

From Father Nik

In the Stewardship letter you 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.*

GROWING IN GRACE

Grace is the name of God’s love for us. One of its defining characteristics is that it is completely unmerited, unearned. In other words, God doesn’t love us because we did something special or because he gets something out of loving us. God just loves us. Indeed, God’s love brought you into existence before there was a *you* to do anything to earn that love. That’s God’s creative Grace.

God’s love did not stop with our creation. When we turned away from him and his love, God’s love for us persevered. This is another characteristic of Grace, it is unflagging. So, he came to us to woo us back to him. Out of love for us, God became one of us, to live and die as one of us, for us and for our salvation. This redeeming love in the person of Jesus—in his life, death, and resurrection—is God’s saving Grace.

The Church is unique in the whole history of the world as the community and institution in which this saving Grace is made present. So, when we say that the vision for Fork Church is one of Growing in Grace, this is what we have in mind. We grow in grace as we deepen our Christian faith in community with one another. We grow in grace each time we come together in worship of God—receiving Christ’s gift of himself to us in the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. And we grow in grace as we build up the Body of Christ by baptizing new members, bringing God’s saving grace to a fallen world.

GROW in the
GRACE and
KNOWLEDGE
of JESUS.

2 Peter 3:18

October Schedule

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

10/23 – Scott Smythe

10/30 – Michael Woods

Lectors

10/23 - Tim, Jeannette, Lindsey

10/30 - Jim, Michael Woods, Jeannette

Acolyte Schedule

10/23 - Lucy Turner & Drew Thomas

10/30 - Cate & Campbell Woods

Greeters

10/23 – Emily Dickson

10/30 – Howard Anderson

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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

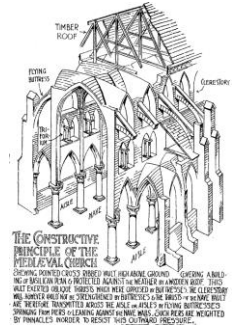
will be at 7pm on Tuesday, November 1—The Feast of All Saints.

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 help with the All Hallow's Eve event on Sunday, October 30, from 5-7:00pm.

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



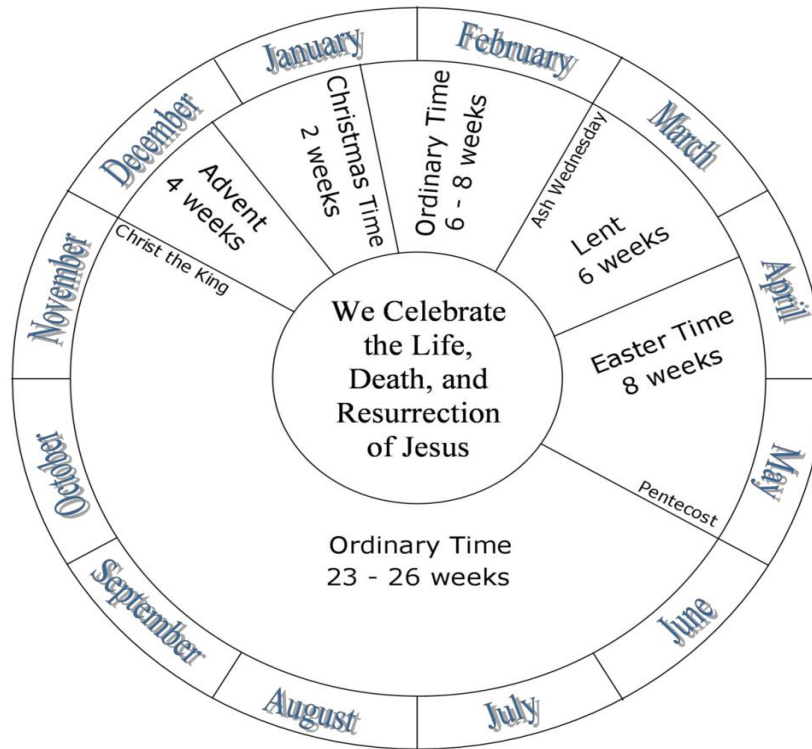
Small Groups

The Women's Book Group will meet at 10am on Thursday, November 3 to discuss Book 1 of their next book, *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

The Men's Book Group will meet at 7:30am Thursday, November 3, at Ashland Coffee & Tea to discuss Book 3, Chapters 7-12 of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.



The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

- Monday, Oct 24 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm
- Friday, Oct 28 – Young Rector's Group, Culpeper, 10am
- Monday, Oct 31 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm

Looking Ahead

- 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
- Tuesday, Nov 1 – Fr. Nik's Installation as Rector, 7pm
- Thursday, Nov 3 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am
– Woman's Book Group, 10am-noon