

From Father Nik

In the Stewardship letter you recently received, I brought up again the vision laid on my heart in prayer for Fork Church—that we are a parish community *grounded in scripture, guided by tradition, and growing in grace.*

GUIDED BY TRADITION

There are all sorts of traditions in the world and in the Church. However, in the Church, Tradition (with a capital “T”) is part of the work of the Holy Spirit. Scripture is the witness to the Word of God made flesh, and the Church is the community of witness—that “great cloud of witnesses” mentioned in Hebrews 12:1—existing across the world and through the centuries. The Church may be the everlasting witness to the eternal Word made flesh in Christ Jesus, but it is so within time. Time is a measurement of change, so all things within time are things that are changing. The Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit is changing the Church to reflect her true and final reality, the glorified Body of Christ. The history and the embodied practices that tell this story of sanctification is Tradition.

The Fork Church has many traditions, some still alive today and others lost to the past, some drawn from our Anglican-Episcopal identity and others unique to our parish. But, more importantly, Fork Church is part of the larger Christian Tradition—the Spirit’s Sanctifying work. This means we’re always changing, being sanctified. We’re not those colonists who first founded and built our church in 1735, just as we’re not our parents and grandparents. Still, they’ve passed on to us their traditions and the Tradition we share with that great cloud of witnesses, the Church Catholic. It’s our privilege to continue in this Tradition, seeking to be faithful witnesses in our own day. We best honor our past by being guided by the Tradition and traditions bequeathed to us as we move forward.

October Schedule

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

10/16 - Paul Newell

10/23 – Michael Woods

10/30 - Scott Smythe

Lectors

10/16 - Tony, Holland, Ruth

10/23 - Tim, Jeannette, Lindsey

10/30 - Jim, Michael Woods, Jeannette

Acolyte Schedule

10/16 - Holland Droppleman & Cooper Gordon

10/23 - Lucy Turner & Drew Thomas

10/30 - Cate & Campbell Woods

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Stewardship

Thank you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure!
Please return your Pledge Cards before Sunday, October 30.

All Hallows' Eve

Our All Hallows' Eve Party, Prayer, & Stew Sale
will be at 5pm on Sunday, October 30!

Father Nik's Installation as Rector

will be at 7pm on Tuesday, November 1—The Feast of All Saints

Christain Education

Godly Play – Children are invited to hear the Word in a fun, learning environment in the Parish House during the first half of worship. The autumn curriculum is based on the book, *Jotham's Journey* by Arnold Ytreeide.

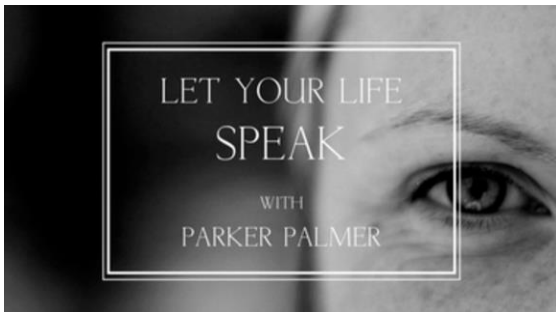
The Youth Group will meet **Sunday, October 16, from 5-7:00pm** in the Parish hall.

The Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the Parish Hall. This autumn we're exploring **Medieval Christianity**.



Small Groups

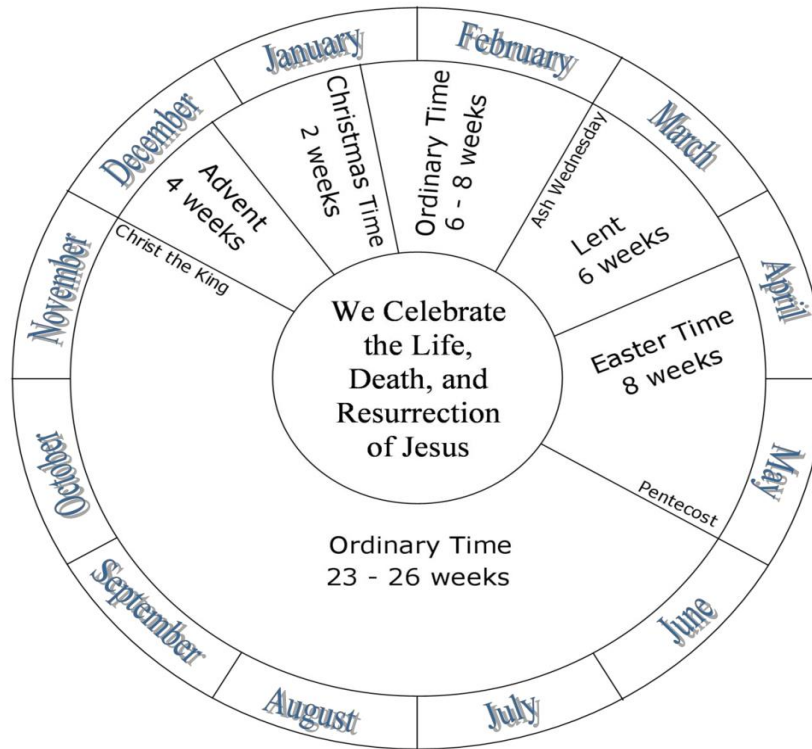
The Women's Book Group will meet at 10am on Thursday, October 20 to discuss Chapters 5 & 6 of their next book, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening to the Voice of Vocation* by Parker Palmer.



The Men's Book Group will meet at 7:30am Thursday, October 20 at Ashland Coffee & Tea to discuss Book 3, Chapters 1-6 of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.



The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

Monday-Wednesday, Oct 17 - Oct 19 – Bishop's Retreat, Shrine Mont
Monday, Oct 24 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday, Oct 16 – Youth Group, 5-7pm
– Confirmation Class, 7-8pm
Tuesday, Oct 18 – Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Thursday, Oct 20 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am
– Woman's Book Group, 10am-noon
Sunday, Oct 23 – Confirmation Class, 7pm
Monday, Oct 24 – Girl Scout Troop 429 Meeting, 6:30-8pm
Tuesday, Oct 25 – Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 26 – Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Thursday, Oct 27 – Way of Discipleship, Small Group, 6:30-8pm
Sunday, Oct 30 – All Hallows' Eve, Party, Prayer, Stew Sale, 5pm