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November 23, 2015

Seeds

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14

Responsiveness to the Holy Spirit

Today is the commemoration of James Huntington, a priest of the Episcopal Church, monk, and founder of the Order of the Holy Cross. He spent much of his adult life in ministry working among the working class of New York City. He served among those families as a pastor and worked to change the conditions in which they worked. He lived a monastic life as well. The prayer life he developed as a monk gave him the compassion and motivation to work among others. His responsiveness to the Holy Spirit showed itself in relationships with other people. It was in his prayer life the seeds of fruitful ministry were planted.

Free Flowing Prayer

Huntington wrote a book entitled The Work of Prayer. In this book he encourages people to freely respond to the presence of the Spirit of God anytime, anywhere. He calls on us to be open to the Holy Spirit all the time in a free flowing manner. That seems unusual for a monk. To be fair he does not discourage set times of prayer and the use of written prayers. He does point people to an open-ended life of prayer in which we are always responding to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Have you noticed the presence of the Spirit of God lately? How did that happen for you? How did you respond? What did you pray as a result? What would you like to do the next time you sense God's presence? What seeds of ministry were planted in your life?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, November 29, 2015 Worship at 10:00am

Saturday, December 5, 2015 Manakin Holiday Market 9:00am-2:00pm at the Manakin Market. Contact Bobbie Leviness to volunteer bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Sunday, December 6, 2015 Worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 Color Me Friends 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Vestry Retreat 9:00am

Caregiver's Support Group 7:00pm at Hedy Walker's, 1661 Centerville

Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot

Pub Theology 6:30pm

Please bring non perishable food to worship with you for distribution to the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for worship and pot luck on Sunday November 29th at 5:30pm at teh home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Angle Tree is underway. To volunteer take an item listed on the tree in

our church entrance, purchase, wrap and return to church by December 6th. Contact Janice Nelson at [749-3231](tel:749-3231)

Thanks to everyone who helped out a Caritas last Wednesday evening at Christ Church, Glen Allen:



Preaching on Sundays in Advent

Waiting

November 29 Luke [22:31](#) The Practice of Waiting

December 6 Luke 3:4 The Purpose of Waiting

December 13 Philippians 4:7 The Peace of Waiting

December 20 Luke [1:55](#) The Promise of Waiting

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For the Sunset Grille, that the employees would have healthy and productive lives, and that business would increase

Diocese of Virginia

For all baptized in their life and work

Metropolitan Richmond

For the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age, or jurisdiction of residence, in the economic health of our region; for effective,, affordable,regional public transportation.

Finally, a very Happy Thanksgiving to everyone tommorrow!!!

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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