



Cross & Crown

News of the Ministry & Mission of R. E. Lee Memorial Church, 123 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA August 2008

Wonderful Wednesdays

Kick off with Pizza, August 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Come and check out Godly Play and the St. Francis Choir. Besides food and fun, we'll have all sign-ups, information for parents, and a short program.

Godly Play

(ages 3 through first grade)

3:30 snack, 3:45 to 4:45 session

Godly Play provides a time and a space for children to engage with God and with the story of God's people in the Bible. A Godly Play session includes a time to gather in a circle with music and singing, a time to listen to a story, a time of wondering, and a time for children to respond to the story through their choice of art materials.

St. Francis Choir

(Second grade and up)

3:30 snack, 3:45-4:45 rehearsal

St. Francis Choir is all about the joy of singing. We learn to sing in a healthy way, to read music, and to be leaders in our worship. Since we are a Christian community, every rehearsal begins and ends with prayer. St. Francis Choir sings on Sunday mornings at least once a month. We also have special events planned for the year, including a trip to St. John's, Glasgow, and the Christmas pageant.

Rise and Sing!



New for Sunday School, beginning September 7

Children and adults will gather in the church and sing songs of our faith at 9:15.

This will be a exciting, intergenerational way to learn fun songs and new hymns, to celebrate God's love, and to build our Sunday School community.

We will recess to our classes shortly before 9:30.

Coming this Fall For the Grown-Ups

Christianity and Culture

Lectionary Class

September Sudan Series

Book Study:

"Like Dew Your Youth,
Growing up with Your Teenager"
by Eugene Patterson

EfM

(Education for Ministry)

Wednesday Book Group,
"The Judas Legacy"
by local author
Sandra Rushing

For the Youth—Floating on the James & More!

Float Trip on the James River Saturday, August 16, from Looney Ferry to Buchanan. 9 to 3. Cost is \$14.50. For details, call Mayumi Smitka at 460-1244. www.canoevirginia.net/tubing.html

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 17, at 10:30. Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to be blessed in celebration of the new school year!

Youth Sunday, August 24 at 10:30. Emphasis on World Hunger. Pool Party at the Crittenden home after church.

Car Wash, Sunday, August 31, during 10:30 service to support "Stop Hunger Now." Lower level of W&L parking lot.

Back the Packers: 20,000 Meals in Six Hours!

Plans are coming together for the Augusta Convocation's *STOP HUNGER NOW* event scheduled for Sunday, September 7 at Emmanuel Church in Staunton.

The goal is to gather 100 volunteers to package 20,000 meals in six hours. This is a wonderful activity for youth, families and individuals. The revolutionary *Operation Sharehouse* program, a part of Stop Hunger Now, provides life-saving meals to millions of people suffering from starvation. This unique volunteer-based program enables churches to play a significant role in feeding the world. It also provides an on-site mission that illustrates the spirituality of hospitality, compassion, and justice, giving congregations an opportunity to respond to Matthew 14:16, "You give them something to eat."



Volunteers will package high-protein, dehydrated meals for use in crisis-burdened areas and in school feeding programs. The rice-soy mixture includes dehydrated vegetables, flavoring and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. The packages are easy to store and transport to countries like Haiti, Kenya, Ghana, and Honduras.

It will cost \$4,000 to package 20,000 meals. Our parish is gearing up to do its part. The youth will hold a car wash Sunday, August 31, to raise funds for the event. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details.

The deadline for registration is August 21. Forms are available at www.paxemmanuel.googlepages.com/fallstophungernowevent.

Youth Sunday at R. E. Lee, August 24

As our youth lead in the service, our emphasis will be world hunger and the *Stop Hunger Now* convocation event

Join the Choir Now—
Be a Part of the Retreat!



The Parish Choir resumes rehearsals in the Choir Room, top floor of the Parish House, on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9, beginning August 21.

This is a great time to join the choir and to be a part of the choir retreat on Saturday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Contact Daniel at 463-4981 or dbrinson@releechurch.org for more information.

Summer Choir

Everyone is welcome! Summer Choir will continue through August 17. Meet in the church at 9:45 on Sundays to go over music.

Name Your Favorite

Daniel is taking hymn requests! If you have a favorite that you'd like us to sing this month, let Daniel know.

Vestry Minutes Available

Vestry minutes are available on-line at www.releechurch.org, in the Narthex, or by request from the Parish Office.



Put it in the bag
for the RARA Food Pantry!

Canned Soup & Fruit
*Leave your items on the main floor
of the Parish House under the hall table.*

Hot off the Press!

Christianity & Culture for the Fall

This Sunday adult Christian Education offering is planned and coordinated by The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg.

9:15 in the Parish Hall

September 7	<i>Leonardo de Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael</i>	Pam Simpson
September 14	<i>Leonardo de Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael</i>	Pam Simpson
September 21	<i>Leonardo de Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael</i>	Pam Simpson
September 28	<i>The Second Great Awakening</i>	Holt Merchant
October 5	<i>The Second Great Awakening</i>	Holt Merchant
October 12	<i>The Second Great Awakening</i>	Holt Merchant
October 19	<i>Native American Spirituality</i>	Harvey Markowitz
October 26	<i>Native American Spirituality</i>	Harvey Markowitz
November 2	<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	Roger Crockett
November 9	<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	Roger Crockett
November 16	<i>Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven</i>	Tim Gaylard
November 23	<i>Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven</i>	Tim Gaylard
November 30	No Meeting	
December 7	No Meeting	
December 14	<i>Paradise Lost</i>	Suzanne Keen
December 21	<i>Paradise Lost</i>	Suzanne Keen
December 28	No Meeting	

Coming in 2009

January – June *The Kingdom of God and the Jesus of History* Tom Litzenburg

Time for the The Bradford Bash!

St. John's Church, Roanoke

August 5 & 6

For youth grades 8-12

Join the DioSwVa youth at St. John's in Roanoke for an experience much like a mini-version of Youth@Council. The youth from our companion diocese of Bradford, England will be visiting. The event will begin Tuesday at 5 p.m. and conclude Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Music will be provided by Sam Hensley (www.samhensley.com). It will be an evening of incredible worship, music, games and relationship-building with our friends from across the Big Pond. The Bradford Youth Exchange has been going on for over 30 years. Come and be a part of the story!

Cost: \$15. Registration forms are available at www.dioswvayouth.wordpress.com.

Registration deadline: Monday, August 4.

Questions? See Sharon Massie!

Sacred Gifts for Sacred Space

As you sit in your church pew, look around R. E. Lee Memorial Church. You are surrounded by thousands of Memorial and Honor gifts and the generosity of givers.

The magnificent stained glass windows? All are memorial gifts. The altar cross, the lectern, the pulpit, the baptismal font, the kneelers, many hymnals and Prayer Books? Memorial and honor gifts. The hand rails both inside and out? Memorial gifts. The Sunday altar flowers so attractively arranged and the altar linens and hangings? Almost all are memorial gifts.

Past generations of thoughtful parishioners have listed in their obituaries, "Memorial gifts may be made to R. E. Lee Memorial Church." Families and friends have heeded these requests with loving generosity.

"Honor Gifts" are a splendid way to honor our church school teachers, our hard-working staff, our devoted choir, and the Altar Guild (that silent army of constant workers) and many more. The list of opportunities is long for us to show our appreciation.

The elevator and two handicapped bathrooms were given in large part to honor and remember people. See the wall plaque in the bridge and read those honored: former clergy and departed loved ones.

The very building in which we worship is a memorial for Robert Edward Lee, our senior warden in 1870, and the

window over the altar is in memory of General and Mrs. Lee.

In estate planning, we can remember our church in our wills, either as general or very specific gifts. There are many worthwhile charities that may also merit our gifts, but the church has been with us all of our lives.

Many of us were baptized here, confirmed here, married here and will be buried from here. Many others were more recently confirmed and received in R. E. Lee Memorial Church.

Our devotion does not depend on the length of years in our relationship to this parish.

The church has been ours for worship and praise, for joy and solace, for prayer and encouragement, for comfort and inspiration.

R. E. Lee Memorial Church is as solid as the rock it stands on.

Let us think of the present and future needs of our church. Let us all seriously consider leaving a legacy for the church in our wills.

Let us joyfully designate Memorial and Honor gifts to our church to preserve this heritage for our children and grandchildren, for all future generations, and to the glory of God!

Adelaide Simpson
for the Memorials Committee

Education for Ministry begins September 16

EfM will begin its fall session on Tuesday, September 16, at 6 p.m. in the Library.

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 credits.

If you're interested in becoming a part of EfM, contact Sharon Massie, mentor, at sharon@releechurch.org or 570-5408.

Parenting Series Continues

The video series, "Making Children Mind without Losing Yours" by Dr. Kevin Leman, is being offered at 9:15 on Sundays.

The series and discussion group, facilitated by Sharon Massie, concludes on August 10.

The last two topics to be viewed and discussed are *ABCs of Self-Image*, and *When to Let the Little Buzzards Tumble*.

The class meets in the Conference Room. Childcare and a youth program are provided. Contact Sharon Massie for more information.



Serving in August

Readers and Chalicists

August 3

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, Russ Knudson, Lu Dooley
Punky Dod, Rob Apgar
10:30 Alice Furgerson, Anna Crockett, Buster Lewis,
Clara Belle Weatherman, Mary Doyle

August 10

- 8:00 William McCorkle, Holt Merchant,
Penny Henneman, Gerry Locher, Sharon Peters
10:30 Dan Coffey, Melissa Cox, Farris Hotchkiss,
Elizabeth Harralson, George Brooke

August 17

- 8:00 John Milford, Rob Apgar, Hank Humphreys,
Pam Simpson, Sharon Massie
10:30 Mary Webster, James Keane, Bob deMaria,
Alice Furgerson, Peter Fyfe

August 24

- 8:00 Russ Knudson, Pamela Simpson,
Penny Henneman, Hank Humphreys, Gerry Locher
10:30 Alexandra Brown, Roger Crockett, Ellen Ivy,
Buster Lewis, Clara Belle Weatherman

August 31

- 8:00 Lu Dooley, Sarah Lanford, Holt Merchant,
Sharon Massie, Pamela Simpson
10:30 Anna Crockett, Dan Coffey, Ellen Ivy, Mary Doyle,
Melissa Cox

Acolytes

August 3

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Michael Lawrence

August 10

- 8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Conde` Crittenden, Joe Crittenden, Kris Hoolahan

August 17

- 8:00 Forrest Walden
10:30 Zack Dearing, Liam Dearing, Mason Grist

August 24

- 8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Grier Cross, Thomas' Bartenstein, Thomas McHan

August 31

- 8:00 Marshall Walden
10:30 Forest Shaw, William Shaw, Matt Hinks

Greeters at 10:30

- August 3 John and Kathryn Mirabella
August 10 Meg Mason and Paula Cushman
August 17 Tom and Carol Silk
August 24 David and Chris Howison
August 31 Pam Traugott and Molly Brown

Ushers & Oblation Bearers at 10:30

- August 3 Farris Hotchkiss, Tom Vinson, David & Chris Howison
August 10 Steve & Peggy Riethmiller, John & Drusie Milford
August 17 Peter Fyfe, Dick Rathmell, Jamie Smith & Joan Millon
August 24 Holt Merchant, Mike Carmichael, Steve & Frances Grist
August 31 Jonathan Webster, Peter Fyfe, Barton & Gail Dick

Lemonade Brigade

- August 3 Tom & Carol Silk
August 10 Chris & Caroline Russell
August 17 John & Drusie Milford
August 24 Farris & Judy Hotchkiss
August 31 Jay & Jane Sailer



A HUGE THANK YOU to the 27 teachers and helpers and the behind-the-scene players of our Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School team. More than 40 children were "under the canopy" for a wonderful week of music, art, science, games, worship, drama and an erupting volcano!



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- 3 Joshua Henson
- 4 Elizabeth Gordon
- 5 Libby Carswell
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- 7 Margery Couper
- 8 Sydney Cross
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Gregg Lemmer
- 9 Isabel March
- 11 Rebecca Connelly
Mimi Knight
- 12 Elizabeth Jacobs
- 13 Margoth Bartenstein
Bill Cunningham
Raymond Kuper
- 14 David Coffey
Gerry Locher
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- 26 Mike Carmichael
- 27 Mary Webster
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- 30 Barton Dick
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