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St Francis



August 26, 2015

Re-dig Your Wells

Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

Genesis 26:18

Is Something Stirring?

Christian history is filled with stories of people who were stirred to begin to follow Jesus but stopped living a life of discipleship. At one time they had a vibrant faith and a fruitful walk with Jesus but it has been dormant for sometime. The well of faith they enjoyed is now filled in and the water of faith cannot be reached. Yet for some of these people faith is stirring again. They feel the presence of the Holy Spirit but cannot connect like they used to. Is that you? Did you once have a open, full well of the presenece of God in your life and you now sense the stirring of the Spirit of God once again?

Re-digging Your Well

The well within that connected you with the love of God may have been filled in by disappointment with the church, a hurtful relationship with a church leader, or a failed ministry attempt. None of that separates you from the love of God. The well from which God wants you to drink needs only to be reopened. God will lead you in what steps to take to reopen that well. Friends who encourage you to follow Jesus, worshipping so that you deeply engage the Spirit of God, serving others where you see God already at work are ways to reopen the well that may have been filled in for a long time. If you have been away from the fellowship of other Christians and the Table of Jesus for some time, even years, you might start out with this question: With whom does God want me to worship this weekend?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, August 30, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 Family on Mission Learning Community 6:15pm

Sunday, September 6, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Vestry Committee 4:00pm

Saturday, September 12, 2015 workday

Sunday, September 10, 2015 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

Family On Mission Learning Community Wednesdays in September. We will read Family On Mission together, learn, share, discuss, and equip ourselves for getting a direction for the next five years. To participate please purchase a copy of Family on Mission, read the first two chapters, and come on September 2nd ready to join in discussion with the others. Please email John at vicar@stfrancisva.org to register.

Bishop Goff will be visiting St. Francis on the afternoon of Sunday, October 25, 2015. She will preside at the liturgy, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. If you would like to join St. Francis by being confirmed or received please let John know as soon as possible vicar@stfrancisva.org. If you have been confirmed in another Episcopal church but never transferred your membership to St. Francis please contact

John as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for you to transfer your membership vicar@stfrancisva.org.

Please continue to bring non perishable food to worship to donate to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for pot luck and worship on September 20, 2015. Please contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Symphony will lead worship at Symphony Assisted Living on September 27, 2015 at 9:00am. Please contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For State Farm Insurance, David C. Greene, Agent, that business would increase and the kingdom of God would spread throughout our region

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of St. John's Richmond that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and the under-employed.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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