



CATHEDRAL CONNECTION

The Cathedral of All Souls

Biltmore Village, Asheville, NC 28803
February 2015

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 15 Community Breakfast, 10:10a.m.
- 17 Pancake Supper, 6:00p.m.
- 18 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist 7:00a.m., 12:00p.m., 7:00p.m.
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Lent begins February 18

All Souls will have several offerings for Lent - check inside for more details.



Community Breakfast
February 15 at 10:10 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE NEEDS

The colder the weather, the larger our homeless congregation, the greater our need for warm items: blankets, jackets, hoodies, coats, thermal sets, sweatshirts, sweaters, gloves, mittens, warm caps, warm socks. Our men also need sneakers and boots, belts, underwear, and white socks. Our women also need sneakers, bags, underwear, and long casual dresses. We're out of sleeping bags, backpacks, and welcome just about anything for carrying or holding items. Thanks so much for all that you do to ease the lives of these men and women.

JANUARY HOSTING OF RITI

We enjoyed having 12 different guests with us the week of January 11-18 and they were very appreciative of the hospitality offered. Great care went into the preparation of sack lunches in colorful bags to carry away each morning. Innkeepers volunteered a night at church to be sure everyone stayed warm and safe. And teams of wonderful cooks provided dinner meals that we all appreciated.

Room In The Inn, a program of Homeward Bound, houses up to a dozen women each night of the year.

Churches in the Asheville/Buncombe County area offer their facilities on a weekly rotating basis. These women are working to get their lives back on track and it is a key piece of the puzzle of gaining housing and independence once again.

The next week All Souls will be the site for RITI is April 26 through May 3rd. If you are interested in having more information or in volunteering for our next hosting, please call Susan/Mike Stevenson at 254-5227 or email KNLSTV@gmail.com.

2015 OUTREACH GRANTS

Starting in 2015, All Souls will begin awarding one grant per year. The All Souls Grant application and guidelines will be available in July 2015 on the Cathedral of All Souls website. If you have questions concerning the process, please contact any member of your Outreach team or Don Cole through the church office.

ADULT FORUM

Sundays at 10:10a.m., Zabriskie Hall

Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy, by Richard Rohr.

The manifestation of God in human flesh is the foundation of the Season of Epiphany. In his book *Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy*, Richard Rohr explores issues including orthopraxy over orthodoxy, compassion fed by contemplation, eco-spirituality and how our understanding of atonement (how we are reconciled with God) forms how we relate to one another and to our world. Short video clips of Fr. Rohr will lead us into group discussions of the themes. In these sessions Rohr invites us to explore a faith informed by contemplation, mysticism, compassion, justice and centuries of rich, Christian history.

FEBRUARY 1

- 1) Lent Small Groups Introduction;
- 2) Richard Rohr, *Created in the Image and Likeness of God*

We will have a brief introduction of small groups being offered in Lent followed by continued viewing and discussion of this series. Are we created in original sin or in the image and likeness of God and what difference does that make in how we know God, ourselves and others?

Led by Todd Donatelli.

FEBRUARY 8

Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy

Why do the mystics hold lifestyle and practice above right belief? What does this offer us?

Led by Milly Morrow.

FEBRUARY 15

Community Breakfast

FEBRUARY 22

Creation and Spirituality

Why was relationship to creation foundational for St. Francis, St. Hilda and others? How and in what ways did their experience of God in creation enlighten how they lived and how they loved?

Led by Todd Donatelli and Mallory McDuff.

A WORKSHOP ON THE SACRAMENTAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, February, 28, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Owen Library

The Rite of Reconciliation is a means for us to experience in a significant way God's reconciliation. It is not about beating our breasts and putting on sackcloth but about experiencing the deep freedom of forgiveness. It is about experiencing that forgiveness directly and immediately.

In his book, *Reconciliation: Preparing for Confession in the Episcopal Church*, Martin Smith suggests the following about this rite: "Repentance is the response we make as we meet Christ in the place where we have been brought to a halt, and sense his insistence that we reorient ourselves towards God. Why a halting place? Guilt about the past felt as a burden too heavy to bear; having emerged from a difficult stretch of life, one aspect of which can involve taking responsibility for the sins committed during the struggle; transition from one stage of life to another, to make the passage, we need to make a closure. God can call us to repentance in an endless variety of ways."

As the clergy of All Souls will be offering this rite during the season of Lent on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 (please contact the clergy direct via phone or email to schedule a time), this workshop will provide background about the rite along with suggestions for personal examination before making a confession. Led by Todd Donatelli. Please register for this workshop by calling the church office, 274-2681.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Sunday evenings in Lent, 5:00p.m., Nave

Holden Evening Prayer was written in the mid 1980's by Marty Haugen while serving as the musician-in-residence at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington State, called by some the Taize' of the U.S.

This contemplative setting of vespers follows the traditional form of the evening office while using contemporary and expansive language. Prayers, chant, hymns, readings and silence contribute to the reflectiveness of this evening liturgy. It is a liturgy appropriate for all sorts and conditions of spiritual seekers and pilgrims.

This liturgy will be offered at 5:00 p.m. in the Nave beginning Sunday, February 22 and running through Sunday, March 22. For further information contact Todd Donatelli at the Cathedral.

THE WORK OF LENT IS THE WORK OF THE WORLD

from the Very Rev. Todd Donatelli, Dean

“We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness... Our self-indulgent appetites and ways... Our anger at our own frustration... Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us... Our indifference to injustice and cruelty... For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors... For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us... Accept our repentance... Restore us, good Lord. Accomplish in us the work of your salvation” Ash Wednesday, BCP 268

We cannot say the Episcopal Church does not talk about sin. The litany we use on Ash Wednesday understands the manifestations of sin and lists them clearly. We understand sin itself as broken relationship; relationship broken between ourselves and God, between ourselves and others, between ourselves and creation, and relationship broken with ourselves. The above from the Ash Wednesday Litany are the manifestations of broken relationship.

It is said that brokenness in any of the above relationships inherently affects all our relationships. Jesus proclaims, ‘How can you say you know the forgiveness of God when you cannot forgive your brother or sister?’ We could add to that ‘when you cannot forgive yourself’.

Lent is that season where we name intentionally the ways we are experiencing our brokenness; ways we are experiencing our brokenness in this moment of life. It is a season where in naming we trust we will find a new way of being, a new way of approaching, a new place of restoration in those broken places. Forty days of Lent preparing us for the 50 days of Easter resurrection.

As we consider Lent disciplines we might ask where, in what places, am I particular aware of our personal and communal brokenness. Our disciplines might be around creating new space for reflection. They might be choosing to study a global issue with a group of persons in the desire to be more aware and engaged. There are endless possibilities and I know the consideration of disciplines can be a very fruitful means for conversation with friends (or spiritual directors or therapists for that matter).



During this season we will again offer small groups (see description inside) as a means to reflect communally about various areas or practices in our life. These groups allow for communal experience of Lent as well as a means of getting to know others we may not know already in this community. One of the great fruits of these groups is relationships formed that continue in significant ways long after Lent.

We will also offer the Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesdays from 4:30 until 5:30 each week of Lent (please see inside for further details). The Rite of Reconciliation allows us to meet personally with a clergy person to name directly and hear absolution directly for some past action(s), attitudes or anything in our life for which we find it hard to experience forgiveness. As one who both hears confessions and who has at various times in my life gone to offer my own confession I never cease to be amazed at its ability to generate sacred restoration. We will also have a morning workshop where we will talk about what this Rite, how it is used, and how we might prepare to use it (see description inside).

I mentioned in an Epiphany sermon that all calls from God are finally communal calls. They are about hearing from God our specific calls which are about our participating in God’s communal calling, God’s communal dream for all people and for the whole of creation. Lent is also finally a communal season. It is about us seeking both personal and communal restoration in things broken in us and in the world. All of it, our personal and communal work, serves to allow the life of God more fully into the world. All of it is about a repentance and practice that sets free the unfathomable generativity of God.

Blessed Lent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd'.

SMALL GROUPS FOR GOING DEEPER IN LENT

Small groups focused in a variety of themes and practices for our congregational Lenten observance are offered again this year. Groups begin on Thursday, February 26 and continue through March 26. Meeting times are from 6:00 p.m. through 7:30 (unless noted in the description). Childcare is provided from 5:45 to 7:30. On the first night, February 26, we will offer a simple soup dinner at 5:30 in Zabriskie Hall.

On Sunday, February 1 in the Adult Forum leaders of the small groups will discuss the offerings. Sign up for groups will be available through the church website (www.allsouls cathedral.org). As we make our pilgrimage through Lent toward Holy Week and the fifty days of Easter, may these groups be a space of encountering the sacred on this journey.

Discernment in Life and Community

Spiritual discernment is the work of differentiating what leads to God from what does not. Discernment is about our personal lives and how we offer and live our lives in the wider community, both the community of faith and the community of the world. As with Jesus it is the work of learning who I am and who I am not and how I connect in that knowing to the wider community. We will use a variety of reflection questions and practices designed to help us hear God's voice. We will have multiple discernment groups led by Jacque Combs, Todd Donatelli, Andy Kane and Lewis Sorrells.

The Traditional Role of Elder: A New Narrative for Aging in Our Time

Led by Mahan Siler

This group will meet Tuesdays from February 24 through March 24, 10:30 a.m. – noon.

As a circle of the elderly, we will be reclaiming and exploring the identity of Elder for our time and community. For the first time in history, one can reach 65 and reasonably speculate: "Why, I could live for another two or three more decades." And at this stage of our lives, some of us are fortunate to have sufficient financial security, more time, plus the freedom from accomplishing. With our deep concern for this generation and future ones, how then will we steward these years, rich with experience, relationships, faith and perspective?

Visual Reflections though Lent

Led by Ginger Huebner

This group will meet on Mondays from February 23 through March 23, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we create original works of art using various mixed mediums (drawing, paint, chalk, collage) to reflect on the Lenten gospels. After a period of lectio reflection on a text we will move into offering our experience of that text through the mediums. We will be displaying our works each week in the ambulatory space of All Souls (the hallway leading to the choir vesting rooms), offering a visual 'pilgrimage' through Lent as the images build upon each other. Participants are asked to bring \$15 to the first session to cover art supplies.

Christ Calms Conflict

Led by Glenda McDowell

As Christians we accept in our baptism a high standard of moral conduct. However, conflict is an inevitable part of living relationships, in the home, congregation or work. Come join us in a journey of reconciling ourselves to those with whom we have difficulties communicating. We will explore scriptures regarding Conflict Resolution including stories of Jesus' behavior conflictive situations. We will add to our 'spiritual toolbox' principals that combat powerlessness and hopelessness as we renew thinking in ourselves and our relationship with Christ our Savior and Mediator.

Freedom from the fear of enough: a walk with Walter Brueggemann

Led by Rosa Lee Harden

If you would like to explore how to move through this world with a lighter load, this Lenten offering may be perfect for you. Using both video presentations from Walter Brueggemann and his *brief* and engaging booklet, *Sabbath as Resistance*, this series will look at concerns we think of as contemporary issues - anxiety about money, finding our meaning in stuff and consumption, fear that we will lose everything, competition with those who have more than we - through the lens of Hebrew Scriptures. We will learn that some of the things that tempt us and weigh us down have been things for which God has been offering alternatives from the earliest writings in the Old Testament. While drawing primarily on Brueggemann's writing, we will also take time to consider what is keeping us weighed down in our individual lives and form a community of support for one another.

Practicing the Daily Office

Led by Gaelyn Evangrene

This group is both for folks who already practice the Offices and folks who are brand new to it. We will discuss various ways to observe the Offices including the Book of Common Prayer, online Office sources and others. We will take time to reflect on texts from the office and how they are speaking to our daily lives and our experience of Lent. As with all practices we will seek what ways of observing the office best create space for our daily lives.

MR. SMITH

from the Rev. Canon Thomas Murphy

Doug Smith was a member of the Episcopal Church where I grew up. Mr. Smith, as I called him back then, had many admirable qualities. He was kind, taught Sunday School, and helped chair the outreach committee. He was also the parishioner who every year would don a bathrobe and a ridiculous hat and would play the role of Myrrh, a 'bitter perfume.' I remember so distinctly because the way he sang his verse of "Of We Three Kings" the Christmas pageant was not bitter. No, not bitter, but noticeably off key.

I remembered this as we celebrated Epiphany, reenacting this famous scene: three Kings, Joseph and Mary, and a babe in a manger. The All Souls production was equally chaotic, equally adorable, and equally fun. I smiled as I thought about Mr. Smith singing his heart out, badly.

But I wonder, what do you bring as a gift to the Christ Child? What gift would be good enough to place at his feet?

As a parent, I have been subjected to the most pernicious of places for parental confidence in the world: Babies-R-Us. It is impossible to wander through this superstore and not feel like you already are messing up your child's life by not providing him or her everything that will result enrollment at MIT following a year spent fighting Ebola on the Ivory

Coast. All of the products there have this unspoken promise that it will make you more competent in the one job that precludes planned incompetence: parenthood.

Walking around that store, I always have the same feeling that I am not doing enough. Talking to my wife about this, she leveled me in a way that only spouses can. "Thomas," she said. "It is not about the stuff we give. It is about whether or not we are trying—really trying—to nurture our children."

So, back to Mr. Smith. Of the gifts that baby Jesus, our children, or any of us can receive during Epiphany, it is important to remember the most important is how hard we try. No matter how flat, out of tune, or ridiculous our actions seem the most important thing is that we strive to honor the tiny light in the darkness of our lives. We follow a God pleased with our intentions above all.

That is a God worth seeking out to pay tribute.

AMEN



SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH GROUP

February 25, 12:30p.m., Zabriskie Hall

The Senior Lunch Bunch Group will meet with Robbin Whittington as our guest speaker. Robbin, a member of the Cathedral staff, serves as Executive Director of the Center for Spiritual Resources, a shared ministry with the Cathedral and the Dioceses of WNC. "Living a Life of Substance", a program created by Robbin, offers enneagram workshops and typing interviews. She is a member of Forma, a national organization for professional Christian educators and Episcopal communicators. She also owns and manages R. Brent and Company, which publishes a variety of books for enrichment, education and inspiration. Please join us for lunch as we explore the role of the Center for Spiritual Resources and learn how it can assist us in managing our daily lives.

AUTUMN GRACE

February 21, 9:30a.m., Owen Library

The second meeting of the New Year for the women of Autumn Grace will be held on February 21 in the Owen Library with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 we will worship together; then Jane Dawson will lead us in the second of three programs focused on learning about the religious traditions of other faiths. February's focus will be Hinduism. There will be time for discussion with the program ending by 11:30 a.m. All women in their autumn years of life are encouraged to come join us for refreshments and stay for the program.

*Questions? Contact Babie Chromy
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ALL SOULS EXPERIENCE: BIBLES AND BEER

from Susan Blexrud

For several months last fall, I had wanted to attend Bibles and Beer, a relatively new All Souls ministry that meets Thursday evenings at Appalachian Vintners on Biltmore Avenue. It seemed like a good opportunity to get to know some parishioners while sipping a brew and discussing God's word. But as best intentions can and frequently do falter, I hadn't fit the event into my schedule. It remained on my spiritual to-do list.

Serendipitously, I had the occasion to finally make it to Bibles and Beer on a chilly evening in November when I met Steve Van Allen there to interview him for a Connections feature about Hope to Home. I met Steve ½ hour before Bibles and Beer began, and then I stayed to partake in a brew and the discussion. Well, it was more enriching and inspiring than I had anticipated, and it instilled in me the notion that many opportunities for involvement in All Souls ministries may be passed over because congregants don't receive enough information about what they entail. Notices in the Epistle and church bulletin just provide the where/when information, and you don't really get a feel for the ministry. For instance, joining the choir is probably something you'd never consider if you're not a singer, yet if you query anyone in choir, they'd tell you that singing is just part of the joy of involvement. They'd praise the camaraderie of the group, Kyle Ritter's outstanding leadership and sense of humor, and their unique vantage point in church, to name just a few benefits.

But back to Bibles and Beer: The intent of the group is to preview and discuss the upcoming Sunday's bible

readings. Great idea! I can't count the times I've wanted to delve deeper into the gospel. It just so happened that the gospel reading we discussed on November 13 was Matthew 25: 14 to 30. This is one of those passages that I'd filed into the confusion column. I'd chalked it up to God not wanting me to understand. I have to say that I've felt "unchosen" at times when stumped

The fact that we were all confused by the parable encouraged us as a group of believers to dig deeper

by a parable. If only I were more spiritual, I've thought, maybe I'd get the meaning. But try as I may, there are a few passages that have always left me scratching my head and wondering if my lack of knowledge of biblical times was part of the problem. Were the values of 2,000 years ago so very different than present day? And how much money is a "talent," anyway?

Matthew 25 relates the tale of a man leaving on a trip who summons his slaves and doles out money to them "according to their abilities." One slave invests and doubles his five talents. Another slave invests and doubles his two talents. But the slave who received one talent from his master buries the money to keep it safe. When the master returns from his trip, he praises the first two slaves and promises to put them in charge of many things. The third slave doesn't fare so well. He returns to his master the one talent he has safeguarded, and the master is not pleased. He admonishes the slave with these words, "You wicked and lazy

slave!" Then, he orders the slave to be "thrown into the outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth." Remind me never to stash money in a mattress for safekeeping because I'm thinking that's pretty harsh punishment for someone who was just trying to return to his master what he'd been given. It almost sounds like the master set the poor slave up. The lesson to this parable is: "To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away." Uh-huh. And I'm supposed to take what from that?

Well, the somewhat surprising news is that no one else at Bibles and Beer had the answer, either, which might lead one to think that the discussion had an unsatisfactory resolution. Au contraire. The fact that we were all confused by the parable encouraged us as a group of believers to dig deeper, and brought home to me the value of bible discussion.

I'm currently in Florida for the winter, but when I return to Asheville in April, I'm making Bibles and Beer a priority. Won't you join me?



Bibles and Beer

Thursdays, 5:30p.m.

Appalachian Vintners
Biltmore Ave

For more info, contact Milly
(milly@allsouls cathedral.org)

SUCCESSFUL EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP FOOD DRIVE

from Martha Fullington

Parishioners donate over one ton of food

Thank you All Souls! Your response was unbelievably generous and so appreciated. On November 13, 2014, many of you took home the bright blue tote bags: Feeding all souls. The next Sunday, you brought back more than 120 bags full of the requested items---2114 pounds of food valued at \$3500! WOW!

For this initial food drive, some members of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship of WNC purchased the reusable bags and selected Loving Food Resources as the first recipient. Because this was a ministry that was born at All Souls years ago, it was the perfect guinea pig. Your overwhelming generosity filled their shelves to capacity, and hundreds will be fed, all thanks to you. We espe-



cially appreciated the help of the EYC in toting and loading those heavy bags on the day of ingathering.

We need more hands and backs to help make the next drive a success, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** The next recipient will be Children First, a ministry embraced and long supported by All Souls. All of those blue tote bags are ready to go to work again, and we hope you're ready, too. Perhaps

you could help: staple a new shopping list to the bags, hand out the bags to those who want to participate, to shop the list and bring them back full, to load the truck. . . to DO Christianity by feeding the hungry. Thank you again, and stay tuned for the date of the next food drive. Thank you.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

From Anne Kime

Beautiful flowers grace our Sanctuary each Sunday. Most of you are aware that those flowers are given in memory of or in honor of a loved one by one of our parishioners. Some donors have been offering their memorials for many years but there is always room for you to be a donor if you wish.

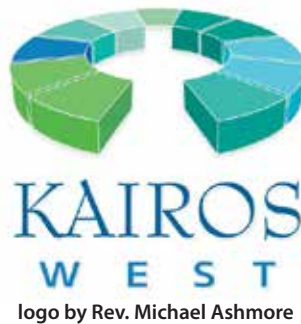
Our arrangements are done by Clements Flower Shop, and the cost to the church is \$65 per Sunday. During the season of Lent our arrangements are a variety of greens. Please be in contact with me to see if there is an opening on the Sunday you want, and we will work out the details.

Thank you to all of you who help to beautify our Sanctuary, and I look forward to hearing from others who wish to honor a loved one during this year.

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Wednesdays 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

We will gather together in worship to corporately discern the will of God in relation to the emerging mission of Kairos West Community Center; an outreach of All Souls and the Episcopal Church located in West Asheville. If you are interested in the mission of Kairos West please join us.



Spanish and English Class Series

February 4 and 18, 7:30p.m.–9:00p.m.

The first half of our evening we will be split into two groups; Spanish learners and English learners. In the second half we will come together for conversation and fellowship. please register with Rev. Milly Morrow through her email, milly@allsoulscathedral.org

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2015: THE YEAR OF TEILHARD

from Robbin Whittington, Director of the Center for Spiritual Resources



Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, humankind will have discovered fire. —Teilhard

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. I've heard the name and references to his many writings for the past three years at Wisdom Schools with Cynthia Bourgeault. I've wanted to read his work, but where to begin? Then, I received an email from Cynthia on January 2 with what she called "an unusual New Year's resolution"—an invitation to the Wisdom Community to make 2015 the year of Teilhard. In her invitation, she credits "the kids" in the Wisdom community with their ability to understand and integrate Teilhard in this time and place. So, I contacted "the kids,"—brilliant theologians, seekers, priests, and sages in their own right—and invited them to add their perspectives alongside Cynthia's on the Center's website. Their contributions are breathtaking. The following is an excerpt from Matthew Wright's, a luminous star launched on his spiritual odyssey from our diocese, who captures the importance of why Teilhard now.

Writing forty-eight years ago, Roman Catholic Archbishop Fulton Sheen predicted, "It is very likely that within fifty years when all the trivial, verbose disputes about the meaning of

Teilhard's 'unfortunate' vocabulary will have died away or have taken a secondary place, Teilhard will appear like John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila, as the spiritual genius of the twentieth century."

Following the same trajectory of sight, earlier this month my own friend and teacher Cynthia Bourgeault declared 2015 "The Year of Teilhard de Chardin," and challenged her network of students in the Christian Wisdom tradition to begin working their way through his corpus.

She wrote: "Teilhard's star is now rising powerfully on the horizon, heralding the dawn of an entirely new kind of Christian theology. [...] He is finally coming into his own as the most extraordinary mystical genius of our century and the linchpin connecting scientific cosmology and Christian mystical experience on a dynamic new evolutionary ground."

Archbishop Sheen's "fifty years" are almost up, and certainly his words seem to have been prophetic. Christian thinkers today are beginning to realize how vital Teilhard de Chardin's voice and vision are for a Christianity



that will have any serious traction in the 21st century. My own sense is that this is because Teilhard—unlike any thinker before him—united in a single vision devotional fire, mystical depth, scientific and evolutionary thought, and Christian faith.

We hope you'll say "yes!" to Cynthia's invitation. If you want to learn more, visit the CSR website (thecsr.org) to:

- Read the full letter of invitation from Cynthia
- Find a suggested reading list from Cynthia
- Download four free books by Teilhard
- Read reflections on Teilhard by Matthew Wright, Brie Stoner, and Joshua Tysinger

CSR will be hosting a special topic Teilhard Wisdom School May 1–6, 2016 at Valle Crucis. More information coming this summer.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We would like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet, it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stage of instability—and that it may take a very long time. Above all, trust in the slow work of God. —Teilhard



Joshua Tysinger, Brie Stoner, Cynthia, Becky Crigger, Matthew Wright at Wisdom School Southeast 2014

THIS FEBRUARY, THE ALL SOULS BOOK GROUP IS READING...

The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert



All Souls Book Group Meeting & Discussion

Monday, February 23, 7:00p.m. (Warner Building)

Copies of *The Signature of All Things* are now available at Malaprop's Bookstore (828-254-6734). Malaprop's offers members of the All Souls Book Group a 10% discount.

About the Novel

"*The Signature of All Things* is a novel of self-discovery that takes the main character and the reader on a journey that will leave their lives forever altered." -- Bookrags.com

"Gilbert's sweeping saga of Henry Whittaker and his daughter Alma offers an allegory for the great, rampant heart of the 19th century . . . Characters leap into life, visible and vibrant. . . A brilliant exercise of intellect and imagination."—Kirkus Reviews

"*The Signature of All Things* is one of those rewardingly fact-packed books that make readers feel bold and smart by osmosis. Alma commits her life to ceaseless study, but reading this vibrant, hot-blooded book about her takes no work at all."—Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*

About The Author

Elizabeth M. Gilbert (born July 18, 1969) is an award-winning writer of both fiction and non-fiction. Her short story collection *Pilgrims* was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway award, and her novel *Stern Men* was

a *New York Times* notable book. Her 2002 book *The Last American Man* was a finalist for both the National Book Award and the National Book Critic's Circle Award. She is best known for her 2006 memoir, *Eat, Pray, Love*, which spent 57 weeks in the #1 spot on the *New York Times* Paperback Best Seller List, and was also made into a film in 2010.

See this link for some very informative video material, including Gilbert's comments on her novel:

www.elizabethgilbert.com/video/

The All Souls Book Group is the nucleus of the Kay Falk Literary Project, which is centered at the Cathedral as part of its teaching mission. For more information, contact Allan Campo at acnh@bellsouth.net

CALL FOR USHERS: AN ACT OF HOSPITALITY

Haven't we all had the experience of walking into a room, a business, a party, (even a church!) and having no one speak to us? Perhaps we haven't even been acknowledged with a smile, eye contact, or an approach. Don't we all know how that feels?

Greeting the stranger, offering hospitality to the traveler, and welcoming another into our space - these are as old as the practices of the Old Testament and as new as - as, well, as right now.

We should all remember that our church's very name is an invitation for everyone, for anyone, to enter All

Souls. Welcome is required; offering hospitality is "who we are". Our Mission Statement says, in part, that we are a "community where all are welcome . . ."

While all of us are responsible for offering welcome, our Ushers are actively engaged in doing so. Yes, ushers do provide information occasionally, help people find seats, hand out the order of worship, take up the offering, and bring down the elements for communion, and some other responsibilities. But truly, it is the act of welcoming, greeting, and assisting that is their key responsibility.

With enough of us volunteering to serve in this capacity, none of us have to serve more than once per month. Currently however, there are openings in the usher roster and we encourage others to consider volunteering to help out in a really important role.

We seem to attract many visitors at some of our services. Offering a sincere welcome to them is more than good manners, it is an act of hospitality. And that responsibility belongs to all of us.

Speak to an usher, a member of the clergy, or call the cathedral office (274-2681) for more information.

THE SUCCESS EQUATION

From Loretta Andrews

In 2010 Children First/CIS launched a listening project to document the experience of families facing poverty in Buncombe County. 113 low-income people participated in focus groups and one-on-one interviews.

Children First/CIS presented the issues raised by the listening session to a broader community summit for action. In May 2011, Children First/CIS hosted a two day summit attended by 120 participants representing local organizations, community leaders, low-income individuals and interested community leaders. Out of this summit, an Action Plan was created and committees were formed.

The current 2015 Action Plan includes 3 focus areas identified from interviews and at the summit: Early Childhood Development, Child and Family Supports, and Family Economic Stability.

The Success Equation is made up of teams that meet monthly to discuss public policy decisions and create action steps; create messaging that highlights stories of families living in poverty; discuss and implement innovative approaches for addressing these barriers, and create collaborative models with community partners.



All Souls is a partner in the Success Equation. To get involved, contact Jodi Ford, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for Children First/CIS to sign up for Advocacy Alerts, Success Equation monthly news letter and emails, join a Success Equation Team (Public Policy, Messaging, Family Resource Center Roundtable). Email Jodi Ford@childrenfirstbc.org or call 828-620-9091. Become a part of this important initiative to end child poverty in Buncombe County.

AMICIMUSIC CONCERT

AmiciMusic returns to All Soul's on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30PM with a program called "The Enchanted Hour: Songs of Twilight" featuring soprano Amanda Horton, flutist Lea

Kibler, and pianist Daniel Weiser. They will perform music by Handel, Mozart, Debussy, Ravel, Hahn, and many more, all evoking the theme of twilight and the thin line between dream and reality. Cost for the program is \$15 for All Soul's members and \$20 for general audience. Tickets available at the door.

Buy in advance at www.amicimusic.org for a further 10% discount.

AmiciMusic is Asheville's own professional chamber music organization dedicated to performing great chamber music in intimate venues and non-traditional spaces. Since its founding in 2011, AmiciMusic has



Amanda Horton, soprano

performed over 100 concerts throughout the region in schools, retirement homes, private homes, Churches, Temples, libraries, and more. Each concert utilizes different instruments

and highlights a different theme. AmiciMusic also aims to break down the barriers between audience and performers by establishing a more informal and relaxed atmosphere at their concerts. At each program, Dr. Weiser, the founder and Artistic Director, talks about the pieces that are to be played and aims to put them into a socio-historical context that can help the listener understand the music on a different level.

To find out more about AmiciMusic and its mission to make chamber music more relevant and vital in modern society, please visit amicimusic.org.

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Art and Design Classes

Clay and Mixed Media Explorations / K-5 / Thursdays, 4-5pm

Visual Art Adventures / Ages 3-6 / Wednesdays, 4-5pm

\$55 per month

Location: The Cathedral of All Souls classrooms



Ages 3-6 Art and Design Class - mixed media project

If your birthday and/or wedding date is not listed or is incorrect,
please call or email the church office and let us know.

February Birthdays

- 1 Bootsey Birthright, Mary Nard, Emily Neal,
Ralph Schwarzkopf, Jackie Combs
- 2 John Gardner, Anne Kime, Chris Lynn
- 3 Charlotte Cleghorn, David Garver,
Sybil Groulx, Joanna Maitland, Robert Pierce
- 4 Ric Albrecht, Andrew Harper, Sondra Stamey
- 5 Eryn Miller
- 6 Claire Garcia
- 7 Leslie McCrory, Sophia McKeown
- 8 Mandie Carlson, Sherry Norman
- 9 Bob Dixon, Eric Ordnung, Jackie Rollins,
Vicki Thompson
- 10 Andrew Beasley, Hannah Pennell, Andrew Wortas
- 11 Nolin Ager, Rosa Lee Harden, Raymond Rapp,
Thomas Zabriskie
- 12 Eileen Betty, Pat Hayes
- 13 Jennifer Middlemas, Richard Starr, Caryn Stover
- 14 Elizabeth Gardner, Miller Graves, Austen Melton,
Jason Truesdale
- 15 Bev Gaines, Alison McKnight, Linda Vickery
- 16 Emily Fairhead, Kelly Land
- 17 Scott Huebner
- 18 Everett Fredholm, Sally Hearn, Marjorie Hickman,
Flora Konz, Ashlyn Lassiter, William Lassiter, Sean
MacCauley
- 19 Fain Burgess, Donna Farrington, Mollie Lance
- 20 Ellen Anastos, Rebekah Fredholm
- 22 Eli Colson, Stu Cotner, James Ramming,
Wade Saunders
- 23 Joe Green, David Henderson, Mac Tidwell
- 24 Meredith Campbell, Nancy Mills, Pamela Mumby,
Electa Smith, Heather Stuart
- 25 Kevin Donahue, Earl Rhoades
- 26 Mariah Auman, Jon Bellows, Ellen Hoyle
- 27 Aline Carillon, Thomas Myer
- 28 Eva Bares, Dixie Guthrie, Jane Henderson

February Anniversaries

- 5 Candace and Robert Peebles
- 6 Judy and Ronald Winchell
- 9 Kathryn and Roger Henry
- 12 Anna and Thomas Wolfe
- 21 Ronald Curran and David Henderson

Prayer Requests

The family of David Beebe, Bev Gaines, Bob Morrow, Fallon Elkes, Rebecca Jackson, John Chromey, Jon Davis, David Truelove, Suzzy Sams, Ralph Lewis, Sophie Van Keer, Guy Sayles, Jennifer Shelton, Robert Keifer, Karen Sams, Phillip Brent, Dan Powell and family, the Spangler family, Carolyn and Jean Scribner, Linda Evans, Carolyn Herman, Janice Harvey, David Power and family, Emma Mamone-Peebles, Betty Nokes, Stevie Turner, Katie Gonzalez and family, the Zabriskie family, Deacon Alice Mason, Elaine Young, Aubree Fox, Molly Kenan, Myrtle and Sondra Stamey, the Teitelbaum Family, Will Bryant, Del, David, and the Hare family, Clyde Heatherly and family, Bill Norlin, Matt Smith, Mildred Dutton, John and Sean, Audrey Donatelli, Tiger Lily Miceli, Kitty Johnson, the Meadows families, the Sorrells family, Nancy Walton and family, Jim, Aline, and Jeff Carillon, Gretchen and Jack Ryan, Nancy Reid, Pat Hill, Nancy Dennis, Larry Crawford, Mallory Mantipty, Joe Gernoske, Paul Flynn, Elizabeth, Trent, and Luke, Amistead Neely, Julia Gaines, the Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, Julie Carlinnia, Ken Prentice, Lorraine Griep and Laura Osting

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Holy Eucharist—
 Wednesdays at noon and 5:45 p.m. and
 Sundays at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15 a.m.

For Readings, please see the The Lectionary Page
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