

Children and Youth Education

9:15 – 10:15

9th – 12th Grade

Engaging Media

Sunday Mornings

How does the media really work? Why do some movies get made and others don't? How do different forms of media effect our lives? This course will be lead primarily by our Minister to Youth and Community Life, **Greg Richards** with assistance from Trinity and St. Mary's theater professors **Stacey Connelly** and **Adam Burke** in the Barracks.

5th – 8th Grade

Ancient Stories

For students between fifth and eighth grade we are going to begin a brand new class, which will be taught using the "rotational model" of education. This class will focus on major stories from the Old Testament and will explore these stories in consecutive weeks from different styles of learning. This class will be held in the front room of the Barracks and will be taught by a rotating group of teachers.

4 yrs. – 4th Grade

Godly Play

Godly Play teaches children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

Weekday Offerings

Evening Centering Prayer

Mondays, 7-8pm (Library)

Being With Dying, A Book Study

2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 - 7:30 pm (Alban Classroom)

Daytime Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, 1 - 2pm (Cranmer Classroom)

Paul's Letter to the Romans

Wednesdays, 1 - 2:15pm (Library)

Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:15pm (Conference Room)

EDUCATION FALL 2009

Episcopal Church of Reconciliation

9:15 – 10:15

September 13 – October 11

Speaking Episcopalian: A Newcomers' Class

This class is a combination of a short video presentation followed by time for questions and discussion. All questions are welcome and all are invited to participate! We will discuss the following topics: WHO WE ARE - HOW WE WORSHIP - WHAT WE BELIEVE -HOW WE ARE GOVERNED - and OUR COMMON LIFE TOGETHER.

Led by **Ted Ressler and Ron Graham**

Living the Questions

Living the Questions is a small group exploration of progressive Christianity that centers on video segments featuring premier religion voices of our day. This class is an open-minded effort to create an environment where we can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. The 20-minute video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. Contributors include: John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Amy-Jill Levine, and Hans Küng. Teaching and small group discussions will follow each video segment.

Led by **Rev. Matthew Wise**

Spiritual Healing, Featuring Kay Briggs (Part I)

Kay Briggs, the author of the book, *The Magic Seashells: From a Sea of Darkness to an Ocean of Love*, will begin this discussion class by speaking about her journey of healing childhood physical and sexual abuse. Kay will guide this class through some of her own steps toward healing with the hope that participants may discover some new healing of their own. The class will continue with various topics centered around the work and prayer of spiritual healing.

Led by **Kay Briggs and various other leaders**

October 18 – November 15

9:15 – 10:15

The Feminine Divine

This class seeks to be a time of personal storytelling, in which we explore the importance of a feminine presence and feminine language in our spiritual journeys. As we share personal stories, sacred prayers, and sacred literature, we will explore the extent to which the Feminine Divine does—or, for some, perhaps does not—enhance our spiritual lives. We invite participants to bring images, icons, and other objects for an altar we will create at the beginning of each class; prayers for recitation are welcome, too.

Led by **Tina Karagulian and Pat Booker**

***What the World Believes Now:
A Discussion of Comparative Religions***

Can a religion be atheistic? Or could you have more than one god or just a single god? How do you compare and contrast eastern thinking to western thinking...and back again? Lastly, what is Islam? These and other questions will be discussed in our class on comparative religions. The goal is not to answer questions of right and wrong, but rather, to provide a means to compare apples to apples instead of apples to oranges. Come join us as we discuss what the world believes now!

Led by **Bill Miller**

Spiritual Healing (Part II)

Art Ramseur and other guest speakers will broaden this journey beyond abuse, continuing to discover what spiritual healing can look like. **This class is not dependent upon Part I.** Various leaders will guide this class through the healing techniques of 12-step programs and community efforts of reconciliation with each of our unique journeys and struggles.

Led by **Art Ramseur and various other leaders**