

This Week's Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 6 African Team Ministries Sale
(In the parish house after church)
Saturday April 12 Clean up day

Special Youth Dates

Sunday, April 27 10:00 AM Children and Youth Sunday
Sunday, May 4 10:00 AM Rite Thirteen Celebration

All Youth Group meetings begin at 5 PM and are held in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars for April 13, 27, May 4, June 1

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday
9:00 AM Adult Class
10:00 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Godly Play Sunday School
(Parish House)
Thursday, April 17 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy with
Stripping of the Altar
Friday, April 18 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 19 8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, April 20 10:00 AM Easter Day - Celebration of the
Resurrection

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2014

From the Partlows

The Lenten devotionals we ordered from Episcopal Relief and Development finally arrived last week! Sorry they arrived late but please pick up one or more. I read a few of the early reflections on the way home from church last Sunday.

One discussed a phenomena that social scientist have observed regarding critical, emergency situations: The more people there are at the scene, the less likely that any individual will act. Could this be why so many visitors to a church will find themselves ignored in the middle of a busy room?

Oh someone else must know them.

Certainly someone has greeted them and offered them coffee.

They must just be members that I don't know.

We live in what can be a pretty cold and isolated world.

Only you can make a difference *Bob and Ruth*

Easter Egg Hunt

The youth group is planning an Easter Egg hunt following the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday. All children in 3rd grade or below are invited to participate. The 4th and 5th graders will be helpers for the younger children.

Wednesday's Lenten Program – from Christian Wiman's book

We continue on Wednesday with our challenging engagement with Christian Wiman's book "My Bright Abyss". The sessions are not cumulative so please join us even if you have missed earlier sessions, please join us. This week he addresses the growing question of how those who might call themselves "Spiritual but not religious" or appreciate the spirituality of mysticism or other religions account for the fact of Jesus? Should be a good discussion

African Team Ministries

African Team Ministries, an intermediary ministry between African and American churches, offers a wide variety of hand-crafted items, including sculptures, musical instruments, and jewelry, to support its work in orphan and refugee relief, missions and evangelism in East Africa. Visit the parish house after services on April 6 and 13 to see the display of unique, one-of-a-kind items that are being offered for sale this year. Your purchases will help provide funds to build drip irrigation systems, bringing relief and hope to the thousands of people who are suffering from drought in Kenya.

Visit <http://www.africanteaministries.org/Products.html> for a preview of items included in the sale. Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry. Amy Newell

Parish Clean-up: Saturday, April 12

Your help is needed! All are invited to join us at 9 AM and we will work in various areas of the parish. The tasks are varied – all ages are welcome to come help with this "Spring Cleaning". Let's make Fork Church shine.

In the Church: Vacuum, clean the windows, replace the fire extinguishers.

In the Parish Hall: Clean the floors, clean the windows, clean and organize the rooms (as needed), replace the fire extinguishers.

Grounds: spread mulch around the Parish Hall foundation plants, remove sticks, limbs, pine cones, etc., remove plastic flower displays from the woods behind the cemetery, rake leaves from the Stations of the Cross trail, cut and remove tree trunks behind Parish Hall

Volunteers: to prepare snacks for the workers.

See Michael Woods for questions, suggestions, and to volunteer

Godly Play Sunday School News:

Each week during the sermon, Melissa Hawks and Kathy Thomas are rehearsing several songs with the children so that they will be able to sing on Easter Sunday, April 20, and on Youth Sunday April 27.

Ann Neri leads a wonderful 4th and 5th grade Godly Play session. We encourage all children in that age group to attend.

