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St Francis



January 27, 2016

In The House

*To each is given
a manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
I Corinthians 12:7*

Together In The House

Last Sunday, as most of you know, we did not meet for worship as we were snowed out. Since we were not together I would like to share a few thoughts about being together from last Sunday's readings, specifically from 1 Corinthians 12:7. Here we see that each is given a manifestation, or gift, of the Spirit. The

purpose is not only to build up the individual receiving the gift. It is also for the common good. Every gift, talent, and attribute is given for building up the common good. We are together in this house of the Lord. It is not enough to go into the house of the Lord for our personal growth only. It is a far better thing when we go onto the house of the Lord to bless everyone else in that house.

House Work

It is very tempting for us to approach church membership as a part of our efforts at self-improvement, having our own spiritual needs met, and becoming good volunteers. All of these are very important. However, we are called to go beyond our own growth into the building up of the common good. We are called into a new life and a new community. We are called to follow Jesus together by using what He provides for us and live in a way that shows we are from the same "house." We work in a way that shows we are working together in the name of the One who fills us with His life. We worship together showing it is Jesus who is worthy above our own worship preferences. We minister to others together showing it is Jesus who is the Healer and not our programs. In short, we are called to a lifestyle of always receiving from, pointing to and following after Jesus. What can you do today to build up the common good because you are a follower of Jesus?

Coming Attractions

January 31, 2016 Worship at 10:00am. John Wheeler of Global Frontier Missions will be the guest preacher.

February 3, 2016 Color Me Friends 6:30pm at St. Francis. Contact Carol Maher carolsdream@gmail.com

February 7, 2016 Worship at 10:00am

February 10, 2016

Vestry Committee 4:00pm at St. Francis

Ash Wednesday Service 6:00pm at St. Francis

Theology on Tap 7:00pm at Keegan's. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Caregiver's Support Group 7:00pm at Hedy Walker's house. Contact Susan Kidd at sokidd@comcast.com

February 14, 2016 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

Please bring nonperishable food to worship for the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Architectural Custom Woodwork, Inc., Doug Cone, president- that business would increase.

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of St. Barbara's, Annandale; St. Paul's, Bailey's Crossroads; St. Andrew's, Arlington; St. Michael's, Arlington; Trinity, Fredericksburg; Messiah, Chancellor that all would walk in the power of the Holy

Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

That all would proclaim in word and deed the establishment of the beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond.

Grace and Peace,

John



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