



Cross & Crown

News of the Ministry & Mission of R. E. Lee Memorial Church, 123 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA August 2007

We Each Are Called



Christi and I anticipate with joy and excitement the commencement of our ministry at R. E.

Lee! We are increasingly aware of the great ongoing ministry of the church and have a strong sense of your potential to accomplish even more for the work of God's kingdom in Lexington, in the diocese, and the world.

You are being called, with us, to the work of God in and through R. E. Lee. For us, it is a call to leadership in a new community of faith. For you it is a renewed call to the fellowship and mission of R. E. Lee. For us all, it is a call to be open to God's plans and purposes for us, individually, and for us together as the collective Body of Christ at R. E. Lee.

But first we need to get to know each other. Our appreciation of and pastoral care for you will be based on our familiarity with you. Your confidence in and acceptance of our leadership will be based on your familiarity with us. The Vestry will be planning fellowship opportunities for all the parish to meet us and our family. I also invite you to meet with me, personally, by making an appointment with me at the parish office.

Please commit to taking an opportunity for us to know each other and thereby help assure our potential to accomplish all that God calls R. E. Lee Church to do.

The Rev. Tom Crittenden begins his ministry with us on Sunday, August 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 9

We need teachers! To find your place of service, call Frances Grist at 463-6118.

A Celebration of the Feast of Marc Nikkel

Sunday, September 2

3:30 to 7 p.m.

A Diocesan Event

to benefit the school



- Remember the life of Marc Nikkel, missionary from our diocese to Sudan.
- Celebrate the church and people of Sudan (the fastest growing province in the Anglican Communion).
- Raise scholarship funds for students to attend the Marc Nikkel School by matching dollar-for-dollar the \$10,000 challenge grant from St. John's Episcopal Church in Waynesboro.
- Accept the challenge and help bring education to Sudan—improving life there and bringing peace.

At 3:30 on the Courtyard—The Great Gathering!

Displays of Sudanese life and faith

Multi-media presentations

Banner-making

Sudanese crafts, games, and drumming

Round-table discussions with friends of Sudan—

*The Rev. Kim Webster, The Right Rev. A. Heath Light,
the Rev. Lauren Stanley, and Dr. Jim Hentz*

Light refreshments including Sudanese fare

At 5:00 in the church—Songs and Prayers for Sudan

Remarks by The Rt. Rev. Heath Light, fourth Bishop of our diocese.

Music by a Sudanese band — Sudanese hymns and poetry

The Sudanese Mission Group has been working since March laying the groundwork—now they need your help to make it happen. Jump right in!

Leading activities for children Preparing food

Making decorations Putting up posters

Playing drums Set-up and clean-up

If you can help with one of these areas (or in another way) contact M.J. Mayerchak (463-9457) or Daniel Brinson (570-2626).

An Evening of Music for Sudan (Family-friendly!)

Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (light refreshments)

Learn the songs and hymns to be used at the Feast of Marc Nikkel service.

Play African drums! Explore with Daniel Brinson Dinka hymnody and music.

The music includes poetry written by Sudanese authors, hymns we know that are sung in Sudan ("We are marching in the light of God"), sung Sudanese style with drumming, and songs related to Sudanese themes.

Vestry Action Addresses Kitchen, A/C for Parish House, & Columbarium

At its July meeting the Vestry took action on several items of long-standing interest in the parish. It approved plans for renovation of the Parish Hall kitchen; it requested that the Property Committee investigate the feasibility of air-conditioning for the Parish House; and it approved the concept of a columbarium, with options for scattering of ashes in a memorial garden outside and niches for inurnment of ashes within the church.

New cabinets and other equipment have been ordered for the kitchen, investigation into the feasibility of air-conditioning has begun, and careful consideration of specific locations for the columbarium is under way.

Thanks are due the Kitchen Committee, led by Sarah Lanford; the Property Committee, led by Peter Fyfe; and the Columbarium Task Force, led by Mo Littlefield, for their work in preparation for these long-awaited actions. Additional funds are required to complete the kitchen renovation and air-conditioning of the Parish House. Parishioners with interest in these projects are asked to give prayerful thought to how they may be able to help.

“Honoring Our Past, Sharing in Our Future”

A Campaign Update

We are now six months into our 36-month capital campaign. Pledges of \$550,000 toward our goal of \$650,000 have been received. The music endowment and columbarium fund goals have been met. Our steeple has been restored and our elevator has been repaired.

The remaining major facility project to be undertaken is the renovation of our Parish House. The Vestry has already begun the planning for this and we can look forward to the kitchen renovation and improved climate control throughout the Parish House. We must meet our campaign goal for this project to be completed.

We encourage those who have not already done so to join all who have already been so generous in support of the church during this time of transition. Pledges may be made for gifts to be given over a three-year period.

Thanks again to all who have already made their commitment to support the church and its mission.

W. Barton Dick
Campaign Chairman

John Knapp
Honorary Chairman

Education for Ministry (EFM) begins September 18

EFM will begin its fall session on Tuesday, September 18, at 6 p.m. in the Library. Those interested should contact Sharon Massie at sharonmassie@comcast.net or 464-5408.

EFM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance from the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program covering the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology.

The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 continuing education units for each year's work.

Christianity and Culture

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parish Hall

Sept. 9 & 16

Images of Mary Magdalene
Pam Simpson

Sept. 23

The Psalms as Poetry
Suzanne Keen

Sept. 30

The Holy Grail
Roger Crockett

Oct. 7

The Psalms as Poetry
Suzanne Keen

Oct. 14

*The First Amendment: Liberal
and Conservative Confusions*
Holt Merchant

Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11

*Tallis, Beethoven, Bach,
Vaughn Williams, and the Hymnal*
Tim Gaylard

Nov. 18 & 25

The Two Great Awakenings
Holt Merchant

Dec. 2

No program due to Annual Parish Meeting

Dec. 9 & 16

Kafka, the Absurd, & the Question of God
Roger Crockett

Dec. 23 & 30

No program

*January to June 2008: “Good and Evil in
the Garden of Eden: Sexuality, Moral Free-
dom, and Human Nature,” Tom Litzenburg.*



Choir Gathering—Members of the Parish Choir and their spouses gathered in July at the home of Daniel Brinson for dinner and fellowship. Shown above are (l to r) Julia Littlefield, Joan Crawford, Dolores Ryan, & Mo Littlefield.

Wonderful Wednesdays
Music for Youth and Children
St. Francis Choir, God's Children Sing, Youth Ensemble

Music Party and Pizza

5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Wednesday, August 22



Music for children and youth will kick off the year with a "musical" party and pizza. What does this mean? Come and find out! Fun for all, plus information for parents and sign-ups. Then stay for the Sudan Music at 6:30!

We are trying to offer more on Wednesdays and make the schedule more convenient. *Therefore we are going to try offering a study hall OR piano practice time while the other age group is rehearsing. We will need parent or youth volunteers to help with the study hall time.* Snacks offered between rehearsals.

St. Francis Choir (2nd grade - middle school)
Meets Wednesdays, 4:15 snack, 4:30 - 5:30 rehearsal

God's Children Sing (Ages 3 - First grade)
Meets Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:15
Study Hall provided for siblings during these times.

Youth Ensemble
(high school students who wish to sing or play an instrument)
Meets whenever the group decides!

For more information call Daniel Brinson at 570-2626,
or dbrinson@releechurch.org

Gadsden Report, January-June 2007

The Mission and Outreach Committee of the Gadsden Endowment is charged to fund activities which spread the Christian Gospel and alleviate human suffering. The committee has seven members: one trustee of the church, one Vestry member, two members appointed by the trustees, three members appointed by the Vestry. The committee invites grant proposals, meets quarterly to consider them, and grants funds in the following categories: 10 percent of the annual income from the Endowment for Diocesan projects or programs specifically underfunded; 20 percent for seminarians and continuing education of Diocesan clergy or ministers of our parish; 50 percent for local needs and concerns; 20 percent for Third World needs, especially in Sudan.

During the first half of 2007, we made the following grants:

- \$8,800 to R.A.T.S. toward purchase of a used sedan or van.
- \$3,000 scholarship to School of Theology of the University of the South for Diocesan seminarian
- \$6,000 to Jonglei Development Society for storage shed to store school supplies, construction equipment, and food for Marc Nikkel School (Bol Deng)
- \$2,697 to purchase reconditioned motorcycle to provide transportation to supervise projects for International Widow's Association for South Sudanese Refugees.
- \$8,000 to Rockbridge Area Free Clinic to help establish four-chair dental suite.
- \$8,000 to Rockbridge Area Hospice for renovations to new permanent quarters.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Harralson

*Jean Wolfe, Roger Crockett, and Elizabeth Harralson, Tri-chairs
Lu Dooley, Secretary; Lloyd Goad, Treasurer;
Robert Glidden and Dennis Cross, Members-at-large.*

An Invitation to Sing!

The Parish Choir welcomes new members and guests!!!

We invite you to join us for our first get-together of the fall season, a welcome-back or a first-time welcome at 7 p.m. We'll enjoy light refreshments followed by rehearsal at 7:30. Come try it out with no pressure to join permanently!

The evening will conclude with the singing of Compline at 8:45 in the church. Anyone is welcome to join us for that as well.

Thursday, August 23

7:00 refreshments

Top floor of Parish House

7:30 Rehearsal

8:45 Sung Compline

Questions? Contact Daniel at 570-2626, or dbrinson@releechurch.org.



The Rats Are Coming!

We will welcome rats from the VMI Class of 2011 on Sunday, August 26, at the 10:30 service. We invite you to consider a personal relationship by adopting a cadet, making him or her a part of your family, and welcoming them into your home on Sunday afternoons and at other times when they have a respite from Institute life. Peggy Riethmiller is heading up this ministry of pairing families with cadets. If you're interested in participating in this program, contact Peggy at 463-7749 or amgraces@cfw.com. Sign up after the service on August 26 on the courtyard.

In the Parish Register

Transfer Out
Bob & Ann Hehre
to St. Mark's Church, Fincastle

Baptism
Eliot Charles McDonald

Marriage
Barton Harris and Kristen Schnittger

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

Rector

The Rev. F. Thomas G. Crittenden

Director of Music: Daniel Brinson

Parish Administrator: Kay Horner

Treasurer: Buddy Atkins

Financial Secretary: Anita Ramp

Volunteer Coordinator: Lynne Lorrier

Sexton: Connie Bryant

Clergy Associates: The Rev. John A. Furgerson;

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg; The Rev.

Dr. Jackson P. Hershbell; The Rev. Dr. Robert

Crewdson

Vestry 2007

Buddy Atkins

George Brooke III

Molly Brown

John Burleson

Roger Crockett

Susan Cross

Libby Cumming

Bridget Kelley-Dearing

Bob de Maria

Bob Glidden

Cindy Mullen

Woody Sadler

Brian Shaw

Gretchen Walden

Jonathan Webster

- 1 Alex Brown
David Cox
Henry Porter
- 2 Talmadge Coffey
Ellen Ivy
- 5 Libby Carswell
Dylan Fitzgerald
- 6 Lucy Buford
- 7 Margery Couper
- 8 Sydney Cross
Greg Lemmer
- 9 Katharine March
- 11 Rebecca Connelly
Mimi Knight
- 13 Margoth Bartenstein
Bill Cunningham
Colleen Drake
Ray Kuper
- 14 David Coffey
Gerry Locher
William Shaw

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- 15 Matt Hinks
Uncas McThenia
- 16 Wally Fogo
- 20 Louis March
- 21 James Manuel
- 22 MJ Rooklin
- 23 Ruth Roth
Judy Stinson
- 25 Daniel Brinson
Virginia Leach
Bette Lou Plott
Ann Rogers
- 26 Mike Carmichael
- 27 Lauren Robbins
Mary Webster
- 28 David Howison
Emma Litzenburg
Taylor Mason
- 29 Pierson Hotchkiss
- 30 Barton Dick
- 31 Robert Bird
Pat Gibson

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:15 Holy Eucharist	2	3	4
5 <i>Pentecost 10</i> 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	6	7 5 Worship Comm. (L)	8 12:15 Holy Eucharist	9	10	11
12 <i>Pentecost 11</i> 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	13 5 Property Comm. (CR)	14 4:30 Finance Comm. (CR)	15 12:15 Holy Eucharist 6 Stewardship Comm. (CR)	16	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost 12</i> 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist	20 5 Vestry (PH)	21	22 12:15 Holy Eucharist 4:30 Wonderful Wednesday Kick-Off 6:30 Evening of Sudanese Music	23 7 Open Choir Rehearsal 8:45 Sung Compline	24	25
26 <i>Pentecost 13</i> 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist RAT Sunday	27	28	29 12:15 Holy Eucharist 3:30 God's Children Sing 4:15 Snack 4:30 St. Francis Choir	30 7:30 Parish Choir	31	