

Join the Creation Care Task Force for our 2nd annual Kayak and Canoe trip on the Schuylkill River Saturday May 13, 2017!

As baptized children of God, we connect with God quite literally through water. On the river, we will give thanks for God's gift of clean water and remember our calling to "care for others and the world God made." The Schuylkill is a historically significant body of water and we will see and hear about its history as we make our journey. We are pleased that kayak guides from Take It Outdoors Adventures will be offering safety instruction and joining us on the trip this year. This year, our route will begin at the Berne Bridge (Five Locks) north of Shoemakersville and end at Jim Dietrich Park in Muhlenberg Township. Worship and dinner will take place there after the trip at 5 pm.

We will meet at Jim Dietrich Park in Muhlenberg Township to park cars at 10 am, and then will be transported up to Berne Bridge (Five Locks), where our trip will begin. If you are bringing your own kayak/canoe, you may drop it off any time after 9 am and someone will be there to keep an eye on your boat. Parking is not available—only drop off. The trip will take approximately 3.5 hours and will end at Jim Dietrich Park. Please pack a lunch and water bottle. If you register, we will send via email other tips from our kayak guides on what to wear and bring along. Space is LIMITED so sign up early!



If you bring your own kayak/canoe plus PFD (life jacket, the cost for registration is \$10. Kayaks are available for rent for \$40 per person. All participants must sign a liability waiver on the day of the event. Registration form (see below) and payment are required by April 30, 2017. Checks can be made payable to “East Berks Mission District” and sent to Friedens Church PO Box 366 Shartlesville, PA 19554. In the case of extreme weather and/or high water, the event may be cancelled by the organizers in consultation with our kayak guides. Money will only be reimbursed if the event is cancelled by the organizers. If we decide to cancel, we will let you know before 8 am on the day of the trip. If you need to be in touch with someone on the day of the event, please call Bruce Osterhout at (610) 914-2795 or Inge Williams at (610) 451-8386.

All are welcome to a joint worship service at 5 PM led by Bishop Zeiser. Afterward, we will share a meal together. Feel free to bring snacky foods. The dinner will be by free will offering.

Jim Dietrich Park is located at 4899 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Rd, Reading, PA 19605. To reach Pavilion 1, enter the park and turn left after the soccer fields. We will park cars in this area in the morning and have our worship and meal at the pavilion in the afternoon. Don't forget your camp chairs for worship!

General questions can be directed any time to Pastor Inge Williams:
pastor.inge.williams@gmail.com

Registration Form for May 13, 2017 Paddle on Schuylkill River

Congregation name: _____

Name of participant: _____ Age: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell phone (where you can be reached on day of trip): _____

Kayak/canoeing experience: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___

I'm aware I must sign a waiver form on the day of the event: _____ (initials)

Registration Fee: \$10 ___ OR I can afford \$20 ___ or \$30 ___ to help offset costs

I'm bringing my own: Kayak ___ Canoe ___ and life jacket (no cost)

I would like to reserve _____ # of rental kayaks (\$40 / person)

Total cost: _____ Make check payable to “East Berks Mission District”

Send to: Friedens Church PO Box 366 Shartlesville, PA 19554