



Rector's Forum

The Falls Church

10 September 2023

The Season Ahead

- Full and rich formation program for children, youth, and adults
- Opportunities for
 - Outreach
 - Fellowship
 - Liturgical Ministries
 - Worship
- Special events



Outreach Opportunities

Refugee Ministry

- Partnership with Christ Church, Alexandria
- Providing assistance, support, and friendship for refugees newly arrived in the DMV.

Fr. Matthew Machowski
mmachowski@thefallschurch.org

Outreach Opportunities

Bailey's Crossroads Shelter



Prepares, cooks, delivers, and serves a hot meal to the residents of Bailey's Crossroads Shelter throughout the year. Second Sundays of every month.

Barb Mantegani, jm6775@yahoo.com

Sam Blazek, sam.blazek@gmail.com

Outreach Opportunities



Racial Justice Ministry

Works toward racial justice in the immediate community. Meets first Wednesday of the month

- Concentrating on a comprehensive racial audit of The Falls Church.

Jan Cornelius, jbcst15@yahoo.com

The Thrifty Church Mouse



*Thrift, Gift &
Consignment Shop*

OPEN Friday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church, VA 22046, (703) 942-9831

Outreach Opportunities

Thrifty Church Mouse

Resale shop accepting donations and consignment for once-loved clothing and household effects, open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 until 3:00, staffed wholly by volunteers.

Bonnie Kreidler, bonniekriedler@icloud.com

Outreach Opportunities



Food Drives and Little Free Pantry

Food drives happen quarterly to benefit Falls Church Community Service Council food pantry.

Dave Raglan, darags@ymail.com

Little Free Pantry in front of the Thrifty Church Mouse, maintains an accessible outdoor pantry for non-perishable foods.

Meredith Fath, meredith.fath@gmail.com



Building and Grounds Ministry

Caring for the grounds

Lead by parishioner Joan Huber, this group helps maintain our church campus by weeding, planting, and other tending.

Joan Huber1@verizon.net

Hospitality Opportunities



Invite • Welcome • Connect®

Invite-Welcome- Connect

Vital ministry concerned with how we invite the world into our common life, welcome all who come into our common life, and establish and nurture relationships that draw us deeper into the love of God and community.

Erin Muhlbradt, erinmuhlbradt@gmail.com

Fellowship Opportunities



“This is my story” Parish Retreat Shrine Mont

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Robin Gardner gardner101693@gmail.com;
Jim Councilor councilor@verizon.net;
Walker Hardy, walker.hardy@gmail.com



Theology on tap

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Various locations, check e-news or contact Fr. Matthew:
mmachowski@thefallschurch.org

All are welcome!

Fellowship Opportunities

Theology on Tap

Once a month, provides an opportunity to gather in a local pub/restaurant with a casual discussion around a theological topic.

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Fellowship Opportunities

Faithful Dinner Club

Throughout the year; small groups gather once a month in each other's homes for a casual meal and conversation.

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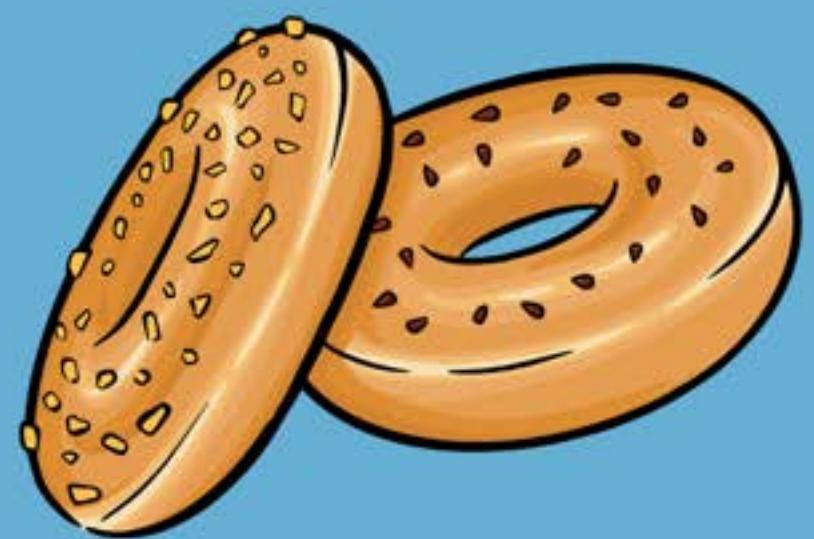
Fellowship Opportunities

Young Adults Fellowship

For folks who feel like they are young(!), adults offering opportunities to come together or social and spiritual community.

*Laura Shepler, laura.d.shepler@gmail.com
Matthew Harrington, mharrington503@gmail.com*





Men's Breakfast

Third Tuesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.
The Parish Hall

For more information contact Jason Matechak:
jasonmatechak@yahoo.com



Fellowship Opportunities

Men's Breakfast

Third Tuesday of the month, 8AM, Parish Hall. Provides a casual opportunity to gather for conversation and relationship building.

Jason Matechak, jasonmatechak@yahoo.com

Fellowship Opportunities

Young Families Fellowship

Provides an opportunity for families with young children to spend time with one another, allowing the children to play and the adults to socialize.

Louise Liebeskind, janelouiseliebeskind@gmail.com



Fellowship Opportunities

Queer Faithful

Provides a safe space for parishioners who identify as queer to spend time together as well as to work together within the community.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski,
mmachowski@thefallschurch.org*





New Fellowship Opportunity

Allies group

Provides a safe space for families of queer and/or questioning loved ones to ask questions of one another and support one another. Forming now, stay tuned for dates.

Fr. Burl Salmon, bsalmon@thefallschurch.org

Learning Opportunities



Formation for all ages

Opportunities for children, youth, and adults weekly throughout the year.

*Children: Lauren Breeden,
lbreeden@thefallschurch.org*

*Youth: John Wunderlich,
jwunderlich@thefallschurch.org*

*Adults: Fr. Matthew Machowski,
mmachowski@thefallschurch.org*



Under the fig tree

A three-part workshop to help newcomers make their place at

The Falls Church

Three times per year for
three Sundays
4:00 p.m., The Parlor

For more information contact Kim
McCleary: kkimmccleary@yahoo.com

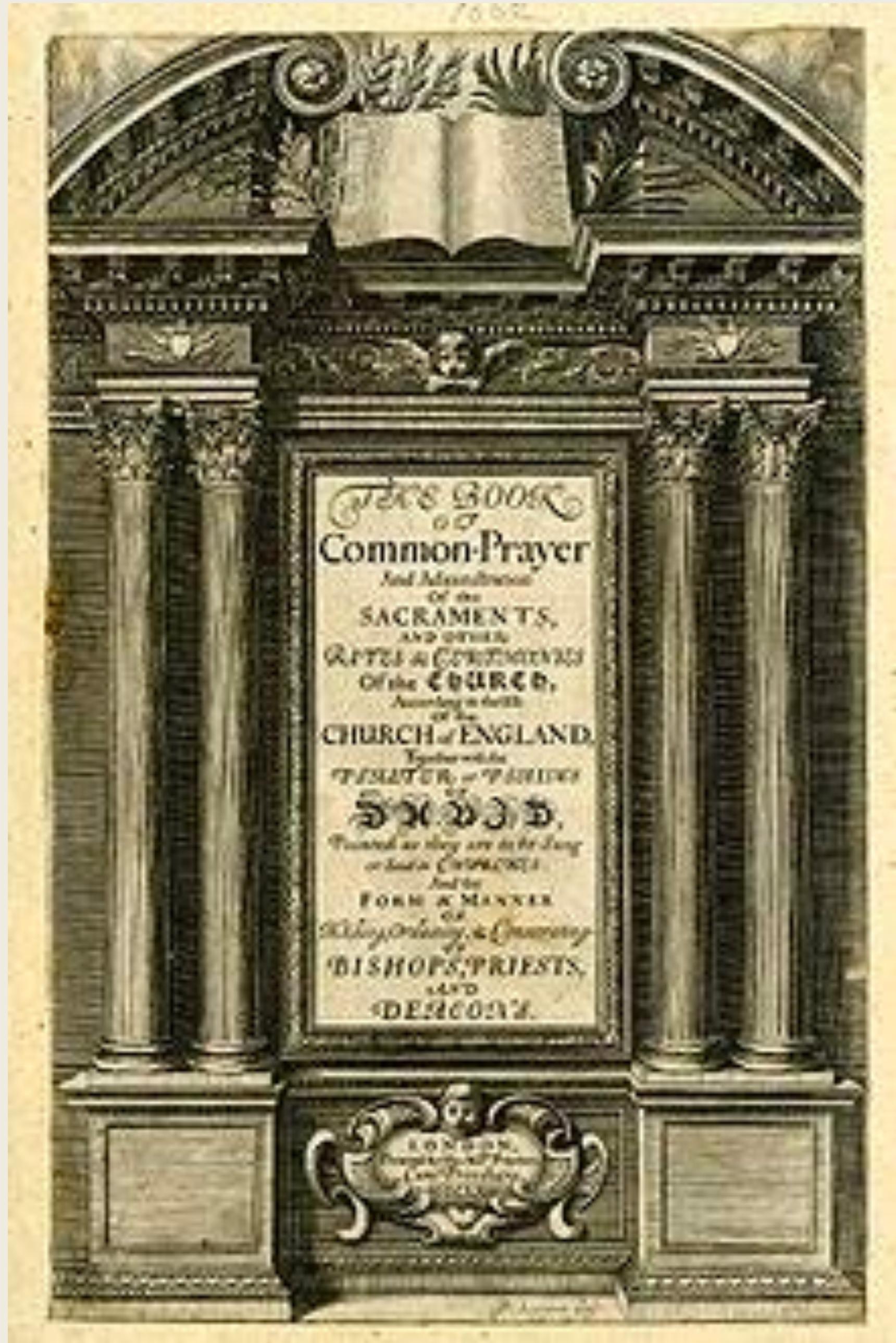


Learning Opportunities

Under the Fig Tree

Series of three meetings, three times a year, introducing newcomers to The Episcopal Church and The Falls Church in particular. Includes a tour of the National Cathedral and dinner at the rectory.

Kim McCleary, kkimmccleary@yahoo.com



Learning Opportunities

Enquirers' Classes

Meeting in the late spring, this series of eight-week classes explores the depth of Anglican/Episcopal theology and history. Especially designed for adults desiring confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation in The Episcopal Church.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski,
mmachowski@thefallschurch.org*

Learning Opportunities

Book Group

Once a month, gathers via Zoom for discussion of popular book selections.

Tiffany Smith, tiffany.lmb.smith@gmail.com

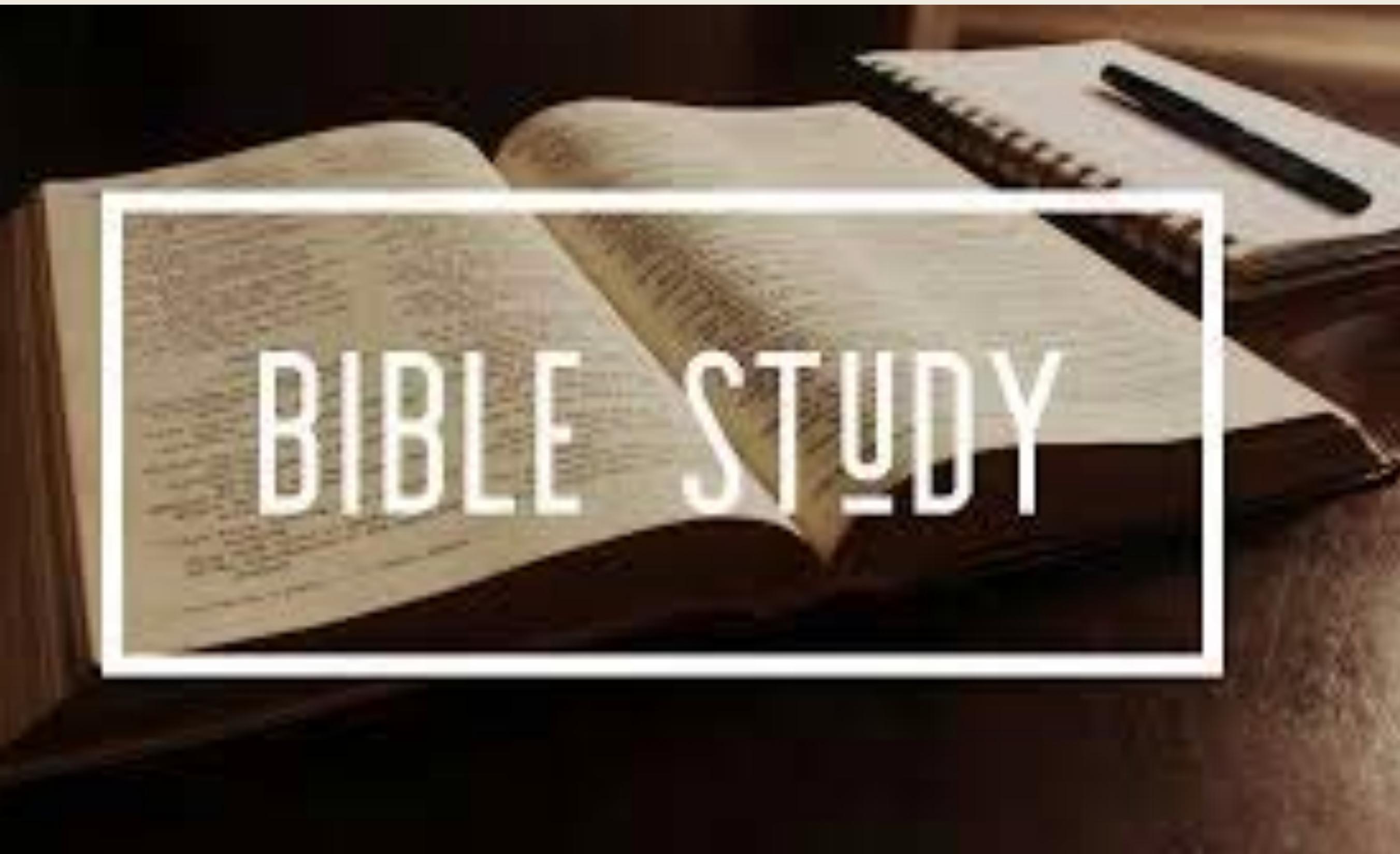


Learning Opportunities

Bible Study

Twice a month, gathers for small group study and conversation on Monday evenings.

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Learning Opportunities



EFM (Education for Ministry)

A four-year, distance learning curriculum for theological education. An incredible opportunity to dive deeply into scripture, church history, and theology. Meeting weekly from September-May in small groups.

Mary Cushing, marycushing1010@icloud.com

New Spiritual Discipline



Centering Prayer

Offered twice a month, beginning Thursdays (?) in October, this hour-long sacred time in the Memorial Chapel affords the opportunity to be still and know God.

Suzanne Crawford, suzannecrawford413@gmail.com

Liturgical Opportunities



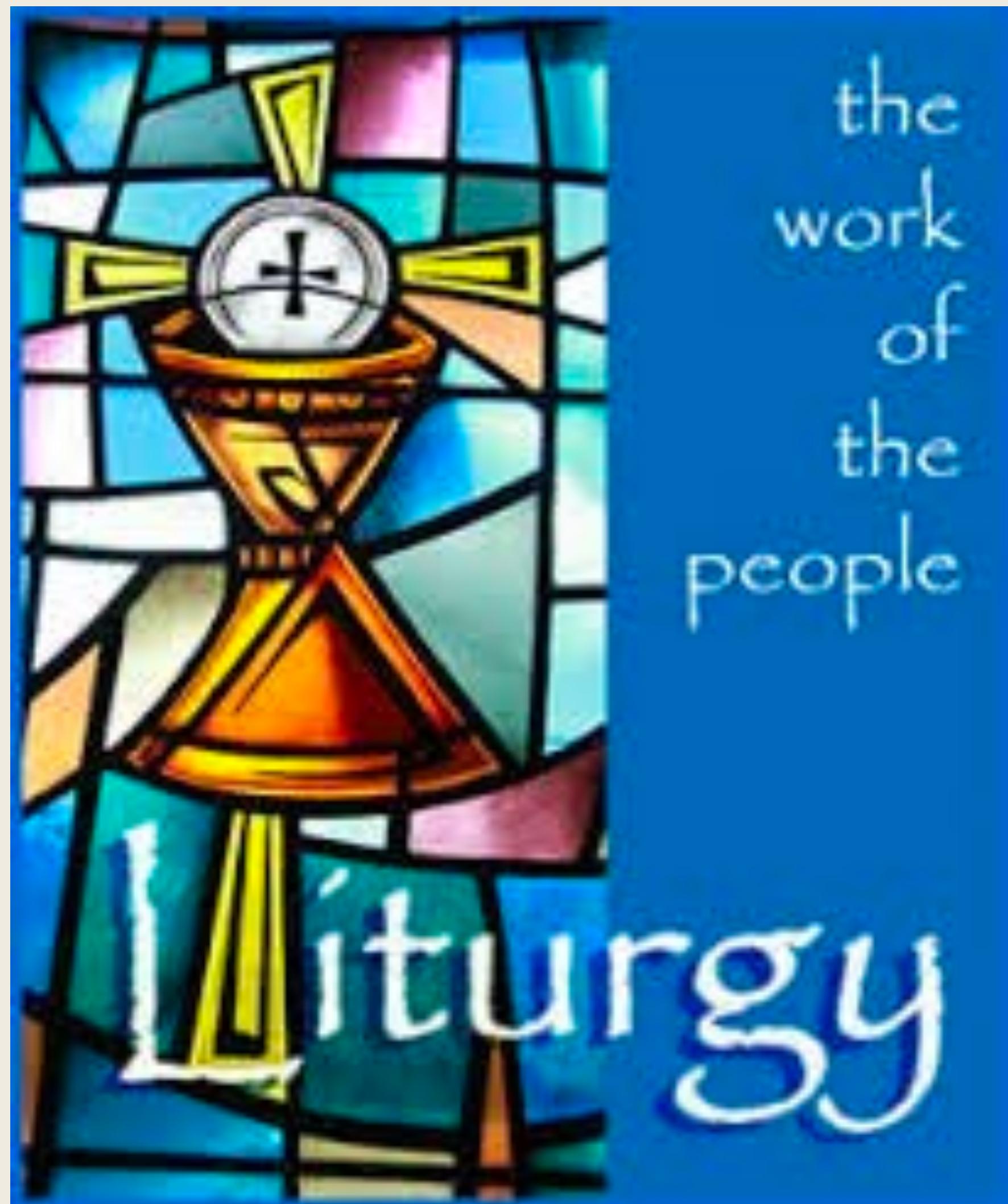
Falls Church Family Choir & Falls Church Parish Choir

Two great opportunities for persons interested in making music.

Intergenerational Family Choir
meets Sunday mornings at 8:15

Parish Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00

Sonya Sutton, ssutton@thefallschurch.org



Liturgical Opportunities

Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters

Vitally important ministries that enable us to gather for worship.

*Altar guild: Danielle Rampton,
dhramp@yahoo.com*

Ushers: Paul Rosbolt, prosbolt@spa.com

*Greeters: Erin Matechak,
ematechak@yahoo.com*



Liturgical Opportunities

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Essential ministries for our common worship.
(LEMs are confirmed communicants licensed
by the diocese.)

LEMs: Fr. Burl Salmon bsalmon@thefallschurch.org

*Readers: John Wunderlich,
jwunderlich@thefallschurch.org*



Liturgical Opportunities

Acolytes

Intergenerational ministry,
crucial to the liturgy.

Training 17 September, 1:00PM

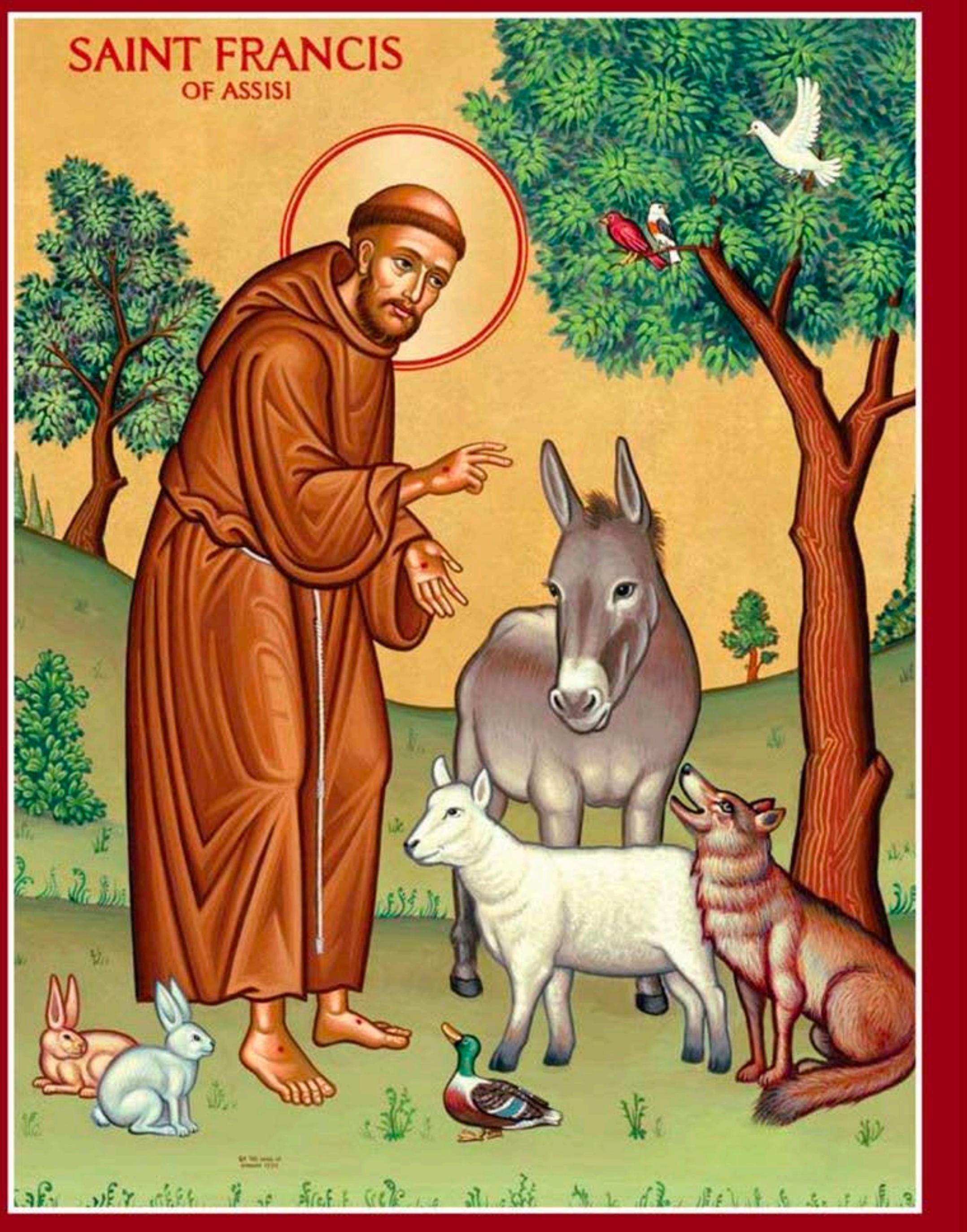
Geoff Kannan,
geoff.kannan@gmail.com

Special Events

Women's Advent Retreat



An opportunity for women of the parish to gather in worship, conversation, and meditation during the season of Advent. 9 December.



Special Events

Creation Care Sunday; Feast of St. Francis

1 October

- Intergenerational formation
- Blessing of the Animals with pet supply drive



Special Events

All Saints' Day

Service in the churchyard.
1 November



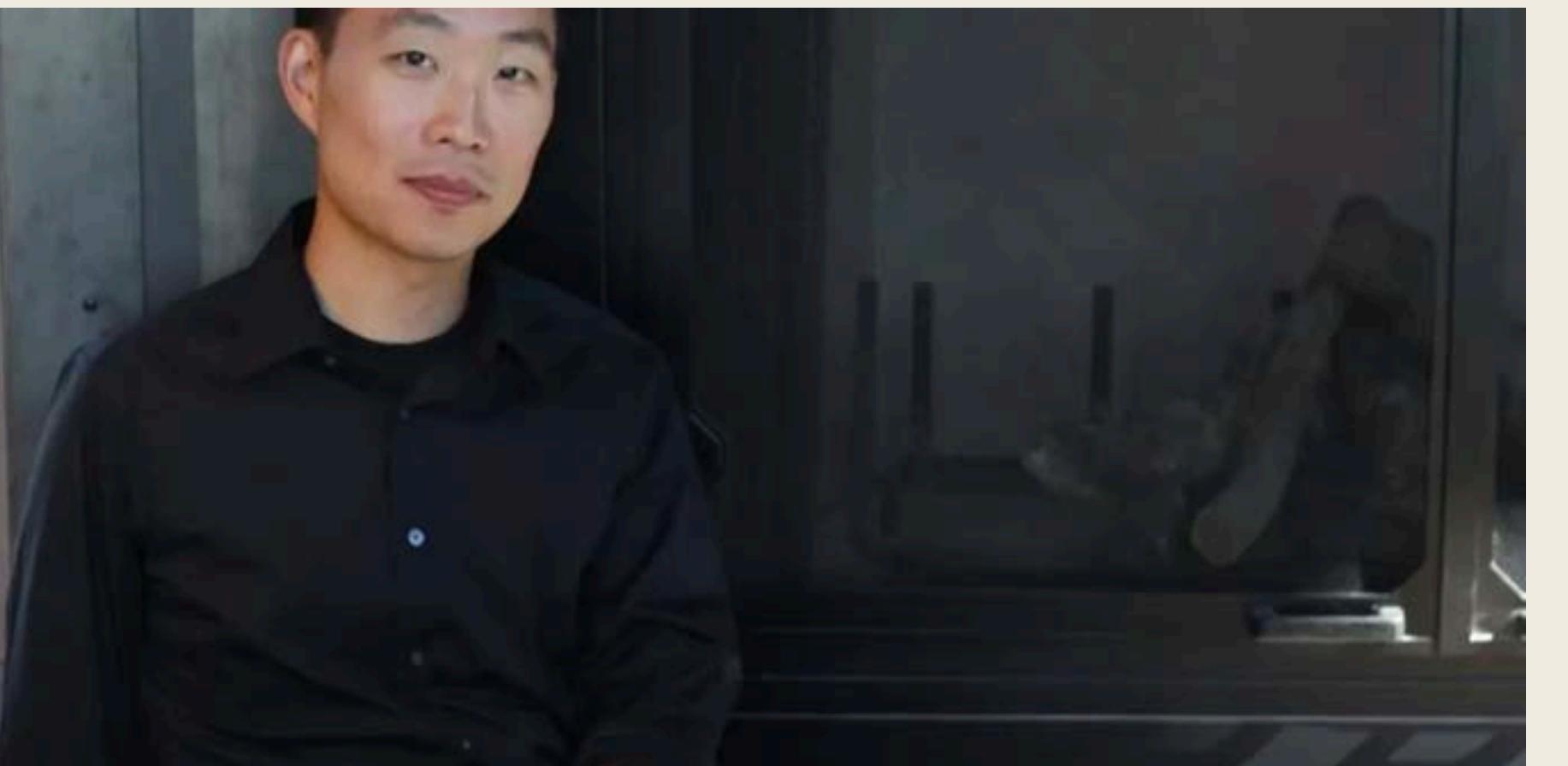
Balance Campaign

Special Events

*Celine
Mogielnicki
Soprano*



*David
Hyun-Su
Kim Fortepiano*



Little City Concerts

Rooted in a contemporary/experimental aesthetic, concerts will focus on newly composed music, alongside refreshing takes on older repertoire. Each event will be connected with a social justice theme, and a portion of ticket sales will be donated to a specific charity connected with that theme.

- 4 November
- 20 January
- 13 April



Special Events

Live Nativity

16 December



Stewardship Campaign

Launch 22 October

Ingathering 19 November

Veronica Kannan, veronica.kannan@gmail.com



Teamwork

- The Rev'd. Matthew Machowski, The Rev'd. Ellie Bangay, Sonya Subbayya Sutton, Lia Sanchez, Lauren Breeden, John Wunderlich, Jeff Drake, and Claire Hardie.
- Krista Gauthier, *Senior Warden*; Laura Davison Shepler, *Junior Warden*; Heather Ashby,, Michael Ankuma, Kathleen Martin Bell, Matthew Harrington, Geoff Kannan, Louise Liebeskind, Barb Mantegani, Amy Marshak, Kofi McCleary, and Dave Scharre. Brandon Huffman, *Registrar*; James Weatherly, *Treasurer*; and Jason Matechak, *Chancellor*.