

Adult Forum

Adult Forum sessions on Sundays at 10 a.m. are designed to serve our community by stimulating our thinking and actions in the Christian faith, exploring timely issues in our church and the world, and as an occasion for discussion about the ongoing activities in missions, worship, education and stewardship at St. Peter's. Topics range from aspects of our faith and worship, to books of the Bible, figures in Christian history, ethical dilemmas and contemporary issues of interest to our community. Discussion leaders come from within our parish community or sometimes are specially invited outside guest speakers, and we try to have two forums to choose from each Sunday. Please contact Jonathan Sullivan with ideas or feedback or to volunteer to lead a discussion.

June 6—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: The Britten War Requiem—Led by Peter M.

“What passing bells for these who die as cattle?” Benjamin Britten combined the requiem mass and poems written by a British soldier killed in World War I into his *War Requiem*, commissioned for the 1962 reconsecration of Coventry Cathedral after the original structure was destroyed during World War II. Listening to the *War Requiem* can help us reflect on war, God's grace, and reconciliation.

Option II: TBD

June 13—Third Sunday after Pentecost (Parish Picnic)

Option I: South Africa Mission—Led by Anna and Blair F.

An update on planning for the South Africa mission, including discussion about the specifics of the mission itself, details on participation, and travel costs.

Option II: [Tentative] Bioethics and Genetic Research—Led by Jeff C.

June 20—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Father's Day)

Option I: How to Talk to Your Children—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

Option II: Bede and the Saints of the Anglo-Saxon Period—Led by Catharine G.

June 27—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Option I: Crime, Punishment and Christian Values in America Today—Led by Prof. Mary L.

Does the punishment fit the crime? There appears to be a dichotomy between the seemingly harsh punishments for petty crime versus lighter treatment of white-collar crime. Biblical concepts of justice in both the Old and New testaments will be discussed. All are welcome and we especially invite the St. Peter's legal community for their input. St. Peter's parishioner Mary L. is Professor of Forensic Psychology at Marymount University and a frequent expert witness at court cases in the D.C. area.

Option II: Wills Awareness—Led by Paul L., Dick Jones and Tootie K.

Paul L. of the Arlington law firm of Manning Murray will lead a discussion on the need for a will. (Paul will also provide a more detailed presentation at a second program after the 11:00 service. Please find details on that elsewhere in the *Key*.)