

## From the Partlow's

One of the questions in the Catechism (BCP p.855) is "Who are the ministers of the Church?" And the answer is "The ministers of the church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons." It is no coincidence that the "laos", the People of God is listed first. The foundations of the church as we know it are shaking. Almost every demographic and membership trend for every denomination is in decline. The foundation shakes because our structure is upside down. Until we re-vision the church as one whose foundation is based on the ministry of the laity, the decline will continue. *What is your vision for the future of Fork Church? Are you going to determine it, or are you waiting for the new clergy to do it for you? And by the way, what ministry has God been trying to call you to?*

Blessings, *Bob Ruth*

## **Help Wanted**

**Vestry Registrar.** Attends Vestry meetings and prepares minutes. Once minutes are approved, posts one paper copy and e-mails a copy to the parish Secretary to post on the Parish Webb page. A great way to keep up with parish events.

**Region XI Representative** (Episcopal Churches in our geographical area). Attends periodic meetings. A great way to meet other Episcopalians.

**Diocesan Annual Council Alternate Delegate.** Attends annual Council. Wonderful way to learn about the workings of the larger Episcopal Church.

**Youth Ministry Assistant.** Works with Boo and Jim Smyth to encourage youth ministry. Could be a college student.

## **Announcements**

Welcome Today's Supply Priest. The Rev. D. Donnie Dunn. Donnie is an experienced Rector and Interim Rector with extensive training in Congregational Development. The Partlow's are off celebrating their Granddaughter Maggie's graduation from Randolph College.

The Easter Season is the most joyous and celebratory season of the church year. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ these next few weeks, we will, as a part of the celebration, omit the confession. It will return as we enter the season "After Pentecost".

## **This Week's Calendar**

Sunday, May 18

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Godly Play –Parish House

Sunday, May 25

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Godly Play –Parish House

## **Dates to Remember**

Tuesday May 20

7:00PM - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, June 1

Last Day of Sunday School (Godly Play)

5:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, June 8

Parish Eucharist and Picnic at Mt. Olympus

