

Spiritual Enrichment at St. Luke's 2012-2013

Our St. Luke's Spiritual Enrichment mission is to help our parishioners and neighbors develop themselves spiritually, religiously and intellectually. This year, our goals are to:

- Encourage the spiritual development of all whom we serve within our church community and in the communities in which we live and work
- Develop leadership, including both leaders in our church community and, by extension, in the communities in which we live and work
- Make a meaningful contribution to and difference within our church community and in the broader communities in which we live and work

In order to achieve these goals, this year we will offer three streams of programming:

1. **Bible Study** - In our recent Parish Survey and Cottage Meetings, Bible Study was the area of greatest expressed interest. Accordingly, we will offer five different types of this discipline, some to be held on weekdays, some on weeknights and another to be held on Sunday morning, including:
 - *Education for Ministry (EfM)* – This is a small group, in-depth and multi-year Bible Study program (to be held on a weeknight) based on the belief that every baptized person is called to ministry. Thus, EfM aims to provide participants with the education to carry out that ministry. “EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.” Contact Dall Forsythe for more info at dall.forsythe@gmail.com.
 - *Kerygma courses* – We will offer several different in-depth, short-form (i.e., six- to eight-session) courses on biblical topics of interest like the Ten Commandments (*The Commandments: For a Blessed Life*), the Lord's Prayer (*Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Six Studies on Spirituality and the Lord's Prayer*), and the Beatitudes (*Blessed Are You: the Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life*), etc. (to be held on a weeknight at 7:00pm in one or more parishioners' homes)
 - A unique, informal series featuring the *African Method* format (to be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at the church before the 8:00pm Healing Service)
 - A Gospel-focused series led by the *Rev. Tom Lams* (to be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00am at the church before the 10:00am Communion and Music service)
 - Our regular Tuesday noon *Lectionary* sessions led by Rev. John Mennell (in our Parish Office)
2. **Regularly Recurring Programming, esp. enhanced Sunday Forums** – On a monthly basis, to complement our regularly recurring courses like *Introduction to the Episcopal Church* (formerly *Episcopal 101*) led by Dall Forsythe, *Visual Aspects of Christianity* led by Gordon Frey, *How to Read the Bible* led by the Rev. Diana Wilcox, etc., we will offer a new Sunday Forum called *Signs of the Times* to be led by Rev. John Mennell and focused on "Applied Spirituality" – how we can approach current events in a spiritual context. On fifth Sundays, we will offer *Spiritual and Sacred Music* to be led by our superb Music Director Charles Hunter and focused on surveying the broad range and incredible depth of this genre, from traditional hymns to Negro Spirituals and modern Gospel music to various forms of chanting and beyond.
3. **Special Events** – On a quarterly basis, we will offer special programming including workshops, presentations and talks by leading theologians, spiritual leaders and community leaders whom we will invite to St. Luke's. For example, we have been in discussions with the leaders of the Laity Empowerment Project to bring its unique programs to our church. Further, we also intend to invite senior leaders of the (national) Episcopal Church to share their insights and inspiration as well.

We will also continue to support the excellent continuing efforts of our monthly Women's Group and look forward to re-launching our monthly Men's Group as well.

In order to provide this robust slate of spiritually enriching programming to our parish and to the broader community, *we need volunteer leaders*. Are you interested in leading a Bible Study course (or teaching a session or two), or coordinating and hosting a special event or helping to re-launch our Men's Group, etc.? If so, please contact one of the members of our Spiritual Enrichment Team – Walter Booker, Anne Mockridge, Jinni Rock-Bailey and Joanie Collyer – and we will get you involved in a mutually beneficial way, including providing the support and training that you may find helpful in order to make a meaningful contribution to the spiritual life of the St. Luke's community and of the Montclair and broader communities as well.

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