

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education

Please join us in the Parish Hall as we begin our series of talks by fellow parishioners sharing the biggest insight they have learned in their walk with Christ. Erin Hudson will share with us this week, and next week we will hear from Ryan Thurman.

Wednesday Bible Study

Our midweek Bible study, led by Fr. Chuck, will resume on Wednesday, September 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The group is studying the gospel of Mark. All are welcome!

Maturing toward Wholeness in the Inner Life

Spend a couple of hours on Saturday, September 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall with George and Hanna Miley and Ryan and Noleen Thurman and family. The Mileys and Thurmans have just returned from extensive ministry in Europe and will be sharing stories from their time there, including meeting with Pope Francis. George will also teach from his soon-to-be-published book, *Maturing toward Wholeness in the Inner Life*. All are welcome!

Youth Bake Sale

The youth will host their annual bake sale during Adult Ed. on Sunday, September 24. Please bring your sweet tooth to support our CCA youth ministry!

Newcomers' Gathering

If you're new to Christ Church, we'd love to have you join us for our next newcomers' gathering on Sunday, September 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of the Schuttes. This is a great opportunity to meet other newcomers as well as some Vestry members. Fr. Chris will briefly explain the history of CCA and the Anglican Church, and will discuss confirmation, baptism, membership, stewardship, and serving. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Fr. Chris at cschutte@christchurchphoenix.org.

School Connect Partnership

Every individual within a community is impacted by the success of their local school. Through a local organization called School Connect, CCA will be fostering a relationship with Loma Linda Elementary School throughout the year. We hope that through our presence and service we will shine a bright light that will minister to our local community. Our first event, "Love Our School Day" is Saturday, September 30 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in which CCA will support the school by completing projects such as cleaning, painting, and planting in the community garden. We welcome people of all ages to join us as we love our school through acts of service. A clipboard can be located on the Welcome Table outside the Narthex to sign up for a project. For more information, please contact Lara Milford (lnmilford@gmail.com).

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson weekly course that walks you through financial topics ranging from budgeting, debt payoff, retirement and college savings, home buying and selling, insurance, and giving/tithing. The course is connected to Dave Ramsey's nationally syndicated radio show and the book *Total Money Makeover*. It will be hosted by Kevin, Erin, and Jennifer Jones in the Parish Hall starting Monday, September 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will run through November 20. The cost is \$93 + tax per family unit, which includes the option to take the course an unlimited number of times at any location, for free. Please contact Kevin Jones at kjones.phx@gmail.com for more information, to sign up, or to offer a scholarship.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us with your pets on the church lawn for a special service on Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. Traditionally around the Feast of St. Francis, we have a brief service to bless our animals. For everyone's safety, pets must either be on a leash or in a carrier. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors for an event enjoyed by all!

Annual Parish Retreat

Registration is now open for our fall retreat, which will be held the weekend of October 6-8 at Pinerock Camp and Retreat Center in Prescott. Our speaker this year will be Bp. Todd Hunter of the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO), who will speak on "Spiritual Formation and the Mission of the Church." We have Basic Room options at \$110/adult (ages 13+) and \$85/child (ages 6-12; kids 0-5 are free), with a cap of \$315/family. Each family will have their own room, bathrooms are dorm-style, and linens are not included. We also have a Deluxe Cabin option for \$135/pp, which includes a private bath, kitchenette and sitting area, and linens. Sign up at the table outside the Narthex or by emailing Megan at mcomstock@christchurchphoenix.org.

Parish Retreat Team

Interested in further connecting with the life of our church and serving in some needed ways? We're looking for volunteers to oversee registration, shop for supplies, compile folders, and welcome people to the retreat site this October. If you'd like to help, please email Megan (mcomstock@christchurchphoenix.org).

Havasupai Falls 2018

The CCA Hiking Club is planning a three- or four-day adventure into the Havasupai Falls region of the Grand Canyon this spring. The specific date has yet to be determined, but we're looking at mid-April to early-June. This would involve a 10-mile hike to the campground, two or three nights of camping and adventures along the way, and another 10-mile hike out. There are toilets. Mules are available for hire. Cost per person would be around \$120-150. Please email Jeremy at Jeremy@CCAHikingClub.com if you are interested and would like more information. Reservations do not need to be made until February 1, 2018.

Our Parish Family offers prayers for:

Nazita, Jenny, Bob and Trudy, Char, Peggy, Diane and JB, Judy, Glenda, Jon and Allison, Bob, Shaun, Joan and Gene, Susie, Nikki, Tim and Rita, Linda, Bill.

Please keep in your prayers our two seminarians: Matt Rucker (and Madeline) at Trinity School for Ministry, and Travis Wilson at Duke Divinity School.