

Grace Episcopal Church, Brunswick

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ADULT AND YOUTH CONFIRMATION COURSE

“I will, with God’s help ...”

Instructor:

The Rev. Anjel Scarborough, Rector

Classes will be held on the following Sundays

2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 8/23 & 9/6

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (including lunch)

Classes begin Sunday, February 22nd

Overview:

We begin each session with a common meal, worship and prayer. Using the Baptismal Covenant as an outline, these classes will explore our faith in God, in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We will learn about the unique history of the Episcopal Church and how to use the Book of Common Prayer to deepen our spiritual life. Finally, the sessions are designed *with participation in mind* which encourages each candidate to renew their commitment to follow Jesus Christ. We will view some DVD programs, take a tour of the church building, have hands-on exercises and some suggested homework and a project that you get to select. It is our prayer that you come to know Christ more fully as well as get to know each other and yourself.

Expectations:

The Episcopal Church defines membership by baptism and faithful attendance at worship. In addition to attending Confirmation classes, candidates are expected to attend church on Sunday mornings and will, if possible, attend church on major Holy Days (Christmas Eve, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week observances). If you must miss a class, let us know and we will work with you to cover the material some other way.

February 22, 2015 – Enrollment of the Baptized and Introduction

We are the saints of the Church and you are embarking on a journey to deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ through the spiritual disciplines of the Episcopal Church. Our first session begins with **Enrollment of the Baptized** during our **regular Sunday 10:00AM worship service** and continues with lunch and an introductory session where we get to know each other as instructors, candidates and sponsors.

March 8, 2015 – “I believe in God”

What does it mean to believe? What is the Baptismal Covenant? What does it mean to be “sons and daughters” of God? What is our heritage? Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures.

March 22, 2015 – “I believe in Jesus Christ”

Who is Jesus? What do we learn about him in the New Testament? What does it mean to be “brothers and sisters” in Christ? Introduction to the Gospels and their authors.

April 12, 2015 – “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church”

Who is the Holy Spirit? Who was Paul? How did the Christian Church begin? Introduction to Acts, the Letters of Paul and Paul’s travels.

April 26, 2015 – “I will continue in the Apostles’ teaching ...”

How did the Church get from Paul to the Reformation and Henry VIII? What made us Anglican? How did our Church get to America? A brief history of the English Reformation.

May 10, 2015 – “... in the breaking of bread and in the prayers ...”

What is the Book of Common Prayer and why is it so special? Why do we worship the way we do? How does this strengthen our spiritual life? An introduction to the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal.

May 24, 2015 – “Repent ... Resist ... Return”

What is evil? What is Sin? Who is the devil? How do we repent and forgive? Prayer and spiritual development.

June 7, 2015 – “Proclaim the Good News ...”

How can we use the Bible to our spiritual advantage? What does it mean to be an evangelist? How do we share our faith? Tour of the church – architecture, appointments, symbols and signs.

Summer Break

August 23, 2015 – “Seek and serve Christ in all persons”

Who are the ministers of the Church? How do we hear God’s call? How do we discern God’s will for our lives? What does the commitment of Confirmation or Reception mean to me? Spiritual discernment.

September 6, 2015 – “Strive for justice and respect the dignity of every human being”

What is the mission of the Church? How do we participate in that mission? What is my ministry as a baptized person? What does it mean to be part of the Anglican Communion? Ministry in action. Rehearsal for the Confirmation Service with Sponsors present.