

## From the Partlow's

Sunday School is ending for the Summer. Our great appreciation goes to those who have made it possible for all ages. Thank you, thank you, thank you! A different idea for the summer.

Because of a letter to the editor he wrote encouraging people to actually read Pope Francis' treatise "Restoring the Joy of the Gospel" Bob was chosen the Richmond Times-Dispatch "Correspondent of the Year". As recently as last Saturday we encountered someone who took the advice, read the treatise and was so thankful for having done so.

The Pope's work is now published and available but is also available free at

[:Http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20131124\\_evangelii-gaudium.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html)

Beginning, Sunday, June 15, we are planning to continue to arrive Sunday's at 9:00 AM and we will be pleased to lead a discussion and answer questions regarding the Pope's thoughts. No set pages to read, nothing you have to buy, just come when you can. We think young people could benefit from the discussion and we could benefit from their views!

The questions we will repeatedly ask are:

What are the implications for the Episcopal Church in general?

What are the implications for Fork Church in particular?

Faithfully *Ruth and Bob*

## **Thoughts about Stewardship**

An important element to the calling of a new priest is the compensation we can offer. Over the summer as you enjoy some vacation time, we ask you to consider what you will be able to do to support Fork in the coming year. One specific question: Would you like weekly offering envelopes for yourselves and perhaps children? If so, please let the office know by e-mail or phone call soon.

## **The Care Calendar for the Licata family**

To access Lisa Licata 's CareCalendar site, visit <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/182647> and enter the following information in the appropriate spaces:

Calendar ID 182647

Security code 9137

If you have difficulty navigating this site, please contact Elizabeth Gordon at 422-6007 or email [elizabethcgordon@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethcgordon@yahoo.com).

## **Short parent meeting after church today.**

We are inviting the youth who would like to be confirmed in the fall and their parents to meet with us briefly after church on Sunday, June 1, in the parish hall. This is an opportunity to discuss plans for the confirmation preparation. For adult confirmation, reception or renewal of baptismal vows we will develop a separate program.

**Today is the last day of Godly Play until September BUT (see below)**

We give thanks for the parents and children who have participated in this wonderful program. Fork Church is blessed to have this wonderful program for its children.

Ann Neri and Boo Smythe have offered to have a summer Sunday school during the regularly scheduled Godly Play time. We are asking parents to let Boo know if you are interested and your children would attend.

**Annual Church Picnic next Sunday, June 8 – Mt. Olympus Farm.**

Join at 10 AM at Mt. Olympus Farm for worship followed by a picnic. There will be plenty to do – including swimming, kayaking, fun and games. Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, and Volleyball will be available too. The dress is informal and do bring or wear bathing suits for swimming.

Boo and Jim Smythe will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, ice tea, and water. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please try not to bring anything in glass containers as they could be a hazard in the picnic/swimming area. (Boo has plenty of plastic and aluminum bowls to transfer your dish if necessary into a safer container.)

## **Recognition of our graduates will take place at the Annual Church Picnic June 8.**

We will recognize our graduates during the service – including Preschool, Fifth grade, Eighth grade, High School, College, and Graduate School.

### **Directions to the farm**

Route 1 North of traffic light at Route 207 (Roger Clarke Blvd). Driveway is on the left.

### **This Week's Calendar**

Sunday, June 1

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Godly Play –Parish House

Sunday, June 8

**(Service at Mt Olympus Farm)**

**The Day of Pentecost**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist