

## EfM Begins in September and New Opportunities for EfM Alumnae

As we begin another year of EfM at St. John's, I am inspired by this collect:

*Dear God of Boundless Gifts,  
You ask us to be fruitful,  
We pray that you help us cultivate the seeds,  
So that others may reap the harvest. Amen.*

St. John's EfM group begins September 11<sup>th</sup>. We are graced with 10 members in all four years of study and we are looking forward to a fruitful year of boundless gifts from fellowship, study, reflection and worship. We are definitely reaping the harvest from many years of Pat Bleicher cultivating the seeds of EfM.

The experience of EfM does not have to end with the completion of the fourth year of study. EfM Alumni/ae Association members:

- Receive the *EfM AlumNews* electronic newsletter and select electronic communications from the University of the South,
- Receive invitations to local, regional, and Sewanee-area events,
- Are entitled to subscribers access to Oxford Biblical Studies Online for reference and continued study.

If you are an EfM graduate and want access to these benefits, please email [efmalum@sewanee.edu](mailto:efmalum@sewanee.edu) to ensure they have your updated contact information. EfM is no longer requiring the \$25 annual fee, but encourages alumnae to donate to the EfM Alumnae scholarship fund at [http://efm.sewanee.edu/efm\\_alumni\\_ae/efm-alumni-ae-association](http://efm.sewanee.edu/efm_alumni_ae/efm-alumni-ae-association). Donations allow EfM to provide scholarships, many of which have been awarded to St. John's EfM participants. Please consider planting some seeds that others may harvest.

Wade and I are also looking for ways to re-engage EfM graduates in theological reflection and study and are open to ideas. Email us at [efm@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:efm@stjohnsarlingtonva.org) with any ideas you have.