



Cross & Crown

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

January 2009

A Fine Tradition Continued...

Continuing a time-honored, wonderful tradition that represents parish fellowship and generosity, the ECW-sponsored bazaar was held on November 19. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the many parishioners who contributed to the success of the bazaar by investing remarkable time, talent and treasure.

It was inspiring to see the energy and enthusiasm generated by this parish event, from the planning stages to the grand finale. Based on the names of known participants, we estimate that 60 percent of the parish participated in the bazaar in one form or another.

Furthermore, proceeds from the bazaar currently total over \$8,000, allowing the ECW to support community outreach programs that are especially critical during these difficult economic times.

Preliminary funding decisions were made at the ECW budget meeting on Dec. 2 and will be finalized on Jan. 6. We are grateful to all participants and extend a special note of thanks to past bazaar chairs and activity leaders whose work has laid a strong foundation for future bazaars and who generously continue to serve as resources.

*Anna Crockett
Mary Webster*
Bazaar Co-chairs



A ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

Christian Education in the New Year!

Godly Play resumes Wed., Jan. 7 (for children age three through 1st grade)

Godly Play provides a time and space for children to engage with God and with the story of God's people in the Bible. A Godly Play session includes 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.

On Sunday Mornings

9:15 Rise and Sing, for all ages, in the church

9:15 Christianity & Culture *The Kingdom of God and the Jesus of History*, led by The Rev. Dr. Tom Litzenburg

9:30 Children & Youth Sunday School (top floor, Parish House)
Lectionary Bible Study Class, Parish Office, led by Dr. Alexandra Brown
Like Dew Your Youth, study for parents of teenagers (CR)

On Thursday Mornings

11:00 Like Dew Your Youth (Library)

Youth Group Resumes Sunday, Jan. 4

Middle School meets 6:30 to 8 with Catherine Kruse
High School meets 5:30 to 7 with Mayumi Smitka



Special thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Eve pageant!

Hockey for the Youth

The Youth are going to the Sixth Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game on Saturday, January 10 at 6 p.m. at the Roanoke Civic Center. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. The Guns and Hoses event is sponsored by Roanoke Police and Firefighters. Proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 9 p.m. For more details, call Mayumi at (540) 460-1244 or email Sharon (sharon@releechurch.org).



Youth at Council, Jan. 23-25

Ubunto "I AM because We are"
St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Roanoke
Cost: \$75. Register by January 12.
For more info check out www.youth.dioswva.org or contact Sharon@releechurch.org

Eat in to Help Out!

At last year's Youth@Council, the youth of our diocese packaged 40,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now. We're doing it again this year with adults, youth, young adults, and children side by side packing meals. Our goal is 80,000 meals. For that, we need to raise \$16,000. Each family in the diocese is asked to eat in and donate the money they would have spent on dinner at a restaurant to the Stop Hunger packing event to pay for meals. Do this a few times between now and Council and we can reach our goal! Send your check to R. E. Lee Church by January 15 with a memo note "Stop Hunger Now."

Coming in February

*Finding the Way Back to Mayberry:
The Gospel according to the
Andy Griffith Show*

Five New Members Welcomed to Vestry

We welcome five new Vestry members who will begin their three-year terms this month. They are: Mary Doyle, Tim Gaylard, Judy Glick, Sarah Lanford, and Don Whittington. Carole Elmore is the alternate. We appreciate the willingness of these parishioners to take on this responsibility in the life of the parish.

Fisheries Biologist to Speak on Water Stewardship

Paul Bugas, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries biologist, will speak on the decreasing quality and abundance of water in a talk entitled "How Green is Your Faith" on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bugas, a parishioner at Trinity Church, Staunton, made this presentation last year at Diocesan Council in Roanoke, and several from R. E. Lee felt his talk and presentation to be thought-provoking and useful in thinking about stewardship of the earth's resources.

Bugas is a 1975 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in forestry and wildlife sciences. After graduation, he went to work for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries doing the work he continues to do.

Bugas' talk is sponsored by the Green Committee in its ongoing series of speakers on the subject of environmental stewardship. Kim Thompson, Recycling Coordinator for Rockbridge County, spoke last summer on the city's then-proposed curbside recycling program. In November, James Kahn, professor at Washington and Lee, spoke on the subject of resources management and the economy. We hope you will join us for this enlightening talk which will feature specific ways we can take care of God's creation.

A Thank You from Boys Home

Boys' Home was founded in 1906 by the local priest at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Covington. Throughout the years, thousands of young men have received services at this special place. It is our mission to help boys grow mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. Annually, we provide services for 75 to 80 young men. Most of our residents are from Virginia, but there are some from surrounding states.

We continue to be very concerned about those who are most vulnerable—those who daily face uncertainty in their lives. Boys' Home cares for and provides education for boys, ages six to 17, whose families cannot or will not give them the support they need and deserve. For some of our young men, the daily struggle is an uphill climb. The journey is a long one.

We rely on the generosity of others. Boys' Home is very distinctive in accomplishing its work with 96 percent private funding. With grateful hearts, we thank you for your past and continuing support at R. E. Lee.

Janet Lemmer, Development Director

From the Memorials Committee

The following unrestricted gifts have been received since the 2008 Annual Report of the Memorial Gifts Committee:

In memory

The Venerable Montagu Pearse from Elizabeth Stewart
Mildred Wood from Elizabeth Stewart
Mildred Wood from Nancy Walker
George H. Simpson from Ken Zelenak

In honor of

Adelaide Simpson on her 85th birthday from Ken Zelenak
Mo & Julia Littlefield for all they do for the church & community (Anonymous)

Choir Rehearsals Resume

St. Francis Choir resume January 7 and Parish Choir rehearsals resume January 8. Both groups welcome new members anytime,



and the new year is an especially good time to join us. Please contact Daniel at dbrinson@releechurch.org if you're interested or would like more information.

Join the Celebration!

R. E. Lee Church members and families are invited by the Sudan Mission Group of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church (RCPC) to a party for the Sudanese in Roanoke to celebrate birthdays, new births, and U.S. citizenship!

There'll be refreshments, music, games, and fellowship for all!

Saturday, January 3 at 1 p.m.

RCPC, 1837 Grandin Ave., SW

RSVP to MJ Mayerchak

at 463-9457 or mchak@ntelos.net.

ECW Meeting

The ECW Budget meeting to amend the proposed budget of Dec. 2 and approve a final budget for 2009 will be Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

For the Food Pantry

Dry milk and jelly are the food of the month for the RARA Food Pantry.

Demands are increasing in these difficult economic times. You may contribute by leaving food items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table during the week and in the basket on the Courtyard at the foot of the steps on Sundays.

Your gifts are most appreciated.

Serving in January

READERS AND CHALICISTS

Jan. 4

8:00 Hank Humphreys, Gerry Locher, Holt Merchant, Punky Dod, Rob Apgar
10:30 Alex Brown, Dennis Cross, Judy Glick, Buster Lewis, Clara Belle Weatherman

Jan. 11

8:00 John Milford, William McCorkle, Penny Henneman, Pamela Simpson, Sharon Massie
10:30 Alice Furgerson, Jonathan Webster, James Keane, Gloria Smitka, Elizabeth Harralson

Jan. 18

8:00 Sarah Lanford, Russ Knudson, Lu Dooley, Punky Dod, Sharon Massie
10:30 Landon Jones, Mary Doyle, Mary Webster, Pam Traugott, Pat Gibson

Jan. 25

8:00 Holt Merchant, Rob Apgar, Pamela Simpson, Hank Humphreys, Gerry Locher
10:30 Roger Crockett, Dan Coffey, Doug Ayer, Peter Fyfe, Sharon Peters

ALTAR GUILD

Jan. 4: Ann Kruger, Jane Brooke, Gretchen Walden, Kathryn Mirabella, Claudia Ellis, Judy Glick

Jan. 11: Marti Gansz, Sharon Humphreys, Elizabeth Harralson, Joy Harris, Marcy Molinaro, Elizabeth Jacobs, Nancy Walker

Jan. 18: Rose Gordon, Suzanne Carmichael, Molly Brown, Joan Crawford, Catherine Harcus, Chris Howison, Tracey Mason

Jan. 25: Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Pat Gibson, Paula Hunter, Alice Moore, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster

USHERS & OBLATION BEARERS AT 10:30

Jan. 4 Steve & Frances Grist,
Joan Millon, Jamie Smith

Jan. 11 Don Ellis, Bill Stearns
Grigg & Cindy Mullen

Jan. 18 Bob Glidden, Ed Craun,
Anna-Lisa Fitzgerald, Jerry Nay

Jan. 25 Peter Fyfe, Wally Fogo,
Bill & Judy Noell

LEMONADE BRIGADE

Jan. 4 Bob & Lynda deMaria

Jan. 11 Wally & Dot Fogo

Jan. 18 Don & Margaret Whittington

Jan. 25 The Cross Family

ACOLYTES

Jan. 4

8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Mary Lawrence, Jacob Lawrence,
Thomas McCan

Jan. 11

8:00 Walker Cross
10:30 Conde' Crittenden,
Joe Crittenden, Mason Grist

Jan. 18

8:00 Forrest Walden
10:30 Thomas McHan, Sydney Cross,
Grier Cross

Jan. 25

8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Forest Shaw, William Shaw,
Talmadge Coffey

On the Parish Calendar



Sunday, Jan. 4
Sunday School at 9:15 resumes

Sunday, Jan. 11
Holy Eucharist at 5 resumes,
followed by Canterbury Supper

Wednesday, Jan. 5
5 p.m., Property Committee (CR)

Tuesday, Jan. 6
1 p.m., ECW Budget Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, Jan. 21
7:30, Water Stewardship Speaker (PH)

Tuesdays
EFM at 6

Wednesdays
12:30, Holy Eucharist
3:30, Godly Play & St. Francis Choir
7, Book Club (L)

Thursdays
Kendal Bible Study at 10
(resumes on 1/8)
Parish Choir at 7:30
(resumes on 1/8)

A Vestry Note

The regularly scheduled Vestry meeting on the third Monday will not be held this month due to the Vestry Retreat, Jan. 9 & 10.



To those who serve

Our thanks to all who serve during worship. If you find that 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

Program Director: Sharon Massie

Parish Administrator: Kay Horner

Treasurer: Buddy Atkins

Financial Secretary: Anita Ramp

Office Assistant: Gail Dick

Sexton: Connie Bryant

Clergy Associates: The Rev. John A. Furgerson

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

The Rev. Dr. Jackson P. Hershbell

The Rev. Dr. Robert Crewdson

Vestry 2009

George M. Brooke III

Molly Brown

Jay Crawford

Susan Cross

Punky Dod

Mary Doyle

Timothy Gaylard

Judy Glick

Elizabeth Harralson

Sarah Lanford

Julia Littlefield

John Milford

Dick Rathmell

Woody Sadler

Don Whittington

2 Margaret Crockett

4 Dick Rathmell
Dick Weede

5 Elizabeth Branner
George Roth

6 Conde' Crittenden
Elsie Clare Oas
Helen Watt

7 Juliet Hinely

8 Debbie Arnn
Larry Boetsch
Rob Fabrizio
Kitty Farrar

10 Peter Grover
Janet Lemmer
Mead Stolarz

11 John Furgerson
Signe Lewis

12 Carol Muir

14 Bonnie Gates

15 Elizabeth Chiles
Farris Hotchkiss
Jenn Sayre

18 Lee Sayre

19 Elizabeth Boetsch
John Campbell

20 Paul Strickland

21 Bob Bouck
Charlotte Moore

23 Jim Morgan

26 Mike Murphy

27 Kathryn Pharr

29 Jane Brooke

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