



The Promise of Openly Engaging One Another in Our Life Experiences ...



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MISSION

Christian Education at St. Mark's provides classes and other programs that enable people to be sustained in their search for meaning, encounter the Lord in their deepest concerns and be strengthened by the symbols of the Christian faith.



ST. MARK'S MISSION

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and care for others with love, justice and compassion.



SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's Sunday School seeks to nurture the spirituality of each child, to teach the lore of the church, to encourage questions and thoughtfulness, to provide a safe place to share concerns, and to promote growth in compassion toward others.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOCUS 2011-2012

*The Promise of Openly Engaging
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CO-DIRECTORS

Welcome to St. Mark's Christian Education Program 2011-2012

Christian Education at St. Mark's hopes to provide a variety of open-hearted, innovative, functional and creative educational approaches that connect us through our stories and experiences to each other and to the people who came before us; with the understanding that we (people of all ages and stages) are involved at many levels in a search for meaning, relevance and community. We look to the parish for your invaluable input as we carefully consider your suggestions, your willingness to volunteer, your responses to our survey regarding our Sunday School program and support and encouragement we receive throughout the year. Our thanks to all of you!

We have designed a program with the intention of including a variety of educational approaches. Our Sunday School program starts with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which uses a Montessori-like approach to introduce the younger children to Bible stories. The Middle and Senior High classes utilize the Penniman method (functional education) to explore the religious underpinnings of facing life issues. The adult classes range in method from experiential to Penniman to Meditation to Imago; and in topic from the struggles within our family to race and reconciliation to our place in the community in St. Mark's the Musical. Each of these classes holds out the promise of openly engaging one another in our life experiences, so that as we worship together, take and teach classes together, and serve the greater community together, we grow and thrive as a spiritual community.

The Co-directors engaged in our planning for the year using the functional method developed by Charles Penniman. As we laid out the classes for the year ahead, we were mindful of the seasons of the church year, and how they correspond to Penniman's framework called Functional Education. Penniman sees our ability to learn about ourselves and deepen our connection to others and to God through a series of stages identified as "Units" that correspond to the Christian Calendar as follows:

Unit I	Curiosity—the Last Sundays after Pentecost	Unit IV	Despair—Lent
Unit II	Anxiety—Advent	Unit V	Acceptance and Anticipation—
Unit III	Hope—Christmas—Epiphany		Easter—Ascension, Pentecost

As a result of our discernment process, we have set our focus for the Christian Education program this year as:

“The Promise of Openly Engaging One Another in Our Life Experiences”

Our program hopes to spark your interest in spiritual growth and renewed belonging to the St. Mark's community. Our hope is that each of you says “yes” to a class that meets you where you are on your journey.

— Bobbi Smith, Penny Farley, Katherine Loevinger, Will Long, Rita Ossolinski, Don Ellison

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Begins in September – see class for start date (no Sunday School November 27, December 25, January 1, 8 and April 8).
Banner Sunday on May 20, 2012 marks the end of the year with a procession of banners with one worship service at 10 am.

CATECHESIS

Begins Sunday September 11 immediately following one worship service at 10:00 am.

Catechesis Coordinator: Nora Rumpf
Musical and Artistic Volunteers: Jeff Kincheloe and Jane Rutherford

Catechesis I (Age 3 to Kindergarten)

Begins Sunday September 11 immediately following one worship service at 10:00 am.

In the preschool class, children hear stories of Jesus' Life, explore the parables, and learn about some elements of the Eucharist. We offer children many opportunities to simply be in love with God through Jesus, and help them deepen that relationship in many ways.

Time: 9:45–10:45 am
Leaders: Suanna Bruinooge, Belinda Sims, Missy Smith, Suzanne Wells
Location: Room 6

Catechesis II (Grades 1–3)

Begins Sunday September 11 immediately following one worship service at 10:00 am.

In the primary grades, children are given opportunities to explore the loving relationship with God begun during Pre–K to Kindergarten. Children are introduced to parables and more complicated issues, learn about how the apostles spread the word of Jesus, and deepen their understanding of the Eucharist. The children plan their own services, including prayers, readings and song.

Time: 9:45–10:45 am
Leaders: Stephanie Deutsch, Paul Albergo, and Linda Huntington; Substitute, Brock Hansen
Location: Rooms 1 and 3

Catechesis III (Grades 4–5)

Begins Sunday September 11 immediately following one worship service at 10:00 am.

At this level, lessons are focused on stories from the Hebrew Scriptures and more challenging parables and maxims from the New Testament that are appropriate for this age group. More independent and individualized work with the materials is encouraged, as the children begin to see that they have a role to play in moving themselves and their community closer to God.

Time: 9:45–10:45 am
Leaders: Kathryn Powers, Barbara Williams, and Nora Rumpf
Location: Room 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6–8)

Begins Sunday, September 25. Attending Sunday services on September 11 and 18 at 10:00 am.

Classes center on discussions about the concerns, issues and pressures in teens' lives, using the Penniman method of Christian Education. Students will continue studying the Bible and Episcopal traditions. New materials and resources will be used to consider these themes and issues, in the context of the greater world around us. Students are encouraged to explore questions of faith, justice, compassion and the world at large.

<i>Time:</i>	<i>9:45–10:45 am</i>
<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>Tracy Council, Shay Waye, Ray Murray</i>
<i>Substitutes:</i>	<i>Terry Adlhock, Nancy Donaldson</i>
<i>Supervisor:</i>	<i>Linda Ewald</i>
<i>Curriculum Coordinator:</i>	<i>Jane Sherman</i>
<i>Location:</i>	<i>Adams Room</i>

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9–12)

Begins Sunday, September 25. Attending Sunday services on September 11 and 18 at 10:00 am.

Classes continue to explore the concerns, issues and pressures in teens' lives using the Penniman method. This class combines that approach with Bible study, service learning and broader theological discussions. This class aims to provide a safe space for senior teens to explore issues arising from their emerging maturity.

<i>Time:</i>	<i>9:45–10:45 am</i>
<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>David Abramowitz, Jennifer Wilkinson, Bart Barnes, Grace Aspinnall; substitutes, Kit Arrington, Ozgur Ozkan, Malissa Zimmerman</i>
<i>Supervisor:</i>	<i>Stan Smith</i>
<i>Curriculum Coordinator:</i>	<i>Jane Sherman</i>
<i>Location:</i>	<i>Baxter House, Penniman Room</i>

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 THROUGH 12)

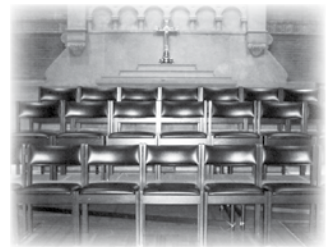
Summer Sunday School is offered for children ages 4 through the 8th grade.

<i>Dates & Time:</i>	<i>Sundays, June 17–July 29, 2012 (7 sessions); 9:45–10:45 am</i>
<i>Coordinator:</i>	<i>Marcella Gillis</i>
<i>Location:</i>	<i>Adams Room + breakout</i>

SPECIAL YOUTH AND TEENS PROGRAM CALENDAR

For a listing of youth activities, see page 20.

<i>Coordinator:</i>	<i>Marcella Gillis</i>
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FACILITATOR TRAINING

NUTS & BOLTS OF FUNCTIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

All are welcome. This class explores the fundamentals of the Penniman Method of Christian Education including techniques for identifying a focus, planning the overall program and developing individual class plans. This will be an excellent bonding experience for new teams of facilitators as they prepare for the upcoming year.

Dates & Time: September 6, 13 and 20 (3 sessions), Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm, Adams Room

Leaders: Marilu Sherer, Bruce Sherman

Fee: Free

THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR ALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

Dates & Time: Saturday, October 8, 5:00–8:00 pm

Location: The home of Rita and Matt Ossolinski

Hosts: Christian Ed Co-Directors Don Ellison, Penny Farley, Katherine Loevinger, Will Long, Rita Ossolinski, and Bobbi Smith

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Required by the Diocese of Washington for all Sunday School leaders and volunteers. The training schedule can be viewed at <http://www.edow.org/prevention>.



GATEWAY CLASSES

Offered every season to encourage community-building and one of many ways to become involved in the life of the parish.

INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S

This one day "Intro" class offers an overview of the St. Mark's community – our vision (who we are), our vocation (what we do), and our values (how we do what we do). Near the end of the class, parish leaders will join us to share a bit about opportunities for deeper engagement in our community life.

Dates & Time: Sunday, 1:00–4:00 pm, September 25, 2011, January 22, 2012 and July 8, 2012 (one session 3 times a year. Reception after 5:00 pm service with recent LCF team.

Leaders: Paul Abernathy (September and July) and Justi Schunior and Loretta Veney (January 22)

Location: Adams Room (July and September), Library (January 22)

Fee: Free

LIFE, COMMUNITY & FAITH (LCF)

Designed for all parishioners who are looking to build a smaller community within the larger parish. LCF is a vibrant, experiential class that invites and encourages participants to identify and examine their life's concerns and questions within a class community. The course uses the lens of our Christian story, particularly Jesus' relationship with his disciples, to deepen our understanding of ourselves and our faith. Open to all, especially newcomers.

LCF–Fall

Dates & Time: October 5–December 14, 2011, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (10 sessions and 2 retreats, no class November 23)

Weekends: October 21–23, 2011 at Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, VA and December 2–4 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA

Leaders: Paul Abernathy, Grady Hedgespeth, Bill Jordan, Marlane Liddell

Supervisor: Kitty Donnelly

Fee: \$250 covers costs of first retreat. Second retreat funded by a private donation. Child Care support available upon request in advance.

LCF–Spring

Dates & Time: January 31–April 3, 2012, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (10 sessions and 2 retreats)

Weekends: February 10:00–12 noon, 2012 at DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE and March 23–25, 2012 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA

Leaders: Susan Flanders, Justi Schunior, Charlie Rupp

Supervisor: David Evelyn

Fee: \$250 covers costs of first retreat. Second retreat funded by a private donation. Child Care support available upon request in advance

WHAT'S AN EPISCOPALIAN? TRADITION, LITURGY & THEOLOGY

This is a four-week class to follow the Life, Community and Faith class and is a preparation for the Rite of Confirmation in the Episcopal Church. The course is designed to provide a lens through which class members examine the promises and commitments involved in being a confirmed communicant in the Episcopal Church. The course also covers the history and traditions of the Episcopal Church and key elements of our worship experience.

Dates & Time: Winter 2012: February 5, 12, March 4, 11, Sundays 2:00–4:00 pm (4 sessions)
Spring 2012: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2:00–4:00 pm (4 sessions)

Location: Adams Room

Leader: Paul Abernathy

Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution to defray costs

BAPTISM COURSE

This class, designed for parents who are planning to present their child for Baptism, explores parenting issues that are posed by our Liturgy of Baptism.

Dates: Fall 2011: Sundays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 (4 sessions) plus rehearsals, Saturday, November 5 and January 14 (for November 6 and January 15 baptisms)
Spring 2012: Sunday, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, plus rehearsals, Saturday, April 14 and May 26 (for April 15 and May 27 baptisms)

Location: Baxter House, Gregory Room

Leaders: Brock and Penny Hansen

Supervisor: Doug Ammon

Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution per couple to defray costs



FALL ADULT CLASSES

NUTS & BOLTS OF FUNCTIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This class explores the fundamentals of the Penniman Method of Christian Education as framed by Charles Penniman. This includes techniques for identifying a focus, planning the overall program and developing individual class plans. This will be an excellent bonding experience for new teams of facilitators as they prepare for the upcoming year.

Dates & Time: September 6, 13 and 20 (3 sessions), Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm, Adams Room
Leaders: Marilu Sherer, Bruce Sherman
Fee: Free

TELLING OUR TRUTH IN THE FAMILY

An intergenerational functional class to look at how authentic we can be with the people closest to us. How close are we if we do not tell the truth? Our parents, siblings and children think they know us, but do they? How risky is it to be the real me to my family? At times, I am caught between being true to my values and keeping the family peace. Where can I find the strength to authentically live in this tension? Have I created a family with my friends and partner because I feel like I don't belong or can't fit into my family of origin?

Dates & Time: September 27–November 1, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (6 weeks)
Weekend retreat: October 14–16 at DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE
Leaders: Scilla Adams, George Meng, Caitie Whelan
Supervisor: Keith Krueger
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$250

NO WAY OUT: ROLES, RULES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ever feel like you want to play by your own rules and yet you want to play well with others? This class will explore the balance among three aspects of community life: the rules of the group, the roles we take as we interact relative to the rules; and the relationships we build negotiating within this complex, three-part paradigm. In all arenas of our lives, from friendships, to courting, to family, school, work, neighborhood and community, this interaction exists. We will take time to reflect and consider the sense we make of our roles, the rules we create and follow, and our relationships – inherent and intrinsic.

Dates & Time: November 8–December 13, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (6 weeks, no weekend retreat)
Leaders: Stan Smith and Team
Supervisor: Mark Lindley
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$50



BIBLE AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

MARCHING THROUGH THE BIBLE: THE APOCRYPHA

This class on “The Apocrypha” will cover a collection of 2nd and 3rd century BC writings in order to explore the theological concerns of the day. The course consists of assigned readings and class discussions. It will demand attendance at all sessions and full participation in class. Other outside readings are not expected. We are trying to become more familiar with reading and discussing the scripture itself.

Dates & Time: September 25–April 22, Sundays at 10:00–11:00 am
Leader: Buzz March and Bob Ewald
Location: Library
Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution per semester to defray costs

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

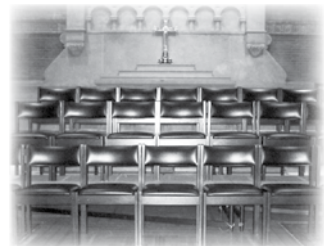
Join the Weekly Bible Discussion and Study Group in the Adams Room! We will be studying the Letters of Paul from “*The Authentic Letters of Paul*” by Arthur J. Dewey and others, 2010. Can be ordered in class for \$21 or via Polebridge Press for \$27 plus shipping. Class is open to everyone and drop-ins are welcome.

Dates & Time: September 7–May 30, Wednesdays, 11:00 am–12:15 pm
(brown bag lunch follows until 1:00 pm)
Leader: Paul Abernathy, Buzz March and other Lay Leaders
Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution per semester to defray costs, plus cost of the book

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Please join our Thursday Bible reading group for stimulating study and discussion of Biblical texts and commentary, with particular focus on how the text can be meaningful in our contemporary context. The discussion moves at its own pace through material chosen by those in the group. No formal training is required, but a healthy interest in the ‘not so fun’ parts of the Bible is a plus. Please see the bulletin for announcements about upcoming topics as they are chosen by the group. New members are welcome anytime during the course of each study.

Dates & Time: September 29 – May 17, Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm
Leaders: Michael Knipe, Andrew Stafford
Location: Penniman Room, Baxter House
Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution per semester to defray costs, plus cost of books chosen by the group



BUDDHIST MEDITATION, MONDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY MORNING

Jonathan Foust, John McIlwain and Mary Aubry from the Insight Meditation Community of Washington (IMCW) will alternate to lead each meeting. If you are curious about what Buddhist meditation is all about and how this supports being a practicing Christian, please come. If you already have an ongoing meditation practice, this is also for you. Our goal is to make Monday night and Thursday morning a place where everyone, regardless of faith (or non-faith) differences, can come and have a silent conversation with each other. More information on IMCW is available on their website at www.imcw.org.

Date & Times: September 2011 through July 2012, Mondays 7:30–9:00 pm and Thursdays 7:00–8:00 am
Guest Leaders: John McIlwain, Jonathan Foust and Mary Aubry
Lay Leaders: Collie Agle and Raiford Gaffney
Location: Nave and Adams Room
Fee: Suggested donation of \$10 per class to be shared by Guest Leaders, Insight Meditation Community of Washington and St. Mark's

BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP, SPRING 2012 RETREAT

The day will be led by Tara Brach of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington (IMCW). Suffering comes from our un-lived life—the unseen, unfelt parts of our psyche. Through this workshop, we will explore how the Buddhist practices of mindfulness and compassion can free us from the bind of difficult emotions like fear and shame. The day will include didactic presentation, guided meditations, experiential exercises, and time for sharing and questions.

Date & Time: April 14 (one session), Saturday, 9:30 am–5:00 pm
Guest Leader: Tara Brach
Lay Leaders: Collie Agle, Raiford Gaffney
Location: Nave
Fee: Suggested donation of \$100 to be shared by the Guest Leader, Insight Meditation Community of Washington and St. Mark's



THE GUILD APPROACH TO BIBLE STUDY: TWO PROGRAMS

For over fifty years, the Guild for Psychological Studies has conducted seminars that bring together the depth psychology of Carl Jung and others, the Records of the Life of Jesus (Synoptic Gospels), the Hebrew Scriptures, and material drawn from myth, poetry, world religions, and the evolving images of modern culture and science. Using a process based on Socratic inquiry and dialogue, as well as expressive arts, seminar participants carefully attend to images and feelings, discover connections between the personal and collective psyche, and often find a new commitment to their deep and enfolding truth. For more information, see the Guild's website at www.guildsf.org.

ONE: AN ADVENT EVENING

Members of Washington DC's Home Guild lead St. Mark's parishioners in an Advent exploration. Come, listen to the Nativity story and experience the mystery in new and synchronous ways.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 15, 7:30–9:30 pm
Leaders: Barbara Black, Lynn Kneeder, Susan Thompson
Coordinator: Barbara Black
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$25

TWO: SOUL WORK – THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

(See page 15 under Bible & Religious Studies)



WINTER ADULT CLASSES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND

Open to all, an opportunity to engage with the Christian Ed community of Sunday School and Adult Program leaders and supervisors. The focus this year is "The Promise of Engaging One Another".

Date & Time: January 6–8, 2012
Leaders: Don Ellison, Penny Farley, Rita Ossolinski
Location: Dupont House, Rehoboth, DE

RACE AND RECONCILIATION: THE CLASS

We at St. Mark's continue to work on making our community welcoming to people of all faiths and backgrounds. Facing into our issues about race, however, usually proves awkward and easy to avoid. Research has shown that insensitivity to social issues, based on very early training and experiences, can be deeply buried. As early as a few months of age, babies can tell differences among races and attach a point of view to their observations. Building on the work of St. Mark's Race and Reconciliation consultants, this class will provide a safe place to explore our feelings about people who look different from us.

Dates & Time: January 18–February 22 (6 sessions), Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm
Leaders: Peter Sherer, Leon Cover, Loretta Veney
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$50

UNBURDENING OUR HEARTS – CHOOSING FORGIVENESS

Do you long to let go of past hurts and resentments and feel more peaceful? In this functional education class we will explore the spiritual meanings of forgiveness as well as what hinders us and what helps us in unburdening our hearts and forgiving ourselves and others.

Dates & Time: February 13–March 12 (5 sessions), Mondays, 7:30–9:30 pm,
Weekend Retreat, February 24–26 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA
Leaders: Elizabeth McCain, Don Lipscomb, Jack Burton, Linda Ewald
Supervisor: Bruce Sherman
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$250



SPRING ADULT CLASSES

LIFE CHANGES: WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Change happens to us by choice, or suddenly and unexpectedly. I can put my head in the sand or fall backward, or I can choose to respond faithfully. But what upholds me when I hold inside myself 'a community of opposites'? This class explores major decision points in our lives and how we identify our fears and our faith. Whether it's losing or finding a new job, retiring, getting married or divorced, having a child, facing serious illness or losing a loved one, it's time to hit the reset button. The class is partially inspired by Fr. Richard Rohr's book *"Falling Upwards: Spirituality in the Two Halves of Life"*.

Dates & Time: February 29–April 4 (6 weeks), Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm
Weekend Retreat: March 16–18 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA
Leaders: Pete Eveleth, Matthew Black, Nadine Hathaway, Louise Walsh
Supervisor: Anne Barton
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$250

ST. MARK'S: THE MUSICAL

This is a unique functional class, debuting an original musical script based on life at St. Mark's. Portraying the issues of three generations, scenes from the musical will serve as launches for class sessions. Concerns include searching for authenticity within a caring community; coping with disease and death; struggling to maintain relationships despite confusion and conflict; and finding, losing, and celebrating love. After reading a scene and listening to songs, class members will discuss their experiences with the issues and tensions inspired by the dialogue and lyrics. The class will end in a final reading of the script. "The Musical" will draw on the tradition of four- and five-part vocal harmony, originated in the late 50's by the Four Freshman, popularized by the Beach Boys, carried on by countless college a capella groups, and featured today by singers like those on "Glee". Class members will sing spirituals, Christmas carols, hymns, anthems and ensemble numbers with choreography! Come join us for a deeply engaging experience.

Dates & Time: April 18–May 23, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (6 weeks)
Weekend Retreat: May 18–20 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA
Leaders: Tom Wickenden, Rick Hayes, Betsy Athey, Grace O'Neil
Supervisor: Greg Gay
Location: Adams Room
Fee: \$250

IMAGO CONNECTS: INTRODUCTION TO IMAGO RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

Falling in love is the easy part... it's staying in love that's the real adventure! This is a lively and educational introduction to the basics of Imago Theory, an internationally recognized method of supporting people who desire a conscious and successful relationship. During this two session class, participants will learn: why we are attracted to certain people; the stages of a relationship; how the brain works "on love"; defensive behaviors and reactivity; and the basics of the the Imago Dialogue –

mirror, validate, empathize. Individuals as well as couples are encouraged to attend this class. For more information, see www.imagocenterdc.com, or contact Shelly Webb at (410) 409-9423, or shelly.webb@imagocenterdc.com.

Dates & Time: March 1-8, 2012, Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 pm (2 sessions)

Leaders: Carl Siegel, Shelly Webb and Imago Center staff

Location: Adams Room

Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution per person to defray costs

COUPLEHOOD AS A SPIRITUAL PATH: THE IMAGO COUPLES CLASS

The “quickening of my spirit at your sight”... This seminar is designed to be a deeply spiritual experience for couples, both within their partnership as well as within the group of couples. Each week, with the guidance of an Imago professional and DVD lessons from Harville Hendrix & Helen Hunt, the participants are encouraged to see their relationship within the context of their larger spiritual life and longings. Participants often form follow-up groups after the class is over. For more information, see www.imagocenterdc.com. or contact Shelly Webb at (410) 409-9423, or shelly.webb@imagocenterdc.com.

Dates & Time: March 19-April 23, 2012, Mondays, 7:30-9:30 pm (6 sessions)

Leaders: Carl Siegel, Shelly Webb and Imago Center staff

Location: Adams Room

Fee: \$150 per couple (includes manual)
minimum number: 10 couples

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Dates & Time: May 1, 8, 15 (3 sessions), Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm

Leaders: Marilu Sherer, Bruce Sherman

Location: Adams Room

Fee: Free

BIBLE & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

THE JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD

The Jesus Seminar On The Road (JSOR) will feature Joanna Dewey, professor emerita of Biblical studies at the Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge), who is a specialist in the Gospel of Mark, orality studies and feminist approaches to the New Testament. The JSOR program of the Westar Institute sends respected biblical scholars into interested communities for conversations exploring issues of current biblical and theological research and scholarship. Previous topics include “Diversity, Not Orthodoxy”, “The Parables of Jesus,” and “Rediscovering Paul”.

Date & Times: March 9, 2012, Friday, 7:30-9:00 pm, lecture followed by questions and answers

March 10, 2012, Saturday, 9:30 am-4:00 pm, morning and afternoon sessions comprising

presentations and discussions

Leaders: Two Jesus Seminar Fellows

Coordinators: Raiford Gaffney, Penny Farley

Location: Parish Hall

Fee: Full event registration: \$75; pre-registration: \$60; additional family members \$50; Friday only: \$20; Saturday morning or afternoon only: \$30 each. Discounts for students are available. Please register and get details at www.westarinstitute.org. Voluntary contributions to St. Mark's will be welcome.

THE GUILD APPROACH TO BIBLE STUDY: TWO PROGRAMS

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TWO: SOUL WORK – THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Bill Dols, Episcopal priest and teacher for the Guild for Psychological Studies and the Jung Society of Washington, leads this class examining selected episodes in the life and teachings of Jesus and other wisdom sources as a tool for learning about ourselves and how to live fully in the world. Using the Guild's unique approach, he will use meditation, expressive arts, movement, journaling and music to aid our "soul work". Class size will be limited to 15 participants.

Date and Time: Friday, March 23, 7:30–9:30 pm; Saturday, March 24, 10:00 am–4:00 pm

Leader: Bill Dols

Coordinator: Matthew Black

Location: Parish Hall

Fee: \$100

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FORUM 2011–2012

Dates for each program will be announced in advance—Sundays, 1:00–3:00 pm, Adams Room.

The Christian Ed Forum continues for the second year. This year we will announce short classes, lecture series and workshops to be held in the Adams Room on Sundays from 1–3pm after pub lunch. This began as an idea to support Sunday School teachers and has expanded to include a variety of topics based on suggestions we have received from the community. The topics suggested to us are listed below. Please see the Christian Education Bulletin Board for announcements and updates.

Penniman Units & Categories

Classroom Management, Stan Smith

The Anthropology of Genesis, Elin Whitney-Smith

Me and My Political Identity, Brock Hansen

The Book of Job, Nat White

Environment: Anacostia Watershed, Collie Agle

Preparing for My Last Journey, Bart Barnes and Karen Getman

Discussion on Jim Adams' book, "So You Think You're Not Religious?"



BEYOND THE FRAME WORKSHOPS

Dates for each program will be announced in advance. Fee for each program: \$25

Coordinators: Penny Farley, Heidi Christensen, David Evelyn, Karen Falk, and Charley Donnelly

Advisors: Tracy Councill, Betty Foster, and Rosie Brooks

Creative expression in all its forms is an essential ingredient in every part of our lives. We find solace in the beauty of our worship space and spiritual inspiration in the music and the poetic language of our liturgy. Creative expression focuses and resolves the chaos and anxiety that shakes us, and opens ways to bond with others. In sharing our creative expressions, we realize the promise of openly engaging with one another in our life experiences. Beyond The Frame brings something new this year. We will launch a new program, Creative Expressions, while continuing our traditional programs of guided visits to featured events at local museums and galleries, lunchtime discussion, and hands-on art sessions.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Inspired by the 2011 Class “Turning Down the Chatter—Tuning Into Peace”, we will move well beyond the frame to encourage creative expression in its many forms – dance and movement, poetry and writing, music, visual arts, at St Mark’s in a special space dedicated for this purpose. Stay tuned!

GUIDED VISITS:

NOVEMBER – FREER GALLERY: “OPENING THE SHUTTERS”

View James Whistler’s famed Peacock Room bathed in natural sunlight! In addition to Whistler’s lavish architectural designs, the room’s collection includes ceramics from China, Egypt, Japan and Syria, as well as paintings and other decorative arts. Come see the subtleties of this room and its artwork that are only visible in natural light.

FEBRUARY – ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM: “CALL AND RESPONSE”

BTF returns for a third visit to explore art made for and from public expression in simultaneous shows “Neighborhood Palette”, a history of east-of-the-river public art by the Albus Cavus public design collective, and “Citified”, a celebration of creativity in everyday life.

MARCH – NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY: “PORTRAITS OF ENCOUNTER”

Witness how seven artists’ visual stories defy stereotypes that have long obscured the complexity of being Asian in America. The disparate threads of race, ethnicity, gender, diaspora, hybridity, and transnationalism are laid bare in these rich and exciting portraits of encounter.

APRIL – NATIONAL GALLERY: “I SPY: PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE THEATER OF THE STREET”

Small hand-held cameras enabled amateur photographers to capture everyday life. This exhibition celebrates how over 70 years a collection of street photographs documents the development of a new genre of street photography, capturing the diversity and rapid pace of modern life.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PILLAR 2011-2012

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Karen Falk

Kate McFadden

Jane Sherman

Peter Hawley

Walt Moody

Edna Boone

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Deborah Cunningham

THANK YOU TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all of you who have stepped up to participate as leaders in this year's program.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Penniman Method/Functional Education:

The experience of relationship, the touching of one human life with another in an authentic way is at the heart of the functional education discipline of which Charles Penniman, Episcopal priest, theologian, and consultant to St. Mark's in the 1950s and 1960s, is the author and architect. Functional Education or "func ed," generally speaking, is a Christian education pedagogical model or instructional method authored by Charles Penniman, the aim of which is to make sense out of existence. Func ed begins with the exploration of life experience and moves to lore, the traditional teaching of the church. Penniman was not as concerned to discourse about God in the abstract as he was to experience and analyze the human situation from which arose existential questions and, then, to demonstrate that (and how) the symbols of the Christian proclamation respond to these life's inquiries. At the heart of the discipline is the recognition of the tension between sin and faith. In this instance, sin has less to do with some idea of iniquity, our falling short of some standard of morality, and more to do with our falling short of an essential authenticity in our humanity, our being less than true to our selves, to others, and to God.

—Paul Abernathy, "Introduction to Functional Education" (May 2000)

Catechesis:

For our young children, from 3 ½ to 10 years of age, "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" offers a Sunday school program using a Montessori-like approach to help children learn about the depth of God's love, the life and parables of Jesus, and elements of the Eucharist.

Guild Approach/Jungian Class:

For over fifty years, the Guild for Psychological Studies has conducted seminars that bring together the depth psychology of Carl Jung, the Records of the Life of Jesus (Synoptic Gospels), the Hebrew Scriptures, and material drawn from myth, poetry, world religions, and the evolving images of modern culture and science. Using a process based on Socratic inquiry and dialog, seminar participants carefully attend to images and feelings, discover connections between the personal and collective psyche, and often find a new commitment to the deep and unfolding truth that has been called the Self or Soul.

Imago Relationship Theory:

Developed by Harville Hendrix & Helen Hunt, Imago is a way to create a rewarding relationship by understanding the root causes of relational conflict, turning conflict into opportunities for healing and growth, and creating purpose for marriage/relationship in the healing of our communities and society. The Imago Center of D.C. is within the umbrella organization Pastoral Counseling & Consultation Centers of Greater Washington (PC&CC).

PROGRAM FEES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS, CLASSES AND EVENTS

The Christian Education program at St. Mark's has been largely self-supporting for many years. It is heartily supported by our clergy and laity who volunteer their time, talent, energy, and creativity with our children, teens and adults. Fees for adult classes are designed to cover adult course supplies, utilities, printing, and retreat center costs for room and board. A private donation has graciously underwritten a portion of the cost of the Life Community and Faith class to make this long gateway class with two weekend retreats more affordable to newcomers and to all parishioners who are looking to build a closer community within the larger parish.

Adult programs also partially subsidize Sunday School classes and other youth programs, where our policy is not to impose fees but rather to encourage families to participate in the program. Fees from adult classes, therefore, also help to pay for Sunday School classes' books, curriculum, supplies, leader manuals, training and miscellaneous expenses.

Fees for courses booked with outside groups are negotiated either on a revenue-sharing basis or with a request for individual goodwill donations to the St. Mark's Christian Education Program.

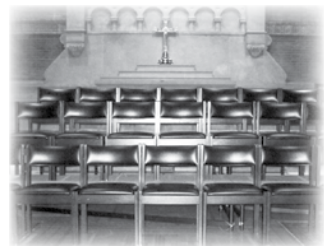
Limited need-based scholarships for classes are available by request to one of the Co-Directors. Discounts may be offered per class depending on variables such as number of participants and cost of retreat centers.

As an incentive for greater class participation, we have lowered the fees for classes; see table below.

Except as noted above the class fees are as follows:

2011–2012 Fee Policy:

- **\$25 voluntary contribution requested for 2-hour class or event**
- **\$25 voluntary contribution per semester class to defray costs (i.e. Bible Studies)**
- **\$25 per all-day event (over 2 hours)**
- **\$50 per class with no retreat**
- **\$250 per class with retreat.**



SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS & TEEN PROGRAMS

Marcella Gillis, our Director of Youth Ministries, is the coordinator and point of contact for all special youth events and teen programs. By providing a variety of events outside of Sunday School, we strive to build an open and trusting environment for our children and youth to ask questions, grow spiritually, and form distinct peer groups at St. Mark's. To find out what's coming up next, join our e-mail list and receive invitations and reminders. View the full calendar of youth events available on the website at <http://stmarks.net/youth/index.html>

<i>Special Events Ages 4-12</i>	In conjunction with parish-life events, an array of activities for children ages four to twelve will be provided during the parish picnic (September 4), Capital Campaign Kick-off dinner (October 29), Mardi Gras dance (February 18), Annual Meeting (March 11), Easter Egg Hunt (April 8), and many more.
<i>Back to School Brunch & Coffee Hour</i>	Sunday September 18 after Sermon Seminar,
<i>Youth and Outreach Project</i>	Once monthly, beginning on October 16 with Help-the-Homeless Mini Walk for Samaritan Ministries. Other projects announced monthly
<i>Monthly Family Service</i>	Once monthly family service held the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:00 service beginning October 9.
<i>Senior High Lock-In (St. Mark's)</i>	October 2-3
<i>Middle School Fall Retreat</i>	November 6
<i>Christmas Pageant</i>	December 24
<i>Family Ski Trip</i>	A recreational ski trip to the beautiful mountains of West Virginia. Lodging at the YMCA Camp Horseshoe in the remote Canaan Valley. January 14-16
<i>Cathedral Lock-In</i>	For middle and high school youth in the diocese of Washington - February 11-12
<i>Middle School Lock-In (St. Mark's)</i>	March 3-4
<i>Honduras Service Trip</i>	For High School youth, summer 2012 (dates TBD); Wake Up the Earth fundraiser, April 21
<i>Shrine Mont Parish Retreat Activities for Children, Youth and Teens</i>	Orkney Springs, Virginia, June 8-10

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR 2011–2012

(For details and leaders see class description)

Classes starting in September 2011

Dates

Nuts & Bolts of Functional Christian Education	September 6, 13, 20, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm
Wednesday Morning Bible Study	September 7–May 30, Wednesdays, 11:00–12:15 pm
Marching Through the Bible: Apocrypha	September 25–April 22, Sundays, 10:00–11:00 am
Introduction to Life at St. Mark's	September 25, Sunday, 1:00–4:00 pm
Telling Our Truth in the Family	September 27–November 1, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm; weekend retreat, October 14–16, DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE
Thursday Night Bible Study	September 29–May 17, Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm
Buddhist Meditation	September 2011–July 2012, Mondays 7:30–9:00 pm, Thursdays, 7–8 am

Classes starting in October 2011

Life, Community and Faith–Fall	October 5–December 14, 2011, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (10 sessions and 2 retreats, no class November 23); Weekends: October 21–23 (Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, VA), December 2–4 (Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA)
Baptism Class	October 9, 16, 23, 30, Sundays 10:00–noon, plus rehearsals Saturday, 10:00–11:00 am, plus rehearsals, Saturday, November 5 and January 14, 10:00–11:00 am, (for November 6 and January 15 baptisms)

Classes starting in November 2011

No Way Out: Rules, Roles and Relationships	November 8–December 13, Tuesdays 7:30–9:30 pm
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Classes starting in December 2011

The Guild Approach to Bible Study One: An Advent Evening	December 15, Thursday, 7:30–9:30 pm
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Classes starting in January 2012

Christian Education Weekend	January 6–8, 2012, DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE
Race and Reconciliation: The Class	January 18–February 22, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm

Introduction to Life at St. Mark's	January 22, Sunday, 1:00–4:00 pm
Life, Community and Faith–Spring	January 31–April 3, 2012, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (10 sessions and 2 retreats); Weekends: February 10–12 (DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE), March 23–25 (Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA)

Classes starting in February 2012

What's an Episcopalian?	February 5, 12, March 4, 11, Sundays, 2:00-4:00 pm
Unburdening Our Hearts – Choosing Forgiveness	February 13–March 12, Mondays, 7:30–9:30 pm, weekend retreat February 24-26, Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA
Life Changes: What Do I Do Next?	February 29–April 4, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm, weekend retreat March 16-18, Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA

Classes starting in March 2012

Imago Connects	March 1–8, Thursdays, 7:30–9:30 pm (2 sessions)
The Jesus Seminar on the Road	March 9, Friday, 7:30–9:00 pm, and Saturday workshop March 10 2011, 9:30 am–4:00 pm
Baptism Class	March 11, 18, 25, April 1, Sundays 10:00-noon, plus rehearsals, Saturday, April 14 and May 26, 10:00-11:00 am, (for April 15 and May 27 baptisms)
Couplehood a Spiritual Path: The Imago Couples Class	March 19–April 23, Mondays, 7:30–9:30 pm
The Guild Approach to Bible Study Two: Soul Work - The Journey Continues	March 23, Friday, 7:30-9:30 and March 24, Saturday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Classes starting in April 2012

Buddhist Meditation Group , Spring Retreat	April 14, Saturday, 9:30 am–5:00 pm
St. Mark's: The Musical	April 18–May 23, Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm; weekend retreat May 18–20, Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA
What's an Episcopalian? Tradition, Liturgy & Theology	April, 22, 29, May 6, 13 (4 sessions) Sundays, 2:00–4:00pm

Classes starting in May 2012

Nuts & Bolts to Functional Christian Education	May 1, 8, 15, Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30
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Classes starting in July 2012

Introduction to Life at St. Mark's	July 8, Sunday, 1:00–4:00 pm
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