



Cross & Crown

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

From the Rector...

“It is finished.”

The last words of Jesus from the Cross, *eipen tetelestui*, bring to an end the climactic event of a tumultuous week—Holy Week. Hanging on the Cross, Jesus proclaims that his mission has been completed, fulfilled, *teleō*. Holy Week and Easter are the centerpiece of our church year and conclude our annual celebration of the life and work of the Christ that begins with the Incarnation and culminates in the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Holy Week provides the Church with some of our richest special liturgies:

- Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, hailed explicitly as the Son of David and implicitly as the long awaited Messiah.
- Maundy Thursday focuses on the Last Supper and celebrates Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist as our primary means of remembering Jesus and his mission.
- Good Friday holds up for us Jesus’ suffering and sacrificial death.

Our Wednesday Lenten Program, *“Passiontide: the Journey to the Cross,”* will take us from Palm Sunday through the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus’ trial and condemnation, his cruel flogging and torturous path to Golgatha where he is crucified and dies.

It is by our deep understanding and appreciation of the events of Holy Week that we prepare ourselves for the incredible joys of the Resurrection.

This study of Holy Week will begin on February 13 with Holy Eucharist at 5:30, dinner at six, and the program from 6:30-7:30. Presentations by the Rector will be accompanied by viewing Franco Zeffirelli’s *“Jesus of Nazareth.”* Make plans to join the Parish for Wednesday Lenten worship, food, and study.

New Vestry Officers

The Vestry has elected the following officers: Bob Glidden, Senior Warden; George Brooke, III, Junior Warden; and Buddy Atkins, Treasurer.

An Evening with Mark Twain

Featuring Dr. Jay D. Owens
Feb. 10 at 6:30
Grace Presbyterian Church
506 S. Main St., Lexington



February 6

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
7 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesdays during Lent

Beginning February 13

12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

6 p.m.

Supper catered by Sauder

6:30 p.m.

A Lenten Study

Passiontide:

The Journey to the Cross
(Parish Hall)

Led by The Rev. Tom Crittenden

Children@Lent

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Top floor of the Parish House

Thursdays during Lent

Clergy and musicians from area churches, including R. E. Lee, will participate in Thursday noonday services at Lexington Presbyterian Church, beginning on February 7 and continuing through March 13. On the 7th, our Rector will preach and Bill McCorkle will be the organist. On Feb. 21, The Rev. Bill Klein will preach and Daniel Brinson will be organist. Participants in other services will be announced in the bulletin.

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, February 18
for Presidents’ Day.



SHROVE TUESDAY

February 5
6 to 8 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Pancakes & talent!

If you can sing, dance, or tell jokes,
contact Sharon Massie at 570-5408 for stage time!

From Daniel: A Call for Handbell Ringers

During the Lenten season, we will use handbells to accompany the psalm-singing. Liturgically, the sound of bells in Lent invites us to deeper reflection. We will use only a few bells, appropriate to the more solemn nature of Lent.

At the Easter Vigil, we will ring the bells in a more festive way to accompany the announcement of the Resurrection.

These are easy and meaningful ways for beginners to participate in the liturgy and learn the basics of bell-ringing! All are welcome.

The Handbell Choir will practice on Thursdays in February from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Outreach Spotlight on Yellow Brick Road

This article is part of a series sponsored by the Christian Outreach Committee to spotlight our parish's outreach in the community and the world.

Yellow Brick Road Early Learning Center (YBR) was founded as a sliding fee-based, inclusive childcare program in 1977. The program originated as a family day care program and then expanded into its present 501(c) status governed by a Board of Directors. From its beginning, its philosophy has been to provide accessibility to affordable, quality, developmentally appropriate childcare for working families in the Rockbridge County area of Virginia. We are a United Way Lexington/Rockbridge recipient; the funding is for scholarships. We have the licensed capacity to serve 90 children. We have a 31-year history of successful childcare programs for children of the ages six weeks through pre-kindergarten. Approximately 50 percent of our students' families receive some type of scholarship assistance.

YBR uses "Creative Curriculum" which is a developmentally appropriate curriculum for pre-school-aged children and supports the Virginia Standards of Learning requirements for kindergarten students. Our goal is to meet the needs of each individual child and to encourage his or her overall development. Each child receives two hot meals each day as well as snacks.

We are so thankful for the support of R. E. Lee Memorial Church throughout the years. You are a major reason for the successful existence of YBR. Your funding, both through the church and its organizations as well as individual contributions, has assisted in the daily operation of the Center, our scholarship fund, and our capital improvements. YBR is proud of its facility which was possible through contributions, such as the \$100,000 donated by your church, as well as other major local contributions and grants. To honor and thank R. E. Lee Memorial Church, we named the connecting room of our building "Jubilee Hall." This room connects the "old" to the "new" which we feel is so appropriate due to our present and past relationships with your church. We look forward to a continued and productive relationship with you.

*Alice Waddell
Chair of the YBR Board*

Change: 9:30 for Sunday School!

Beginning Feb. 13, Sunday School for children and youth will begin at 9:30. Children will go directly to their classes. The Children's Chapel time is being phased out and the activities during that time will now take place during Children's Church at the 10:30 worship hour. Dan Coffey, who for many years has faithfully led our children in Children's Chapel will now direct Children's Church. We appreciate his time and talent! *This time change is for children and youth only. Christianity & Culture will continue meeting at 9:15.*

Confirmation Classes Scheduled

Our Rector will begin Confirmation Class on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. for adults and rising ninth-graders and up. Confirmation will be on Sunday, March 30 with Bishop Powell.

An announcement will be made later on Confirmation Class for younger youth, which will begin in the fall.

If you desire to be confirmed in March, call the Parish Office or e-mail hornerk@releechurch.org to sign up for the class. If you have questions about confirmation, Mr. Crittenden welcomes the opportunity to talk with you.

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Bill and Virginia Dabney and their family on the death of their son, Billy, and to Marlys Craun and her family on the death of her mother, Alice Prigge.

With Appreciation

I want to thank the Vestry and parishioners for your Christmas gifts. They meant so much to me. It is a pleasure to serve as your sexton.

Connie Bryant

Christianity and Culture

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parish Hall

*"Good & Evil in the Garden of Eden:
Sexuality, Moral Freedom,
and Human Nature."*

Led by Tom Litzenburg

Serving in February

Readers and Chalicists

February 3

8:00 John Milford, Sarah Lanford, Penny Henneman,
Punky Dod, Sharon Peters

10:30 Bill Noell, Steve Riethmiller, Roger Crockett,
George Brooke, Melissa Cox

February 6 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 Melissa Cox, William McCorkle,
Hank Humphreys

12:20 Anna Crockett, Bridget Dearing,
Elizabeth Harralson

6:00 Ellen Ivy, Farris Hotchkiss, Alice Furgerson

February 10

8:00 William McCorkle, Lu Dooley, Holt Merchant,
Pam Simpson, Rob Apgar

10:30 Judy Noell, Doug Ayer, Jonathan Webster,
Mary Doyle, Pat Gibson

February 17

8:00 Hank Humphreys, Sarah Lanford, Penny
Henneman, Sharon Massie, Pam Simpson

10:30 Mary Webster, Dane Boston, John Campbell,
Mary Doyle, Pat Gibson

February 24

8:00 William McCorkle, John Milford, Holt Merchant,
Sharon Peters, Hank Humphreys

10:30 Dan Coffey, Anna Crockett, Alice Furgerson,
Peter Fyfe, Eileen Hinks

Acolytes

February 3

8:00 Jacob Lawrence

10:30 Marshall Walden, Forrest Walden, Mason Grist

February 10

8:00 Grier Cross

10:30 Joe Crittenden, Conde' Crittenden, Kris Hoolahan

February 17

8:00 Will Shehan

10:30 Walker Cross, Grier Cross, Sydney Cross

February 24

8:00 Marshall Walden

10:30 Brittigan Coffey, Talmadge Coffey, Matt Hinks

Greeters at 10:30

February 3 John & Kathryn Mirabella

February 10 Meg Mason & Anna Crockett

February 17 Tom & Carol Silk

February 24 Miss Sydney & Walker Cross

Lemonade Brigade

February 3 John & Janice Campbell

February 10 Joan Millon & Jamie Smith

February 17 The Merce Brooke Family

February 24 The Smitka Family

New Collection Box For Labels

A handsome wooden box built by Jerry Nay has replaced the basket in the Resource Room designated for the collection of labels from Campbell Soup Company products to benefit the Boys' Home in Covington. To make it more convenient and accessible for all label donors, the box is now located on the table in the hallway of the first floor of the Parish House just outside the Parish Office.

Our Parish has been dedicated to its mission in support of the Boys' Home. For nearly a decade and a half, Parishioners have faithfully responded by bringing labels from Campbell Soup Company products to the Parish House to be collected by Betty Bentley, who sorts, bundles and presents them to the Boys' Home. To date Betty has collected nearly 50,000 labels, which have made it possible for the Boys' Home to acquire much-needed science and athletic equipment and even a new 15-seat van.

The Campbell Soup products include, in addition to all Campbell's soups, all Pepperidge Farm bread and cookies, Prego pasta sauces, and Swanson's products, among a few others. The only part of the label that is essential is the bar code, which provides evidence of purchase. Parishioners should clip the remainder of the label and deliver only the bar code to the Parish House. Remember that without the bar code the label is not acceptable and only Campbell Soup Company products qualify.

Kids Night Out

Friday, Feb. 1

To reserve a place for your child, contact Susan Lawrence at lawrences@rockbridge.net. There is no charge for having your child in KNO, but donation of a non-perishable food item for the RARA Food Pantry is encouraged.

Remember the RARA Food Pantry Canned Tuna & Salmon

Leave your items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table.



To Those Who Serve: Our thanks to all who serve during worship. If you find you cannot serve on the date assigned, please secure a substitute and notify Kay in the Parish Office, 463-4981 or hornerk@releechurch.org.

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

Rector

The Rev. F. Thomas 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 2008

Buddy Atkins

George Brooke III,

Molly Brown

John Burleson

Jay Crawford

Roger Crockett

Susan Cross

Bob Glidden

Elizabeth Harralson

Bridget Kelley-Dearing

Julia Littlefield

John Milford

Dick Rathmell

Woody Sadler

Gretchen Walden

- 1 Samantha Dozal
- 3 Sallie Sessoms
- 5 Nat Massie
- 9 Ben Oxford
- 11 Jenny Shultis
- 12 George Brooke
- 13 Betty Bentley
Wayne Fitzgerald
Betsy Houston
- 14 Paula Cooper
Anne Tatum Wright



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- 15 Jack Appar
Marshall Walden
- 16 John Mirabella
- 19 Sarah Shultis
- 20 Harrison Crittenden
- 21 Steve Riethmiller
Doug Roper
- 22 Gerald Bury
- 23 Sallie Smith
Beverly Tucker
- 24 Holt Merchant
- 25 Daniel Cumming
- 26 Susan Cain
- 27 Dane Boston
Russell Knudson
Steve Robbins
Don Samdahl
- 29 Claire Oxford

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