

THIS WEEK AT FORK CHURCH

Holy Eucharist

4/21/2013

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Fork Church

Upcoming in April

4/27/13 – Supper

Club Party at the

Campbells

Outreach dinner

4/28/2013 –

5-7PM

St. James the Less

125 Beverly Road

Ashland, VA

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2013

WELCOME

REV. FLETCHER LOWE TO FORK CHURCH THIS MORNING!

NEW READING GROUP

The Rev Bill Wells is interested in an on-going parish study reading group.

If anyone is interested, please let Bill know. His cell # is 804-840-1379.

Please mark your calendars for CARITAS:

Fork Church is scheduled to host Caritas for the evening of Monday, June 24th. This means we are responsible to provide dinner that night, we need a male volunteer to spend the night at the church with the guests overnight, provide breakfast the next morning and provide bag lunches for the next day. There will be approximately 35 guests and they will mostly be male. Please mark your calendars and consider ways you would like to contribute. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church foyer beginning April 21st.

YOUTH GROUPS - upcoming dates:

April 21st – J2A & Rite meeting with rehearsal in church

April 26th – Rite 13 – 6:30PM - family dinner in Parish Hall

April 28th – Rite 13 liturgy, with reception following the service

May 5th - J2A

May 19th - J2A

June 9th - J2A will be at Olympus Farm – 10AM

Fork Church BBQ Fundraiser

Your opportunity to obtain Paul Jalbert's world class BBQ AND help Fork at the same time...
what could be better?

NEW THIS YEAR, SMOKED SALMON. It is healthy and delicious warm or cold. Makes a
beautiful presentation and freezes well.

The BBQ is made from Boston Butts seasoned with a time-tested custom mix, basted often and
smoked slowly over apple for 14 hours, rendering tender and juicy BBQ.

Prices	Your order
\$45 for 1 six lb. Boston butt	_____
\$40 each for 2 or more Boston butts	_____
\$18 per quart of pulled BBQ	_____
\$20 for Smoked Salmon	_____
\$18 each for 2 or more Salmon	_____
Total:	_____

Pick up of BBQ will be at Emily's house on
Saturday, May 11th beginning at 6 p.m. through the party.

***Couples and singles are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. for
casual cocktail social at Emily Dickson's home.***

***15003 Lane Mill Rd.
Montpelier, VA 23192
804-339-1757***

***Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and BYOB
(Why not just bring your cooler and ice to the party and take your BBQ
then?)***

Forms on table in rear of Church. Thank You

RITE 13 - What is it? I can tell you what I know about it, but I have a very strong feeling that it needs to be **experienced** before any of us can begin to understand the full meaning of Rite 13. To begin, Rite 13 is a ceremony that is part of the Journey to Adulthood curriculum that we are using with our youth at Fork Church. It is a ceremony that takes place in church on a Sunday morning. It is a ceremony that involves the youth, their parents, and you (members of Fork Church).

Let's begin with some history. The people who researched, wrote, tested and finally made available to church youth groups the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) curriculum spent 10 years finalizing this program. They looked at many religious, cultural, and ethnic groups. They discovered many of them contained celebrations during the adolescent years. The most familiar to most of us is probably the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony in the Jewish faith. This J2A, Rite 13 celebration is very loosely based on this Jewish celebration. There is a lot of history associated with the transition from childhood to womanhood and manhood. Perhaps the Episcopal Church is just catching up.

Rite 13 takes place in the church during a Sunday Morning service. It involves our youth, who have celebrated their 13th birthday, their parents and **YOU**, members of the congregation at Fork Church. We are celebrating with these young people their transition from childhood to womanhood and manhood, which are gifts from God. These youth are on their way to becoming adults. Adulthood is something to be earned. It is the content of the J2A curriculum.

What are "womanhood and manhood"? Again, I can only answer this question from my own experience. You may come to other conclusions. To me, womanhood and manhood are gifts from God and they describe what makes each of us the wonderful children of God that we are. Someone once said to me that the most our parents could have hoped for before we were born was a boy or a girl. But God had the unique person who is you or me in mind. That wonderful uniqueness, those wonderful inborn talents and abilities that make each of us children of God is what we are celebrating in the Rite 13 ceremony. We celebrate these young people as "God's Beloved".

I invite each of you to come on April 28th to the 10:00am service to participate with Clare, Jessica, Nate, Drew, Griffin, Morgan and their parents in this Rite 13 celebration. By your presence you will also be fulfilling one of the promises that you make each time that we have a Baptism at Fork Church. At each baptism we (members of the congregation) answer "we will" to the following question: "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?" By being present at this celebration we will all help support our Youth as they continue their Journey to Adulthood under the umbrella of Fork Church.
Peace, Boo & Jim Smythe

