

Parish Calendar

March 9	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:00 AM	Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Godly Play Sunday School in the Parish House
March 9	5:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting. Youth will rehearse parts for Fork Church Opera
March 12	6:30 PM	Lenten Supper and discussion. Bring a dish to share
March 13	7:00 PM	Fork Church Opera rehearsal
March 15	9:30 AM	Full dress rehearsal
March 15	6:00 PM	Fork Church Opera, Parish Hall

Looking Ahead

April 27 10:00 AM Children and Youth Sunday

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 5 PM and are held in the Parish Hall.

March 16, 23, April 13, 27, May 4, June 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2014

From the Partlows

Lent. Certainly you have heard the explanation for the season of Lent (BCP-264-5) many times. It ends with the familiar invitation: "I invite you therefore in the name of the Church, to the observation of a holy Lent....". The image is of the Church opening its doors to allow previously excluded people entrance or re-entrance. It envisions a dualistic world where some are "in" and most are "out". It is a world of the saved and the damned, the orthodox and the heretic.

What if we turned the process around this Lent. What if we saw creation as God does, as one in which we are all already in? Who do you know who for whatever reason feels excluded from Fork Church either by our action or theirs? What if your Lenten discipline was to reach out to just one person each week to convey the message that they are missed and loved. That would really make for the creation of a "holy Lent". That is a Lent that I could look forward to not dread.

What did you give up for Lent? I gave up thinking that there is anyone that I did not need.

A suggested Lenten Practice

Need a Lenten practice that can fit your busy life? Try to following from the Episcopal Society of St. John The Evangelist <http://ssje.org/ssje/lovelife/>

Wednesday Lenten Programs

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for a covered dish supper and discussion. We will conclude no later than 8 PM. Bring a dish to share.

After dinner each evening will discuss a theme/passage from Christian Wiman's remarkable book MY BRIGHT ABYSS: Meditation of a Modern Believer.

Wiman is an acclaimed young poet who battles a serious cancer with an uncertain ending. It has taken him seven years to write this little book. He describes it not as an autobiography but as a "mosaic".

You can imagine him as a young husband and father considering the possibility of an early death. With each change in prognosis and condition, having to go back and consider the "big questions": Why? What does it mean? What next? What endures? What does it mean to believe?" So you can imagine Wiman writing and re-writing over these seven years with the result being a layered mosaic not a linear biography. We are privileged to be given a glimpse into a remarkable life of faith.

Working with Don Shubert, we will be presenting to you each week a snippet designed to encourage us to gather and examine the implications in our own lives. We will start this Wednesday with the following two thoughts from his first chapter: My Bright Abyss:

To experience grace is one thing, to integrate it into your life is quite another. What I crave now is that integration, some speech that is true to the transcendent nature of grace yet adequate to the hardy reality in which daily faith operates" (p.4)

(On returning to the faith of our childhood) In fact there is no way to "Return to the faith of your childhood".....If you believe at 50 what you believe at 15 then you have not lived---or have denied the reality of your life" (p.7)

Parish News

Prayer List: This week we have listed a few people on a prayer list. Those with sudden or acute needs will be mentioned in the Prayers of the People. The list in your Sunday bulletin will also include those with ongoing needs such as our shut-ins, those no longer able to physically attend church, etc. Please help us make corrections or additions/subtractions from the list.

Parish Directory: Please check the parish directory to make sure your information is correct. It is posted on the bulletin board in the church. We hope you that in addition to your name, address and telephone number(s) you will include your email addresses.