



SUNDAY MORNING SERIES
“WRESTLING WITH ANGELS”

10:10-10:50 A.M.

Have you ever wrestled with questions like: “Does God really guide my Life?” “Why is this happening to me?” “How can I ever forgive him/her/them?”

During Adult Forum in Lent, you will get to explore answers for hard questions like these in the series “Wrestling with Angels.” We’ll watch stimulating video accounts from people of faith and hear compelling commentary from well-known authors/communicators like Philip Yancey and Richard Foster. We’ll also share together about our own insights as we sort out these challenging questions.

Please join us for this Lenten Series, in “Wrestling with Angels.”
Sunday Mornings in Lent: Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 2 & 9 in The Gathering.

NEW BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY AT 9:00 AM

On Tuesday, February 12, a new Bible Study will begin. This study will go at least through Lent and hopefully be ongoing. During Lent, we will study the Gospel of John, the most complex of the four gospels but also one of great beauty. Sometimes called the mystical gospel, this gospel has often been both misunderstood and misused robbing it of its core spiritual message. Join us as we delve into this important book of the Bible. Tuesdays: 9:00 - 10:00 AM led by Pastor Dorian.

Saint John's Episcopal Church



Lent is a special time in the life of our congregation. It is a time for all of us to deepen our spiritual life through extra prayer and study. It is also an important time for the formation and strengthening of the parish community as the study groups afford a way for people to develop bonds with other parishioners. If you are new to the parish, this is a terrific way to get to know other parishioners. If you are a long-term member you already know what a rich experience our Lenten program can be.

Lent begins very early this year; Ash Wednesday is on February 6! We hope that you will participate in one of the programs and experience the joys that fellowship, study and prayer can bring.

SCHEDULE

Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday Services at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Wed. Lenten Program dates are Feb. 13, 20 and 27 - March 5 and 12

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| 6:00 PM | •Soup Supper – Parish Hall
•Small Group Book Study
<u>Knowing Jesus in Your Life</u> - Parish Hall |
| 6:30 PM | •Contemplative Prayer (Chapel)
•Intergenerational Activity for families with elementary age children - The Gathering |
| 7:30 PM | Holden Evening Prayer with SonShine (Church) |
| 7:45 PM | Discovery Series – Prayer Chapel |

Youth Groups will remain with their regular schedule (Youth House)

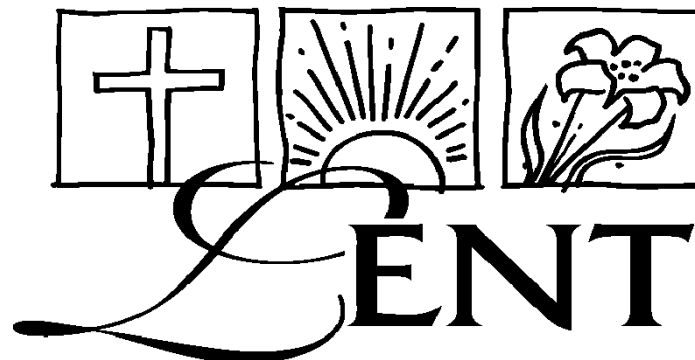
WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Knowing Jesus in Your Life is a powerful introduction to the Christian faith. Intended for long-term members as well as new, this book is getting rave reviews from members of the Adult Formation Ministry Team. The author is The Rev. Carol Anderson, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California. For many Episcopalians, the idea of a personal relationship with Jesus is unfamiliar. This little book is a touching witness to what Jesus can do in our lives.

We cannot make Jesus in our own image. We have to let him speak for himself, and then accept or reject him on the basis of who he says he is and who other people close to him say he is...Keep asking questions of him. Once you have made up your mind that he is who he claims to be, he will make a claim on your life and your life will not be the same.

Excerpt from Knowing Jesus in Your Life by the Rev. Carol Anderson

Participants will need to sign up ahead of time and will then be assigned to a small group of eight people. The entire book is only 92 pages long! Participants need to commit to reading the book. Participants will have dinner together and continue their conversation at their dinner table. To sign up and buy a copy of the book see the Adult Formation table after Sunday services, or email the office at ewilhelm@stjohnsplymouth.org.



WEDNESDAY INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES 6:40 - 7:30 P.M.

The Christian Formation Ministry is pleased to be offering intergenerational Lenten activities designed to engage the entire family in devotional time throughout the Lenten season. On Tuesday, February 5, there will be a pancake supper at church with Mardi Gras themed activities and music for the children. On Sunday, February 10 at 10:10 AM the church school classes will gather as a group and learn a little bit about the season of Lent. We will decorate Mite boxes, sing songs, and create a Lenten banner. Each Wednesday during the Lenten season, your family has the opportunity to gather with other St. John's families and sing songs, read stories, take part in some crafts and learn a little about different Lenten themes. February 13's theme will be prayer and pretzels. February 20's theme will be seeds and growing. February 27's theme will be a study of crosses. March 5's theme will be growing closer to God night and March 12's theme will be caterpillars, butterflies and new life. We will gather for a simple meal at 6:00 and move into family activities at 6:40. Following our intergenerational activities we will gather as a parish for prayer at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Please plan on joining us for this special time of wonder, prayer, and Lenten devotion.

Sign up for the Intergenerational Lenten Program on the Sign Me Up! Board.