

Online Courses through the Seminary of the Southwest

7-week courses sponsored by the Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation

- "Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear"
- "Praying with the Desert Fathers and Mothers"
"Science and Spirituality"

For information and registration, go to the Seminary's website, www.ssw.edu.

Fall Worship Schedule

7:45am Eucharist

9:00am Eucharist

10:00am Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00am Tea Under the Trees
(if inclement weather will move to Gosnell Hall)

11:11am Come As You Are Worship Service

11:15am Eucharist



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The Rev. Michael D. Chalk
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The Rev. Dr. John Lewis
Co-director, The Work+Shop

The Rev. Jonathan Wickham
Assistant Rector

The Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson
Co-director, The Work+Shop

Making a Gift of Their Service

The Rev. Mary Earle
Assisting Priest

The Rev. Cliff Waller
Assisting Priest

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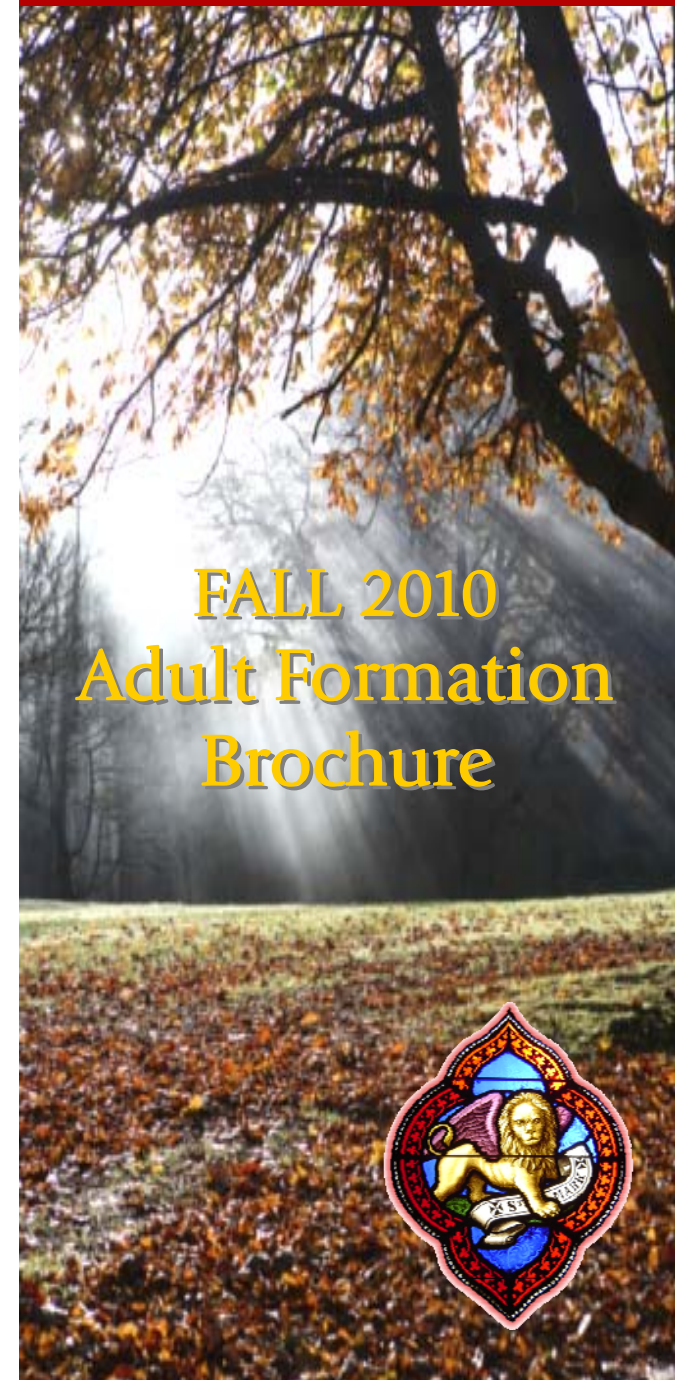
Edwin Rieke
*Organist & Director of
Music*

Emmet Faulk
*Community Formation
Director & Come as
You Are Worship
Coordinator*

Kristin Roach
*Assistant Organist &
Director of Music*

Sara Talley
*Assistant Youth
Director*

*"We are a downtown church, committed to the Gospel,
accountable to each other, loving Christ and making him
known."*



FALL 2010 Adult Formation Brochure



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Fall: A Season of Spiritual Growth

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The Rev. Dr. Jane Lancaster Patterson

I was at dinner recently with a friend who had just flown in to San Antonio from her new home on the West Coast. When the airplane was outside of San Antonio, the pilot came on to say that they were within twenty minutes of landing. My friend looked out the window of the plane, and saw an expanse of bright green fields below. She thought to herself, "The pilot must be mistaken. This is NOT Texas." We've had so much rain this summer that the landscape was unrecognizable to her. It has been a season of astonishing health and growth for every plant that grows in our city, our yards and neighborhoods. Here at St. Mark's, we are planning our fall adult formation classes with an eye toward astonishing health and growth for each of us, in our maturity into the likeness of Christ. Childcare is always available on Sunday mornings and at other times as noted below.

Sunday Mornings 10:10-11:00

- The Rev. Mike Chalk, "Prayer and the Kingdom of God," Room 305. Reflection and conversation on how our practices of prayer can lead us into action in God's world.
- The Rev. Jonathan Wickham, "Episco-basics," Dean Richardson Room. An introduction to life in the Episcopal Church.
- The Rev. Drs. Jane Patterson and John Lewis, "Christ in our Context," Tom Gish Hall. Teaching and conversation on how some of the images of Jesus in the New Testament may give us insight into how Christ may be known and followed in our time and place.
- Looking ahead: In Advent, we will have a special offering by Sylvia Maddox and The Rev. Mary Earle, co-authors of *Praying with the Celtic Saints* and *Holy Companions: Spiritual Practices from the Celtic Saints*.

Weekdays

- Betty Anne Cody and Friends, "The Gifted Years," Tuesdays, 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m., September 21-November 9, in the Dean Richardson Room. Reflection and conversation sparked by Paula D'Arcy's recent book, *Waking Up to This Day: Seeing the Beauty Right Before Us*.
- The Rev. Drs. John Lewis and Jane Patterson, "Timeout Bible Study," Thursdays, 10:30a.m.-noon, with childcare, September 9-December 9, in the Youth Room. A slow, conversational study of Paul's letters to the Galatians, and Thessalonians.
- *WorkShop Reflection Groups*. The WorkShop, a ministry devoted to issues of faith in daily life, convenes small groups of people at various locations in the city to reflect on current issues in their daily lives of faith and decision-making in the light of the scriptures. If you are interested in joining a group, please call 210-599-4224 for more information and exact times and locations. The groups are led by the co-directors of The WorkShop, the Rev. Drs. Jane Patterson and John Lewis.

Weeknights

- Maurleen Cobb, Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m., Room 305, September 1-November 17. A lively and conversational study of *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs.
- September 29, Discipleship for Leadership: an evening with Bishop Lillibridge, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m., Tom Gish Hall.
- October 27: The Rev. Dr. John Lewis, *Great Conversations: A Faithful Look at Immigration*, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m., Tom Gish Hall. This is the first of a series of evening gatherings intended to

engage the practice of conversing together respectfully about difficult topics. The second Conversation will occur in the spring.

- The Rev. Jonathan Wickham, *Adult Confirmation Class*. Look for more information as it appears on the [website](#). This class will explore the basics of the Christian faith from an adult perspective, and will prepare people for the sacrament of Confirmation, or may serve simply as an introduction to the church's life and beliefs.

Retreats

- September 11, 8:30-noon, *Rhythms of Gospel Living*. The Rev. Mike Chalk, The Rev. Mary Earle, and Sylvia Maddox, Instructor at the University of the Incarnate Word. To be held at The WorkShop at Los Patios.
- October 2, 7:30a.m.-2:00p.m., *Holy Ground: A St. Francis' Day Retreat*. See the full description of special speakers and activities on the [website](#). Advance registration required.
- October 8-10, Mustang Island Conference Center, Margaret Benefiel, *Soul at Work*, a chance to learn Quaker practices of reflection and discernment that can enhance our lives at work, at home, and in our communities. Presented by the WorkShop. See the [website](#) for more information. Advance registration required.
- October 22-24, Camp Capers, Diocesan Fall Women's Gathering, The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie, *Entering the Dwelling Places of the Soul*. Sylvia Maddox will be the Chaplain. See www.dwtx.org for details.
- November 11-14, Moye Center, Castroville, The Rev. Doug Earle, *The Heavenly Banquet: Food, Desire, and Love of the Beloved*. A Silent Retreat sponsored by the Retreat Society of the Diocese of West Texas. See www.dwtx.org for details.
- December 4, 8:30a.m.-noon, at The WorkShop, *Praying With Icons: An Advent Retreat*, The Rev. Mike Marsh and The Rev. Mike Chalk.