

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Adult Ministry
Offerings



Fall 2012

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Sunday Mornings

(between the two services in the New Parish Hall)

September 16:



Dr. David Brat, Chair of the Economics and Business Department at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, will present **“The Soul of the American University: From Protestant Establishment to Established Nonbelief”**. He will explore such ethical questions as: “What is the good life?” and “Why is ethics in higher education optional?” and “Could lack of ethics cause a financial crisis?” This and more in one hour!

September 23 and 30:



Kim Glenn, parishioner and seminarian, will offer a 2-part series called **“Spiritual Focus on Food: Rediscovering the Joy in Eating”** based on the book, *Food for Life*, by L. Shannon Jung. Using scripture and classical theology, discussion will focus on how and why we miss what God intends for us and ways that we can restore the joy of food to our lives.

October 21 and 28:

Back by popular demand, our church yard tour will be led by **Rector John E. Miller** who, in his engaging way, will introduce participants to the history and lore connected to the St. Mary’s story. The tour will begin by the sculpture of little Mary Allen in the Sunday School courtyard.



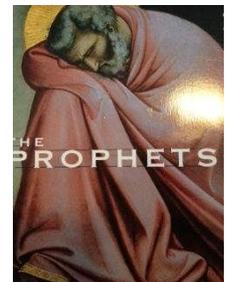
November 4:



Parishioner **Sara Reed** is passionate about her involvement in the World Pediatric Project. St. Mary’s community caught her passion this past Spring when we hosted Merlik Cobbe and his Mother, Rosemary, during their stay in Richmond for Merlik’s heart and eye surgeries. Come hear her stories and be caught up in the Spirit of Outreach.

The Prophets – a Study on Amos - TBA

Led by **Dr. Frank Eakin, Jr.** of the University of Richmond’s Department of Religious Studies, this series will be exploring the Old Testament prophet Amos.



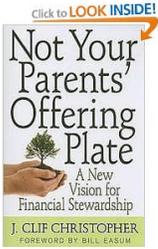
Wednesday Offerings

(7:00 p.m. in the 8th grade classroom of the Education Bldg.)

Evenings:

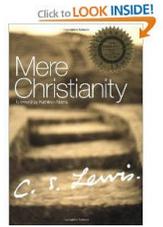
September 12, 19, 26:

Frances Caldwell, on Diocesan staff as Director of Development and Stewardship, will lead a discussion based on Clif Christopher's book entitled *Not your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship*. She brings with her a wealth of stories based on her involvement in stewardship and will address practical problems and provide guidance in helping us celebrate all of the gifts of work, wisdom and wealth given to support God's work.



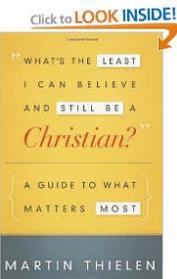
October 3, 10, 17, 24, and November 7, 14:

Parishioner **Laurie Rogers** will lead a study group based on C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Come and see how the enduring legacy of this beloved writer continues to nurture and guide our spiritual journeys. Discussion will also include the following articles: "Finding Peace in Time of War," "Does Conversion Change Your Personality" and "How Literature Leads Us to God."



October 10, 17, 24:

In his Inquirer's Class, **Rector John Miller** will explore Episcopal tradition and teachings with newcomers, seekers and current members at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Parish Hall. He will also prepare class members to be received into the Episcopal Church when The Right Reverend Susan E. Goff will make a pastoral visit to our parish on Confirmation Sunday, November 7, 2012.

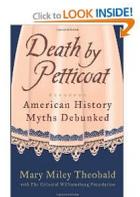


November 7, 14, 28, and December 5, 12:

Parishioners Kim and Charles Glenn, along with Rector John Miller, will lead a spirited discussion using as a reference the book entitled *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian?* Author and Pastor Martin Thielen has honed in on the ten things Christians need to believe--and ten things they don't--to "qualify" as Christians. This book will help bring comfort to all of us who may find ourselves questioning some of the assumptions with which we grew up.

November 14:

Parishioner and free lance writer, **Mary Miley Theobald**, will be on hand to give us a glimpse into her latest book called *Death By Petticoat: American Myths Debunked* which is a collaboration with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and which uncovers the truth behind popular myths from history that are held as true, but are not.



Afternoons:

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 13, 20, 27

Beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Library of the Education Building, former Associate Rector and veteran EfM mentor **Christopher Brookfield** will be offering a series on "The Face of God in Literature" by studying such noted authors, philosophers and theologians as Camus, Buechner and others.

(Please see back cover for more offerings)

Ongoing Small Groups

(Newcomers Always welcome)



Rector's Bible Study – Begins on September 12

The Bible Study group meets **every Wednesday morning** in the Library from 10:00- 11:30 a.m. **Led by Rector John E. Miller**, each session focuses on the Lectionary readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. While no prior biblical training is required of group members, an open mind and readiness to learn and share insights are always welcome!

Centering Prayer – Begins September 12

Parishioner **Sydna Street** invites us to *Into the Silent Land* **November 3**, a Quiet Day will be leading contemplative meditations.



to *BE STILL* **every Wednesday evening** from 6:00-6:30 in Little St. Mary's. *Into the Silent Land* by Martin Laird is recommended reading. On **Saturday, November 3**, offered at St. Mary's, with **Ellen Williams Kympton** A Field Trip to St. Stephen's Church is being arranged to hear Martin Laird, on **Saturday, December 1st**, 2012.

Rob Bell's "Nooma" series – Begins September 19

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning at 11:00 a.m., parishioner **Laurie Rogers** will lead a small group in a discussion of Rob Bell's Nooma series which are 10-15 minute videos exploring such topics of faith as forgiveness, compassion, mercy, justice, anger and sin. Used in churches of all denominations, they are sure to spark plenty of discussion.



Education For Ministry – Begins on September 25



This small group facilitated by **Associate Rector Eleanor Wellford** meets **every Tuesday afternoon** from 3:30-6:00. The group spends its time in theological reflection and review of specific reading assignments.

St. Mary's Seniors Program – Begins October 10

The first program of the fall will feature **Mr. Charles Judd**, Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections, who will give us a glimpse into the integrity of the election system. On **Wednesday, Nov. 14**: **Mr. Ross McKenzie**, St. Mary's member, socio-political pundit, retired Editorial page Editor of the RTD will review the election and discuss its likely impact on the interests of Seniors.



Prayer Shawl Ministry – Begins on September 20

This group of spirited knitters meets in the Library of the Education Building every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to answer knitting questions their work. Its purpose is to knit, weave, or witness of prayer offered by a community knit



and to generally encourage each other in crochet shawls which represent the loving together by the Spirit of God.

Beth Moore Study – Beginning this Fall - Dates and Times to be announced soon.

Parishioner Eazy Milligan will lead this small group in a 10-12 week study of *Jesus, the One and Only*. The author introduces her readers to an intimate Savior as they get a close-up and personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah. Please contact Eazy for more information at eazystjohn@yahoo.com.