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St Francis





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Fool?

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. Matthew 5:22

Impossible To Do

The words of Jesus above are absolutely impossible to do on our own power. How much does it take for our anger to rise against someone? What if we are treated very poorly, or a member of our family is bullied, or worse? How soon would you call the perpetrators "fools"? Or, would you call them something worse than that? Or, would you do something worse than that? All of that is our natural way of responding to being mistreated or attacked. In order to do what Jesus tells us to do we need to have a supernatural power working in our lives.

Naturally Supernatural

There will always be something around that sets off our anger. It takes the presence of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to begin to live in the way Jesus would have us live. It takes that same power and presence to recognize that we have fallen short of what Jesus asks of us. It takes that same power and presence to seek and receive the forgiveness God has for us. Hearing the Spirit of God say to us in some way, "You are forgiven," followed by, "You are my child whom I love" is the way God begins to give us power to live the life of following Jesus. How can we put ourselves into the position to hear the voice of God say that, especially when we are angry with someone else? That is the key to living a life of discipleship. Let's keep praying for each other to be able to do this. Take a few moments today just

to be in the presence of Jesus.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, March 3, 2019 Worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 10, 2019 Worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

**Music Event For Your Family and Friends - St Patrick's Day
Weekend - Friday, March 15th. 7:30 - 9pm.**

The Music Ministry of St Francis and ManyWaters Ministry led by Carol Maher are hosting a special evening of songs from Ireland with Irish Singer-songwriter, SIOBHAN O'BRIEN - www.siobhanobrien.com

This event is the first of 3 events we hope to sponsor this year to encourage the Arts and Creativity here in Goochland.

Please join us and invite your friends for this special evening. Siobhan O'Brien is a well known performer with a beautiful voice and acoustic guitar. Siobhan will play her own music, some traditional Irish melodies, and tell some Irish stories. She may even engage our questions! After the hour concert we'll have a time for refreshments, get to know some new folks, and purchase CD's. All this for a Suggested Donation of \$5 !!!

Highlights from the February 19, 2019 Vestry Committee Meeting

In attendance were: The Rev. Dr. John Maher, Vicar; Joey Broussard, Richard Walker, Rick Lloyd, Diane Montgomery, Debbie Taylor

Marian Elam, Susan Kidd & Dorothy DeJong (CCM Liaison)

-We started with an orientation which included the responsibilities and practices of the Vestry Committee since we welcomed Diane Montgomery a new vestry member and Richard Walker a former vestry member.

- Our vestry members are: Senior Warden- Joey Broussard, Junior Warden- Richard Walker, other members are: Rick Lloyd, Diane Montgomery & Debbie Taylor. Register- Marian Elam & Treasurer- Susan Kidd.

- Joey Broussard was appointed to be our Delegate to the Annual Council with Rick Lloyd to be the alternate.

- Rick Lloyd has volunteered to be our Regional Representative.
- We have to replace our heat pump system. Woodfin is doing the work. We are using the money in our housing account to pay for the new system. Doing this will reduce our electric bill and provide A/C when needed. Rick is also going to submit a request for a grant from the Peter J. Lee fund for possible reimbursement for some of the money spent for this project.
- Dorothy DeJong our CCM Liaison told us about the Scott Foundation Fund that is available for Building & Property projects that may be submitted for any future projects.
- The next vestry meeting will be held on April 9th at 4:00pm.

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

Aspire Dance Academy, Lauren Gibson, owner/director. That the students would be added how would grow in creativity and skill

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of Christ Church, Middlesex; Good Shepherd, Bluemont; St. Paul's, West Point; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; 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 Malek Rup (*South Sudan*) The Rt Revd Peter Marial Agok (*Diocesan Bishop*); Tokyo (*Japan*) Vacant (*Diocesan Bishop*); Toliara (*Indian Ocean*) The Rt Revd Todd McGregor (*Diocesan Bishop*); Toliara (*Indian Ocean*) The Rt Revd Samitiana Jhonson Razafindralambo (*Assistant Bishop*) that they would continually walk in

the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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