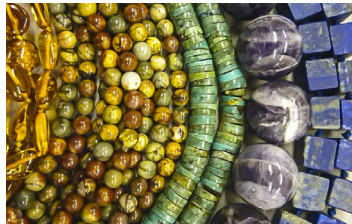


**Coffee Hour**  
12:00 - February 9

**ALL AGES PROGRAM!**  
**BRING THE KIDS!**

### **Prayer Beads: Touching Holiness**

Most of us know about rosaries and how they are used in prayer, but there are many practices (in many faiths!) that incorporate beads as a way to connect the spiritual with the physical. This session will suggest a few prayer techniques you might try, but will also be hands-on. Beads and stringing materials will be provided and a knowledgeable beader will be on hand to guide us in making our own aids to prayer.



**Coffee Hour**  
12:00 - March 29

### **Faith and Fear: A Primer on Sentencing Reform**

Mandatory minimum sentences, "three strikes" laws, and the war on drugs. These and other social forces have combined to fill our prisons beyond their intended capacities. These are places that most faithful people rarely see or even think about. And yet our faith calls us to a special concern for prisoners. This session will give us an update on current conditions and future possibilities.



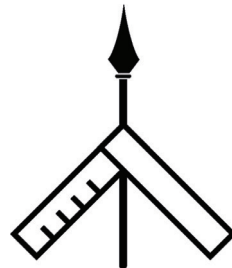
### **Every Week**

#### **Sundays at 9:00 AM** **The Parlor Class**

A faithful group with the motto: "Remember that Jesus came to take away your sins, not your mind." Join in to we read texts, watch videos, and talk about all manner of questions and issues relating to faith and life. All are always welcome.

#### **Wednesdays at 10:30 AM** **Lectionary Bible Study**

A relaxed and friendly group meets at the church on Wednesdays to discuss the lessons for the following Sunday. Come every week or drop in when you can for some new perspectives on familiar stories, and maybe some speculation about where the sermon will go!



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### **Offerings for the 2019-2020** **Christian Education Season**

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

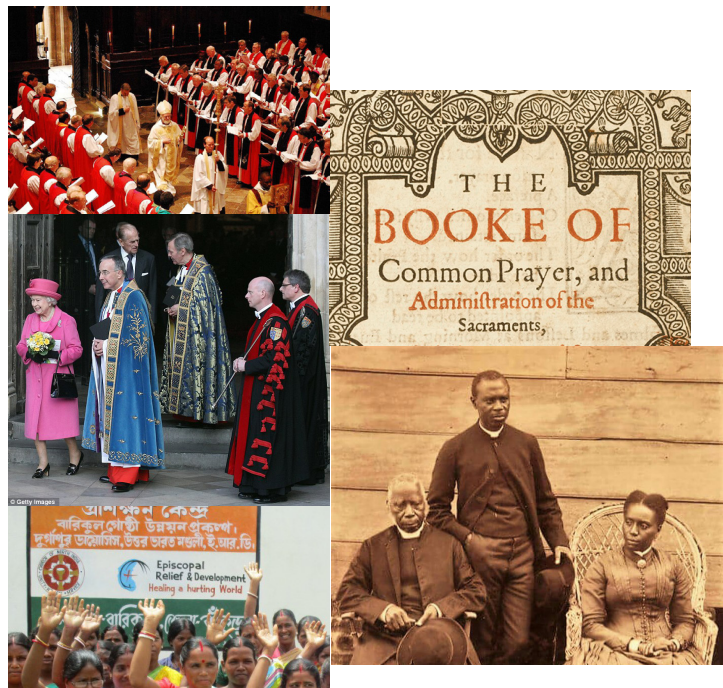
In the coming year, we will have the chance to explore the Christian faith and life from many perspectives. We will look back to our history and forward to our connections to the world, one another, and God. Read on to see what we will be up to, then make plans to join us.

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**Six-Week Series**  
9:00 AM - October 6/13/20/27, November 3/10

## The Anglican Way

Who or what is a prebend? Is it polite to tell a bishop that his/her rochet is showing? Are the hamburgers any good at the Court of Arches?



Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church or have been around your whole life, it's worth stopping to ask questions about who we are, why we do what we do, and what we believe.

The Anglican Way will answer a few questions, look with fresh eyes at a few debates, and share the richness of our heritage. Join us to learn about theology, worship, mission, and even a few kings and queens and rochets and prebends.

**Six-Week Series**  
9:00 AM - February 16/23, March 1/8/15/22

## An Absurdly Short History of Christianity

Who invented church? How did we go from a few fishermen to billions of faithful people? And what relevance can the church have in a time when belief seems to have become a dirty word? In six sessions, we will follow the development of the Christian Movement from the time of the Apostles to the Electronic Age.

Along the way, there will be a few heretics and councils, but we will also talk about how our past shapes us and what we believe. Come along for new insights on familiar stories and maybe some new information too.



**Coffee Hour**  
12:00 - September 22

## Quaker Spirituality Dr. Annemarie Carr

The Religious Society of Friends (also known as the Quakers) has a rich history of encouraging personal faith and engagement with the world. Professor Annemarie Carr, a scholar and practicing Quaker will speak about her own experiences and the gifts that the Friends Movement offers to Christians of every denomination.



**Coffee Hour**  
12:00 - December 15

## Icons: Windows to Heaven Dorothy Thyne

Artist and teacher Dorothy Thyne has been producing icons and helping others to understand their beauty and meaning for 25 years. [The icon shown here is one of her recent works.] She will guide us on a tour of the artistic process and, just in time for Christmas, focus on the symbolism of icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus.

