

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Church.

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

YAY (Young and Younger) will begin it's next book study this fall. YAY is a group of women from Fork and the community that meet twice a month on Thursday mornings. The book that we will be reading this fall is Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen.

Through the fall we will meet 6 more times (Oct 4, Oct 18, Nov 1, Nov 15, Nov 29 and Dec 13).

If you would like to join us this fall or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Thomas (boysthree@embarqmail.com; 883-5513).

PARISH LIFE Save the Date for Upcoming Events!

October 6 - Supper Club

November 1 - Bishop Visitation, Confirmation, and Baptism

3/4 - Shrine Mont

10 - Supper Club

17 - Cookout/Bonfire at the Caves

December - Heavenly Stew Sale (Date to be announced)

2 - "Court In" - free Christmas tour of Richmond Landmarks

TBD - Supper Club Christmas Party

YOUTH GROUP

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

September 30th for Rite 13 We are planning a field trip hopefully to Richmond Hill with Bill Wells. Our theme for this fall is *Spirituality* and Jim and I thought that a trip to Richmond Hill would be a good place to start. They have an outdoor labyrinth a lovely chapel and a very peaceful garden which seemed like a good place to begin this journey of discovering what we mean by the word "Spirituality".

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 September 16th and 23rd, 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.

One more date to remember!! On September 22nd there will be a "French" dinner at Fork Church and the youth have been asked to be waiters so check your schedules and let me know who will be available that night.

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 11th the Godly Play children will host the coffee hour and present a Saints project they will have been working on during the fall.

The 4th and 5th 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 Alleluia 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 31st, we will celebrate the Risen Christ and tell the Pentecost stories.

June 2nd 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

