

CROSS AND CROWN

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

JANUARY 2011

Taize' Eucharist

January 9 at 5 p.m.

*A contemplative service of scripture,
prayer, and Holy Communion.*

New Vestry Members

Our new Vestry members begin their terms of service this month. We welcome Alexandra Brown, Melissa Cox, Don Ellis, Howard Pickett, and Mary Webster as they begin their three-year terms. The Vestry will meet in retreat January 14-15.

Notes of Thanks

To our dear friends,
Thank you so much for your prayers and support as Debby and I have welcomed Eleanor into our home! It brings us such joy as we watch her grow each day, to know that she is loved and cared for by such a wonderful community. We cannot wait to bring her to Lexington!

Dane, Debby, and Ella Boston

To the Saints at R. E. Lee,
I am thinking of you with such gratitude! You held me up with your prayers and so many acts of kindness during difficult months and I shall be eternally grateful.

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Extra Calendars

If you have extra calendars for 2011, bring them to the Parish Office for distribution to the clients at the Food Pantry. Eighty have been distributed thus far!

Sunday Mornings at R. E. Lee

Back by Popular Demand—NOOMA! (9:30 in the Conference Room)

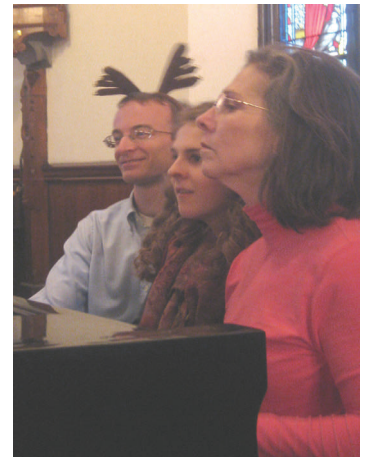
The NOOMA Film Series is being brought back to R. E. Lee. This series of short films explores our world from the perspective of Jesus. Like parables, they use the experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love. The NOOMA series encourages meaningful discussion after viewing the videos. The title of the series is an English variation of the Greek word "pneuma," which means wind or spirit. Beginning Jan. 2 at 9:30 in the Conference Room. Facilitated by Sharon Massie.

Christianity & Culture (9:15 in the Parish Hall)

A new series begins on Jan. 2. "The Heresy of Demonizing Curses" will be led by Tom Litzenburg and Harvey Markowitz. The class will meet at 9:15 each Sunday in January except Jan. 23.

Lectionary Bible Study (9:30 in the Library)

Facilitated by Joan Millon and Jamie Smith.



Creatures were stirring at R. E. Lee before Christmas—making gingerbread houses, tuning up for a piano party, and enjoying a visit from St. Nicholas.





Youth@Council—January 28-30

Glow: "Rekindle the gift of God that is within you..." 2 Timothy 5:6

This exciting weekend is planned for youth as part of the Annual Diocesan Council in Roanoke, January 28-30. Join the youth of the DIOSWVA for an "in tents" weekend! Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to bring their camping gear and set up camp at St. John's Church, Roanoke, for the biggest youth event of the year. Special music for the weekend will be provided by Sam Hensley. You don't want to miss it...it's gonna be "in tents!" The cost is \$75. Register by midnight, January 14. For more information check out

www.youth.dioswva.org or
contact Megan Oliver
(megan.oliver.2740@gmail.com)



Youth Events

Wed., Jan. 5, 6 to 7 p.m.

High School Night Out at Frank's Pizza

Sundays, Jan. 9, 16, & 23, 5-6:30 p.m.

Youth Group

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30

Youth@Council, Roanoke

Wonderful Wednesdays

Resumes on January 12

3:15 snack

3:30 to 4:30 session

Godly Play

(age 3 to 1st grade)

St. Francis Choir


(1st grade through 8th grade)

New to Our Parish—We welcomed newcomers at a reception last month. They are (clockwise, beginning upper left), Henry & Eileen Jurand; Henry & Jeanne Eichelberger; Stephen & Susan Denson; Donny & Heather McBrayer (and son, Tomas); Marcy Orr (and daughters, Martha & Lydia); and Tim & Elizabeth Moore, Lily, Olive, and Genevieve.



We Are R. E. Lee

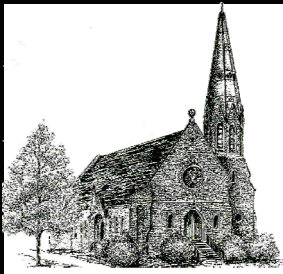
Check out the "We Are R.E. Lee" bulletin boards in the Parish Hall and on the third floor of the Parish House. This month, we're featuring members of our Vestry with photos and biographical sketches. Take this opportunity to learn more about your parish family!



Fourth Sunday Breakfast with the Men's Cooking Crew, January 23 at 8:45 in the Parish Hall. \$2/adults. \$1/Children. Join us!



Raffled for a Good Cause—The generosity of Betty Bentley led to a gift of \$800 to Boy's Home, Covington. Betty donated a quilt made by her mother to the ECW to be raffled off. Melvin Clark had the winning ticket. Shown at left at the Sunday morning drawing are (left to right), Nancy Dinkel, a member of the ECW; Janet Lemmer, a parishioner and Director of Development for Boys' Home; and Anna Crockett, who along with Melissa Cox, co-chaired the Bazaar.



Stewardship Vignettes

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

—Another in a Series—

by Doug Cumming

Gratitude runs in our parish family, and keeps things running. True thankfulness is not like the economy of barter, where I pay you back for your generosity to me last year. You “pay it forward” way into the future, and its roots go way back to before you were born. To understand much of the gratitude in our church, you have to go back to the Civil War, and the dignity and self-discipline with which its survivors bore impoverishment and loss. Think of the Gadsden twins, those spinster sisters who saved meager wages as college librarians and rented out rooms in the mansion that their grandfather, William Nelson Pendleton, our longest-serving rector, had bought for his retirement just before he died in 1883.

The identical twins Anzolette Pendleton Gadsden and Ellinor Porcher Gadsden were born three years later, in 1886, just after our current church building was erected. They were born in Washington D.C., where their father, Edward Gadsden, and mother, Hughella, were living at the time. After Edward died in 1900, Hughella moved with her two adolescent daughters back to Lexington, to “The Pines.” Hughella and two other Pendleton daughters had expanded the two-and-a-half story brick house, with help from the parish, to its four-rooms-per floor Victorian grandeur, with the third floor roof raised to accommodate Mrs. Susan Pendleton Lee and Miss Mary Pendleton’s “English and Classical School.” So the twins settled with their mother and aunts in this gracious house of memory. The dominant memory was the Civil War, and the dominant figures were two men no longer alive: General Pendleton’s only son, Alexander Swift (“Sandie”) Pendleton, killed in battle in 1864, at age 24, and the general himself, our rector. General Pendleton, a brilliant mathematician, theologian, and teacher, had been in charge of General Lee’s artillery, including the cannonades that fired a little too high over Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg for three hours before that dramatic 3 p.m. silence, then the fateful “Pickett’s Charge,” the high-water mark of the Confederacy.

Eventually, it was only the Gadsden twins left at The Pines, two blocks from the church on Lee Street. They would host midday meals for faculty from both campuses, and rent out rooms to students and visiting clergy. These services, with the help of a hired cook, were both “mission and business,” recalls Pat Irving, the widow of the Rev. D. Holmes Irving, rector from 1964-83. The sisters had a flair for fun, for croquet games on the front lawn or teasing with their identical looks and long conservative dresses. (There’s the story of the VMI cadet who was told by Ellinor at the W&L library where he could find a book at the VMI library, and when he hurried there and was greeted by a lady he thought was the same woman, Anzolette teased him, “Well I’m fast.”) Anzolette, the quieter, frailer one, died in 1961. Ellinor, more outspoken, lived to be 98. When she died in 1984, the executors of her will discovered that her bequest to R.E. Lee Church,

named in honor of her sister Anzolette, was worth more than \$500,000. This gift, to which was added \$141,986 from the sale of The Pines, put the church’s leaders into a mild state of shock.

Worried it would be a Pandora’s box of temptations, the rector, vestry and bishop worked out guidelines for the earnings of this Gadsden Trust to be used “to spread the gospel of Christ and to alleviate human suffering.” The principle would remain untouched under the guardianship of the trustees and the vestry. A Gadsden Committee was created to accept applications quarterly from worthy causes in the community and overseas.

Even friends who knew the sisters – and called either one “Miss Allie,” for it hardly mattered which was which – were astonished at how much wealth they had accumulated. Church trustee Louise Moore, a lawyer who was co-executor of the will, said this booty wasn’t from their salaries as librarians or boardinghouse rent. It was from steady, diligent investment in blue chip stocks for most of their lives. Louise recalls leafing through thick piles of certificates from companies like AT&T, “one share,” “one share,” and “one share.” Multiplied by shares-as-dividends, stock splits and decades of appreciation, these drip-drip-drip investments became a lake. Their parsimony was a Southern habit bred by the deprivations left by the Civil War, Louise said. “They thought poor,” she said. But they also felt grateful to the church for having helped the family buy The Pines. Quiet, conservative churchgoers, the twins left a gift that today provides grants for the diocese’s seminarians, helped equip the dental program at the Free Clinic, and supports dozens of other good works. Louise says the Trust is worth about \$1.5 million now, and generates some \$60,000 a year. Thus the sisters’ gratitude lives on as they lie in Stonewall Jackson Cemetery beside their parents. On Anzolette’s headstone: “Blessed are the pure in heart.” On Ellinor’s: “Wisdom hath builded her house.”

Coming on Sunday mornings in February:

Living the Questions

This curriculum is for both seekers and “church alumni” convinced that Christianity still has relevance in the 21st century. Utilizing written material and DVD-based input from a variety of thoughtful and provocative theological voices, Living the Questions is a powerful resource for people who are in the midst of a life-long conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.



SERVING IN JANUARY

READERS AND CHALICISTS

Jan. 2

8:00 William McCorkle, Pam Simpson, Lu Dooley, Gerry Locher, Rob Apgar
 10:30 Anna Crockett, Dan Coffey, Buster Lewis, David Jacobs, Clara Belle Weatherman

Jan. 9

8:00 Holt Merchant, Sarah Lanford, Penny Henneman, Pam Simpson, Hank Humphreys
 10:30 John Burleson, Jim Armstead, Anna Crockett, Elizabeth Harralson, Gloria Smitka

Jan. 16

8:00 Pam Simpson, John Milford, Rob Apgar, David Jacobs, Gerry Locher
 10:30 Judy Glick, Landon Jones, Roger Crockett, Mary Doyle, Melissa Cox

Jan. 23

8:00 Suzanne Keen, Hank Humphreys, Holt Merchant, Pam Simpson, Hank Humphreys
 10:30 Dennis Cross, Pat Gibson, Mary Webster, Peter Fyfe, Punky Dod

Jan. 30

8:00 Sarah Lanford, Lu Dooley, Penny Henneman, Gerry Locher, Pam Simpson
 10:30 Alex Brown, Joseph Henson, Doug Ayer, Buster Lewis, Mary Doyle

ACOLYTES

Jan. 2

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

Jan. 9

8:00 Ben Connelly
 10:30 Mason Grist, Harrison Crittenden, Condé Crittenden

Jan. 16

8:00 Forrest Walden
 10:30 Thomas McHan, Talmadge Coffey, Tomas McBrayer

Jan. 23

8:00 Noah Sailer
 10:30 Walker Cross, Emma Burleson, Sydney Cross

Jan. 30

8:00 David Jacobs
 10:30 Talmadge Coffey, John Smitka, Thomas McHan

USHERS & OBLATION BEARERS AT 10:30

Jan. 2 Anna Crockett, Roger Crockett, Don Ellis, Ed Craun
Jan. 9 Tom Vinson, Bill Stearns, Joan Millon, Jamie Smith
Jan. 16 John Burleson, Grigg Mullen, Joseph Henson, Bill Noell
Jan. 23 Farris Hotchkiss, Lynwood Dent, Barton Dick, Gail Dick
Jan. 30 Buddy Atkins, Wade Branner, Wally Fogo, Peter Fyfe

ALTAR GUILD

Jan. 2 Jane Brooke, Gretchen Walden, Judy Glick, Elise Sprunt, Drusie Milford, Virginia Dabney, Catherine Harcus
Jan. 9 Sharon Humphreys, Elizabeth Harralson, Nancy Walker, Diana Kenney, Julie Grover
Jan. 16 Rose Gordon, Suzanne Carmichael, Joan Crawford, Chris Howison, Tracey Mason, Molly Brown, Myra Brush
Jan. 23 Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Martha Ackerly, Pat Gibson, Paula Hunter, Alice Moore, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster
Jan. 30 Jane Brooke, Gretchen Walden, Judy Glick, Elise Sprunt, Drusie Milford, Virginia Dabney, Catherine Harcus

GREETERS AT 10:30

To be announced

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

For the RARA Food Pantry

Whole Grain Cereal

*Leave your bags under the table
 outside the Parish Office.*

Thursday Pantry Schedule

Jan. 6—John Harralson, Elizabeth Harralson, Clara Belle Weatherman, Lynwood Dent (Barton Dick, Bill Luton)

Jan. 13—Toni Brown, Paul Goddard, Sarah Burleson, Tom Crittenden (Mo Littlefield, Carol Muir)

Jan. 20—Jane Brooke, Bill Luton, Norman Bowles, Joan Millon (Punky Dod, Linda Sizemore)

Jan. 27—Claudia Ellis, Daniel Brinson, John Dinkel, Nancy Dinkel (Charlotte Murphy, Carol Muir)

All Dressed Up

—One of our young men cut a handsome figure on a recent Sunday morning as he made his way to the 3rd floor of the Parish House for Sunday School.



PLATE COUNT TEAM HEADS

Jan. 2 Anna Crockett
Jan. 9 Woody Sadler
Jan. 16 Barbara Luton
Jan. 23 Jeff Grossman
Jan. 30 Buddy Atkins

LEMONADE BRIGADE

Jan. 2 The Lawrence Family
Jan. 9 The Bowles Family
Jan. 16 The Cross Family
Jan. 23 Wally & Dot Fogo
Jan. 30 TBA

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Bishop of the Diocese
The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

Rector
The Rev. Tom Crittenden

Chaplain
The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson

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

The Rev. Dr. Jackson P. Hershbell

Vestry 2010

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

2 Margaret Crockett
4 Jeffrey Grossman
Lacey Lynch
Dick Rathmell
Dick Weede
5 Elizabeth Branner
George Roth
6 Condé Crittenden
Elsie Clare Oas
Helen Watt
8 Debbie Arnn
Larry Boetsch
Rob Fabrizio
Kitty Farrar
10 Peter Grover
Janet Lemmer

BIRTHDAYS

11 John Furgerson
Signe Lewis
12 Carol Muir
14 Bonnie Gates
Sally Hansen
15 Libby Chiles
Farris Hotchkiss
17 Jordan Rodi
18 Lee Sayre
19 Elizabeth Boetsch
20 Paul Strickland
21 Charlotte Moore
24 Betty Gloré
26 Mike Murphy
29 Jane Brooke
Bob Crewdson



High School Night Out—Our high school youth and their leaders enjoyed dinner and a birthday celebration last month at Salerno's. Dinner out is a new tradition for this group, which gets together for dinner on the first Wednesday of each month. Happy 18th Birthday, Jake Lawrence!