

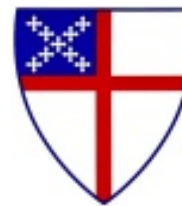
ASCENSION MEMORIAL CHURCH

Flourishing - Family - Community

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TIDINGS WEEKLY

February 10, 2019

THE GRACE AND CHALLENGES OF AGING

An enthusiastic group met last Sunday to discuss the challenges of aging and will meet again on Sunday, February 17th after the 10:15 service. Please feel free to come even if you were not at our first gathering. After getting a cup of coffee or tea we will gather in a circle in the sanctuary to share our wisdom and worries about the aging process and what can fortify us in this last important journey. Everyone is welcome whether you are at this stage of life or thoughtfully looking ahead for yourself or others. If you have questions please give Helen Danforth a ring at 978 356-4985.

Reverend Roger W. Cramer

Fundraising Committee Update

ShamRock & Roll – Saturday, March 16, 7pm -10pm

Planning for our first fundraising event, ShamRock & Roll, is underway and we welcome your help and support. This favorite community-wide event features great music and supports a good cause. ShamRock & Roll is a St. Patrick's Day celebration and a Food Drive with the Orville Giddings Band. This is always a fun event with lots of dancing to the rock& roll, soul, funk and boogie sounds of the Orville Giddings Band. The Dorman Gym is transformed with festive St. Patrick's Day green decorations, special lighting and a glowing fireplace. Shelves for the Food Drive are set up in the lobby and it's wonderful to see them fill up with food items. Simple snacks, beer, wine and soda are available. Gift baskets and raffles add excitement to the evening.

Please consider how you can help with the ShamRock & Roll. One easy and fun way is to come! Better yet, bring some friends. Tickets are available for purchase after the services. There are also plenty of opportunities to help, such as, make or donate items for a gift basket, help set up, decorate, prep or serve food, ticket sales, or clean up. The more, the merrier when it comes to helping with these events. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the Parlor and add your name.

Thank you,
The Fundraising Committee



ShamRock & Roll



A St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Food Drive

with

Orville Giddings Band



Saturday March 16th

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Ascension Memorial Church

Boone Hall, Dorman Gym

31 County Street, Ipswich

Event includes Food Drive for
The Open Door Ipswich Community Food Pantry

Bring Needed Food Items To Event!

PEANUT BUTTER • CEREAL • 100% JUICE • TUNA
CANNED CHICKEN



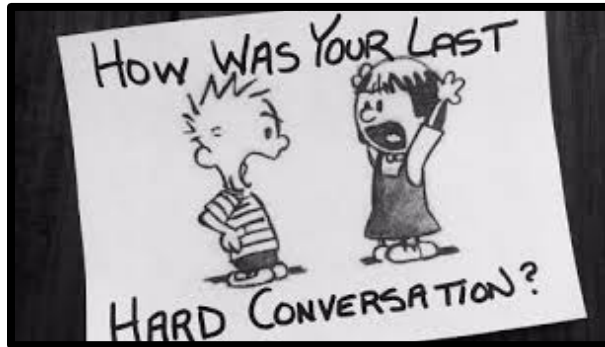
Great Live Music  Light Snacks  Gift Baskets

Tickets: \$20/person

For more information call: 978-356-2560

“Holding the Hard Conversation”

2019 Ascension Memorial Church Lenten Series
Wednesday Evenings, 6-8PM, Bread and Soup Dinner
St. Matthew's Parlor
3/13/19 thru 4/10/19



"Holding The Hard Conversation" is a five-part series designed to help participants address difficult topics with those they love. The series begins by offering helpful skills, advice, and encouragement for how we can share a conversation honestly and respectfully about issues we may consider too painful or shameful to discuss. Subsequent evenings will focus attention on specific topics, all of which we face daily but too often choose to avoid. Trained, experienced leaders in their fields will help us hold the hard conversation on such topics as domestic abuse, drug abuse, dementia, and racism.

2019 Lenten Series Schedule

- 1) March 13, 2019
Topic: Introduction to Holding The Hard Conversation
Presenter: Chuck Doran, Director and Founder of MWI, Mediation/Negotiation Trainer
- 2) March 20, 2019
Topic: Holding The Hard Conversation On **Racism**
Presenter: The Rev. Rebecca Black, Diocesan Anti-Racist Trainer
- 3) March 27, 2019
Topic: Holding The Hard Conversation On **Drug Abuse**
Presenters: Cheryl and David Clark, Co-Conveners of Learning To Cope
- 4) April 3, 2019
Topic: Holding The Hard Conversation On **Dementia**
Presenters: Beth Burrridge and Ellen Graham from Senior Living Advocates
- 5) April 10, 2019
Topic: Holding The Hard Conversation on **Domestic Abuse**
Presenter: The Rev. Anne Marie Hunter, Director and Founder,
Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence

EPISCOPAL CHURCH #101 CLASSES

to begin on Sunday, March 10th, 2019 at 9:00AM

Starting Sunday, March 10th, 2019, the Rector will offer a series of 5 CLASSES as an informative overview of the history, liturgy, theology, and distinct spirit and character of The Episcopal Church. All inquiring minds are invited to participate in these conversational sessions, especially those seeking to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Gayle Harris on May 18th, 2019 at the North Shore Deanery Confirmation Service to be held at Trinity Church, Topsfield.

If you wish to be confirmed or received this Spring, participation in these classes is required. Please contact the office at [978-356-2560](tel:978-356-2560) by Monday, March 4th to register. Classes will be held in St. Matthew's Parlor from 9-10AM Sunday mornings on March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7. A diocesan confirmation Retreat for youth being confirmed will be held at the Barbara Harris Conference Center, April 5-6, 2019.

March and April 2019 Session Topics:

1st Class **3/10/19**- Introduction: "Why bother with religion at all?"

2nd Class- **3/17/19** - History and Spirit of the Episcopal Church

3rd Class- **3/24/19** - Book of Common Prayer and Liturgy

4th Class- **3/31/19** - Bible Basics

5th Class- **4/07/19** - Spiritual Practices and Review

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

For additional information and listings, please visit our website calendar: amcipswich.org/calendar/

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday - 9:00am to 1:00pm

02.10 Sunday	8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II 3:00PM - AMC Newcomers Tea 4:00PM - Circle of Care 5:00PM - AMC Youth Group - Floor Hockey Tournament
02.11 Monday	12:15PM - Holy Silence
02.12 Tuesday	11:00AM - Ipswich Aware - - St. Matthew's Parlor
02.13 Wednesday	9:30AM - Bible Study - St. Matthew's Parlor 10:00AM - Ipswich Senior Center - Valentine's Day Luncheon 5:30PM - Holy Silence/Holy Communion 6:00PM - AMC Book Group - St. Matthew's Parlor 7:30PM - Chorus North Shore Executive Committee Meeting - St. Matthew's Parlor 7:30PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church Sanctuary
02.14 Thursday	4:30PM - Honors Youth Choir - Boone Hall Choir Room 7:00PM - Education for Ministry - St. Matthew's Parlor
02.15 Friday	7:00PM - Cuvilly Winter Fundraising Event - Dorman Gym
02.16 Saturday	8:00AM - AMC Men's Group - St. Matthew's Parlor
02.17 Sunday	8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II 7:00PM - Adult Floor Hockey - Dorman Gym