

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, I intend, by God's grace, to celebrate the Lord's Supper: unto which, in God's behalf, I bid you all that are here present; and beseech you, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, that ye will not refuse to come thereto, being so lovingly called and bidden by God himself. Ye know how grievous and unkind a thing it is, when a man hath prepared a rich feast, decked his table with all kind of provision, so that there lacketh nothing but the guests to sit down; and yet they who are called, without any cause, most unthankfully refuse to come. Which of you in such a case would not be moved? Who would not think a great injury and wrong done unto him? Wherefore, most dearly beloved in Christ, take ye good heed, lest ye withdrawing yourselves from this holy Supper, provoke God's indignation against you. It is an easy matter for a man to say, *I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly business*. But such excuses are not so easily accepted and allowed before God. If any man say, *I am a grievous sinner, and therefore am afraid to come*: wherefore then do ye not repent and amend? When God calleth you, are ye not ashamed to say ye will not come? When ye should return to God, will ye excuse yourselves, and say, ye are not ready? Consider earnestly with yourselves how little such feigned excuses will avail before God. They that refused the feast in the Gospel, because they had bought a farm, or would try their yokes of oxen, or because they were married, were not so excused, but counted unworthy of the heavenly feast. I, for my part, shall be ready; and, according to mine office, I bid you in the Name of God; I call you in Christ's behalf; I exhort you, as ye love your own salvation, that ye will be partakers of this holy Communion. And as the Son of God did vouchsafe to yield up his soul by death upon the Cross for your salvation; so it is your duty to receive the Communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, as he himself hath commanded: which if ye shall neglect to do, consider with yourselves, how great injury ye do unto God, and how sore punishment hangeth over your heads for the same; when ye wilfully abstain from the Lord's Table, and separate from your brethren, who come to feed on the banquet of that most heavenly food. These things if ye earnestly consider, ye will by God's grace return to a better mind: for the obtaining whereof we shall not cease to make our humble petitions unto Almighty God our heavenly Father.

~An exhortation to Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662

## *Coffee Hour*

Bev & Laura Smith will be hosting next Sunday's refreshments.

Volunteers are needed for all the Sundays in December

To sign up, please go to

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040449A5AA2FA57-coffee/25614452](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040449A5AA2FA57-coffee/25614452)

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**The Flower Guild is preparing to green our sanctuary for Christmas.**

**Please consider making a gift**

**in Honor or Memory of someone meaningful in your life.**

**These will be published in the**

**Christmas Eve and Christmas service bulletins.**

**Please make your check payable to Fork Church Altar Guild by Dec 15.**

(Suggested donation is \$25)

Send check with order form to:

Emily Dickson , 15003 Lane Mill Rd., Montpelier, VA 23192

Questions? Contact Emily at 339-1757 or [emily.appleseed@gmail.com](mailto:emily.appleseed@gmail.com)

## **Advent Wreaths**

We'll be making Advent Wreaths to take home

after worship on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Cost: \$10.

Notify Boo if interested: 804-357-3319 or [boosmythe@gmail.com](mailto:boosmythe@gmail.com)

## **Bishop's Visit**

Retired Suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd David Jones

will be with us for Sunday morning worship on December 20.

## **Interested in Serving on Vestry?**

Contact Fr Nik – [KnicholasForti@gmail.com](mailto:KnicholasForti@gmail.com); 804-291-6124

## Christian Education

**Godly Play** Children are invited to hear the Word in a fun, learning environment in the Parish House during the first half of our Sunday morning worship; after which, they join their parents in church for Communion.

**J2A Youth Group** will meet Sunday December 6, at 5:30pm, in the parish hall. Bring a gift of \$5 or less for the “White Elephant” gift exchange.

**The Adult Sunday School** meets Sunday mornings at 9am in the parish hall to explore the Sacraments.

## Small Groups

**The Women’s Book Group** will discuss the fifth section of *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans, “Confirmation” on Thursday, December 3, at 10am. Please contact Kathy for directions:

[boysthree@embarqmail.com](mailto:boysthree@embarqmail.com)

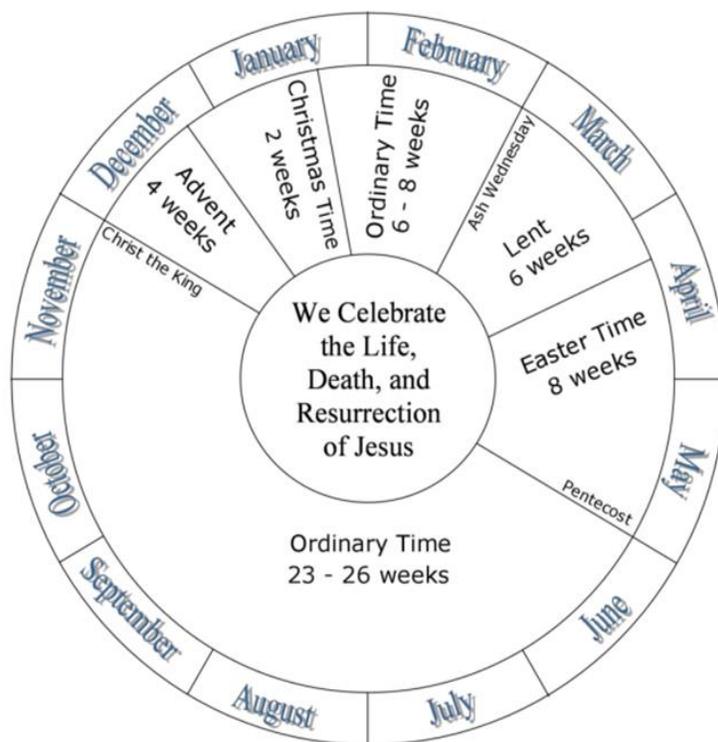
**The Men’s Book Group** will meet Thursday, December 3, at 7:30am at Ashland Coffee & Tea to discuss the fifth section of *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans, “Confirmation,” (pp 161-199)

## Christian Formation

The *Way of Discipleship* class for Confirmation & Reception meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

If you’re interested in being Baptized or would like to become a member of this Church, please contact Fr Nik – [KNicholasForti@gmail.com](mailto:KNicholasForti@gmail.com)

# The Liturgical Year



## Nik's Calendar

- Monday, Nov 30 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am-12:30pm  
– PPDC Chapel, 5:30-6:30pm
- Tuesday, Dec 1 – Clergy Colleague Group, 9:30-11:30am
- Thursday, Dec 3 – Meeting with the RMC Chaplain, 10-11am
- Tuesday, Dec 8 – Lunch with the Rev'd Brain Turner, noon (Fredericksburg)
- Wednesday, Dec 9 – St. James the Less Free Clinic dinner, 5:30-8pm
- Thursday, Dec 10 – Fresh Start, 9:30am-3:30pm

## Looking Ahead

- Thursday, Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day Eucharist, 10am
- Sunday, Nov 29 – Advent Wreath making after worship in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, Dec 2 – Confirmation/Reception class, 6:30pm  
– Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- Thursday, Dec 3 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am  
– Women's Book Group, 10am-noon
- Sunday, Dec 6 – Youth Group Christmas Party, 5:30-7:30pm

**Office hours:** Jacquie Alleva, our parish secretary, works Tuesday & Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. If you would like to submit an announcement, please do so by noon on Thursday.