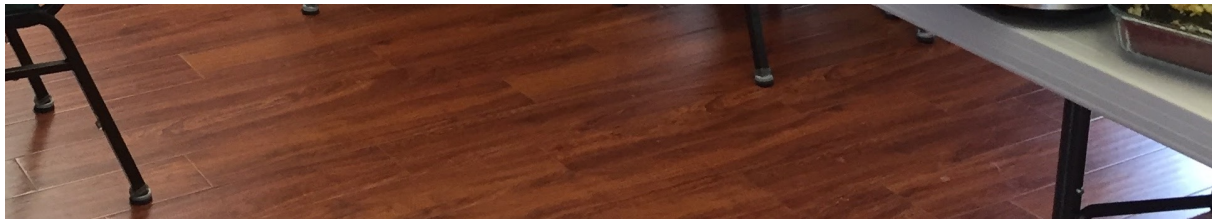


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All Together

*... that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you, too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his son, Jesus Christ.
1 John 1:3*

Why Share?

Some years ago I was meeting with a group of clergy who were studying the First Letter of John. The first week of our time together we were looking at 1 John 1:3 (see above). It struck me in the middle of that group that I had been thinking about what that verse is talking about in the wrong way. I was assuming that if I shared the faith with someone in the right way then they would embrace the Christian Faith for themselves. The whole point in my mind up until that time was to see individuals come to place their trust in Jesus. It seems though, that there is more to it than that.

All Together

A huge part of the Christian Faith is sharing with others who also follow Jesus. In fact, it seems that one of the main points of inviting others to also follow Jesus is the friendship that would result. One of the main reasons for that is we see more of God with each other than we do on our own. The way God is with one person is not the way God is with another. To see more of God than I can on my own I would need to have others share with me what they see of God. That helps to build my faith. It helps bring others to the point of following Jesus. Seeking to share our lives with others is a powerful and authentic witness to the faith we profess.

St. Francis 2018

One of the things we will focus on at St. Francis in 2018 is how we share our lives with others. We will be seeing more of God than we ever have before!

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

6:30pm Theology on Tap. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

7:00pm Caregivers' Support Group. Contact Susan at n1placesusan@gmail.com

Sunday, January 14, 2018 Worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the end of worship on January 21, 2018. Vestry members will be elected and reports from 2017 will be shared

Please bring nonperishable food to worship to be distributed to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

Centerville Circle of Prayer

ChiknEGG Productions, Lisa M. Deardon, Owner/Manager that many local and home based businesses would grow and prosper in our area.

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of St. John's, Tappahannock; St. Christopher's, Springfield; St. George's, Arlington; Olivet, Fanconia that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the dioceses of Aguata - (Niger, Nigeria) [The Most Revd Christian Efobi](#); Ahoada - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) [The Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye](#) that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John

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