



## The Opioid Epidemic: Responding in The Way of Love

### *A 2019 joint Lenten Offering*

#### **Presented by St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel & St. David's Episcopal Churches**

*O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen. (BCP, page 831)*

This lent we will gather together for prayer and fellowship as we educate ourselves on the rising epidemic of opioid substance abuse. We will learn how opioids are affecting our families, friends and community. We will explore and discern how we are being called to compassionately serve our neighbors and bring God's hope and love into a hurting world.

#### *Please Join Us!*

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:00pm at St. David's: *Understanding The Opioid Epidemic***  
(facilitated by St. David's: Karl Colder; Member of the DioVA Addiction and Recovery Team)

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:00pm at St. David's: *Book Club: Dopesick by Beth Macy***  
(facilitated by St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel's: Jennifer Smith; CEO Paxton Trust)

**Mon-Tues., March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: *Pilgrimage to Huntington, WV; Ground Zero for the Epidemic***  
(facilitated by Episcopal Church Province III Task Force on Responding to the Opioid Epidemic)

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm-8:00pm at St. David's: *A Hopeful & Compassionate Response***  
(facilitated by St. David's: Rev. Mary Kay Brown)

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:00pm at St. David's: *Connection & Healing in our Community***  
(facilitated by St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel's: Rev. Holly Hanback)

#### **What to do in preparation?**

Pray

Register for the Pilgrimage by March 11<sup>th</sup>: [Province3OpioidTaskForce@gmail.com](mailto:Province3OpioidTaskForce@gmail.com)

Read the book: *Dopesick* by Beth Macy

Watch the Documentary (available on Netflix): *Heroin(E)*

**Dinner will be served each evening by St. Gabriel's~San Gabriels; Please let us know if you need childcare and/or an Interpreter to participate. RSVP, questions or for more information: Please contact Rev. Holly Hanback at [DeaconHolly@saintgabriels.net](mailto:DeaconHolly@saintgabriels.net)**