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St Francis



June 11, 2014

Really Abundant Community

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19

A Powerful Solution

Many of the challenges church members face can be met successfully and faithfully through working in teams and mid-size communities of 20 or more instead of as an individual member of the congregation.

This applies to both leaders and members. Answers to prayer, breakthroughs in evangelism, care for the poor and hungry, encouragement of others are all done more fully and completely in

these mid size communities. We see more of God that way mostly because God is a community- the Trinity.

Getting Better Together

One of the concerns of most churches in the US is growth. There is a strong desire to add people to the church membership. Usually that is thought of as adding individuals who may bring along family or friends. There is a more fruitful approach and strategy. We would be closer to God's strategy and character if we sought ways to multiply communities from our churches rather than adding individuals to our churches. That's a big change, but when we follow in the steps of the Spirit of God that is the direction in which we are going.

Coming Attractions

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 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

For Tuckahoe Physical Therapy that many people may be freed from pain and restored to normal life.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of Pohick Church, Lorton; St. Thomas', Richmond; and Wicomico Church, Wicomico.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the criminal justice system: For the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, detention facilities, and probation officers.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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