

Special Lenten Opportunities St. Ann's Church 2010

① Friday, February 26th

7:30 PM (at St. Ann's)

Presenter: Rev. Patricia Conley

- a. Planning Your Episcopal Funeral
- b. ABC's of Advance Directives (Who makes your choices if you cannot?)

② Friday, March 5th

7:30 PM (at St. Ann's)

Presenter: Mariana Wolfmeyer

"Wills, Trusts, & Charitable Gifts - Planning Your Legacy"

③ Thursday, March 11th

(Diocese of Chicago)

Contact Rev Conley if you want to share a ride.

(at St. Martin's Des Plaines)

10am-2pm Diane Butler Bass

④ Saturday, March 13th

(Diocese of Chicago)

(St. Paul's Episcopal Church - DeKalb, IL)

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Presentation: *The People's History of Christianity*
(See St. Ann's website for link to purchase this book.)

⑤ Sunday, March 14th

After Coffee Hour (at St. Ann's)

Presenters: Natalie & Bruce Armstrong

"Organ Donation" -Not the musical kind ☺

⑥ Friday, March 26th

Lenten Special: (at St. Anns)

Book Discussion Diane Butler Bass's Book:

"The People's History of Christianity"

BONUS !

⑦ HOLD THE DATE - Mon April 19 - (All Day) St. Michael's Barrington - Brian McClaren

FEBRUARY

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The Details . . .

① **Friday, February 26th 7:30 PM** (at St. Ann's)

Presenters: Rev. Conley & Randy Wakitsch

a. Planning Your Episcopal Funeral

In this session we will review the traditions of the Episcopal Church regarding Funerals, Burials, and Memorial Liturgies. You may indicate your preferences during this session, and file them for future use. Or, you may take the material home for further consideration. Such planning is truly a meaningful gift to your family.

b. ABC's of Advance Directives (Who makes your choices if you cannot?)

Most of us have been confronted with this subject when we, or someone in our family, were hospitalized. This session will provide an opportunity to more fully understand the whole matter of "Advance Directives," without the added stress of hospitalization. Again, consideration of this matter prior to need is a very meaningful gift to your family, indeed.

② **Friday, March 5th 7:30 PM** (at St. Ann's) Presenter: Mariana Wolfmeyer, Grief

Counselor & Oncology Chaplain, Centegra Health Systems. "Wills, Trusts, & Charitable Gifts – Planning Your Legacy" - What are some of the different kinds of charitable gifts I might consider? How can I leave a "legacy" if I don't have a lot of money? What are the questions to ask? And, where to find answers? We can leave more of an impact than we may think, but it takes planning.

③ **Thursday, March 11th** -- See the following page for details.

④ **Saturday, March 13th** -- See the following page for details.

⑤ **Sunday, March 14th -- After Coffee Hour** (at St. Ann's) Presenters: Natalie & Bruce Armstrong. "Organ Donation" Each organ and tissue donor saves or improves the lives of as many as 50 people. Giving the "Gift of Life" may lighten the grief of the donor's own family. Many donor families say that knowing other lives have been saved helps them cope with their tragic loss.

⑥ **Friday, March 26th - Book Discussion** --(at St. Anns) Diane Butler Bass's Book: "The People's History of Christianity" Whether or not you are able to attend one of the in-person presentations of Diane Butler Bass (#3 & #4 above) – you can still read her latest book, and join us in a lively book discussion at St. Ann's.

This book is somewhat of a manifesto about rediscovering and reclaiming spiritual gems long overlooked in Christian history. Or, as Diana herself puts it: "Exploring the past, we begin to understand our actions anew; we discover new spiritual possibilities for our lives." Millions of people already are discovering, for example, that Protestants may have been too quick to abandon ancient practices like fasting and fixed-hour prayer. Diana Butler Bass takes you on an exciting tour of Christian history while continuing to emphasize the spiritual practices and disciplines utilized by followers of the Way at the various time periods. Her book also is a terrific choice for small-group discussion and study.

⑦ **HOLD THE DATE** - Mon April 19 - **Brian McClaren** – See last page for details.

Dianna Butler Bass - THREE EVENT WEEKEND

(Thurs, Fri, Sat) MARCH 11-12-13TH

The Office of Life Long Christian Formation in partnership with St. James Cathedral, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the Congregations Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is sponsoring a series of conversations and presentations at three locations around the diocese for clergy, lay leaders, parishioners and general public. *Special all event pass \$50* To Register go to www.episcopalchicago.org

"Imagine, for a moment, a new story about mainline Protestantism. What if the story wasn't about decline, division, and spiritual dismay? What if the story was about imaginative congregations reaching back to their native stories, drawing out practices known to their ancestors and finding new ways of being faithful in a fragmented, de-traditionalized world?"

Diana Butler Bass

The Practicing Congregation: Imagining a New Old Church

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MARCH 11-12TH

Trends, Tinker Toys & Transformation

③ **Thursday March 11**

Friday March 12, 10 - 2 pm

St Martin's Episcopal Church
1095 Thacker St., Des Plaines 60616
Registration fee - \$40
(Includes lunch both days)

Bass and Lee: A Conversation

Thursday Evening 5:30 - 6:45

St. James Cathedral
Book Signing and Refreshments
65 E Huron, Chicago, IL 60611
Open to all

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH

The People's History of Christianity - Presentation

④ **Saturday March 13 10am - 2pm**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
900 Normal Rd, DeKalb, 60615
Registration fee - \$20, includes lunch

"...a perfect armchair companion for contemporary Christians." **Phyllis Tickle**

"...(she) invites us into a deep conversation with the past which thrusts us into the future with hope." **Alan Jones**

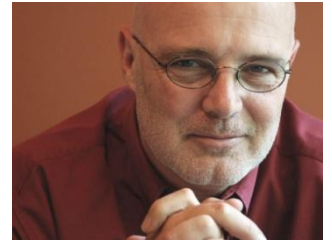
"Bass offers what is much needed for a church (alongside a society) that is into deep amnesia with little self awareness... It is immediately accessible, helped along by frequent and shrewd linkages to contemporary counterpoints."

Walter Brueggemann

⑦ Momentum – ONE DAY EVENT

Conversations in emergent* faith

* *Emergent: developing, developing, growing, evolving, budding, sprouting, surfacing.*



DATE: Monday April 19, 2010

Featuring author, networker, pastor and emergent leader Brian McLaren, will be held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington. This gathering will be an important opportunity to hear practical ideas and participate in cutting edge conversation with significant leaders in the emergent movement.

- 8:00am Fellowship, coffee and continental breakfast
- 9:00am Prayer and Song
- 9:15am Brian McLaren
- 12:00noon Prayer, song and box lunch
- 1:00pm Follow up Q & A with Brian
- 1:30pm Discussion: Practical Ideas for New Communities & Worship
- 3:00pm Reflection by all participants – where do we go from here?
- 3:45pm Prayer, song, blessings, farewell
- 4:00pm Go in peace...

Vision for the day:

Mainline churches are searching for new directions. We are blessed with many ancient and present gifts yet challenged by relevancy. We desire to design and participate in new avenues of experiencing God's love and grace. Being a Christian today involves less church and more community. **Following Jesus today relies less on theology and more on immersing our story in God's story, known as the Bible.** The experience of being a disciple of Jesus draws more from *belonging* than from *believing*. We look for *companions* not *experts* as we deepen our faith.

Brian McLaren is a preeminent author and speaker on new directions and expressions of the Christian faith. He has noted that **the ancient practices of the church are finding new interest and enthusiasm in our world today**, but *often not within a worshipping community*. Brian will begin our day. He will then be joined by Tom Brackett, Martha Gillette, Al Johnson, Jeffrey Lee, Pedro Lopez, and Lydia Ruffin in a practical exploration of emergent patterns, new ways of developing communities and new expressions of emergent worship.

Early Registration: \$89 (until 2/15) Contact Rev. Conley