

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the 10 AM service *today*. We will elect vestry members, review the budget and stewardship, and report on Liaison activities. We are grateful to all of those who expressed willingness to serve on the Fork Church vestry in the coming year. The nominating committee is putting forward the following slate for election at the Annual Meeting: Paul Newell, John Rickman, and Michael Woods for three-year terms; Ali Joy for a two-year term; and Boo Smythe for a one-year term.

After the meeting, we will discuss Anne's resignation. The Rev. Canon Susan E. Goff will be here to answer questions on behalf of the Diocese.

There will be childcare in the nursery during the meeting.

Anne's New Call

The Rev. Anne Kirchmier has been called to serve as rector of St. George's Church, Newport News, VA, in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. She will begin her ministry there in May.

Email Problems - Over the past month we have been experiencing some email problems. We thought we had fixed it but several people have notified the office that they are not receiving the Tines. If you have not been receiving the Tines or Group Emails, PLEASE let the office know so that we can correct any other email problems. Thank you.

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 21th 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: Mark your calendar for *Saturday February 25th at 6:00 PM*. Find out what the Phantom and all your favorite characters have been up to 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 if you would like more information.

OUTREACH:

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.

OUTSIDE OF FORK

Richmond Spiders Invitation: Fork Episcopal is invited to the upcoming 'Faith and Family' night at a Richmond Spiders basketball game! Other churches are also attending a Saturday game (2/11 @5pm or 2/18 @6pm)- whatever works for peoples' schedules. The games are fun for everyone, and there are always a lot of activities and entertainment! Get a group together and contact Lauren King and she will take care of everything. For more information, please see flyer on bulletin board in Parish Hall. Lauren King University of Richmond Athletics (w) 336-464-1898 (c) 972-342-3604 **GO SPIDERS!**