

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2014

From the Partlow's

“Thoughts About Worship

A very foundational belief in the Episcopal Church is *Lex Orandi Lex Credendi*, often translated as “Prayer shapes Believing”. If someone asks you “What do you Episcopalians believe?” the best answer is “Come and worship with us and that will explain what we believe”. This is why we fuss so much about changes in the Book of Common Prayer, in a very real way it changes what we believe. This is why change is done very deliberately and slowly. When changes are made before we get upset we need to be very clear if we are changing a “doctrine” or a “discipline” and are we defending “tradition” or “traditionalism”. Changing our petitions from prayers for the Sovereign to prayers for the President was a matter of discipline not doctrine as was the decision to allow for the ordination of women a change in discipline not doctrine. I say all of this to say that regular participation in worship is essential for a young persons’ faith formation. The two best changes in my lifetime have been women’s ordination and not requiring confirmation to receive communion. If you look at the face of a child at the communion rail, you know they are getting the same message of God’s love and inclusion as an adult does. We are blessed to have the Godly Pray method of formation for our children for it also employes concepts of Prayer shaping Believing. But Woody Allen also got it right when he said that “80% of life is showing up”. Let the little children come!

Bob & Ruth

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

February 9th and 16th

March 9th, 16th and 23rd

April 13th and 27th

May 4th and

June 1st

All meetings are in the Parish hall at 5PM

We will have the Rite 13 Ceremony on February 23rd at the 10:00 am service.

We will have a Children's and Youth Sunday on April 27th at the 10:00 am service.

We have started to post our sermons on the Fork Church website

We hope to publish a new parish directory soon. If you are not in the Directory or need to update any information please do so soon. A simple e-mail or call to the office will suffice. Please include young people away at school.

The Document Bob refers to written by Pope Francis can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium_en.html

WHEAT

Our pantry empty once again. Soup always needed. Please bring soup and/or donations each Sunday. Thank You!

