

Experiencing God in Creation (EGiC):

St. Mary's Parish Vacation Bible School, August 2010

This summer's Vacation Bible School is not just about the Bible and it's not really school, and should be a lot of fun. It's all about creation—how we create and how God creates. We have several ways to experience God in many ways and places. We hope you will join in.

Who are you? A student on vacation from middle school, high school or beyond, or a parent or other adult wanting to help out. [That is, rising grade 6 on up.]

What are you doing? Learning some church basics, including prayers, a psalm or two, the books of the Bible and key stories and lessons from them. (I know: ☺.)

But that's not all. We'll also look at how we pray and sing in church, and why, do some drama, and still have time for games and crafts: ☺. We will also take a trip—see below.

When are you doing this? On **August 3, 4, and 5 (Tuesday – Thursday)**, at the times and places listed below. We'll be mostly indoors, but will go outside for down time if weather permits. If you can't make it every day, just come when you can—but let us know so we don't look around and wonder where you've gone.

Tuesday, 8/3: *Experiencing God in Creation I: Making Church / Making Noise:* **Parish Hall / Trinity**, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. How did things like the church, the scriptures, and all we do with them get started in the first place? What do we pray and sing in church—and why? Today we find out. If you play a musical instrument, bring it along. Otherwise, it's tone chimes.

Wednesday, 8/4: *Experiencing God Creation II: Creating in the Bible:* **Parish Hall / Trinity**, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm: the Bible is full of myths, stories, and histories that talk about creation and the making of things—including why God made anything at all, and how we can create a good and just world. Some we know, and some we might not know yet. However many you know when you get here today, you'll know more when you leave. We'll act, draw, write, and even build, so bring your imaginations.

Thursday, 8/5: *Experiencing God in Creation III: Creating the People:* a trip to the **National Museum of the American Indian** in DC. We will compare the creation and other stories we've learned from church and Bible with those of Native American cultures presented in the museum. Meet @ Parish Hall 8:00 or Belk parking lot in Wildewood @ 8:30, return by 4:45 (Belk), 5:15 (Parish Hall). *Cost: \$5 (Metro from Branch Ave.), \$15-\$20 (NMAI Misitam Café).*

Friday, 8/6 & Saturday, 8/7: *Experiencing God at Rest, or...:* take these days off. ☺ But, if you're not sailing in the Governor's Cup, you can come to the Parish Hall and help prepare for the breakfasts the church hosts on Saturday and again on Sunday

Remember: bring a lunch you like—but no sodas, candy or gum—on Tuesday and Wednesday, comfortable, light-colored clothes, and a hat or visor (!) Bring sunscreen, water, good shoe or sandals. You can bring water, but not food, into Smithsonian museums.

What if it's raining? It's not going to rain—this is August. Anyway, the schedule stays the same. **And how much?** There's no cost for the program, other than for the museum trip.

Coming? Then please complete and return the form and permission slip below to: EGIC, Trinity Church, PO Box 207, St. Mary's City, MD 20686, leave it in the collection plate, or bring it to the Parish Office. *Questions?* 301-862-4597 or ciwilkins@juno.com

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency contacts: _____

Health insurance information (for emergency use only): _____

Medicines (please provide), dietary needs and other concerns: _____

I give permission for my child / children listed above to participate in the EGIC program at St. Mary's Parish, including transportation in accordance with Episcopal Church guidelines by church and program staff. I release the parish and EGIC staff from liability to the extent permitted by law. If my child requires medical attention, I authorize these staff to obtain it, understanding that they will contact me or my emergency contacts (above) as soon as possible.

Signature must be over 18

Printed name

I can help with the program on the following days / times: _____

I will: join the NMAI trip as an adult chaperone and/or
 help carpool on Thursday, August 5th to and from the Branch Ave. Metro.