



Trinity Episcopal Church



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WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Intergenerational formation and confirmation starting in the Fall

The Better Together Partners will be holding intergenerational formation from 4:30-6 pm once a month on Saturday. We will rotate locations among our Better Together Partner congregations. Intergenerational formation will be lectionary based so we will be studying the lessons to be read in worship the following day. All participants will enjoy a meal and worship together at the end of each session.

Confirmation class will meet at the same time.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Dates and locations (all at 4:30-6 pm):

September 10 at StGs

October 1 at St. Lawrence

November 12 at Trinity

December 3 at StEs

January 21 at StGs

February 11 at St. Lawrence

March 11 at Trinity

April 1 at StEs

Confirmation Topics for this school year are:

September 10 Retreat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm:

Games

Introductions

Norms Settings

Meet your mentor

Baptism

Prayer

Introduction to spiritual practices

October 1: Bible (OT)

November 12: Bible (NT)

December 3: Jesus

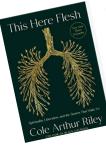
January 21: God/Theology

February 11: Church History (Creed)

March 11: Sin/forgiveness

April 1: Holy Week

Better Together Adult Formation on Zoom starts Wednesday, October 12th!



This Here Flesh by Cole Arthur Riley

In her stunning debut, the creator of Black Liturgies weaves stories from three generations of her family alongside contemplative reflections to discover the "necessary rituals" that connect us with our belonging, dignity, and liberation.

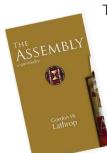
Dates for study: 10/19,10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16



Advent Unbound: An Advent Companion to Pádraig Ó Tuama's "Poetry Unbound"

Truly experiencing Advent and Christmas depends on connecting the head and the heart – and poetry can help. In this devotional, we let Scripture and Pádraig Ó Tuama's beloved podcast, "Poetry Unbound," lead the way to Bethlehem.

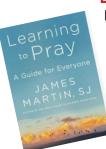
Dates of Study: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14



The Assembly, by Gordon Lathrop

This book articulates why and how the assembly is so important in Christianity. Lathrop intends the book to assist Christian congregations and their pastors or priests to recover vital, participatory, and life-giving in-person worship after the pandemic. He further intends that participants will see and treasure the importance of assembly as the primary form of "church" and as a vital source of Christian daily life.

Dates for Study: 1/18,1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15



Learning to Pray by James Martin, SJ

Learning to Pray explains what prayer is, what to expect from praying, how to do it, and how it can transform us when we make it a regular practice in our lives. A trusted guide walking beside us as we navigate our unique spiritual paths, Martin lays out the different styles and traditions of prayer throughout Christian history and invites us to experiment and discover which works best to feed our soul and build intimacy with our creator.

Dates for Study: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29



God is a Black Woman by Christena Cleveland

Cleveland's crisis of faith sent her on an intellectual and spiritual journey through history and across France, on a 400-mile walking pilgrimage to the ancient shrines of Black Madonnas to find healing in the Sacred Black Feminine. God Is a Black Woman is the chronicle of her liberating transformation and a critique of a society shaped by white patriarchal Christianity and culture.

Dates for Study: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm on Zoom this year to discuss five books that will encourage us to expand our minds and grow our faith. Here is a schedule for our gatherings, and a list of the books we will be studying. If you would like help purchasing the books, please contact your rector and we are happy to help!





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