Adult Formation
Fall 2017

Classes meet on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Faith & Justice programs are on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Sundays

Parish Ministry Fair | September 17 | Colhoun A
Representatives of St. Paul’s Ministries
St. Paul’s will launch this year’s annual giving campaign with a parish ministry fair to showcase the many ministries at St. Paul’s. All are welcome to visit the fair to meet ministry leaders and explore volunteer opportunities to participate in the work of the church.

Choosing Wisely: The Wisdom of the Proverbs for a High-Anxiety Digital Age | September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Colhoun A | The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector
Have you ever had trouble sleeping because you were worried about something? Have you ever wondered why entertainment news gets as much airtime as humanitarian crises? Do you ever question if our culture has lost the ability to discern what is truly important and what is not? If these questions resonate with you, then there is good news for you: you are not alone. Human beings have wrestled with these same issues for thousands of years and there is a whole body of literature to help us navigate them: The Wisdom Tradition. Join Dixon for a six-week Bible study exploring the history, theology and central themes of the book of Proverbs. Proverbs means “to choose” and this class will demonstrate the ways ancient wisdom can help us all to choose wisely in an age of fake news, celebrity gossip and high anxiety.

The Mission of the Church in the World: Greece and the Syrian Refugee Crisis | September 24, October 1, 8 Chapel | Sally Dudley, Director of Stewardship and Outreach Ministries, the Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves, Associate Rector, and mission participants
Why go on a mission trip, and why fly halfway across the world to help people in crisis? This past summer, two teams of St. Paul’s parishioners asked these questions and determined, when it came to refugees of violent war, we would sit on the sidelines no
longer. Episcopalians have a long history of reaching out beyond themselves in mission work throughout our global communion, and this opportunity to serve taught us that there is much more to be done. Join us for an in-depth look into the compassionate work of these teams, the Syrian refugee crisis in Greece, and how we are compelled by our faith to serve others as Jesus does.

**Episcopal 202**  
**October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19**  
**Chapel | The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves, the Rev. Darby O. Everhard**

Have you ever felt stuck and unable to move forward in your faith? Are you struggling with deeper engagement with a ministry that is meaningful to you? Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church, new to St. Paul’s, or have been here for a long time, this is a common experience. All Christians struggle sometimes with knowing their own spiritual gifts and figuring out how to use them. Episcopal 202 is designed to orient us to the distinctly Anglican ways of prayer, worship, fellowship and service through the various ministries at St. Paul’s. Come learn how you might grow deeper in your faith in the coming year.

**Looking Back to the Future of Your Faith: Finding Models and Mentors in the Church’s History**  
**November 5, 12, 19, 26 | Colhoun A**

Do you feel like your faith is less strong than you’d like it to be? Have you wondered how to find the right role models for faith? The Church’s history can be a way to see into the lives of people who have shared similar struggles. In this four-part series, speakers from St. Paul’s and beyond will be the guides to find examples of discipleship among Christians past and present.
Saints and Sinners: Historical Figures as Role-Model Disciples | November 5 | Colhoun A | The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves

Do you think saints might be too good to be your model? Having role models in faith is an important part of every Christian’s formation, and while there’s no substitute for a model you can talk with, in church history we can uncover a new and vibrant source of new ways to learn about the life of faith. We’ll talk about the scriptural basis for this approach and practical ideas about how to find mentors among the Communion of Saints.

Disciples in America | November 12 | Colhoun A | Dr. Grant Wacker, Gilbert T. Rowe Professor Emeritus of Christian History at Duke University Divinity School

Are you worried that your favorite saint might be a sinner too? One advantage of historical role models is that we often have multiple views on their lives: in some cases, we can know these disciples better than people who share the pew with us. We’ll use Thomas More as an example: a celebrated Catholic saint with a controversial role in the English Reformation. Through literature and biography, we see commitment to strive for justice and a cautionary tale of overzealous faith. St. Paul’s parishioner Matthew Phillips is the John Hendley Fellow, an associate teaching professor of law and ethics, and the director of the BB&T Center at Wake Forest University School of Business. Trained as a lawyer and minister, he teaches courses in business law and political economy with particular attention to the way professional identity can link the goals and aspirations of young people with the creation of value in their working lives.

Disciples & Reformers | November 19 | Colhoun A | The Rev. Dr. Bill J. Leonard, James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies, Professor of Church History and former dean, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Can the reformers of the Church help you figure out how to grow and deepen your faith? The story of the Church is a story of reformation: sometimes in global tides of sentiment, and sometimes with local passion. As the world marks the 500th year of the Lutheran Reformation, we’ll take some time to consider a trio of reformers not as leaders of movements, but as people of deep faith themselves. The Rev. Dr. Leonard is one of the most celebrated Baptist historians in America. His work crosses denominational lines to focus on his true passion: the wonder and varieties of religious expression. His most recent book conveys this in the title alone: *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Church History: Flaming Heretics and Heavy Drinkers.*
**Thursdays**

**A Biblical Mandate: Caring for All of God’s Creation**
*September 28, October 26, November 16 | Colhoun A*

_In My Backyard: Faith and Current Events_ is a monthly bag lunch and speaker series offered by the Faith & Justice Committee. Details of this fall’s speakers’ programs will be announced. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are welcome.

**Small Groups**

**Enneagram Study**
_2:00-3:30 p.m. Monthly, 4th Monday | Conference Room_
Contact Nancy Dunn at nancy.dunn@aladdintravel.com.

**Cindy Lou Franke Small Group**
_9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays | Emma Gribbin Room_
This group’s topic is, “Getting to Know the 12 Disciples of Jesus: Their Backgrounds, Their Roles, and Their Lessons for Our Lives.” Contact Cindy Lou Franke at (717) 658-3211 or clfranke@yadtel.net.

**Mary Jo Walker Small Group**
_7:30-8:30 a.m. Fridays | Emma Gribbin Room_
This group studies the lectionary for the following Sunday. Contact Mary Jo Walker at mjw50@triad.rr.com.

**Lucy Paynter Small Group**
_9:30-11:00 a.m. Fridays | Emma Gribbin Room_
This group plans to read three theological books together this session, starting with _Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas_ by Elaine Pagels. Contact Lucy Paynter at lpaynter@triad.rr.com or (336) 575-5383.

**Bob Linnell Small Group**
_3:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesdays | Conference Room_
Contact Bob Linnell at rlinnell@triad.rr.com

**Martha Higginbotham Small Group**
_9:30 a.m. Mondays | Parlor_
Bible study and fellowship. Contact Martha Higginbotham at (336) 725-3892.

**Dudley Colhoun Men’s Prayer Breakfast**
_7:00 a.m. Fridays | Colhoun Room_
Bible study, featuring discussion of the current week’s lectionary, with breakfast. Contact Jonathan Engram at jengram@wscr.com.

**Men’s Prayer Group**
_7:45 a.m. Fridays, September through May | Colhoun Room_
Breakfast and Bible study. Contact Charles Corpening at ccduck@triad.rr.com.

**Centering Prayer**
_5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in September, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in October through August | Emma Gribbin Room_
Centering Prayer is a gentle form of silent prayer grounded in the monastic contemplative tradition. After reading and reflecting on a brief passage, the group observes 20 to 25 minutes of silence. Contact Gail Phillips at (336) 970-1700 or carolinableu@aol.com.

**GLADS (Gays, Lesbians and Dang Straights)**
_7:00 p.m. Thursdays | Genie Carr’s house at 453 Plymouth Avenue_
GLADS members include gays, lesbians and straight allies who share a common interest in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. They gather weekly to read, reflect and do Bible and book study. Contact Lynn Parsley, group facilitator, at lynnparsley@gmail.com.

**Education for Ministry | September through May**
A four-year program offered by the School of Theology at Sewanee, The University of the South, EfM equips lay persons responding to the call to Christian ministry. Participants study Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology. Groups form in late spring and meet weekly during the academic year. A tuition payment and commitment to at least one year of study are required. Contact David Tamer at davelaw@bellsouth.net or (336) 407-7345. www.sewanee.edu/EFM/

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