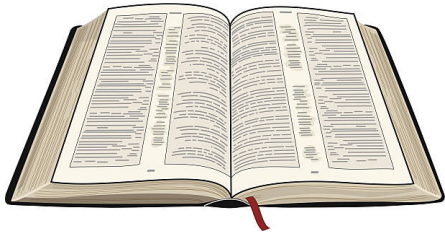


Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursdays at 7am - Ascension Hall

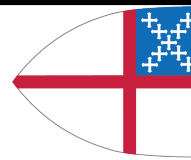
You're invited to gather with the men of the church for some bacon, eggs, and Jesus. This group gathers each week to grow in relationship with one another and God. Clergy and guest teachers offer thoughtful reflections and insight on scripture, theology, and the history of the church. This fall we will explore Just War with Andy Akin, Forgiveness with Candice+, and the Sacraments with Drew+



Women's Bible Study

Mondays Sept 11 – Nov 20
5:30pm - Library

Isaiah speaks to how God is a part of threat, exile, and restoration as the people of Israel experience captivity and their return to a nation in shambles. Though in our Christian tradition, we read Isaiah as foreseeing Jesus, his witness and words were of comfort and hope for a people in the midst of political, religious, cultural, and social anxiety and threat well before the time of Christ. Explore the ancient world of Israel and its neighbors through the eyes of one who keeps his focus on God even in the midst of the chaos around him.

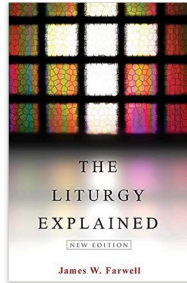


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Clergy Forums

Meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in The Upper Room. The fall class scheduled is as follows:



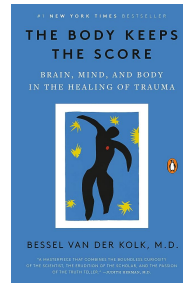
-The Liturgy Explained; Sept 10 - Oct 1

Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church or a long-time veteran, The Liturgy Explained will be immensely illuminating as it provides a basic introduction to the liturgy of the Episcopal Church.

We will explore what happens when and why in straightforward terms so everyone understands and feels comfortable in worship.

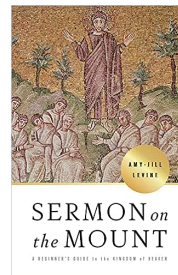
-Gospel of John; Oct 8 - Nov 5

Why is the Gospel of John so different from the other Synoptic Gospels and how does it inform our spirituality today? The Gospel of John can be very difficult for people to engage as it uses colorful language and imagery. While it places emphasis on boundaries "No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 It also calls us into community "I have no longer called you servants, but friends." John 15:15 The author seeks to encourage us to read this Gospel openly and inclusively so that we might draw on its rich language and imagery to engage this tension as we seek its meaning for us in our lives today.



-The Body Keeps the Score; Nov 12 - Dec 10

Trauma is a part of life. How we hurt and how we heal can be transformed into a hopeful life that chooses empowerment over victimhood. As we find healing in our own lives, we are able to guide others towards paths of healing in their own lives. Healing from our trauma empowers us and helps us to empower others. In this class we will explore the power of pain and the transformation of healing.



Bread of Life

What do we treasure? How do we live in our broken communities as members of God's family? Why do we pray, "Thy kingdom come"? Join us as we explore what it means to seek the Kingdom of Heaven in the stories and sayings of Jesus. Bread of Life is a discussion-based class; our primary text this fall will be readings from the gospel of Matthew and other scriptures. Those looking for additional reading may purchase "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" by Amy-Jill Levine.



Ascension Kids

Each Sunday morning, children in Pre-K through 5th grade will participate in discussions, crafts, dramatic play, and games as they learn about "Jesus through the Eyes of" New Testament Bible lessons. "Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation" will focus on the Season After Pentecost, Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter throughout the year.



Ascension Youth

Every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. youth in grades 7-12 will gather in the youth room for Sunday school. Classes will revolve around topics such as "What Do Episcopalians Believe?", "Weekly Hot Topic" conversations, and "Basics of the Faith." This class will offer youth the opportunity to refresh on topics they may have missed or forgotten in confirmation as well as give them the opportunity to explore those topics further.