

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Buy your Opera Tickets!

See how below

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour this morning after the Service.

YAC

YAC will meet at El Azteca in Ashland Feb. 19th after church. This will be a gathering for FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FOOD and catching up. Any questions....contact Jessamy. Ruth Syman-May will serve as temporary co-leader.

Our Website

Our website has gotten a face-lift. Please take a look at www.theforkchurch.org and let us know what you think. Thank you. The Vestry

COMING UP AT FORK:

Shrove Tuesday - February 21st: Come join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00. Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Lent. Because we often give up fattening foods for Lent, a tradition developed of eating foods made with butter, fat and sugar (the good stuff) on Shrove Tuesday. For us that means pancakes, sausage and apples! Mark your calendars to come to the Parish Hall on **February 21th from 6 to 7:30 for dinner**. A small donation of \$3.00 per person is appreciated. Help is also needed to shop and cook for the meal. Cooks should plan to arrive at 5:00 p.m. on the 16th. If you want to help call or email Alice Noland at anoland@centurylink.net 449-6435. Come join us for this evening of good food and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Services – February 22nd: We will hold services at both 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on Ash Wednesday.

Fork Church "Opera" - Full Circle: *Buy your tickets* for Saturday February 25th at 6:00 PM Find out what the Phantom and all your favorite characters have been up too and why they are in New York! We are going to have a "souper" time. *Tickets* are available for \$15 for adults (including one adult beverage) and \$10 for children 12 and under. Additional glasses of wine available for donation. *See, email or call Lisa Licata for Tickets and Reservations.* 227-3268 lisa@licata.org

Vestry: The next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

What Would Jesus Eat: Wow, we are excited and surprised at the interest this proposal has generated! Jenny and Elizabeth have been busy researching foods that were available during the time of Jesus and have been coming up with recipes to incorporate these foods for our use! Three Friday dates have been set aside for What Would Jesus Eat potlucks-March 2, March 23 and March 30 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited, just please bring a dish that contains the "approved" foods.

The list is available at http://theforkchurch.thediocese.net/Ministries/Worship/Lenten_Discipline/

The Healing Service and Lunch Bunch: Sacrifice an hour (or two if you go to lunch too!) on March 28th to attend the Healing Service at 11:00. Come and pray for those who are hurting and for Fork Church. It is a beautiful and centering service.

MISSION

Outreach Dinner: The next outreach dinner is Sunday, February 26th at St. James the Less at 5:30. The menu is meatloaf, mash potatoes, green beans, brownies and vanilla ice cream. We are providing food for 24 guests. There is a sign up sheet in the Church or you can email McKenzie Licata at mlicata14@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

WHEAT At the last WHEAT open pantry, volunteers served 43 families. That requires 172 cans of soup per month and the pantry is getting low. We have decided to do away with the sign up sheet because it is just as easy and effective to say, "Please bring soup!" So if each family could bring in a case of soup over the next two weeks that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

FORK HISTORY

Parish History Notes #32: The Airwell Fires

Through most of its existence, Fork Church has benefited from the leadership and dedicated support provided by many generations of the Berkeleys and Nolands of Airwell. In one 1802 incident, Elizabeth Wormeley Carter Berkeley refused to surrender the church's communion service to representatives of the Overseers of the Poor. A Virginia law had called for confiscation of church property after the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, but Mrs. Berkeley stubbornly held the silver at Airwell.

Sadly, because of these close connections Airwell is associated with two losses in the timeline of church history. According to mid-twentieth century historian Leon Bazille, parish records were being stored at Airwell in 1838, when the house was destroyed by fire. These records would have included birth, confirmation, marriage and death records, vestry minutes and all official historical

information about the parish and the church. The vestry register that was currently active at the time must have been at another location, since we have these records starting in 1824.

One century later, Airwell's tragic fire of 1938, which took the lives of two men, destroyed the colonial communion service that Mrs. Berkeley had saved in 1802. The silver was inscribed "For the use of the churches in St. Martin's Parish, in Hanover and Louisa counties, Virginia, 1759." The origin of the sacramental silver is lost. By one tradition it was presented by William Nelson, president of the Virginia Council. Another tradition is that it was a gift from St. Martin's Church, London.

Thanks to the contributions of Ale Macdonald, you can read more Fork Church History on our Website: http://theforkchurch.thediocese.net/About_Us/History/