

## From the Partlows

Dear People of God,

Sometimes you limp.....but you keep walking on!

I am preaching again Sunday because Ruth got tasked to organize a service in our South Richmond convocation in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ordination of women to the priesthood.

Is there a parallel between the story of Jacob wrestling with an angel and our church's many struggles over inclusion? I think so. Everyone I know who was involved early on in the issue of women in the priesthood suffered. Some walked away from the church and perhaps they had the biggest limp. Others stayed and their limp enabled them to be open to other issues of inclusion.

How can we as a community of faith, become more aware of those who feel excluded, left out? We all limp in one way or another. How might we continue walking in the way of Jesus and become more inclusive?

`Faithfully,  
*Bob and Ruth*

## **WHEAT Report**

Every Sunday, Jenny Smith encourages you to support WHEAT's Open Pantry. The Open Pantry is open at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Tuesdays of the month and serves many hungry families in Western Hanover County – about 100 families a month.

After each Open Pantry a needs list is sent to a list of churches and others. This has resulted in our pantry staying well-stocked with the needed foods, freeing funds for fresh, refrigerated items. This summer a pick-up of garden produce from Mount Olympus Farm, many community gardens, and individuals have provided home-grown vegetables. On July 22 we were even able to share fresh veggies with ACES. Please keep them coming! Please deliver to Mt. Olivet before the Pantry opens.

Volunteers run the Open Pantry. New volunteers are always welcomed. There is always a need for a food drive, funds to buy refrigerated foods, staple foods, volunteers, personal hygiene bags and prayer for this ministry. Also, due to the generosity Mt. Olympus Farm easy, simple recipes for vegetables such as eggplant, tomatillos, hot peppers, sweet peppers, zucchini squash, yellow squash or cucumbers are needed. They will be distributed with the vegetables.

We're looking for a church groups to provide refreshments for our neighbors waiting for groceries. Mt. Olivet's kitchen is closed in August due to renovations. A table, shaded porch and electrical outlet are available in our waiting area.

Please call Cathy Williams, Coordinator, at 752-2339 or Rickie Smith at 449-6232 to volunteer for any of these tasks.

**From Treasurer Kathy Thomas – Pledge statements were mailed on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please email Kathy at [boysthreee@embarqmail.com](mailto:boysthreee@embarqmail.com)**

## **Kitchen Update**

**LAST CALL!!! Pick up any items from the kitchen, in the parish hall, after service this morning.**

**They will be given to charity. Work on the kitchen begins tomorrow, Monday 8/4.**

## **CARITAS is coming! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

August 25th pm until 26th am

Prepare and serve supper and breakfast

Prepare bag lunches

Accompany guests to showers and laundromat

Stay the night with guests and CARITAS supervisor

For further information please contact:

Jenny Smith (241 1896) - [micaminefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:micaminefarm@yahoo.com)

Howard Anderson (804 514-6309) - [hpjar@msn.com](mailto:hpjar@msn.com)

## **Lemonade on the Lawn**

We still need volunteers for lemonade and snacks this summer. It is a great way to have summertime fellowship after the Sunday service. You are not limited to lemonade and cookies! We could have ice cream, flavored frozen ice. You might even want to include a gluten free product in your selection. You are only limited by your imagination and what the kids will enjoy please contact Mac Chenault by calling him at or emailing him at [mchenault@chenaultlawoffices.com](mailto:mchenault@chenaultlawoffices.com) or 804-537-4003.

## **Parish Records**

Ruth is updating the Parish Records. Does anyone know where the Parish Registers for the years 1905-1950 are?

If so, please let Ruth know ASAP.

## **Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, August 10** Justin Davis at Fork Church  
Justin, a 2014 graduate of VCU, will be with us to share his experiences in the Young Priest Initiative of the Diocese of Virginia (See Justin's article below)

**August 21, 22** – Office closed

**August 26** – The Reverend Nicholas “Nik” Forti arrives to take up his duties as Priest-in-Charge

**August 26** – Vestry meeting 7-9PM

**August 29 & 30** - Youth Confirmation Retreat

**August 31** – First Sunday service with the Reverend Nicholas Forti