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St Francis



March 13, 2019

A Key Part Of Your Identity

*Come and see.
John 1:39*

Church Activity

Church activities can be a great deal of fun. We can grow closer to people in those events. We can come away from church events feeling as though we belong and that we contributed. A lot of church activities are well planned and well attended. Even the ones where things go wrong or the attendance is poor can turn out to be very worthwhile. These events have an even greater significance. They are a part of our growth in faith, not really the goal in themselves.

Next Steps

When we think of what we do along with our fellow church members as an activity we find that we get somewhere, but usually not as far as we hope to go. The activities we support and attend can take us deeper into our calling and identity. As we reach out to others in the community or encourage others in our own fellowship we can have one of two ways of thinking about it. One is this: I support this activity and am glad to be engaged in it. The other one is this: I am one who is an encourager of others. In the first one mission and ministry is an activity. In the second one mission and ministry is a key part of your identity. When mission and ministry is more a key part of your identity it flows more naturally and bears more fruit than when it is an activity on your schedule.

Come and See

How is Jesus inviting you into a lifestyle of mission and ministry? Often it is through church activities. It is through sharing with others and reaching out in the community with a group of friends. It is seeing how Jesus has invited you and challenged you to go deeper into following him. How is Jesus extending this invitation to you? How will you answer? Are you part of a group that will reach out in one way or another to others? Ask God to place you in one if you are not part of one already.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:30pm Theology on Tap at Capital Ale House. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Friday, March 15, 2019 7:30pm Concert with Siobhan O'Brien



SIOBHAN O'BRIEN



~ Singer & Songwriter from Ireland

Friday ~ March 15th at 7:30pm - 9pm.

"A Voice The World Should Hear!"
Paddy Moloney (The Chieftains)

Join us for a fun evening for the
whole family on St Patrick's Day Weekend
"Hosted by ManyWaters Ministries and St Francis Church"
1484 Hockett Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA

A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Jobs For Life Volunteer Opportunity this is a great ministry in which some of us may want to be involved:

Central Goochland



The first Goochland *Jobs for Life* training class is starting
Thursday, March 28th at
GoochlandCares from 6p-8:30p.

The *Jobs for Life* class helps men and women find
employment, learn God's gift of work, and receive a
supportive community through volunteers.
Volunteers are needed to make the classes successful.

**Learn How to Get Involved: Instructors, Mentors, Business
Speakers, Meals, Transportation help is needed.**

For more information email Ginger Lowery
at Goochlandjfl@gmail.com
Or leave a message at
JobsRVA at (434)829-2658

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The Jobs for Life program helps unemployed and underemployed get employed and move up the ranks. In doing so, they become productive residents that give back to the community that gave to them. Those that participate in the class are taught the skills needed to flourish in the work force from resume writing to dressing for success. Great Team = GoochlandCares + Jobs For Life + JobsRVA + You. Join the worldwide network of churches, businesses, and organizations addressing the devastating impact of joblessness in their community

The first Sunday of each month, after church, Karen & Chris Webber will be collecting donated food from the Food Lion in Centerville and taking it to the food pantry. This would be an ideal time for anyone in the church to bring in their own donations!! The food pantry is in dire need of cereal, canned soups, and canned vegetables (not generally things donated by grocery stores). If this is something you would like to contribute to, just bring it to church and we would make sure it was delivered to the food pantry.

Please help us in the fun sharing our favorite recipes, in the form of a St. Francis cookbook. Please bring your recipes to the pot luck each month, and give to Libby or Karen. You can also email to lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Pakmail, David Fitzsimmons, owner. That the business would increase.

The Diocese of Virginia

For our bishops as they gather at the house of bishops meeting

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the Dioceses of Maryland (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton (Diocesan Bishop) Maryland (The Episcopal Church) Vacant

Ukwa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Samuel Kelechi Eze (Diocesan Bishop)
Umuahia (Nigeria) The Most Revd Ikechi Nwachukwu Nwosu (Diocesan Bishop)
That they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace.

Thank you for your,

John Maher

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