

From the Partlows

As the song from Porgy and Bess goes “Summer time and the liven’ is easy”. In the easy living of summer it appears there is not a great space for the Sunday adult class so we will suspend it until this fall. One morsel from our first discussion we offer for your consideration is the following as you look to the future that God is calling Fork Church to enter: *The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.* **Does this describe Fork Church or what you hope to become?**

For your summer Reading:

The Rebirthing of God By John Philip Newell

This follows up on some of our recent sermons about the decline and changing nature of the church/religion. Newell will be at St. Stephens church in Richmond for the Celtic evening song service at 5:30 on July 6. This will be followed by the weekly community dinner and a reading and book signing by Newell. *We would especially encourage everyone anticipating confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church in November to attend . Please let us know if you intend to attend and we will try to reserve a table and look for you.* **Please call or e-mail us or Fork Church**

Faithfully, Bob and Ruth

Announcements

Children's Summer Sunday School: 10:00 AM

We're having children's Sunday School each Sunday from 10:00 AM to 10:40 during the summer months. Boo Smythe and Ann Neri have put together a series of lessons based on Old Testaments stories we'll be hearing in church. They follow the journeys of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. Each week the children and their leader will meet in the parish hall – the an airy tent. Last week they talked about creation, went outside looked at the created world, drew pictures and presented them at the offertory as their offering to God.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Each Sunday during the summer (weather permitting) we will try to have lemonade and cookies after the service. If you are willing to volunteer to take a turn on a Sunday, please contact Mac Chenault at mchenault@chenaultlawoffices.com or call him at 804-537-4003

Young Adults in the Church..... August 10

We hope teens, college students home for the summer and all young adults and friends will be here August 10 when Jason Davis will be with us. The following is Jason's introduction:

Hello all! My name is Justin Davis and I will be serving as a missionary with the Young Adult Service Corp of the Episcopal Church (YASC for short).

I have spent the last four years at Virginia Commonwealth University, a religious studies major with a minor in business, and I hope to one day become an ordained minister. I have attended Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Richmond for four years, where I have been active in the Episcopal Campus Ministry. I have also interned for Grace and Holy Trinity for three years. Two of these years I spent as a youth intern and one year as a Campus Ministry Intern. This summer I am working in Fauquier County, Virginia at Leeds Episcopal Church as an intern with the Young Priest Initiative. During my upcoming year with in YASC, I will be serving with the Mission to Seafarers in Hong Kong. You will be able to learn more about the programs I am working with, and follow my personal experiences while in Hong Kong at my blog. I am asking you all especially for your thoughts and prayers in the upcoming year. I will be fundraising throughout the summer for this trip. My goal is to raise \$10,000 before the last week of August, which is when I leave. Donations can be sent to Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal church at 8 N. Laurel Street, Richmond VA 23220 with "Justin Davis YASC" in the memo. All donations are tax deductible, and I can provide you with a tax ID. Feel free to send me an email at davisjb4@vcu.edu if you have any

questions or concerns. Once again thank you for your thoughts and prayers as this new adventure begins.

We are asking the Vestry to designate the loose offering on that day to Jason's ministry. We hope our young people and parents will be encouraged by what we hear.

Looking Ahead

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| Tuesday, June 24 | 7-9PM – Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall) |
| Sunday, June 29
Less (Ashland) | 5-7PM Outreach Dinner St. James the
Less (Ashland) |
| Sunday, July 6 | John Philip Newell, preaching at St.
Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5:30 PM Celtic
Service, followed by Dinner and further
conversation with John Philip Newell. |
| Sunday, August 10 | Jason Davis at Fork Church |