

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour this morning after the Service.

Rite 13

There will be a meeting of the Youth group this evening at 5PM in the Parish Hall. Bring \$5.00 for pizza. Thanks, Boo & Jim Smythe

Healing Service:

Our monthly service of healing and Holy Eucharist will be this coming **Wednesday 2/15** at 11 AM. Lunch will follow – restaurant to be determined. Please join us.

The YAC meeting of Feb. 12 has been canceled.

YAC will meet at El Azteca in Ashland Feb. 19th after church. This will be a gathering for FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FOOD and catching up. Any questions....contact Jessamy. Ruth Syman-May will serve as temporary co-leader.

Our website has gotten a face lift. Please take a look at www.theforkchurch.org and let us know what you think. Thank you. The Vestry

Coming up at Fork:

Shrove Tuesday - February 21st: Come join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00. Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Lent. Because we often give up fattening foods for Lent, a tradition developed of eating foods made with butter, fat and sugar (the good stuff) on Shrove Tuesday. For us that means pancakes, sausage and apples! Mark your calendars to come to the Parish Hall on **February 21st from 6 to 7:30 for dinner**. A small donation of \$3.00 per person is appreciated. Help is also needed to shop and cook for the meal. Cooks should plan to arrive at 5:00 p.m. on the 16th. If you want to help call or email Alice Noland at anoland@centurylink.net 449-6435. Come join us for this evening of good food and fellowship.

Fork Church "Opera" - Full Circle: Buy your tickets for *Saturday February 25th at 6:00 PM* Find out what the Phantom and all your favorite characters have been up too and why they are in New York! We are going to have a "souper" time. *Tickets* are available for \$15 for adults (including one adult beverage) and \$10 for children 12 and under. Additional glasses of wine available for donation. See Lisa Licata for Tickets and Reservations. 227-3268 lisa@licata.org

Lent

Have you ever participated in a Lenten discipline? Please join Elizabeth Gordon and Jenny Smith as they explore "What Would Jesus Eat?" We're not going to adhere to Jewish food customs, many were created because of health concerns that are no longer a problem in today's world, nor will we quibble about which foods were quoted in the Bible. Instead we will focus on eating fresh, minimally processed, local foods (which is what Jesus ate). It is up to you if you would like to do this for the entire season, one meal per day or one day per week. This is not an easy task for many of us who rely on convenience foods every day. We would like to invite you to sup with us most Fridays during Lent (dates to be announced), as we will have 4 potluck suppers during the season. We invite you to share your recipes, successes, failures and first-century Palestinian culinary discoveries! If you're an expert on these matters then you're invited, WE ARE NOT EXPERTS, we just thought it might be an interesting challenge. PLEASE JOIN US! Call Elizabeth Gordon [422-6007](tel:422-6007) if you would like more information.

OUTSIDE FORK

Outreach Dinner: The next outreach dinner is Sunday, February 26th at St. James the Less at 5:30. The menu is meatloaf, mash potatoes, green beans, brownies and vanilla ice cream. We are providing food for 24 guests. There is a sign up sheet in the Church or you can email McKenzie Licata at mlicata14@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

WHEAT

At the last WHEAT open pantry, volunteers served 43 families. That requires 172 cans of soup per month and the pantry is getting low. We have decided to do away with the sign up sheet because it is just as easy and effective to say, "Please bring soup!" So if each family could bring in a case of soup over the next two weeks that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Richmond Spiders Invitation

I want to invite Fork Episcopal to our upcoming 'Faith and Family' night at a Richmond Spiders basketball game! Other churches I am working with are attending Saturday 2/18 @6pm. We make the games super fun for everyone, always lots of activities and entertainment! Tell whomever wants to get a group together to just contact me directly and I will take care of everything for them! We would love to have you all! Feel free to give me a call or email me with any questions that may arise. Please see flyer on bulletin board in Parish Hall. Sincerely, Lauren King University of Richmond Athletics (w) [336-464-1898](tel:336-464-1898) (c) [972-342-3604](tel:972-342-3604) **GO SPIDERS**

FORK HISTORY

Parish History Notes #32: The Airwell Fires

Through most of its existence, Fork Church has benefited from the leadership and dedicated support provided by many generations of the Berkeleys and Nolands of Airwell. In one 1802 incident, Elizabeth Wormeley Carter Berkeley refused to surrender the church's communion service to representatives of the Overseers of the Poor. A Virginia law had called for confiscation of church property after the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, but Mrs. Berkeley stubbornly held the silver at Airwell.

Sadly, because of these close connections Airwell is associated with two losses in the timeline of church history. According to mid-twentieth century historian Leon Bazille, parish records were being stored at Airwell in 1838, when the house was destroyed by fire. These records would have included birth, confirmation, marriage and death records, vestry minutes and all official historical information about the parish and the church. The vestry register that was currently active at the time must have been at another location, since we have these records starting in 1824.

One century later, Airwell's tragic fire of 1938, which took the lives of two men, destroyed the colonial communion service that Mrs. Berkeley had saved in 1802. The silver was inscribed "For the use of the churches in St. Martin's Parish, in Hanover and Louisa counties, Virginia, 1759." The origin of the sacramental silver is lost. By one tradition it was presented by William Nelson, president of the Virginia Council. Another tradition is that it was a gift from St. Martin's Church, London.