

**ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012**

**THIS WEEK AT FORK**

***Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting***

**Parish Hall**

Monday, October 8  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

***Little River Estates Association Annual Meeting***

**Parish Hall**

October 09, 2012  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

***Supper Club***

October 13, 2012

***YAC Meeting***

**Fork Church Parish Hall**

Senior High Youth Group  
October 14, 2012  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Church.

**Help** is still needed with the fall coffee hours. Please sign up in the rear of the Church

**PARISH LIFE Save the Date for Upcoming Events!**

**November 1 - Bishop Visitation, Confirmation, and Baptism – 6PM**

3/4 - Shrine Mont

10 - Supper Club

17 - Cookout/Bonfire at the Caves

**December** - Heavenly Stew Sale (Date to be announced)

December 8 - Supper Club Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9 - Court End Christmas Tour - A free annual holiday Christmas tour of historic Richmond Landmarks and holiday festivities.

Check out Court End Christmas Tour, Richmond, Va. @ the Valentine History Center for all the details.

**The Bishop is Coming.**

Bishop Shannon will visit us on All Saints Day, November 1 at 6:00. Several people will be confirmed that evening during the service. Please join us and welcome them into our Church Family.

## YOUTH GROUP

All meetings will be from 5:00pm until 7:00pm and will be held at Fork Church unless otherwise noted.

October 14th Jim and I will be out of town and we have talked to Emily Gill and Aaron Lazar about substituting for us as we continue our discussion of where we see God in our lives.

October 28th, November 11th and November 18th We will continue our discussions

December 8th Make cookies at Mt. Olympus Farm from 10:00am until 12:00 noon or from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

December 9th Right after church go to Pepicelli's for pizza and on to deliver cookies to Fork Church shut-ins.

Shrine Mont dates 8th grade weekend is October 5-7  
6th and 7th grade weekend in November 9-11  
senior high weekend is April 12-14

Confirmation Class Dates This class will meet at 5:00pm on the following Sundays. If there is a YAC meeting scheduled this group should meet with Bill Wells instead of attending the YAC program. The Confirmation Class will meet for about one hour so this group will have one hour of activities with the YAC group. In order to be confirmed on November 1st each participant must attend at least 4 of the 6 classes.

**The dates are October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.** To date the following have expressed an interest in confirmation; Graeme Alderman, Dean and Clay Thomas, and perhaps Madelyn and Tess Lesesne.

## Godly Play Fall 2012

We are about to begin another exciting year using the Godly Play curriculum in our Fork Church Sunday School program. Ann Neri will help us for one more year. She will teach the older group, I will again work with the younger children and Angela will also be teaching with us and **WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO HELP!!!**

Both groups will begin the year with the story of Creation and the beginning of an Old Testament Time Line where we will place the core Old Testament stories in sequence with the stories of the Old Testament heroes. For example: under the story of creation we will place the story of Adam and Eve. This will give the children a visual picture of how all of our stories fit together.

Simultaneously with our Old Testament stories and our timeline we will study some of the Saints of the church. On November 11<sup>th</sup> the Godly Play children will host the coffee hour and present a Saints project they will have been working on during the fall.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will create with Ann Neri their own Circle of the Holy Eucharist and will attend church with her once a month as they learn about the service and what all of the things on the altar are and what the priest is doing. You will see them sitting up front with their Circle of the Holy Eucharist cards keeping watch on Bill Wells.

We will make Advent Wreaths in the Parish House Kitchen after church on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We will not have Sunday School that day. Jim and I will bring live greens and we will have supplies for all who sign up to make wreaths, more about this at a later date.

During Advent we will “get ready” for the great event of Christmas. On December 23 during the regular church service we will present our Advent Play complete with children taking different parts and someone narrating the play. On Christmas Eve at the 5:00pm children’s service we will finish the Christmas Story with our large creche. After Christmas we will celebrate the season of Epiphany and move right into Lent. On the Sunday closest to Ash Wednesday we will process into the church with our Allelulia Banners and process out again to bury the Allelulias until Easter Sunday when we will dig them up again and process into church to celebrate the Risen Christ.

After Easter, which is March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate the Risen Christ and tell the Pentecost stories.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our last Sunday of Godly Play classes for the 2012-2013 year.

It is going to be a busy year and we REALLY need help!!! Peace, Boo Smythe and Ann Neri

