

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Coffee Hour

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

Coffee Hours - If you haven't noticed we have been having coffee hours more frequently. They do not need to be fancy or homemade; simple and easy is fine. The value is in the sense of community that is Fork Church. Please take a look at the list in the back of the Church and sign up. Thank you. See Alice Noland if you have questions.

THANK YOU TO THE OPERA WRITERS, DIRECTORS, PLAYERS & CHEFS. Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful event happen!

MISSION

Outreach Dinner: The outreach dinner is this evening, 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. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

LENT

For those who are participating in *What Would Jesus Eat*-are you sick of lentils yet? I am! So let's get together for pot lucks and recipe sharing sessions at 6:30 pm, three Friday evenings during Lent. Please bring dishes that contain the foods listed on our website (foods which were available in Ancient Israel).

Friday, March 2

Friday, March 23

Friday, March 30

http://www.theforkchurch.org/Ministries/Worship/Lenten_Discipline/.

You will find ideas and a few recipes there as well. If you have a recipe to share send it to elizabethcgordon@yahoo.com and it will be posted. If you would like more information please contact Elizabeth Gordon [422-6007](tel:422-6007).

COMING UP AT FORK:

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with your friends from Fork at another Parish Life **bonfire** at Terry and Lou Ann Cave's at 12699 Old Ridge Road, beginning at 6 p.m. Wear green and bring a side dish or dessert plus your beverage, and meet us in the garage behind the Caves' house. Hot dogs will be provided. A great way to introduce others to our church!

The Healing Service and Lunch Bunch: Sacrifice an hour (or two if you go to lunch too!) on March 28th to attend the Healing Service at 11:00. Come and pray for those who are hurting and for Fork Church. It is a beautiful and centering service.

VESTRY

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

Vestry Meeting: The next Vestry meeting is Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm

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.

Thanks to the contributions of Ale Macdonald, you can read more Fork Church History on our Website: http://theforkchurch.thediocese.net/About_Us/History/