

All Saints' Adult Education and Spirituality Events

The ministry of the Adult Education and Spirituality Committee (AESC) is to assist pastoral leadership in meeting the individual, small group, and community adult education and spirituality needs to the best of its ability. By conducting occasional surveys and keeping close contact with parishioners, vestry members, and members of other committees, the AESC will meet those needs through both in-person and on-line experiences.

The AESC met recently to set its programming agenda for the 2021-22 "year."

Forums: The committee will seek to host "Forums" on at least a quarterly basis, and has scheduled the first of these events for **Sunday, September 19th** between the two worship services. The purpose of the Forum will be to assess the educational and/or spiritual needs that parishioners have as regards Bible Study (the Church's most important text). **Please put the event on your calendar.**

Labyrinth walks: The committee decided to continue its seasonal labyrinth walks, celebrating the respective solstices and equinoxes, and will be seeking to add a monthly labyrinth walk designed to advance the Episcopal Church's commitment to racial reconciliation (the committee will strive to recognize local, regional, state, national, and international needs at these monthly walks (the 19th of each month?) as well.

Advent and Lent "Soup and Salad Nights": We will continue the parish tradition of gathering for a simple soup and salad meal during these special seasons in the Church Year, and we will continue to offer a short educational component as part of the evening's gathering.

Sacred Ground: The committee will continue the work it began last year by guiding a new group of interested parishioners through the Church's "Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle" formation process. We will also be assisting parishioners at St. Andrew's in familiarizing themselves with the Sacred Ground process (and forming their own group or groups). We will also try to provide a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle for residents of the Outer Banks who might be attending a church other than All Saints or Saint Andrew's, or might not be attending a church at all. Lastly, the committee will be assisting individuals interested in forming a "Coming to the Table" group, and will be looking to initiate a "field trip" or two during the year to the State (Raleigh) and/or National Civil Rights museums.

Rev/Dr. Joanna Seibert: Having realized spiritual benefit from Deacon/Dr Seibert's sharing of her gifts with us on at least two previous occasions, the committee agreed to solicit and utilize the spiritual gifts of Deacon/Dr Seibert as she might be available to share those with us.

Movie Nights: The committee committed to hosting summer movie nights again next summer, and is considering hosting one movie night/month during the year (except during Advent and Lent). (It is hoped that movie nights will be hosted by parishioners in their homes.)