

The Carpenter's Helper

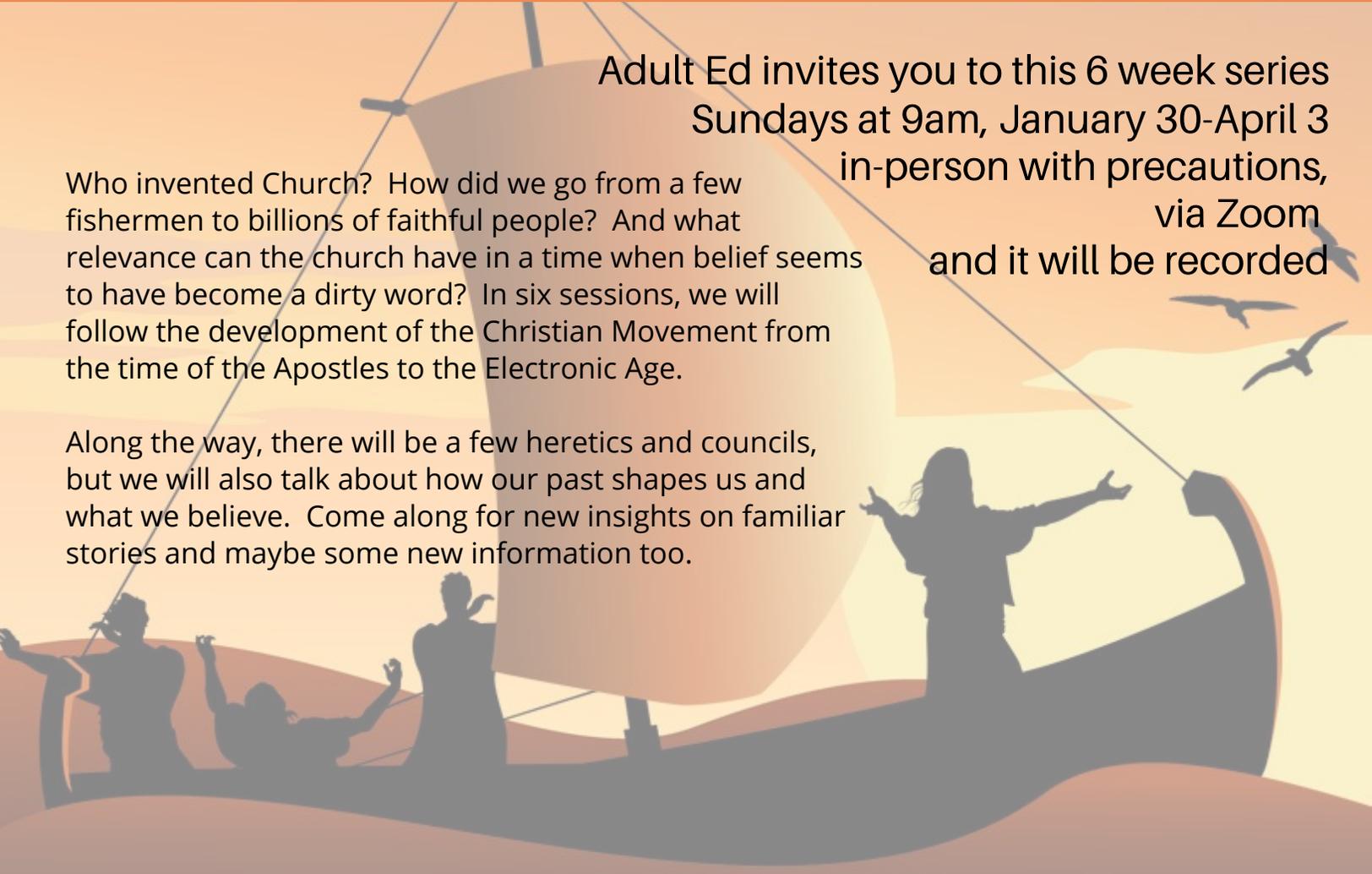
This Week, we look forward to some adult ed offerings

From a boatful, to billions An absurdly short history of Christianity

Adult Ed invites you to this 6 week series
Sundays at 9am, January 30-April 3
in-person with precautions,
via Zoom
and it will be recorded

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.



ALL are Welcome!

Sunday
8:00 am
Rite 1 spoken

Sunday
10:30 am
Rite 2 with music

Wednesday
12 noon
Intercessory Prayer

Thursday
7:00 pm
Evening Compline

MY FAITH/YOUR FAITH

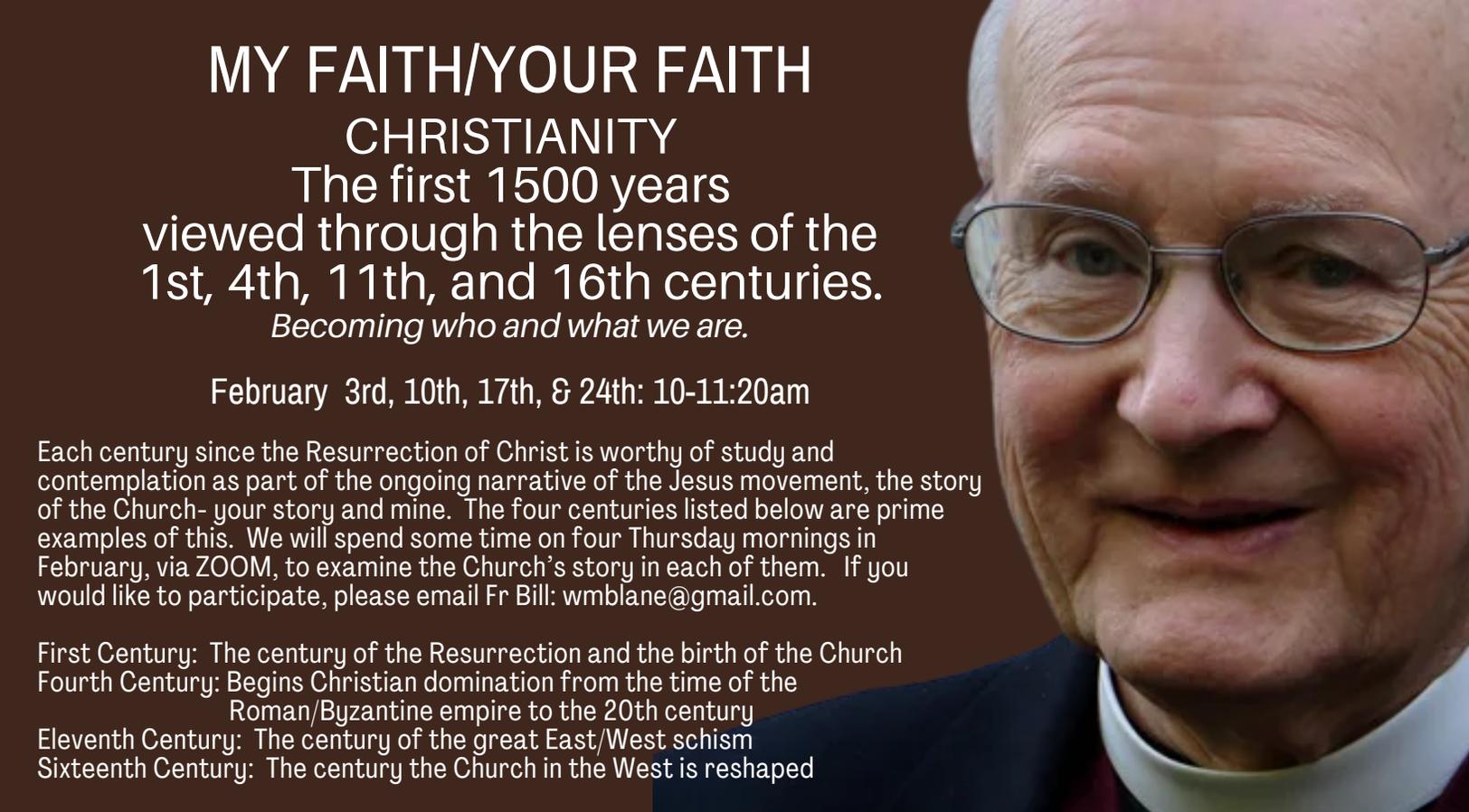
CHRISTIANITY

The first 1500 years
viewed through the lenses of the
1st, 4th, 11th, and 16th centuries.
Becoming who and what we are.

February 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th: 10-11:20am

Each century since the Resurrection of Christ is worthy of study and contemplation as part of the ongoing narrative of the Jesus movement, the story of the Church- your story and mine. The four centuries listed below are prime examples of this. We will spend some time on four Thursday mornings in February, via ZOOM, to examine the Church's story in each of them. If you would like to participate, please email Fr Bill: wmbiane@gmail.com.

First Century: The century of the Resurrection and the birth of the Church
Fourth Century: Begins Christian domination from the time of the Roman/Byzantine empire to the 20th century
Eleventh Century: The century of the great East/West schism
Sixteenth Century: The century the Church in the West is reshaped



**CODE
PURPLE**
Delaware

When temperatures drop below freezing, and conditions pose a threat to individuals who are homeless, a network of agencies throughout Delaware help people obtain shelter. During times such as these, Code Purple of Delaware, along with the support of the Friendship House, here in New Castle County, will initiate and communicate a Code Purple Alert to make shelter arrangements for homeless adults. While the Hope Center has provided housing for many of our neighbors in need, during the coldest nights, there are still not enough beds. So, as in years past, St Thomas is joining with a handful of other churches in the area to give sanctuary on those dangerously cold nights.

Last Tuesday, Jan 11, we hosted 6 homeless guests for dinner and a safe, warm overnight in the Great Hall. Dinner was WONDERFUL and provided by the University of Delaware. Some of our guests had 3 plates full. They were SO grateful! Everybody slept well, stayed warm and we had NO problems. There is the possibility that we will need to host Code Purple again on Saturday, Jan 22. Friendship House is not going to make the decision to call it, until Friday afternoon. It will be our turn to cover it, IF it happens, and looking at the weather forecast..... we just want to be ready - in case.

This large, safe space is a blessing that we must share with our community. How awesome that we are able to participate in Code Purple! If you would like to learn more, or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Madeline Johnson: mad1240@comcast.net, 814-883-0156