

2018 Adult Christian Formation Offerings

September through November Sundays at 10:00 AM Vestry Liaison contact: Dick Whitfield rjwhit1@prodigy.net, 704-796-2171

September 9

<u>Rally Day</u> is the exciting beginning of a new program year. Join us at 10 AM for breakfast, to learn about ministry opportunities and the new offerings for Adult Christian Formation.

September 16 & 30

How Do I Talk to Someone I Disagree with? A discussion on effective communication with loved ones and acquaintances in order to reduce resentments, strengthen relationships and begin the process of forgiveness and reconciliation as we seek as Christians to live in peace in today's world.

Presenter: Lynn Parsley



Lynn Parsley, MA,LPC, has been an educator counselor for nearly 40 years. With humor and wisdom, she addresses our conflicts with loved ones, acquaintances and friends. She resides in Winston-Salem where she maintains a private practice and is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. "It has been my lifelong dream to help individuals and families heal and grow into the healthiest and most enjoyable lives possible."

September 23

<u>Christian Healing: Beyond Booboo's and</u> <u>Band-aids:</u> What can we learn from Jesus' Christian tradition about healing and forgiveness. Does Jesus heal today?

Presenter: The Rev. Nancy L. J. Cox



The Reverend Nancy Cox came to All Saints' in the Fall of 2010. Previously she served Episcopal congregations in Virginia and Connecticut. She graduated from high school in Charleston and earned a

degree in Geology and Geophysics from Princeton University. She also completed a masters degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas in Austin before attending Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. She has four adult children.

October 7 (An intergenerational event)

<u>A Celebration of Saint Francis and Saint</u> <u>Clare</u>: Come meet Saint Frances and Saint Clare and share in their amazing spiritual journey and earthly walk. Also make plans to enjoy God's creatures with a special appearance of a petting zoo.

Presenters: Saint Francis and Saint Clare (very special guest appearance)



October 14

Hard, Hard Religion: Interracial Faith in the Poor South: A captivating study of faith and class, which examines the ways of the south's poor, both black and white. Learn how to listen and borrow from each other. Find out what it meant to be Christian in a world of severe struggle.

Presenter: Dr. John Hayes



Dr. Hayes is an Assistant Professor in History at Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia. He holds a PHD, University of Georgia, MTS, Duke University, BA, Wake Forest University.

Dr. Hayes studies religion in the late 19th/20th century U.S. South. He seeks to uncover lesserknown religious phenomena through creative approaches--the writings of Flannery O'Connor, the music of Johnny Cash--and he is especially interested in the interrelation of religion with economic change and class identity. His current book project, *Hard, Hard Religion: The Other World of the Poor South*, weaves together folklore, music, oral history, photography, and material culture to reconstruct the history of folk Christians in the New South era.

Dr. Hayes is an Episcopalian and member of St. Augustine of Canterbury Church in Augusta, Georgia.

October 21

The Church as a Catalyst for Social

<u>Change:</u> A look at the Anglican Church's impact in Zanzibar, Tanzania to close the last open legal Slave Market. Learn from our sisters and brothers across the ocean and across time as they formed a mission purely for the purpose of ending slavery through evangelism.

Presenter: Emily Bagett



Emily Badgett is a Junior at the University of the South. Academically, she is double majoring in American Studies and Religious Studies and also in a the Certificate Program for Civic and Global

Leadership. This summer she was the Historical Research and Archive Management Intern for the East African Slave Trade Exhibit Centre at the Anglican Diocese of Zanzibar in Tanzania. Her area of study revolves around the Church as historically a proponent of social change. At Sewanee, she also works as a Sacristan at All Saints Chapel, a member of the Invite Welcome Connect Team, a Proctor (RA), a Philanthropy Intern, and a CEEP Fellow for Voter Registration and Voter Engagement.

October 28 & November 4, 11, 18

<u>Old Testament and Social Justice</u>: Learn about the Old Testament stories that influence our social systems in todays world and ponder the ways of change.

Presenter: Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango



Dr. Mbuwayesango holds degrees of PhD, Emory University, MTS, Harvard Divinity School, and BA, University Zimbabwe. She is Dean of Students, George E. and Iris Battle Professor of Old Testament and Languages on the faculty of Hood Theological

Seminary. She co-founded the African Biblical Hermeneutics Section in the Society of Biblical Literature and has served on and chaired its steering committee. She is also a member of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars and has served on the steering committee. She is a member of and serves on the Steering Committee of the Chicago Consultation. She has published extensively.

Dr. Mbuwayesango is Anglican/Episcopalian and is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal where she has served on the vestry (2011-2013). She was appointed by the Head of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church to serve on the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns 2012- 2018. She has served on the Board of Rowan Helping Ministries and is currently serving on the Board of Rape, Child & Family Abuse Crisis Council of Salisbury–Rowan, Inc.

November 25

Thanksgiving weekend: Adult Christian Formation on hiatus

December 2 Intergenerational making of Advent wreaths.

Come create an advent wreath, learn about ways to incorporate the Advent wreath into the practices and traditions in your home.

December 9 & 16

Preparing the Way: Facilitator to be announced

December 23

Hanging of the Greens: More information to be announced

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