

**ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2013**

**WELCOME**

Pending the approval of Bishop Johnson, the Vestry has called the Reverend Robert (Bob) and the Reverend Ruth Partlow to serve as our Co-Interim Rectors as we resume our search. They will be with us Christmas and then starting on 1 Jan. Their initial intentions are to be in the office and the Doswell area on Tuesday and Thursdays as well as Sundays

Bob was a career officer in the Navy Submarine Service for 23 years, retiring as a Captain before entering Seminary. He holds a BS from the United States Naval Academy, and MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business and both the Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Seabury –Western in Evanston IL.

Ruth received her BA from Duke University, and an MA from Regent University while raising two children during their many moves with the Navy. She also holds the Master of Divinity from Seabury Western. They entered the ordination process in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and have served churches in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, Southern Ohio, and Southern Virginia. They live in Richmond as do both of their children and five grandchildren; the sixth married in October and lives in Raleigh.

They prefer to be addressed as Bob and Ruth.

**Christmas Services:**

**Children's Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm**

**Service of Lessons & Carols at Christmas - Sunday 12/29/13 - 10am**

## **Caroling by the Fire**

Sunday, December 22, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Bring your voice and any other instrument! Songbooks and s'mores will be provided. This is an event for friends and family of all ages - the more the merrier.

*In case it rains, we'll meet in the Parish Hall.*

### **YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

**December 22nd** - right after church pizza at Pepicelli's and deliver the cookies to Fork Church shut-ins.

### **St. James the Less**

My name is Ian Sutton; I am a member of St. James the Less Episcopal Church in Ashland. On January 7<sup>th</sup> we are starting a series of talks and discussions on the topic of Medieval Christianity.

If anyone in your church has an interest in joining us they would, of course, be very welcome.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on [281-782-7459](tel:281-782-7459).

**GODLY PLAY** - On **December 24th at the 5:00 pm Service the Godly Play Sunday School children will again perform some Christmas Carols.** This performance will be part of the traditional Fork Church Service of the retelling of the Christmas Story with the large Creche figures.

We really need to have your children at Sunday School to help sing. Tim Kestner has been a wonderful help to us by bringing his guitar on Sundays and helping to teach the songs to the children.

Thanks for sharing your children with us on Sundays. They are all wonderful!! Peace, Boo

