

Parish Library

It is to the left before you enter the sanctuary. Besides housing books that may be checked out, the library also contains videos and audiotapes of recent Adult Forums. It also receives national Episcopal magazines and diocesan newspapers. Free pamphlets on a variety of subjects are located on the racks to the left before you enter the library. Come in and browse! (Aaron & Lisa Cloyd 503.771.7799)

All Saints' Movie Night

Every Sunday we show movies with religious and spiritual themes. This is a highly enjoyable way to pass an evening with your friends at All Saints. All you have to do is watch a movie, talk about it afterwards, and prepare to contribute to the popcorn fund. (David Champion 503.775.1380)

Education for Ministry

This four-year course is currently on hiatus. If you have interest please contact or Jen Schafer (503.698.2324).

Parish Website

Don't forget that our website contains links to many Episcopal, Anglican, and other Christian sites that could assist your spiritual walk. Surf on over to it at www.allsaintspdx.com. For more information, contact Teresa Snell (503.777.3829) the site's administrator.



Diocesan Educational Opportunities for Adults

An advantage of the Episcopal Church's diocesan structure is that we have the opportunity to attend lectures, workshops, and retreats that are open to all Episcopalians who live west of the Cascades. Cursillo, a spiritual renewal movement, is active in the diocese and parish. A great way to be aware of what is happening around the diocese is to visit the diocesan website (www.diocese-oregon.org) or to read the monthly diocesan newspaper, *The Oregon Episcopal Church News*, which the parish library receives. To receive a free subscription, call the Close (503.636.5613).

Metro East Convocation is the geographical subdivision of the diocese within which All Saints resides. Its School of Ministry offers many courses designed to enhance lay ministry. Past courses include *New Testament Greek* and *Pastoral Care: Ministry to the Sick*. This year, the School offers *Lay Preaching*, *Theology of C.S. Lewis*, and *Celtic Spirituality*. Future courses are announced in the diocesan newspaper and on the diocesan website. For more information, contact the Rev. Marla McGarry-Lawrence, deacon at St. Michael and All Angels. (503.284.7141, MarlaML@stmaa.org)

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ADULT EDUCATION AT ALL SAINTS'



The purpose of All Saints' Church is to celebrate God's love, to seek and to serve Christ in all persons, and to go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

COLLECT FOR EDUCATION (BCP p. 261)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

The parish offers a variety of educational opportunities for adults. Although we should always be learning more about what it means to be mature disciples of Christ, the amount of time that we can devote to structured learning does vary. Therefore, the offerings range in commitment from one hour to four years. We hope you find one or more of the following are a good match to your interests.

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:00-10:10 am in the Guild Room
As its motto suggests, "Dedicated to further enhancing our spiritual journey," at the Adult Forum we are interested in providing opportunities for parishioners to wrestle with the challenges of being a Christian. On Sunday mornings we explore a range of topics that fall within the broad areas of the history of Christianity, theology, current issues within the Church, and the relationship of Christians with their society. Realizing that people respond to different formats, we try to engage participants through various means, including presentations by parishioners and guest speakers, discussions of videos, and panel discussions. The schedule for the Forum is published in the parish newsletter, *The Bell Ringer*, as well as in the Sunday bulletin. Drop-ins are welcome. (Fr. Stephen, 503.777.3829)

Alpha

Wednesday, 6:00-8:30 pm, Parish Hall
The Alpha Course is a fifteen-session program that runs over eleven weeks to provide a practical introduction to the Christian faith. It began in England in 1990 as a way to introduce those with little church background to the basic tenets of Christianity. Alpha is now offered in 133 countries, reaching more than 5 million people. In addition to the weekly sessions that combine a meal, video presentation, and small-group discussion, there is a weekend retreat that focuses on the Holy Spirit. Anyone who wants to learn more about Christianity is welcome to attend this course. Childcare is provided. **The next session begins October 1st.** (Arnold McKinlay 503.775.1380)

Beta Group

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Guild Room
If you enjoy discussing Christian books with a group, Beta is for you. Some of the past topics have been the Letter to the Philippians, C.S. Lewis' *A Grief Observed*, Philip Yancey's *Reaching for the Invisible God*, and Bruce Feiler's *Walking the Bible*.

We don't have a set reading list; when we finish a work, we then decide what to read next and invite the parish to join us. If there's a book you've wanted to discuss with others, you're welcome to suggest it. **For Fall 2003, we are starting with Peter Gomes' *The Good Book*.** (Patti Ryall 503.266.1781)

Lenten Series

Wednesday evenings of Lent, Parish Hall
One of the traditional responses to the invitation "to the observance of a holy Lent" (BCP p. 265) is to set aside time for reflection and study. We regularly offer a special series for the parish during Lent. It is preceded by a potluck dinner, and activities for children are also provided. In the past we have had programs on prayer, the concept of Jubilee, the book of Genesis, and the many sides of Jesus.

Getting to Know the Episcopal Church Series

Sundays, 11:45-1:00 in Rector's Office
Twice a year, Father Stephen offers an eight-week course on the basics of our Episcopal faith and heritage. Parishioners join in to offer their personal insights into such topics as Sacraments, History, Discerning One's Spiritual Gifts, and Social Justice. See Fr. Stephen for more details.

Baptism and Confirmation

Along with Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, these are important steps of faith when an adult is ready. For more information about them and the process of preparation, see Fr. Stephen and the parish brochure devoted to them.