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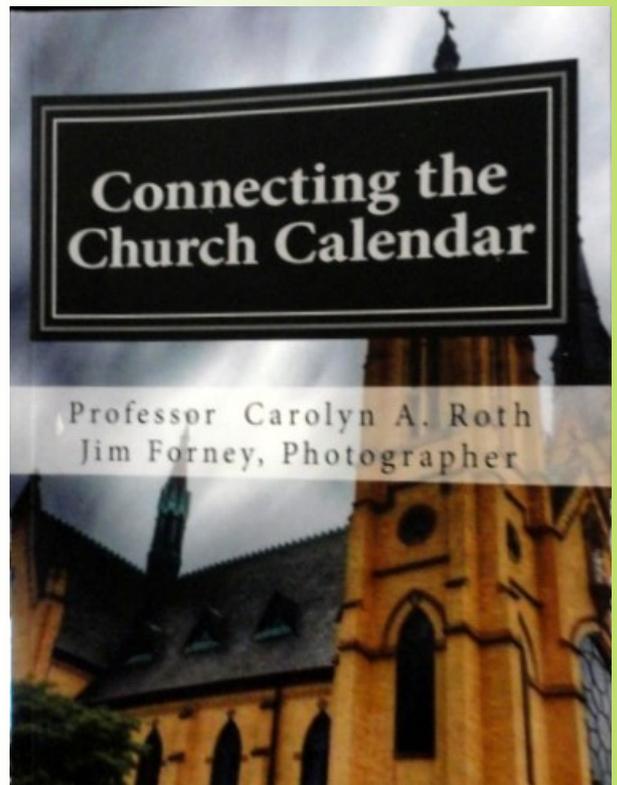
Why Bother?

“Here comes Peter Cotton Tail hopping down the bunny trail.” No, no, that is Easter; much too early. “Santa Claus is coming to town.” Oops, that is Christmas; still too early.

What I want to write about is Church seasons. Advent is the first Season in the church year. It begins on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle (30 November). When I want to know when Advent occurs, typically, I look at Christmas Day (December 25) and count backward four Sundays.

When I think of the Advent season, my mind goes back 25 years. My fiancé and I were attending a liturgical church. We planned to have the pastor perform our marriage ceremony. My church background was far from “liturgical.” Bruce and I had an appointment for pre-marriage counseling with the pastor. I arrived first and sat in the secretary’s office. As I waited, the church secretary asked, “Are you pregnant?” My stunned feelings must have showed on my face, because she elaborated, “The only time anyone gets married during Advent is if she is pregnant.” I assured her that although I planned to get married on December 19, I wasn’t pregnant. Dos and don’ts associated with the Advent season weren’t on my radar.

All of could say then and can say now is “Whoa!”



Want to learn more about the 6 Church seasons and the meaning behind them? Read my book: *Connecting the Church Calendar*. Purchase at www.CarolynRothMinistry.com or on Amazon. Cost is \$15.00. Jim Forney is the excellent photographer.

This book make a great hostess gift for autumn holidays.

If you live in the Roanoke area and do not have a home church, please visit St. John Lutheran Church, 4608 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24018. 540-774-0712. Services at 8:15



Bible Plant Blog

In 2010 I started a Bible Plant blog on Word Press. The link is www.GodasaGardener.com. Typically, I add to the blog three times a month. The purpose is to tell the stories behind the over 125 plants named in the Bible. Also, when you read these post, my hope is that you will reflect on your life in Christ.

The above photograph is the chaste tree which most people have never considered as a Bible plant. When Abraham planned to offer Isaac on Mount Moriah, he saw a ram caught in a thicket. Most likely the chaste tree was part of the group of plants that made up the thicket.

Stories such as these about Bible plants add to our depth of Bible knowledge.

Recently a church contacted me asking permission to use a blog in a publication. Churches can automatically use my materials as long as they credit me by using my name and the name of my blog.

Who was Hymenaeus?

Hymenaeus was an early (supposed) Christian. He lived in or near Ephesus. Hymenaeus averred that the resurrection had already taken place. Paul wrote to Timothy that Hymenaeus made shipwreck of his faith (1 Timothy 1:20). He expelled Hymenaeus from the Christian church. I wouldn't want my spiritual mentor to say that I made a ship-wreck of my faith. What about you?

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