

ONLINE SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

Contemplative Compassion: Creating a Culture of Caring: The Rev. Sarah Berlin

The Church serves a unique role in our culture. The Church is a place where we expect acceptance, compassion, community and deepened relationships with God. This workshop shares caring skills and building small groups. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Godly Play Outside the Box: Kim McPherson

Helping teachers go more deeply and sharing fresh ideas will invigorate your Godly Play Program. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Spiritual Gifts Inventory 1 & 2: Sharon King

What are the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit? We will utilize a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to identify and explore your gifts from the Holy Spirit. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm and Saturday 9am – 10:30am)

Bringing Vitality to Sunday Worship: The Rev. Andrew Cooley

Our worship is the primary experience people have of the Episcopal Church. If it is tired and dry, it loses the ability to draw people in and transform lives. Bulletins, announcements, Enriching our Worship, and prayers of the people are some key ways to make our worship fresh and vital. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

The Wounded Soul: Attending to the Spiritual Wounds of Abuse Survivors: The Rev. Deacon Diane Moore and Sherry Niermann

Two-thirds of Americans have suffered from trauma and abuse by age 18. Churches deal with abuse survivors but too often are not trained. Mary’s Hope offers concrete ways to faithfully companion survivors and support healing and forgiveness. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

The Story behind Narrative: Getting more from telling and listening *with Anne Doyle*

Come and join us as we explore the world of narrative looking for what makes good stories tick. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Developing Healthier, More Effective Church Leadership: Ann Fleming

Participants will be introduced to ideas about how to recognize and deal in healthy ways with anxiety and reactivity, and how to stay true to themselves while staying connected with others. (Friday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Preaching through Stories: The Rev. Andrew McMullen

Stories reach the heart. Reaching the heart helps us grow spiritually and become more willing to deepen our relationship with ourselves, others, and God. Make stories work in sermons. (Saturday 9am – 10:30am)

Safeguarding God’s Children

Mandatory training for those who work with children and youth. Must attend both sessions. (Saturday 9am – 10:30am & 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Lay Licensed Ministries:

Come and discover the complete process for the licensing of all six lay licensed ministries. We will cover the nature of each ministry, preparation, training, and the application. (Saturday 9am – 10:30am)

Building Youth as Leaders: Shanda Velisek

Come and learn how you can help raise up today's generation to be leaders in the church now, tomorrow, and in the future! Youth have the energy, passion, skills, and enthusiasm to bring new vitality to our communities. (Saturday 9am – 10:30am)

Creation Spirituality: Meeting God in "Burning Bushes": The Rev. Dr. Barbara Dumke

When was the last time you met God in a "burning bush" or accompanied Jesus on retreat "into the wilderness"? Come and experience concrete ways to receive God's Creation as a gift and find yourself growing in appreciation of all life. (Saturday 9am – 10:30am)

The Bible as Our Moral Compass: The Rev. Michael Carney

Meeting in small groups, we'll learn how to use the Bible when we are wrestling with the important moral issues of today. We will respect different views and focus on a process of discerning how to be guided by Biblical passages. (Saturday 9am – 10:30am)

The Wilderness Worship Experience: Kate Eaton

Join the Wilderness team from St. John's Cathedral for a lively conversation about what it means to be experimental and innovative within the liturgy. We began this with no budget and a small group of committed members. (Saturday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Walking and Talking the Good News: The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard

We will learn spiritual practices and habits that enable us to be more intentional about faithfully living out part of our Baptismal Covenant. (Saturday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Stewardship of Our Times: Rev. Laurel Johnston, National Stewardship Officer; **John Thornbury**, Parishioner, Saint Mary Magdalene and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation

This workshop will provide an orientation to the practice of stewardship as a way of life and living out our baptismal identities as we explore how to nurture ourselves and others in the ever more faithful use of our gifts (our money, time, passions, and abilities). We will investigate how stewardship involves seeking greater insight into spiritual growth, the connection of money and faith, and discernment of purpose, leadership, and giving. (Saturday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Sunday Music: How to Make a Difference with Worshippers: Charlie Hall

At its best, Sunday worship music inspires everyone to sing: it's engaging, energetic, challenging (in a good way!), moving, celebratory, and illuminates the theme of the readings and sermon. We'll learn practical ways to touch people's hearts with music. (Saturday 10:45am – 12:15pm)

Navigating the Forms Maze; from Rough Waters to Smooth Sailing: Fabian Gilchrist

This workshop will assist you in: 1. Understanding the need for the data collected by the National Church and local Diocese; 2. Gathering the information needed to complete the reports; 3. Filling out the forms and filing on time

Climate Change and Ethics: Will We Leave a Blessing or a Burden for the Future? The Rev. Dr. Eugene Wahl

Through presentation and conversation, we will understand more deeply our role as Christians and humans living together responsibly with the planet Earth and all its ecosystems and species. A climate scientist, Gene works with national and international leaders. (Saturday 10:45am – 12:15pm)