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June 4, 2014

Disturbing

... rivers of living water ...
John 7:38

Disturbing

It is easy to put a "do not disturb" sign on the door of our lives. There are times when it is actually necessary for us to rest to such a degree that we are, in fact, working from rest instead of resting from work (see the wonderful resources from Mike Breen and others at weare3dm.com). However, if you take the approach that you are in charge of your rest, time off, and every other aspect of your life then the Holy Spirit may actually be out to disturb you. The Spirit of God wants to take charge of how the love of God is spread around. The methods of the Spirit may not be our methods. Those methods actually might be very disturbing. They are like a powerful river that relentlessly flows on to the sea.

Good Things Run Wild

It was G.K Chesterton who wrote that the order of the church was in place to allow good things to run wild. I have to admit that I often do not like it when anything runs wild. The God who I serve, love, and follow is a wild God who looks for good things to run wild. Following Jesus into the depths of someone else's dream, or trouble, so that I can join in with what He is doing can be a very wild and disturbing way of life. Yet when we pray for the Holy Spirit to fall on us we are inviting that wild Spirit to come and take over. It is a lot more than getting over problems, hardships, and tough questions. It is entering into a wild lifestyle while we are being healed and established. It is a wild ride that does not end. As we approach Pentecost Sunday are you ready to ask God to pour out the disturbing Holy Spirit on your life?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 Experimental Wednesdays 6:00pm

Sunday, June 8, 2014 Feast of Pentecost worship at 10:00am. Pot luck to follow

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 Vestry 6:00pm

Sunday, June 15, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 Experimental Wednesdays 6:00pm

Experimental Wednesdays

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00pm, at St. Francis Episcopal Church
June 4-September 3

The Seven Signs in the Gospel of John

Read each story once/day for a week before the Wednesday it is scheduled

Read with these questions in mind:

What does this story say to you about people?

What does this story say to you about Jesus?

What does this story have to say about you

Who needs to hear this story?

June 4

Changing Water Into Wine

John 2: 1-11

June 18	Healing the Officials Son	John 4:46-54
July 2	The Invalid of Bethesda	John 5:1-8
July 9	The Feeding of the 5,000	John 6:5-14
August 6	Jesus Walks on the Water	John 6:16-35
August 20	Jesus Heals a Man Morn Blind	John 9:1-41
September 3	The Resurrection of Lazarus	John 11:17-46

Who needs to hear about this gathering? Bring them along!

Advance Notice for the New Member Class

On October 12, 2014 Bishop Gullick will be with us to preside, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. Those of you who are new to St. Francis are invited to pray about becoming a formal member at that time. It means taking my very engaging new member class. There are four topics which you study at home:

1. What is the Church?
2. What is the Episcopal Church?
3. What is St. Francis Episcopal Church?
4. What does Jesus want me to do about His Church?

Late in September all who have taken this course will come together for one very rich and encouraging session. Let me know if you are interested. I will be distributing the material for the four sessions to interested people in August. BTW-if you have been a long time member you are still invited to take part in this!! Let me know.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

The Rumble Seat Grill, that business would increase, families and friends would spend time deepening relationships there, and the community would be served and strengthened through this restaurant.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of Church of the Spirit, Kingstowne; St. John's, McLean; and St. Paul's, Richmond

Metropolitan Richmond

For the criminal justice system: For the victims of violent crime and for situations that perpetuate violent crime.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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