

From the Partlow's

“What’s the good word?” use to be a greeting when I was younger. I guess it was equivalent to today’s “What’s up?”. It can be argued that the sole purpose of the Church is to spread the gospel with the understanding that gospel means “good news”. As many of us disperse to the river, beach or mountains for the summer will there be opportunities to spread the good news? But first let me drill down deeper: What is the good news of Christ that we are called to spread? Who needs most to receive the good news? Is it the financially impoverished on the east end of Richmond or the spiritually impoverished of the more affluent neighborhoods? Could those most in need be those closest to us? Is the good news of Christ a reserved seat in heaven or way to live with every fiber of our being vibrantly and joyfully alive? Finally, what are the implications of these questions in your search for a new rector? We pray that you have a restful and rejuvenating summer, but that you also spend a little time wrestling with angels. Perhaps in the Fall you can share with us “What’s up” in your encounter with the Good News.

Faithfully,

Bob and Ruth

Announcements

Congratulations to Fork Church's graduates:

From High School:

Maddie Miles will attend the University of Virginia

McKenzie Licata will attend James Madison

Grace Redding will attend Bridgewater

Clay Thomas will attend Virginia Tech

From College Walker Smythe

From Graduate School Eliza Barry

Godspeed and thanks to Jessamy Austin for her leadership of our youth group over the past few years. She has been a guide and inspiration to our young people.

TAKE A WALK! This Sunday, June 15 after church. The Vestry is considering various options for perhaps harvesting some of the timber from the Fork property. They are offering guided tours after church Sunday June 15th if you want to understand the options. You might want to wear "sensible" shoes, long pants, and bring bug repellent.

The Trinity Church Preservation, Inc. has invited Fork Church to join them for the yearly service at Trinity Church Sunday, June 15 at 4:00 PM. Prior to the service there will be a “bring your own and join us” picnic on the grounds at 2:00 PM. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by the Rev. Bob Heatherington. A reception will follow the service. The Church is located at 18185 Teman Rd, Beaverdam, Virginia. The preservation society is in the process of raising funds so that they make needed repairs and historic renovations to the building.

See the bulletin board in the church for more details.

Beginning, Sunday, June 15 at 9:00 AM, Bob and Ruth will 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! You can find the Pope's Evangelium Gaudium at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html

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?

Workshops on Stewardship

Check bulletin insert for dates and times available

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 15

Trinity Sunday

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Following the service – “A walk in the woods”

Looking ahead

Monday, June 16, 6-7:30PM Girl Scout Troop 429 Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 24 7-9PM Vestry Meeting Parish Hall

Thursday, June 26, 10AM – YAY Book Study
“Falling Upward” by Richard Rohr

Sunday June 29, 5-7PM Outreach Dinner, St. James the Less