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St Francis



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Lifestyle

We were ready to share not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

A Huge Shift

In order to relate to others who do not share our faith in Christ many of us (me included) need to go through a huge shift in our thinking. It is from missional communities, or other types of groups, as an add on program to missional communities as a lifestyle. Our lifestyle is what will clearly show what it is like to follow Jesus today. Our lifestyle will be a very clear sign of what the Christian faith is all about, and who Jesus really is. Often, especially for us who have been in the church for a while, we tend to gravitate toward programs to attract people into our churches. Yet it is our lives that speak much more convincingly about the faith we practice. Our lives will also be a compelling invitation to follow Jesus.

Living The Life

It is obviously important to have something in mind about how to "live the life" so that our lifestyle reflects how we follow Jesus. The most basic and important aspect of that is to adopt rhythms of life. Those rhythms would involve worship, fellowship, and outreach. The Spirit of God will draw you into how to adopt rhythms of worship individually and in various size groups. The Spirit of God will also draw you into rhythms of fellowship and reaching out to others. You will be drawn to join in with people who already know how to live this lifestyle. It is groups of people who together live a lifestyle of following Jesus who will see steady growth in their own Christian life and the lives of those around them. How is the Spirit of God drawing you into worship, fellowship, and outreach?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, June 9, 2019 Worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

Sunday, June 16, 2019 Worship at 10:00am

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.

Ordination Anniversary: June 16, 2019 marks my fortieth anniversary of ordination as a deacon. On that Sunday I would like to celebrate the occasion and share a bit with you about the ministry of deacons and how all of us share in it. John Maher

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Wells Fargo, Tommy Cahoon, Manager. that business would increase

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of St. Mary's Colonial Beach; St. John's, McClean; St. Francis, Great Falls, 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 New Busa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Israel Amoo Alaska (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Lattime Albany (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Love that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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