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St Francis



April 23, 2014

Peace Be With You

John 20:19, 21, 26

What Is The Peace Jesus Gives?

Most of us will hold, not incorrectly, to a definition of peace making the word mean "an absence of conflict or hostility." With some more thought we will also acknowledge it means a sense of well being.

Jesus (as usual) means more than that. He says to His followers three times very soon after the resurrection, "Peace be with you." The first time is showing them He is alive. The second time is sending them into the world, and the third time is telling Thomas, and by extension all of us, to believe. It seems to me we may need the peace of Jesus to

live lives showing He is alive, we are sent by Him, and we do trust in Him with all of our strength. To my mind His peace is the flow of His life, mercy, and love into and through our lives. That puts us in the position to become all we were created to be.

How Do We Get It?

Notice that Jesus says "peace be with you" each time. I think you get His peace by having Him create it in your life, work, and relationships. When He says something He is creating something, just as He did in Genesis 1. When you and I are in a position to hear His voice by drawing near to Him He will create within our lives, work and relationships. One of the primary things He creates in us is His peace. It was one of His first priorities immediately after the resurrection. How does Jesus want you to listen for His voice? Try it and see what happens.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, April 27, 2014 10:00am worship

Hunger Awareness Week in Goochland April 26 – May 3, 2014

Hunger does not take a vacation, yet food pantries' shelves are fairly empty at this time of the year and even more so in summer months. Seeing the need to feed over 1800 food-insecure Goochland residents, local food pantries are working together to launch a community-wide food drive. "Hunger Hurts. Goochland Gathers" runs Saturday, April 26 through Saturday, May 3, 2014. Nearly 75% of Goochland families in need, including nearly 500 children, often skip meals or eat less because of a lack of food. The goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food that will help feed Goochland's hungry.

Please bring items to church with you between now and Sunday, May 4th.

Below is a list of most needed items:

Canned Items Dry Goods & Cooking Staples

Canned meat: pork, chicken, beef, tuna Spaghetti & Pasta

Beans Beans

Vegetables Rice

Fruits and fruit cocktail Flour

Soup Biscuit mix

Peanut Butter Cornbread mix

Cereal

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Enzo's Italian Chop House that all businesses would increase in Centerville and the presence of God would be fully known

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of Good Shepherd, Burke; St. Andrew's, Richmond; and St. Paul's, Alexandria.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the Spirit of Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion income, or neighborhood.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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