

## Announcements – Sunday, August 24, 2014

### From Fr Nik

In this Sunday's lesson from the epistle to the Romans, St Paul reminds both the small, first century church in Rome and us today that being Christian means being a member of Christ's body. "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." This is the gift that we are given by God in baptism, that by grace *we may evermore dwell in Christ, and He in us*. We are bound together in Him as the members of His body.

Through this gift – this grace – we come to see that our gifts are for the good of the whole body. We each have our own gifts to offer to the whole body as a living sacrifice. For it is only when we, the members of Christ's body, each share our gifts for the good of one another – that is, the good of the body – that we ourselves come to know the immeasurable gift of dwelling in Christ, and having him dwell in us.

I cannot begin to describe how excited I am to offer my gifts in service to Christ as he is embodied at the Fork Church. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you already and getting a glimpse of the extraordinary gifts you have to offer. I am greatly looking forward to how we, by the Spirit's graceful power and guidance, may combine our gifts as the members of Christ's body, for the good of one another and the glory of God the Father.

Your Friend in Christ, Nik+

## **Welcome –**

Haywood Spangler our celebrant today. Haywood has been a priest in the Diocese of Virginia since 1998. He has been the rector of parishes in Luray, Charlottesville, and Richmond, and has served on the board of Peter-Paul Development Center in Richmond's east end. He also taught at the University of Virginia's McIntyre School of Commerce. He is currently Director of Education at Leadership Metro Richmond. He holds an Masters of Divinity from Yale University and a PhD from the University of Virginia.

## **Godly Play**

We have had a great summer Godly Play program complete with music with Melissa. On the first Sunday after Labor Day this group will sing in church and we will present a short program highlighting what we learned this summer. All children are welcome to participate. If your children could be present for the next couple of Sundays it would be great. I will send the words of the songs as soon as I get them from Melissa.

Hope everyone had a great summer. Hope to see you this Sunday.

## **COOKBOOK AVAILABLE FOR PRESALES**

The new Fork Church cookbook is in the final stages at the publisher. We hope to have it here around Oct. 1.

You can reserve your copies now by purchasing a presales ticket from any cookbook committee member. A committee representative will be available each Sunday to take your order. The book is hard bound and beautiful. It is brimming with wonderful recipes and history, selling for only \$21.95.

**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

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**Looking Ahead**

**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 Rev.:Nik Forti