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Make Us Channels of Your Peace

St. Francis Episcopal Church



February 5, 2020

Your Vision

***Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.***

Psalms 119:105

What Makes A Great Church?

Some people would say a large number of people attending on a Sunday makes a great church. Others would say a very strong set of programs. Others would say a great preacher, choir, band, youth group, building, etc. All of these are part of a great church. However, I believe that a church can be great without these elements. There is one element that is essential and

necessary for a church to be great. That is for its members to be growing in their own ability to follow Jesus. In other words, discipleship is the key mark of a great church.

What Is A Key Mark Of A Disciple-Making Church?

This mark is members being encouraged to look for and equipped to follow the vision God has for them. That is very different than expecting all the members to be fully committed to one vision, usually brought forth by the pastor. The expectation, rather, is that each one grow in the ability to hear and follow God's Spirit. That is what makes a great church. For some of us that is a huge shift. For all of us it is a daily means of encouragement and power. How is God leading you today?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, February 9, 2020 Worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Vestry Committee meeting at 4:00pm

Sunday, February 16, 2020 Worship at 10:00am

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We will have communion with the disposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:15pm

As You Pray Each Day . . .

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Aspire Dance Academy, Lauren Gibson, owner/director, that business would increase and ability in the arts and dance would rise in our area.

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of Buck Mountain, Earleysville; St. Mary's, Arlington; St. Stephen's and St. Agnes' School, Alexandria; 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 Lusitanian Church (Portugal) The Right Revd Jorge Pina

CabralTanga (Tanzania) The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa (Primate) that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher



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