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May 9, 2018

Lenses

*I have become all things to all people
so that by all possible means I might save some.
1 Corinthians 9:22*

What Do You Love About Your Church?

Whatever it is you love about your church it is very likely that you want other people to love the same thing. You want them to experience it the same way you do. If only they would come every week like you do then they come to love the same thing you do. Right? Most of us have that as our outreach strategy. If we could get them here then they would see why we love it. That is the lens we use. We look at outreach through the lens of the church. We set our idea of the church and invite people into it. However, it doesn't always work, does it?

A New Lens

What if we reversed the order of things in our outreach strategy? What if we looked at the church through the lens of outreach.? What if we took the church out to people in a form that would make the gospel real for them? It might not be the same form that makes the gospel real for us. Are we willing to do that? Would we give up our preferences so that others can engage with Jesus? Are there groups of people living somewhere near your church who do not go to any church? What if, instead of inviting them to your church you went and spent time with them? That is how you might find out what would communicate the love of Jesus to them. Is God prompting you to do that in some way?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Theology on Tap at 6:30pm at Keegan's. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Caregivers' Support Group at 7:00pm at Walker's. Contact Susan at n1placesusan@gmail.com

Sunday, May 13, 2018 Worship at 10:00am

Sunday, May 20, 2018 Worship followed by pot luck (the pot luck feast is transferred from May 13th Mothers Day).

Please bring nonperishable food to worship be distributed to the Food Pantry of Goochland Cares.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Tuckahoe Physical Therapy that many people in our community would have increased health and physical mobility

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of Grace, Kilmarnick; St. Mary's, Goochland; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; and All Souls, Atlee that they would continually work in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the Diocese of Chile - (South America) [The Rt Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz](#)

Suffragan Bishop of Chile - (South America) [The Rt Revd Abelino Manuel Apeleo](#) that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John

PS. Next week we will be off. This newsletter will return on May 23, 2018

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