



St. Peter's
Episcopal Church
Conway, Arkansas

The Labyrinth Walk **Thursday, August 25, 2016**

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Altar flowers are given by given by Fereshteh Maynard,
To the Glory of God for His Goodness and Mercy.

Our preacher this Sunday will be Dr. Donna Bowman.

A Labyrinth Memo

Jane Harris,
Senior Warden

Reflections on a New Year of Study, Learning, Worship, and Service

The academic year forms a rhythm for my life. The beginning of a new semester holds both joys and challenges for me. Even after twenty-six years in the classroom at Hendrix College, I still get butterflies on the first day of each new class. The students coming together to study world religions or American religious history create an atmosphere, a chemistry, that is unique for each class. As I walk into a classroom on the first day, I have no idea what will unfold for us as we study and learn together. Sure, I know the content of our studies, but I have little control over the chemistry created by our coming together, bringing our heads and our hearts to the process of learning. That is the challenge that motivates me to be a better teacher each time I meet my students. Sometimes I know that I have been effective, and some days I fail miserably. Yet, I would not find as much joy in any other vocation than teaching and learning from the students who make their way each semester to my classes.

At St. Peter's, we also begin a new year of Christian education. We participate in our children's and youths' growing and learning and witness their finding their places of service as acolytes, breakfast cooks for our food pantry clients, ushers, lectors, among other roles. We experience the joy of witnessing their growing in faith and in stature and in God's grace. Adults also continue the process of growing in faith and service through the myriad of opportunities that St. Peter's offers us---Education for Ministry, Servant Leadership School, Circle of Trust, Adult Forum, Daughters of the King, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the choir, the Altar Guild, the Food Pantry, the vestry.

My prayer as we begin this new year at St. Peter's is that God will bring us joy and a deepened experience of faith, hope, and compassion as we worship, study, learn, pray, and serve together in this community.

Ministry Fair - August 28, 2016

Join us between services for the Ministry Fair! Spend time in the lobby of St. Peter's learning about all the wonderful things that go on here. Sunday, August 28 at 8:15am until 11:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to sign up for an activity, to join a ministry, and to meet lots of people. Don't miss it!

It's the St. Peter's

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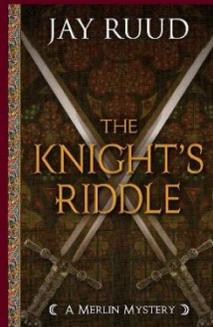


The time has come to give the Parish Hall a mini-makeover, and that includes buying shiny new chairs! If you would like to help, please consider buying a chair for yourself, or your pew neighbor, or both! The black metal chairs will cost approximately \$20 each and will greatly improve the appearance of the Parish Hall, helping us convey a friendly and hospitable welcome to all who enter. To purchase please place a check in the offering plate with CHAIRS in the memo line. Thank you!

PARISHIONER'S NOTES

Faulkner County Library 1900 Tyler Street Conway AR 501-327-7482

Reading and Booksigning



Meet local author Jay Ruud and hear excerpts from his new novel, *The Knight's Riddle*, the second in a series of Merlin mystery novels. Ruud is also the author of *Fatal Feast*.

Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 PM

For more information, call the library at 501-327-7482 or email nancy@fcl.org

A Special Thank you

Steve Eddy and John Phillips wish to thank all those who sent cards, messages and attended the memorial service for Elroy.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

EfM Registration Deadline

The fall Education For Ministry registration is approaching. If you have not submitted your registration and payment already, please do this as soon as possible.

If you need registration forms these are in the front office. You may also ask John Churchwell or email Nita Brown for a downloadable copy. Please include whether you plan to attend the Monday 2 pm class or the Tuesday 6 pm class in your email. If you need more information, please contact Nita Brown at nitakbrown@yahoo.com or 501-350-9336.



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

a program of the University of the South

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.

Fall Bible Quest:

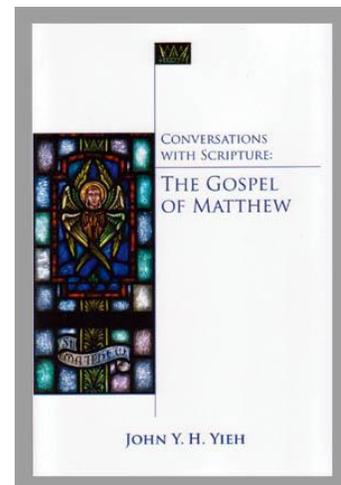
A Journey through the Christian Scriptures will study the Gospel of Matthew

Monday, September 12, Noon, in the Parish Hall
OR

Thursday, September 15, 7 pm at the
Morgan House.

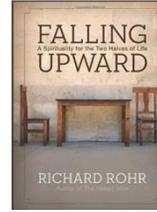
Purchase your hard copy or e-book on-line or order your hard copy the first day of class. The study will be reading Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Matthew by John Y. H. Yiew.

For additional information,
telephone Joe Arn at 501-796-0121.



Brown Book Club Update - New Day and Book!

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr



Dates and Day: Wednesday August 17 - Sept. 21 Time: Noon - 1:00

Location: Church Library

In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, and/or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up"; Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as ;falling upward; In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness.

* Explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness

* Offers a new view of how spiritual growth happens? Loss is gain

* Richard. Rohr is a regular contributing writer for *Sojourners* and *Tikkun* magazines

This important book explores the counter-intuitive message that we grow spiritually much more by doing wrong than by doing right-- a fresh way of thinking about spirituality that grows throughout life.

For more information contact Linda Brown.

SLS Registration

St. Peter's own Servant Leadership School is offering an eight-week introductory course on Servant Leadership Mondays at 6 p.m. starting September 12, 2016. If you are looking for inspiration, wisdom and companionship on your spiritual journey, please pick up a brochure in the church lobby, and register today. Presenters include Teri Daily, Merry Helen Hedges, Amanda Moore, Diane Brownlee, June Stewart, Carolyn Scott and Judy Helm. Deadline for registration is August 29, 2016. You can download a copy of the brochure here:

<http://stpetersconway.org/wp-content/uploads/SLS16.pdf>

Adult Forum for August

Dr. Jay Ruud will lead the Adult Forum in discussions of the remaining books of *Paradise Lost*, which were not covered earlier in the summer. The session will begin with Book Five.

Inquirer's Workshop

September 10, 9am-2pm at The Morgan House

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Whether you are new to our congregation or have been a part of St. Peter's for a long time, you're invited to attend Inquirer Workshop! This day long workshop for adults eighteen years of age and up, is full of lively discussions and is held at The Morgan House and include a light breakfast and lunch. These classes are especially important (and required) for those planning to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the bishop visits St. Peter's in October.

The topics, led by the Rev. Teri Daily and Jerusalem Greer, and others include:

The History of the Episcopal Church: The Reformation

The History of the Episcopal Church in America

The Leadership and Polity of the Episcopal Church

Episcopal Worship and the Sacraments

The Bible in the Episcopal Church

Mission and Ministry (Finding Your Place in the Episcopal Church),

The History of St. Peter's, Conway

Childcare is available upon request.

Here is the online link to register for Inquirer's Workshop

https://docs.google.com/a/stpetersconway.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGITYJn2dAlgrD9q5NNboW6ZM4ZPir4kq8y_C9G-axYV-d0Q/viewform

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation classes are generally given in the fall before the Bishop's visit (this year on October 9,) and occasionally in the spring, as needed. Rev. Teri Daily leads these classes, which include a study of church history, the meaning of Scripture, the Sacraments of the Episcopal Church, the role of prayer in the life of a Christian and personal faith. Along with the classes, we also try to arrange trips so that students can experience other places of worship such as non-denominational churches and the Temple B'nai Israel.

Youth ages 12 - 17 are eligible for Youth Confirmation.

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop are expected to make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by a bishop (BCP, p. 412).

If you have a youth that would like to be confirmed please contact Rev. Teri at

Teri.Daily@stpetersconway.com or Jerusalem at Jerusalem.Greer@stpetersconway.com.



Centering Prayer Retreat-September

September 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm--September 18, 2016 at 11:30 am

Canterbury House, Camp Mitchell

10 Camp Mitchell Road

Morrilton, AR 72110

Facilitated by Catherine Crews

Commissioned by Contemplative Outreach

Cost of weekend is \$139. Includes room and 5 meals.

To register call Helen Hargreaves 501-727-5451

or email director@campmitchell.org

See us on Camp Mitchell Facebook

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that helps open our hearts and minds to consent to God's presence and action in our lives. This retreat will include periods of Centering Prayer, teachings on practices that help extend the effects of Centering Prayer into daily life, and private time for rest, study, and prayer. We will keep silence during meals and at night. There will be an opportunity for instruction for those new to this prayer practice.

This retreat is based on the teachings of Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach. It is appropriate for those who have practiced Centering Prayer or other forms of meditative prayer, and those new to silent prayer. Join us in retreat in the natural beauty of Camp Mitchell. All are welcome!

Centering Prayer Retreat-October

October 26-29, Wed 5 pm to Saturday Noon

Facilitated by Catherine Crews - Commissioned by Contemplative Outreach.

House of Blessings, 171 Hummingbird Lane, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

Phone: 479-253-7379, 479-253-7379.

Course is FREE. Seats limited to 14. You are welcome to make a donation for the three-night, single occupancy stay, ten meals and snacks, and educational sessions. The cost to run the program is \$75 per day per person, without the director's fee.

Your donation helps sustain spiritual programs free of charge for more people.

CALENDAR

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29
7:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm SLS Planning 2:00pm Enneagram (Lib) 6:30pm Girl Scouts (PH)	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH)	9:00am Food Pantry 5:00pm Morgan House Reserved	MINISTRY FAIR 7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist 8:45am Adult Christian Ed 9:00am Enriching our Worship Holy Eucharist 10:00am Adult Forum 11:00am Rite II Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Contemplative Quaker Fellowship	11:15am Centering Prayer 12:00pm Brown Bag Book Study 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (MH)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3
7:00am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Widening the Circle (MH) 7:00pm Circle of Trust (Lib)	5:30pm The Fledgling Writing Group 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (MH) 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing	7:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm SLS Planning	4:00pm Conway Locally Grown (PH)	9:00am Food Pantry 5:00pm Morgan House Reserved

Save the Date:

August 28, 2016
Ministry Fair

September 11, 2016
Rally Day

October 2, 2016
10:00am - Animal Blessing

October 8, 2016
Confirmation Rehearsal

October 9, 2016
Bishop Sunday and Confirmation

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Electronic Release Forms

Parents and Guardians - In order to better serve you and your children we have created an online registration and release form for the 2016-2017 ministry year. Please fill this form for each of your children. We will use these in cases of emergencies, outings, and trips. None of the information you provide will be made public or given out without your permission.

Thank you!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=obf5sodab&oeidk=a07ed3hquokea889b12>

FOOD PANTRY

It's Back-2-School for the Food Pantry!

Help us stock the Food Pantry shelves with school supplies for our Pantry Kids!

You can drop off crayons, markers, scissors, pens, pencils, ruled paper, three-prong folders, glue sticks, tissue boxes, and composition notebooks to the little red wagon in the church lobby and help our kids start out the school year prepare.



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.

Sunday, August 28, 2016

2 cans tuna/water, 2 pkg spaghetti, 2 cans of sauce

We are also in need of 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

Buechner uses parable and metaphor : . . . because human experience of God is indirect rather than direct, something like metaphor or its little sister, simile, must be used to speak of the divine. . . .[Marjorie C. McCoy, Frederick Buechner. Harper and Row: San Francisco, 1988. p. 32]." It is clear in both the Old Testament and the New that people spoke of God in figures of speech. God was not the smoke or the mountain or the earthquake or the fire or the water or the wine or the trumpet. The ancient people had what seems to us a rich vocabulary for speaking about God's presence. It is a vocabulary that is lost for many of us. We are able to appreciate the stories and their rich accounts of God and his people. But, we have no experiences of God in that manner. Our vocabulary for God is different, perhaps lost, but it is metaphorical, if we have one, just the same. Maybe Buechner is right, we need a re-mythologization of the biblical material so that we are able to enter into its richness. Sometimes doing the hard work of literary and historical criticism is rewarding and meanings are enriched and clarified. Sometimes we are still left out in the cold. Yes, it is a mystery but not a confounding one. -Ann Drake

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Discretionary Fund

All \$1 bills from this Sunday's offering will go in the Discretionary Fund.

Where your tithe goes.....

Did you know that from August 2015, to August 2016, we spent all-together \$11, 953.32 paying on our mortgage?

EVENTS



St. Peter's To Host Two Events

This September, St. Peter's will join other Conway organizations in celebrating ArtsFest, an event planned by the Conway Alliance for the Arts (CAFTA). This week long event provides opportunities for artists, musicians, poets and craftspeople to display and share their talents with the community.

St. Peter's will host 2 very different events.

On Sunday, September 25th at 3 PM, Timothy Allen and Christine Westhoff are presenting a concert program which extends from oratorio and opera arias to sacred songs.



Tim Allen and Christine Westhoff

On Thursday, September 29th at 7 PM, the Parish Hall will be transformed into St. Pete's Coffee House and will feature music by the Fat Soul Band, Denise Hurd's Rackensack musicians, and the Boomers.



Fat Soul Band



The Boomers

As with other ArtsFest events, no admission will be charged. However, presenting these 2 programs to the community does incur expenses. We are asking you to consider becoming a sponsor for either event. We will have all levels of sponsorships available.

We are so excited and especially happy to be involved in Artsfest this year since Independent Living Services has been designated as the Non-Profit organization which will receive special attention throughout the celebration. It will also be fun for us at St. Peter's to recognize this organization since the director is our own Elissa Douglas.

Rev. Teri & Marilyn Rishkofski

Art, Pray, Love 2017!

Plans for the St. Peter's event that helps fund the medical missionary trip to Guatemala are beginning with the announcement that Pansy Westrich will be this year's Art, Pray, Love co-chair. Working alongside co-chair, Marianne Welch, Pansy will soon be scheduling committee meetings and asking for your help. We thank Pansy for taking over this commitment that is so important to the men and women who travel to Guatemala to help with medical issues.

Marilyn Rishkofski

Labyrinth Walk Submission Deadline

The deadline to submit any information for the Labyrinth Walk, and for the bulletin, is Wednesday at noon. Please email John Churchwell at john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com, any pertinent church information that needs to be publicized.

Peter's Pence Submission Deadline-August 29

Please email John Churchwell at john.churchwell@stpetersconway.com, any pertinent church information that needs to be publicized in Peter's Pence by August 29, 2016.

Love Thy Neighbor: Moving From Darkness Into Light



"Love Thy Neighbor: Moving From Darkness Into Light," featuring musical performances, speakers from several of the world's religions, and an Interfaith Food Festival will be held Thursday, September 8 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1000 N. Mississippi Avenue in Little Rock, beginning at 6 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

The intergenerational service will last about an hour, including speakers, time for prayer and silence, musical performances from local artists, a presentation by the Multifaith Youth Group, and an interfaith chorus.

The third annual Interfaith Food Festival will follow the service, with vegetarian dishes prepared by members of the interfaith community. We are seeking volunteers for the Food Festival, both to bring delightful dishes and to help serve. Please contact the Rev. Cindy Fribourgh for more information about how you can help: theinterfaithcenter@gmail.com

While no childcare will be provided, children are welcome at this event.

Arkansas House of Prayer and its sister organization, The Interfaith Center, both based in Little Rock, are honored to hold this gathering, now in its fifth year.

Love Thy Neighbor began as a peace-oriented service on the grounds of the House of Prayer, marking the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 as an opportunity to draw people together who are dedicated to peace in our community and the world.

Located in West Little Rock on the campus of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Arkansas House of Prayer is set apart in Nature, dedicated to contemplative prayer, meditation, and quiet, where all are welcome (arkansashouseofprayer.org).

The Interfaith Center is part of the Institute for Theological studies at St. Margaret's, and its mission is to reduce the hatred and fear among the world religions (interfaith.itssm.org).

SUNDAY SERVICE AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Prayers of the People

Prayers & Petitions:

Strengels (safe travel), Liz and Peggy (safe travel), Ellen, Jim, James, Katie, Andrea, Jimmy, Laura, JT, Wyatt, Rita, May, Ellen, Itally (for healing), Lillian & Fred, Mary & Bob, Shannon, Arisa, Jen & Chris, Olivia, Austin, Karlie, Thomas, Paige, Mason, Trent, Judy, Red, Sandra & Cleve, Kevin, Diane, John, Carisa, Freda, John, Craig.

In Loving Support for:

Jenny, Doug, Odessa, Hannah, Jon, Julie, Micah, Nita, Linda, Bob, Sam

Thanksgivings:

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

We give thanks for: Lisa, Sara, Hannah, Braelyn, and Carlin Buck; John, Kristina, Jay and Anna Burford; Lisa Burks; Jay and Samuel Burnham; Tara and Samuel Burnham; Jennings Burruss and Doug Stroud; Chad and Melissa Butler.

We give thanks for The Church at Meadowlake.

We give thanks for Hillel Association at Hendrix.

We give thanks for our St. Peter's College Dinner Ministry.

We give thanks for the Rev. Roberto Armas , St. Mark's, Quetzaltenango (ketz-al-ten-ango).

We give thanks for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan, the Most Revd. Dr. Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan & Bishop of Juba.

We give thanks for Barbara Bredell and Cassandra Harris, Childcare providers, at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia.

Departed:

People of Italy, James Wootton

Liturgical Readings for Sunday, August 21, 2016

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

First Reading

Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *

and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Team 4	7:30am Rite I	9:00 Enriching with Music	11:00 Rite II
Lectors	Pam Holt	Tracy Simpson	Jay Ruud OT Stacey Jones NT
Greeters		Deana Weindorf Erin Weindorf	Nancy Thompson Claire Losardo
Ushers	Joe Arn	Walker and Tracy Simpson	Ted Warriner Leigh Ann Warriner
Oblationers		Melissa Felty	Nancy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers (EM)	Jerusalem Greer	Paul McCowan EM 1 Tanya Buchanan EM 2	Kelly King EM 1 John Wiltgen EM 2
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)			Catherine Fortney Cody Blackmon
Acolytes		AM:Jerusalem Greer C: Wade Simpson	AM:Jerusalem Greer C: Jaylee Garrett-Jones T1: Elise McGarrity T2: Kathryn Spinks
Altar Guild			Team 4

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STAY CONNECTED:

