led by a dedicated team of adults.

### **ALL SAINTS' DISCIPLINE POLICY**

All Saints' Church has adopted the discipline policy of the Diocese of Southern Virginia which provides for caring verbal reprimands, quiet time-outs, sending children to the Sunday School Coordinator or DRE, or as a last resort, taking the child to the parents. Any form of verbal abuse or corporal punishment is prohibited.

### **\*\*COMPLAINT AND REPORTING PROCEDURE**

If a teacher, parent or child should need to report an incident of abuse, they may report it to the Director of Religious Education, who will fill out an incident form found in the parish office and in the teacher's manual. Serious incidents should be reported to the rector or to Social Services.

## Sunday School, VBS, Chapel and Choir Norms

The following behavioral norms are expected in Sunday School, VBS and choir. Teachers will go over these norms the first few meetings and a written copy will be provided to all parents to be signed and returned.

*We gather to hear and learn God's word. We will attend faithfully and give God the priority on the days we meet.*

*We are all God's children and we will give and receive the respect and love due us. We will:*

- *use our best manners.*
- *respect each other's personal space, no inappropriate touching, spitting or hitting.*
- *speak when called upon— Some of us are talkers and some of us are quiet, but we all need an opportunity to speak. We talkers will not monopolize time and we will not crosstalk or speak over each other. One conversation at a time is polite.*
- *disagree with each other with love, respect, and kindness.*
- *not touch another's work.*

*We will listen to our teachers and do as they say at all times, the first time asked.*

*We will clean up after ourselves.*

*We will not bring distracting items to church, ie., Cameras, Heeleys, dolls, electronic devices, games, etc.*

*We are a communion of love. Our actions will bear that out. Amen*

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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

At 10:00 a.m., during first half of 10:00 a.m.service

## Children's Chapel of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-6

(Meets in our Atrium at 10:00 a.m. and lasts through the first half of 10:00 service)

A children's service is offered for ages 3 -6, meeting in our atrium at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. The children gather for 30 minutes for their own liturgy of the word with music, prayer, and hands-on activities. At the time of The Peace, they join their parents in the Church for Holy Communion. We ask that parents pick up their children from Sunday School class for a restroom break and then bring them back for Chapel in order to give Catechists time to prepare for the children. The chapel time is designed to enhance a young child's experience of God in a worship setting. Parents are most welcome to visit. We ask only that you help us to maintain an atmosphere of quiet reverence and joy.

*Mary----Add the Christian Ed Calendar for 2008-09 as a colored insert. ☺*

*Fit a map of the building in here?*

*Put me on your refrigerator!*

## **Adult Formation on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM:**

- Sept. 7      **Beach Eucharist – 10 am - NO Sunday School or Children’s Chapel**  
Sept. 14      **Fall Sched. Begins:**  
Sunday School music 8:45-9:00 am in choir room  
Children: First day of Sunday School begins 9:00 am, registration in classrooms  
Adults: **Parish Activity Fair after both services , Baines Hall**
- Sept. 21      **Adult Forum begins: Electing the Bishop**      Stan Sawyer  
Sept. 28      **Adult Forum: Who did we elect and why?**      Stan Sawyer and Scott McGraw  
Oct. 5      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**  
                  2:00 pm--- *Blessing of Animals,*
- Oct. 12      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**  
Oct. 19      **Adult Forum Gospel Study with Synthesis**  
Oct. 26      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**  
Nov. 2      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**      *All Saints’ Day*  
Nov. 9      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**  
Nov. 16      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**  
Nov. 23      **Adult Forum: Gospel Study with Synthesis**

## **Advent Series:**

- Nov. 30      **Advent 1 Advent Wreath-making Breakfast** @ 9:00 am/materials available to purchase  
Dec. 7      **Advent 2 Advent Program**  
Dec. 14      **Advent 3 Advent program Pageant**      *(No Children’s Chapel)*  
Dec. 21      **Advent 4 Advent Program**  
Dec. 24      **Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 11:00 pm**  
Dec. 28      **No Sunday School/Adult class**

# Christian Formation Guide

## 2008/2009

### Growing in Our Faith

Mary, Front cover for Guide: Large title in interesting fonts saying:

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**Ephesians 4: 14-16 says:** "We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by peoples' trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."

That is what the Kingdom of God is like. And as people of God, Ephesians tells us we need to be constantly growing. Our faith can become stagnant, comfortable, even monotonous without regular engagement with God's word and the sharing of faith and the deep questions of life with other Christians. Complacency does NOT produce the Kingdom of God, and as it is our task to establish God's Kingdom here by what we learn and do through All Saints', it is incumbent upon us to learn and grow so we can run, dance and leap in our faith! Robert Schnase, in Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, states "*people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.*"

And so, we invite you to make church and Christian education classes a priority. Come on time. Put God first on Sunday—God's Sabbath day. Be a model for your children and your friends. There is something for everyone to learn and no one is so knowledgeable in their faith that they do not need more experience. Finally, God asks

us to be in community with one another. Come to church and formation classes each week and help create the Kingdom of God.