



The Labyrinth Walk **Thursday, March 23, 2017**

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

Dr. Robert Brown will be preaching in all three services this Sunday.

SCHEDULE FOR LENT



Noonday Prayers for Lent

The Daughters of the King will be leading Noonday Prayers in the Side Chapel during Lent, March 2 through April 7, Monday through Friday. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunches

Please join us during the Season of Lent

Thursdays at 12 noon

for a simple soup meal and a short devotion.

Hosted by various churches,
sponsored by

Faulkner County Church Women United.

A \$4 donation per person is suggested.

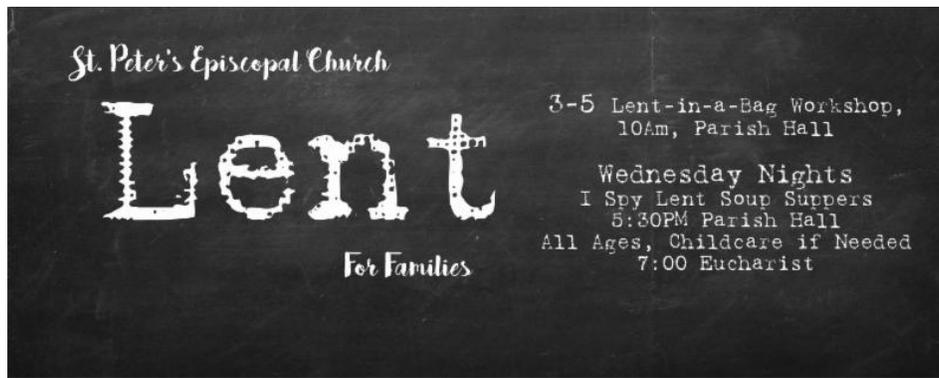
March 23 *World Day of Prayer*

Host: First Presbyterian 2400 Prince St
Co-Hosts: Christ Temple & Wesley UMC

March 30 Host: Wesley United Methodist Church 2310 E Oak St
Co-Hosts: Christ Temple & Salem UMC

April 6 Host: St Peter's Episcopal 925 Mitchell St
Co-Host: St Joseph Catholic





A Lenten Journey Through Scripture

Scripture is full of symbols or metaphors for the Lenten journey of transformation, and so I'd like to invite you to join me in a Lenten practice of immersing ourselves in the biblical metaphors-allowing them to be our spiritual guides during this season of transformation. You can take part in any or all of the following prayer resources offered each week in Lent:

- 1) Each week a particular biblical metaphor for transformation will be taken from the gospel reading for that Sunday and explored in depth. IN the beginning of each week, two biblical passages which make use of that symbol will be emailed to the congregation; one passage will be the gospel reading itself, the other being another passage from scripture. An introduction to that metaphor will be provided in the email, along with brief suggestions on the Ignatian method of praying with scripture (entering into the narratives ourselves) and prompts for reflection.
- 2) A photo or representation of a painting pertaining to that week's metaphor will be included in the email, along with instructions on the ancient practice of visio divina (or Sacred Looking).
- 3) Each week an interactive prayer station will be available in the side chapel, allowing that week's biblical metaphor to be internalized through bodily movement and prayer.
- 4) The brief Lenten meditation provided at the weekly soup suppers (Wednesdays at 5:30 pm) will center on that week's biblical symbol.
- 5) Our Wednesday evening Eucharist during Lent will be what is commonly known as a "Rite III" service, with various readings, poems, and scriptures organized around the metaphor for the week. The readings and poetry will come from ancient and contemporary Christian writers.

Please don't worry if you do not have access to email. We will also have the scriptures for Ignatian prayer and images for Sacred Looking available on Sunday mornings and in the side chapel throughout the week.

Teri

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



40acts Together: A Lenten Reflection

Join us during lent for discussion and fellowship focused around Romans 12. The material is put together by 40acts, a UK-based charity- check out their website at 40acts.co.uk. We meet each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 2.
 March 29- Giving Our Best Despite Our Feelings
 April 5- Giving Our Best When It Hurts
 April 12- Giving Our Best With Our Whole Lives

For more information, contact Stephanie Gray at 479-223-1363.

Sunday Morning Discussion on Gnosticism 8:50am - Library

Gnosticism: From Nag Hammadi to the Gospel of Judas. The class is 24 thirty minute lectures by David Brakke, PhD, Joe R Engle Chair in the History of Christianity, Ohio State University.

The course discusses in detail the gnostic myth from a variety of aspects, as well as the invention of heresy, the mythology of Manicheism and gnostic traces in western religions & in the modern imagination. All are welcome.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband 'Master'.

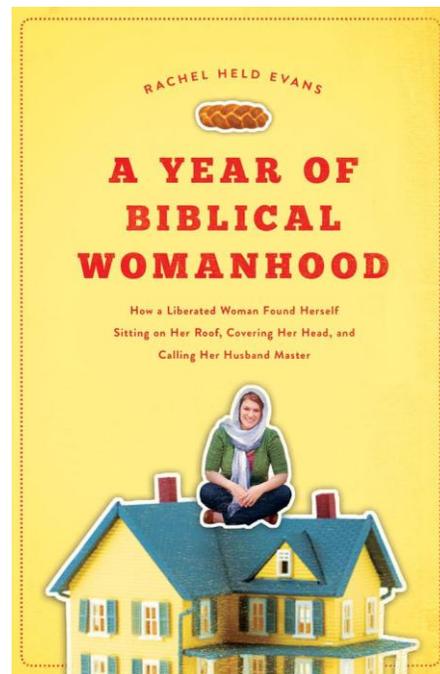
All are welcome to join us! We meet in the library at 12:00 p.m. Bring your lunch!

March 29- Chapter 6 & 7 (March & April)

April 5- Chapter 8 & 9 (May & June)

April 12- Chapter 10 & 11 (July & August)

April- Chapter 12 (September) & Final Thoughts



Morning Prayer

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday for Morning Prayer at 7 am in the Side Chapel, led by The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

Bible Study

Bible Quest: A Journey through the Christian Scriptures is a discussion of the books of the New Testament. Join the group each Monday at 12:15 in the Church Library OR Thursday at 7 pm at the Morgan House. The study is design so participants may join the discussion at any time. Contact Joe Arn at 501-796-0121 for additional information.

Servant Leadership School of Conway presents "Saturdays for Centering"

When: From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 8 and May 13, 2017

Where: Morgan House,

Who: Led by Catherine Crews, a retreat leader from Russellville who is commissioned by Contemplative Outreach

What: On April 8, the second Saturday for Centering, Catherine will lead us in asking how the Twelve Step Process might assist us on our spiritual journeys. We will have time for individual reflection, as well as group discussions. Please join us as we listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and possibly choose to make changes in our daily practices.

Cost: There is no registration fee; however, we ask that you speak to or email Carolyn Scott, Judy Helm or Rita Mackintosh if you plan to attend. There will be an opportunity to contribute non-perishable items or cash to St. Peter's Food Pantry. Snacks and drinks will be provided; registrants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch if they so wish.

Please put these dates on your calendar and prayerfully consider joining us for Saturdays for Centering.

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The Grounds of Being: Exploring the World's Religions

When: Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Where: Downtown Blue Sail in Conway
Who: Sponsored by Conway Interfaith Network, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, & Fat Soul International
Why: Because there's wisdom all around, and we're all in it together.

Led by Dr. Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Enjoy an opportunity to learn about the World's Religions over a cup of coffee. In each session Dr. McDaniel has introduced a few key ideas from a religious tradition and facilitated open discussion. The spirit is relaxed and exploratory. The discussions are open to the public, and everyone is welcome. Our last session is coming up March 27.

March 27: Humanism and Atheism

Blue Sail Coffee is located at 1028 Front Street in Downtown Conway.

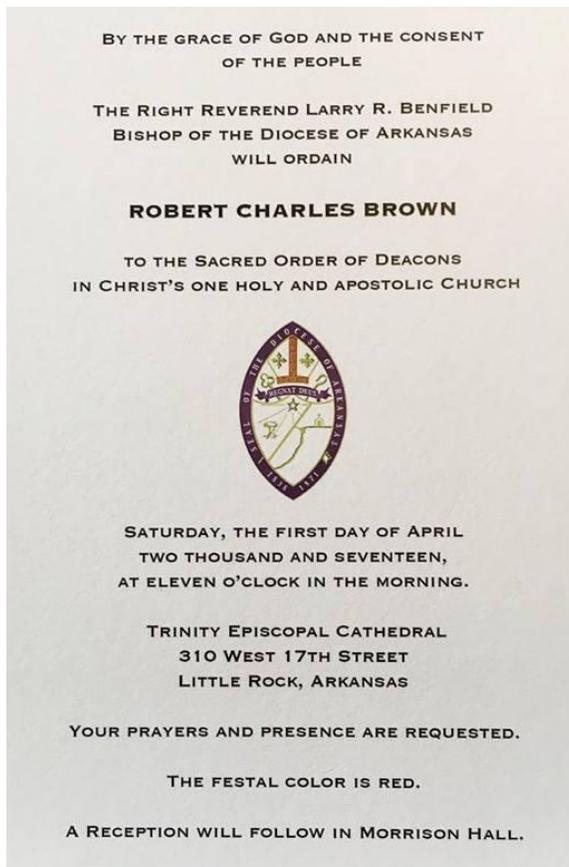
Weekly Sermons Posted to our Website

The church's website has an archive of our weekly sermons. You may click on the link below to listen to any of the sermons going back as far as 2013. Sunday's sermons are usually posted to the website by the following Monday at noon.

<http://stpetersconway.org/worship-2/weekly-podcast/>

PARISH LIFE AND COMMUNITY

Bob Brown's Ordination's to the Transitional Diaconate April 1, 2017 at 11:00am, Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock



Acolyte Festival April 28 and April 29

Time To Register for Acolyte Festival!

To register, please download [THIS form](#) and return it to Jerusalem. The church will cover the \$25 Fee as a thank you for all the acolytes do for the church!

There is a Lock-In the night before - please let Jerusalem know if your child wants to go for the Lock-In or just Saturday. Jerusalem will be going and can help with transportation both days. Other adult volunteers are welcome!



Guatemala Mission April 22-29, 2017

We are in need of children's new or gently used clothing, shoes, and any eyeglasses. New socks, underwear, toothbrushes and toothpaste are also needed. We could not do this trip without the support of our congregation and friends. Thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet on this mission! There will be a bright turquoise plastic container in the lobby. Let's fill it up! Large rolling suitcases are always appreciated if you are ready to get rid of some! Thank you! (Contact Dinah Reed if you need items picked up. 501-730-8354)



College Dinners

Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall! The remaining dinners for this semester are:

- March 28th
- April 4th
- April 18th
- April 25th (Congregation will provide food)



CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27
7:00am Morning Prayer (Side Chapel) 12:00pm Lenten Lunches (First Presbyterian) 12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayers (Side Chapel) 2:00pm Enneagram (Library) 7:00pm Bible Study (Morgan House)	12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayers (Side Chapel) 4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (Parish Hall)	9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Morgan House Reserved 12:00pm Parish Hall Reserved	7:30am Rite I 8:40am Nursery Opens 8:50am Gnostic Discussion (Library) 9:00am Enriching our Worship Eucharist 10:00am Choir Practice Adult Formation Family Formation 11:00am Rite II	11:30am Centering Prayer (Side Chapel) 12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayers (Side Chapel) 12:15pm After-noon Bible Study (Library) 5:30pm The Grounds of Being (Blue Sail Coffee) 6:30pm

7:00pm Enneagram (Library)			12:00pm DOK Discernment (Library) 3:00pm Walking the Mourner's Path (Ministry Office) 4:30pm Vestry Meeting 7:00pm Contemplative Quaker Fellowship (Ministry Office)	Narcotics Anonymous (Morgan House)
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1
7:00am Morning Prayer (Side Chapel) 12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayers (Side Chapel) 6:00pm EfM (Classroom 2) 7:00pm Circle of Trust (Morgan House) 7:00pm College Dinners (Parish Hall)	12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayers (Side Chapel) 12:00pm Noon Book Club (Library) 4:00pm 40acts Together (Classroom 2) 5:00pm EYC (Parish Hall) 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm Fledglings Writing Group (Library) 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Morgan House) 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Prayers of Healing	7:00am Morning Prayer (Side Chapel) 12:00pm Lenten Lunch (Wesley UMC) 12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayers (Side Chapel) 2:00pm Enneagram (Library) 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6342 (Parish Hall) 7:00pm Bible Study (Morgan House) 7:00pm Enneagram (Library)	12:00pm Lenten Noonday Prayer (Side Chapel) 4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (Parish Hall)	9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Wisdom House Planning (Morgan House) 11:00am Dr. Robert Brown Ordination (Trinity LR)

FOOD PANTRY

Help Out the Food Pantry

Don't forget your items to bring this Sunday! You may also drop off items in the church lobby anytime during the week. With your help we are able to provide food to those in need.

**2 cans tuna with water; 2 packages of pasta, 2 cans pasta sauce;
feminine hygiene products; diapers.**

**If you are bringing fresh produce to donate, please contact someone with a key and see that it is placed in the Food Pantry refrigerators.

Pantry Musings

Lent is a time of prayer and repentance. We are called to spend our time in quiet meditation in groups or alone. We offer ourselves up to God in our silent prayers of repentance requesting forgiveness. It is also a time of silent watching. It is a time of hope; spring always brings hope with it. We watch for the spring to form its roots and begin to blossom. Yellows and whites appear first then sometimes a timid green. Waiting patiently, not quite holding your breath, is waiting with a prayerful attitude, and it brings great joy for you and others. So Lent is not just a time for the Founding Father's Puritans to spend their time preaching long winded sermons, emphasizing the need for repentance while missing the joyful celebration of God's creation.-Ann Drake

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Discretionary Fund

All dollar bills in the offering plate will go to the Camp Mitchell Scholarship Fund.

SUNDAY SERVICE AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Scripture Readings for Sunday, March 26, 2017

9:00am Service will read Ephesians and lead the Psalm.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light

becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Prayers of the People

Prayers and Petitions:

Chris; Jeff; Kevin (healing); reed, Aspen; Cole, B-Moore; Lydia' Rebecca and Aidan; Stengels (safe travels); Jordan; Freda; Brandon; Marianne; Agnes; Susan; Dinah; Lillian and Fred; Kay; Fred; Rick; Liz; Nancy; Beth; John. Mildred (healing); Mary.

In Loving Support for:

Jenny, Doug, and Odessa; Hannah; Jon and Julie; Micah; Linda; Bob; Sam; Mouaz; Natalie.

Thanksgivings

We give thanks for the people of St. Peter's and visitors with us this week.

We give thanks for: Jane and Emily Harris; Renita, Riley and Maggie Harvey; Mathilda Hatfield; Harold and Merry Helen Hedges; Rick and Judy Helm; Russell, Shelley, Hayden, Miranda, and Chandler Henderson; LeRoy and Frances Hendricks.

We give thanks for Crosspoint Baptist Church.

We give thanks for the Muslim Student Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for our Free Little Library.

We give thanks for The Rt. Rev. Dr Asirwadham Christopher Asir. Rev. Jose Morales P. and St. Matthew, Chuguexa (choo-yakes-ah).

We give thanks for The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter, Mexico.

We give thanks for The Guatemala Partners Program at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

The Departed

Eric; Ashton; Harriet

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Team 4	7:30am Rite I	9:00am EOW	11:00am Rite II
Lector	Norma Smothers	Melanie Cavendar Mary Etta Qualls	Jay Ruud Stacey Jones
Ushers	Joe Arn	Chrissy Cavendar Nancy Thompson	Leigh Ann Warriner Ted Warriner
Oblationers		Erin Weindorf Deana Weindorf	Claire Lasardo Nancy Thompson
Greeters		Tracy Simpson Walker Simpson	Claire Lasardo
Eucharistic Ministers (EM)	Erin Weindorf	Nathan Greer EM1 Steve Eddy EM 2	Jim Fowler EM 1 Linda Brown EM 2
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)		Catherine Fortney Tanya Buchanan	
Vestry Counters			Leigh Ann Warriner Jane Harris
Acolytes		AM: Jaylee Garrett-Jones CB: Miles Greer Amaris Hill (shadow)	AM: Jaylee Garrett-Jones C: Berris Teague T1: Cooper Teague T2: Hutson Teague
Altar Guild			Team 2

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