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January 30, 2019

Fanning Into Flame

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:5-7 (English Standard Version)

Sparks

Sincere faith, which often starts as a spark, is passed on from one generation to another. It can be within a family as was the case with Timothy. It can be through friendships. Groups of friends getting together as a family would can pass the faith on to others many times over- from generation to generation of friendships.

Fanning Sparks Into Flames

Once you have caught that spark and it becomes an ember in your soul it needs to be fanned into flame. That is where the rhythms of the Christian life play an important role. Engaging with God in worship, in fellowship with others, and with outreach to the community will fan that ember into a flame. The gift of faith becomes something more real and powerful. Our times of prayer, our times with friends, and our times reaching out to others will all put us in the position for the wind of the Holy Spirit to fan our sparks of faith into flames. What step is God asking you to take to have

our sparks of faith into flames. What step is God asking you to take to have those sparks become flames?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, February 5, 2019 Worship at 10:00am

Sunday, February 12, 2019 Worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck. Those with the base gift of evangelism please sit with the vicar this month. If you have not taken the five gold survey please go to fivefoldsurvey.com and see what results you get.

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

Acme Stove and Fireplace Center, Bryan Parlee, manager. For the business to increase and the value of homes to rise.

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of St. David's, Aylett; St. Mary's, Arlington; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; and All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the dioceses of Louisiana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Morris Thompson, Jr. (Diocesan Bishop) Sydney (Australia) The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies (Diocesan Bishop), Sydney (Australia) The Rt Revd Chris Edwards (Assistant Bishop), Sydney (Australia) The Rt Revd Peter Hayward (Assistant Bishop), Sydney (Australia) The Rt Revd Ivan Lee (Assistant Bishop), Sydney (Australia) The Rt Revd Peter Lin (Assistant Bishop) Sydney (Australia). The Rt Revd Michael Stead (Assistant Bishop).

Bishop, Sydney (Australia), The Rt Revd Michael Stead (Assistant Bishop),
Tabora (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Elias Chakupewa (Diocesan Bishop) that
they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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