

CROSS AND CROWN

News of the Mission & Ministry of R. E. Lee Memorial Church
The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

APRIL 2011

Morning Prayer at 8:30

Monday through Saturday
through Holy Week

Wednesdays during Lent

12:05 p.m. Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Supper (suggested donation of
\$6 per adult; \$2 children 5-12;
\$15 max per family).
*Make your dinner reservations
by noon on Monday.*

6:30 p.m. Children and Adult
Lenten Programs

Adult Study:

Triumph to Tragedy...
and on the Third Day

Our Rector is being joined by Paul Nancarrow
of Trinity Church, Staunton, for a study on the
liturgies of Holy Week. We hope you'll join us
as we reflect on our observance of Good
Friday and the Easter Vigil on April 6 and 13.

Children@Lent:

LENT By The Numbers

*Top floor of the Parish House
Led by Sharon Massie & Daniel Brinson*

Lilies for Easter

Help make our Easter celebration beautiful
with lilies and spring flowers
for the chancel. You may give
flowers or make a contribution
to the Flower Fund. To list a
memorial, contact Kay in the
Parish Office at 463-4981 or
kay@releechurch.org.



Taizé Eucharist

This contemplative service of Holy Eucharist
will be held Sunday, April 10, at 5 p.m.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 17

There is no Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday

8 & 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m., Holy Eucharist

9 a.m., Community Procession from Hopkins Green
(No Sunday School)

9:30 Breakfast by the Men's Cooking Crew (\$2 adults, \$1 children)
Mmmmmmm good!

Wednesday

5:30 Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Good Friday

12:15 The Way of the Cross

*A presentation of the stations of the cross,
concluding with Communion with the Reserve Sacrament*

7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday Liturgy

8:30 a.m. in the church

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday at 7 p.m. followed by Lamb Dinner
Make your reservations with the Parish Office or
pick up a reservation form in the Narthex.

Easter Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Breakfast, and Flowering of the Cross

*For the whole family!
(No Sunday School)*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christian Education on Sundays

*There will be no Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday & Easter
(see front page for activities on those Sundays)*

- 9:15 Rise and Sing, Choir Room
- 9:15 Christianity & Culture, "Corrupted Manuscripts and Tangled Texts," Parish Hall
- 9:30 NOOMA, Conference Room
- 9:30 Lectionary Class, Welles Room/Library
- 9:30 Confirmation Class for Youth, Red Door Room, Undercroft
- 9:30 Sunday School for Children and Youth, 3rd floor Parish House
- 2:00 Adult Inquirer's Class, concludes April 3

R.E. Lee is the place to be on Sunday mornings!



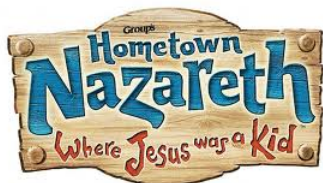
Children's Communion Instruction

On Holy Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m., the Rector will give communion instruction to children ages four and up who have not received communion but would like to begin. Those who are now receiving communion, but would like to participate in the class are also welcome. For more information, see the Rector or Sharon Massie.

1ST ANNUAL
YOUTH-PARENT CONVOCATION
Sunday, May 1
9:15 a.m., Undercroft

FAITH & DOUBT: What Thomas Can Teach Us Today

On May 1 (the Sunday after Easter), the youth of our church and their parents will gather during the Sunday School hour for a continental breakfast and to reflect on the central event of our faith — Christ's Passion and Resurrection. What does it mean for us, for our world, and for our relationships with one another, that God incarnate died the death of a common criminal? What does it mean that he was raised again three days later? And what does it mean that some of Jesus' closest followers had doubts as seen in the gospel reading for May 1?



Vacation Bible School
July 25-29

Lend a hand— Parish Life Guild

The Parish Life Guild performs a ministry of hospitality for numerous events held here at R.E. Lee Memorial Church, allowing many hands to contribute when an event is scheduled. If you are interested in serving on one of our five guild teams, please contact Sharon Massie.

Ladies Coffee at Kendal

The Episcopal Church Women are hosting a coffee to honor R. E. Lee



ladies of Kendal on Tuesday, May 3, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the private dining room at Kendal. Please contact Jane Brooke (jlbrooke@embarqmail.com or 463-6566) by Thursday, April 28, if you are able to attend. Please also consider bringing something to share such as brownies, fruit, etc.

A New Pictorial Directory

Save the dates!

Tuesday through Friday,
May 24-27

to have your photograph taken for our new Parish Directory.

Details will follow in next month's newsletter.

Penny Power Fund

The Children and Youth Sunday School classes are collecting pennies and spare change for Boys' Home, Inc. during Lent. Donate your spare change! Look for collection jars in the Narthex, the Bridge and the Parish House.

Youth Events

Wed., April 6, 6 to 7 p.m.

High School Night Out at Frank's Pizza

Sundays, April 3 and 10

5-6:30 p.m., Youth Group

Youth Leaders

Mayumi Smitka

mayumi_smitka@yahoo.com

Megan Oliver

megan.oliver.2740@gmail.com

Wonderful Wednesdays

3:15 snack; 3:30 to 4:30 session

Godly Play will not meet in April

(age 3 to 1st grade)

St. Francis Choir

(1st grade through 8th grade)



Stewardship Vignettes

...or How Sacrificial Giving Has Kept Our Church Alive

Our Ties with Sudan

Another in a Series by Doug Cumming

There are many long thin cords linking this gothic church named for Robert E. Lee with the vast war-weary tribal lands of the southern Sudan — connecting one old Civil War with a too-recent African civil war that cost some two million lives over 21 years. Willowy, gentle Sudanese men, in suits ranging from the donated to the dandyish, come up from Roanoke to worship with us, singing haunting gospel songs in their native Dinka. Every September, we mark the Feast of Marc Nikkel, when we remember a remarkable Episcopal missionary to the Sudan who died of stomach cancer on Sept. 3, 2000. We raise money for the Marc Nikkel School, a primary school that has grown from a few huts to a campus for 1,000 Sudanese children in the Diocese of Bor.

Nikkel was the U.S. Episcopal Church's first appointed missionary to the Sudan. The second in that office, from 2005-09, was the Rev. Lauren Stanley, who often visits Lexington and preaches in our church. Our parishioners have helped with English tutoring for Sudanese refugees in Roanoke, a small community that began with a handful of the legendary Lost Boys of Sudan. The Lost Boys had trekked for 13 years across African wilderness, a dying, scraggly caravan of 33,000 uprooted children, before the U.S. government settled the survivors in various American cities in late 2000. This parish established a Marc Nikkel Fund that since 2006 has donated more than \$23,500 to help the people that Nikkel lived and died for in southern Sudan. Our Gadsden Endowment and two other funds named for a former parishioner also contribute to church missions in the Sudan — the parish's Alta Fowler Relief in Sudan Fund and the Rockbridge Area Community Foundation's Alta F. Fowler Memorial Fund. A Sudanese student of Nikkel's, Bartholomayo Bol Deng, is back in Sudan now as an Episcopal priest after we helped support him at Virginia Theological Seminary. Twice, during the time that the Rev. Tom O'Dell was the church's priest-in-charge, parishioners were planning to travel to the Sudan — until those plans were thwarted by problems with the government in Khartoum and other circumstances.

What moves a cozy church like ours to spin these unlikely lifelines to a distant people who have known such suffering and displacement? We call it "outreach," a requirement of stewardship that can aim near, or far. The key connector in this particular case, originally, was a member of R.E. Lee who was already at home anywhere in the world, Miss Alta Fowler. Before she became the one who introduced Marc Nikkel to the church in the 1990s, Alta Frances Fowler had held U.S. embassy posts in East Pakistan, Ireland, Malta, Belgium and the Lesser Antilles, where she was a U.S. Consul General. At a time when almost no women went into

the foreign service, Fowler had enrolled for special training at Washington & Lee during World War II, majored in history at Northwestern University, and earned a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1950.

The oldest child in a family that had moved to England for business, then shipped back under Irish flag during the Nazi bombing, she bustled about with a faintly British self-confidence and can-do spirit. When she returned to Lexington in retirement, she brought her take-charge intensity to local interests. She tended to run things, or at least have a strong opinion about how they should be run and why you should pitch in. Her service on boards was extensive in the community, and at R.E. Lee. Before she died at age 80, in 2006, she had edited the *Cross and Crown*, served on the Gadsden and finance committees and the vestry, and was a member of a couple of mission boards for the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Heath Light, who was bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia from 1978-96, happened to be close to Marc Nikkel — had ordained him deacon at Grace Memorial Church in Lynchburg in 1985 and guided him toward his Episcopal ordination and his ultimate appointment in the Sudan by the U.S. Episcopal Church. So Nikkel spoke more than once at the diocesan convention, which is undoubtedly where Fowler got to know Nikkel and became his introduction to R.E. Lee Church. "On several of his visits, Alta was always the person introducing him," recalls her friend Doug Ayer.

— to be continued next month



Enjoying the Great Outdoors—Parishioners and their families often enjoy hiking adventures—for more information, contact Melissa Cox.

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 Morning Prayer	2 8:30 Morning Prayer
3 Lent 4 8, 10:30 & 5 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Ed 2 Inquirers' Class (WR) 5 Youth Groups 6 Supper	4 8:30 Morning Prayer 5 Green Comm. (WR) 6 Property (CR)	5 8:30 Morning Prayer 6 EFM (WR)	6 8:30 Morning Prayer 11 Rector's Bible Study 12:05 Morning Prayer 3:15 St. Francis Choir 5:30 Holy Eucharist 6 Supper 6:30 Lenten Study 7 College Bible Study CR	7 8:30 Morning Prayer 10 Kendal Bible Study Noon, Nooma (WR) No Parish Choir	8 8:30 Morning Prayer	9 8:30 Morning Prayer
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17 Palm Sunday 8, 10:30 & 5 Holy Eucharist 9 Hopkins Green Proc. 9:30 Breakfast No Youth Group 6 Supper	18 8:30 Morning Prayer 5 Vestry (PH)	19 8:30 Morning Prayer 6 EFM (L)	20 8:30 Morning Prayer 12:05 Morning Prayer 3:15 St. Francis Choir 7 College Bible Study CR	21 Maundy Thursday 8:30 Morning Prayer 10 Kendal Bible Study Noon, Nooma (WR) 7 Holy Eucharist	22 Good Friday 8:30 Morning Prayer 12:15 Way of the Cross 7 Good Friday Liturgy	23 Holy Saturday 8:30 Liturgy 9 Children's Communion 7 Vigil, Lamb Dinner
24 Easter 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Easter Egg Hunt Breakfast No Christian Ed No Youth Group No 5 p.m. service	25	26	27	28	29	30
Parish Office Closed for the Week						

SERVING IN APRIL

READERS AND CHALICISTS

April 3

8:00 David Jacobs, Pamela Simpson, Lu Dooley, Gerry Locher, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Anna Crockett, Roger Crockett, Buster Lewis, David Jacobs, Sharon Massie

April 10

8:00 Holt Merchant, Sarah Lanford, Penny Henneman, Sharon Massie, David Jacobs
10:30 John Burleson, Farris Hotchkiss, Judy Glick, Elizabeth Harralson, James Keane

April 17 Palm Sunday

8:00 Suzanne Keen, John Milford, Rob Apgar, Rob Apgar, Gerry Locher
10:30 Mike Smitka, Landon Jones, Doug Ayer, Mary Doyle, Melissa Cox

April 24 Easter

8:00 Sarah Lanford, Hank Humphreys, Holt Merchant, Pamela Simpson, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Dennis Cross, Alex Brown, Mary Webster, Buster Lewis, Clara Belle Weatherman

ACOLYTES

April 3

8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Jacob, Maggie, Mary & Michael Lawrence

April 10

8:00 Forrest Walden
10:30 Condé Crittenden, Harrison Crittenden, John Smitka

April 17 Palm Sunday

8:00 Ben Connelly
10:30 Talmadge Coffey, Tomas McBrayer, Thomas McHan

April 21 Maundy Thursday

Walker Cross

April 22 Good Friday

Noon David Jacobs
7 John Smitka

April 23 Easter Vigil

Ben Connelly, Noah Sailer, Forrest Walden

April 24 Easter

8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Jacob, Maggie, Mary & Michael Lawrence, Condé Crittenden, Harrison Crittenden, Thomas Bartenstein, Sydney Cross, Emma Burleson, Katherine Bowles

Thank you for your willingness to serve. If you find you are unable to serve on the date assigned, don't forget to get a substitute and contact the Parish Office with the change.

USHERS & OBLATION BEARERS AT 10:30

April 3 Tom Vinson, Bill Stearns, Don Ellis, Peter Fyfe

April 10 Farris Hotchkiss, Wally Fogo, Joan Millon, Jamie Smith

April 17 John Burleson, Dick Rathmell, Joseph Henson, Peter Fyfe

April 24 Anna Crockett, Roger Crockett, Lynda deMaria, Wade Branner

PLATE COUNT TEAM HEADS

April 3 Mo Littlefield

April 10 Jeff Grossman

April 17 TBA

April 24 Elizabeth Oliver

ALTAR GUILD

April 3 Sharon Humphreys, Elizabeth Harralson, Nancy Walker, Diana Kenney, Julie Grover

April 10 Rose Gordon, Suzanne Carmichael, Joan Crawford, Chris Howison, Tracey Mason, Molly Brown, Myra Brush

April 17 Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Martha Ackerly, Pat Gibson, Paula Hunter, Alice Moore, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster

April 24 Jane Brooke, Gretchen Walden, Judy Glick, Elise Sprunt, Catherine Harcus, Drusie Milford, Virginia Dabney

For the RARA Food Pantry Jelly & Canned Potatoes

Leave your bags under the table outside the Parish Office.

Thursday Pantry Schedule

April 7—John Harralson, Elizabeth Harralson, Toni Brown, Lynwood Dent (Barton Dick, Bill Luton)

April 14—Paul Goddard, Sarah Burleson, Tom Crittenden, Clara Belle Weatherman (Mo Littlefield, Carol Muir)

April 21—Jane Brooke, Bill Luton, Norman Bowles, Joan Millon (Punky Dod, Linda Sizemore)

April 28—Claudia Ellis, Daniel Brinson, John Dinkel, Nancy Dinkel (Charlotte Murphy, Carol Muir)

GREETERS AT 10:30

April 3 Drusie & John Milford

April 10 Tracey Mason & Meg Mason

April 17 Chris & David Howison

April 24 Susan & Steve Lawrence

LEMONADE BRIGADE

April 3 The Price Family

April 10 TBA

April 17 Julia & Jeff Grossman

April 24 Bob & Judy Glick



Shrove Tuesday



Deadline Information

Bulletins, Tuesday afternoon
Cross & Crown, 15th of the month
preceding publication.

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

Rector

The Rev. Tom Crittenden

Chaplain

The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson

Director of Music: Daniel Brinson

Program Director: Sharon Massie

Parish Administrator: Kay Horner

Treasurer: Buddy Atkins

Financial Secretary: Anita Ramp

Publications Assistant: Susan Compton

Sexton: Connie Bryant

Clergy Associates: The Rev. John A. Furgerson

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Jackson P. Hershbell

Vestry 2011

Alexandra Brown

Suzanne Carmichael

Melissa Cox

Doug Cumming

Punky Dod

Mary Doyle

Don Ellis

Timothy Gaylard

Judy Glick

Sarah Lanford

Howard Pickett

Steve Riethmiller

Gloria Smitka

Mary Webster

Don Whittington

Gail Dick, Clerk to the Vestry

- 1 Gladys Cunningham
Joan Millon
Lily Moore
- 3 Punky Dod
Dot Fogo
Alice Moore
- 5 Forrest Shaw
- 6 Molly Brown
- 7 Diana Kenney
- 8 Emily McClung
Anne Sauder
- 9 Lori Sadler
- 10 Suzanne Keen
Larry Lamont
William McCorkle
Martha Orr
- 14 Lisa Bowles
- 15 Helen Head
Julie Jennings
Beth Knapp



- 16 Nancy Boggs
Donald Ellis
- 18 Dennis Cross
- 19 Anne Lemon
Peter Sailer
- 20 Erika Brooke
- 22 Buddy Atkins
Caroline Connelly
- 23 Peggy Kritzer
- 24 Andrew Mullen
- 25 Stuart Houston
- 26 Pierson Hull
Bill Noell
Chuck Smith
- 27 Suzanne Carmichael
Clara Pickett
Nancy Walker
- 28 Thomas Goad
Sharon Humphreys
- 29 David Hansen
- 30 David Gates