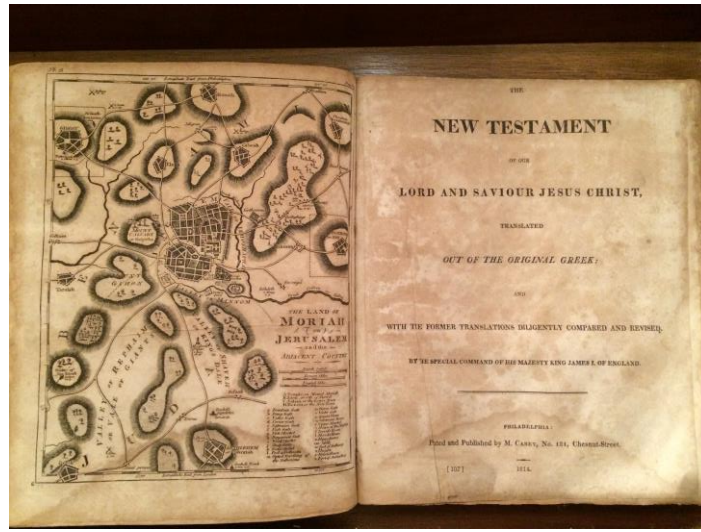


From Father Nik

In the Stewardship letter you recently received, I brought up again the vision laid on my heart in prayer for Fork Church. It's not just a vision of where we are going but also of where we have come from. That means it's a vision of *who we are* more than a forecast of our future. Who we are will determine what we do, which will guide us as our path forward unfolds. But before we look forward, we have to see where we stand and who we are. We are a parish community *grounded in scripture, guided by tradition, and growing in grace.*



GROUNDING IN SCRIPTURE

I've mentioned before some examples of how we as a church are grounded in scripture. And I plan to spend a whole season of Adult Sunday School on the topic in the Spring. For now, I want to just mention why it is so important to our identity.

Jesus Christ is the Word of God. Scripture is the witness to the Word of God. For Christians, both the Old and New Testaments bear witness to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. The verses, chapters, and books of the Bible are meant to direct our thoughts and our hearts to God's love for us made flesh in Jesus. They represent the faithful witness of God's people—both Israel & the Church—to God's grace, which binds us together in covenant with God and raises us to everlasting glory in Christ.

The Church embodies that witness across the world and through the centuries. Whenever we at Fork Church read aloud from the Bible, whenever we hear a sermon that proclaims the gospel, whenever we pray the words of the Prayer Book (drawn from and formed by scripture, as they each and all are), we are grounding ourselves in this witness to Christ, the Word of God.

October Schedule

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

10/9 - Michael Woods

10/16 - Paul Newell

10/23 - Rob Stiles

10/30 - Scott Smythe

Lectors

10/9 - Lindsey, Mazie, Jeannette

10/16 - Tony, Holland, Ruth

10/23 - Tim, Jeannette, Lindsey

10/30 - Jim, Michael Woods, Jeannette

Acolyte Schedule

10/9 - Ethan Stiles

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

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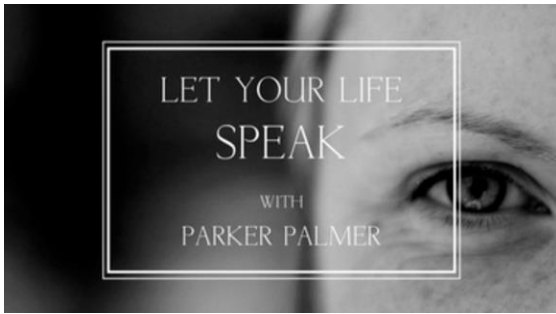
Godly Play – Children are invited to hear the Word in a fun, learning environment in the Parish House during the first half of worship. The autumn curriculum is based on the book, *Jotham's Journey* by Arnold Ytreeide.

The Youth Group will meet **Sunday, October 16, from 6-7:30pm** 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

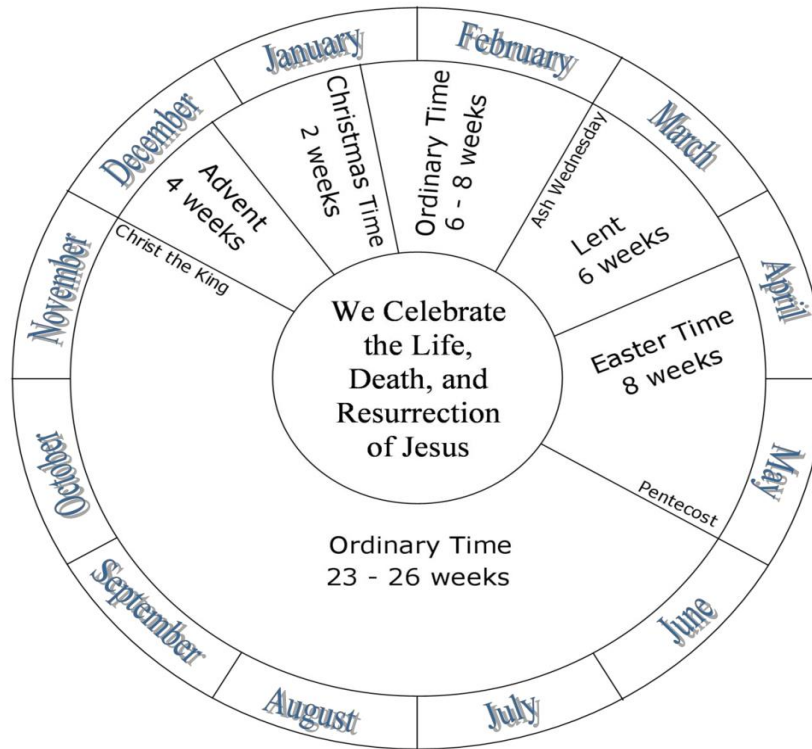


The Women's Book Group will meet at 10am on Thursday, October 20 to discuss Chapters 3 & 4 of their next book, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening to the Voice of Vocation* by Parker Palmer.

The Men's Book Group will meet at 7:30am Thursday, October 20 at Ashland Coffee & Tea to discuss Book 2 of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.



The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

- Monday, Oct 10 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm
- Tuesday, Oct 11 – Clergy Cluster Meeting, 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Thursday, Oct 13 – Online Meeting with Fr Phil & Fr Ben, 9:30-11am
– RMC Campus Ministries Council, noon-1pm
- Friday, Oct 14 – Young Rectors' Group, Culpeper, 10am-noon
- Monday-Wednesday, Oct 17 - Oct 19 – Bishop's Retreat, Shrine Mont

Looking Ahead

- Sunday, Oct 9 – Confirmation Class, 7pm
- Monday, Oct 10 – Girl Scout Troop 429 Meeting, 6:30-8pm
- Tuesday, Oct 11 – Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Thursday, Oct 13 – The Way of Discipleship Small Group, 6:30pm
- Saturday, Oct 15 – Historic Church & Graveyard Tour
- Sunday, Oct 16 – Youth Group, 5-7pm
– Confirmation Class, 7-8pm
- Thursday, Oct 20 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am
– Woman's Book Group, 10am-noon