

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2014

### **From the Partlow's**

When we are not engaged elsewhere we usually are involved at St. Stephen's Church in Richmond. Most Sundays, we attend their 5:30 PM Celtic service. A community meal follows the service and we would be pleased to welcome any number of people from Fork Church to join us some Sunday evening.

Each year, St. Stephens has a series of speakers that we have found to be very nourishing to our faith lives. The St. Stephen's website <http://www.saintstephensrichmond.net/speakers> is a place to check out the future programs.

The next one is this Thursday, January 30 at 7:00PM when the celebrated poet, essayist, and editor Christian Wiman will speak. We plan on attending.

Although a young man, during his time as editor, Wiman is credited with the growth and development of Poetry Magazine. After growing up in a southern, Christian home, Wiman turned his back on Christianity. However his diagnosis with a particularly deadly cancer brought him back to faith. His book, *My Bright Abyss*, chronicles his powerful return to faith during his time of struggle with the disease. It is both deeply personal and theological, and has received glowing reviews in the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The New Yorker, and many other publications.

Wiman is married with two young children and has recently been invited to teach at the Yale Divinity School. A Washington and Lee University graduate, he has previously taught at Northwestern University, Stanford University, Lynchburg College, and the Prague School of Economics.

Over the next few weeks in the bulletin we will be addressing some aspects of our Sunday worship – entitled “**Thoughts About Worship**”.

Our normal Sunday worship liturgy is called “The Holy Eucharist”. It consists of two major sections “The Word of God” and “The Holy Communion”. Are there or should there be visual clues that distinguish the two different parts that together comprise the Eucharist?

## **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE**

February 2nd and 16th

March 2nd, 16th and 30th

April 13th and 27th

May 4th and 18th

June 1st

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.

## **Church Calendar January 2014**

1/26/14 – Adult Sunday School – 9-10AM

1/26/14 – Godly Play - 10-10:40AM

We will be posting 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](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium_en.html)

## **WHEAT**

Our pantry is getting low. Soup always needed. Please bring soup and/or donations each Sunday. Thank You!

