



# CROSS AND CROWN

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

JULY 2009

## ***Schedule Changes***

There will be no service of Holy Eucharist at 12:15 on Wednesday, July 1, 8, 15, or 22 due to renovations in the church. On Sunday, July 5, 12, and 26, both services of Holy Eucharist, at 8 and 10:30, will be held in the Parish Hall. On Sunday, July 19, the 8 a.m. service will be in the Parish Hall and the 10:30 a.m. service will be at Lake Robertson.

## ***The Vicar is Coming!***

The Vicar of Dibley is coming in July. Start your Sunday with a chuckle! When the villagers of Dibley heard they were getting a new vicar, they expected the prototypical calm, sedate, male to which they'd grown accustomed. What they got was the spirited Reverend Geraldine Boadicea Granger, who teaches them about religions, expectations, and life. Join us in the Library to watch

*The Vicar of Dibley*

July 5, 12, and 26, 9:30 to 10:15.

*Bring the children for a special summer children's program on these Sundays, top floor, Parish House.*

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## **Refurbishing Has Begun**

Our parish is deeply grateful to a benefactor whose financial gift is enabling us to refurbish specific areas of the church. Refinishing of hardwood floors in the nave and balcony is under way. The nave chandeliers are being rewired. Carpet is also being replaced. In addition, the floor coverings in the narthex and the bridge will be replaced. Our benefactor's love of this historic church and its inspiring architecture led to the gift that will enhance the worship of this parish family for many years to come.

## **New Piano is Given**

Many thanks to the Cross family and other donors (it's not too late to be one) for the gift of a new grand piano for the church! The 2008 Yamaha C5 model is a beautiful instrument that fits perfectly into the space we have and will complement the restored floor and pews. It has a rich sound with a big dynamic range, allowing it to serve as leader of congregational song and as accompaniment to the children's choir, and anything in between. It is in excellent condition and should enrich the church's worship for many years. We expect the piano to be placed in the church once the nave renovations are complete.

We wish to offer special thanks to Dennis, Susan, and their family, and others who generously contributed to this gift.

**DISCOVERY CANYON**  
*Explore the Wonders of the Word!*

Vacation Bible School 2009

**MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 27-31**

Grab your walking stick, hiking boots, backpack and binoculars and join in a week of high-action games, rockin' songs, wacky skits, Canyon Cuisine snacks, Bible stories and COOL crafts!

9 a.m. to noon  
Ages 4 to rising sixth-graders  
Volunteer opportunities are still available!

Want to know more?  
Contact [sharon@releechurch.org](mailto:sharon@releechurch.org)

Registration forms available online at [www.releechurch.org](http://www.releechurch.org)



## Stewardship—An Ongoing Journey

Please join us this year in an *ongoing journey of stewardship* as we come to understand better that our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. Each of us is a unique and special individual blessed with differing talents and skills. Let us pause to review our own skills and talents and offer them back to God.

Each month, this column will focus on an aspect of stewardship, whether time, talent, and/or treasure and how it affects our life together as a community in Christ. Over time we will look at all the programs and ministries made possible by your gifts and sharing of yourself. Giving of our time, talent, and treasure is as much a spiritual practice as prayer and worship.

This month we reflect on the gift we have received of *time*. May we each listen to how God is calling us. Am I called to teach Sunday School or to help with Vacation Bible School? Sing in the choir? Serve on a church committee? Increase my focus on prayer and meditation?

There are many ways to offer your time to God—what is right for you?

—Barbara Luton, *Stewardship Chair*

## Sunday at the Lake

Mass on the Grass, Chillin' at the Pavilion, LakEucharist—whatever you want to call it, R. E. Lee Church is going to back to Lake Robertson, Sunday, July 19. We will have our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist under the pavilion overlooking the lake, followed by a picnic. The church will provide chicken and drinks. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable or dessert to share. Bring a lawn chair, too, and be ready for a fun-filled day of music, hiking, swimming, fishing, horse shoes, softball, kickball OR just relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery in a peaceful and quiet setting.

Swimming is \$2 per person, boats are available for rent, and you will need a fishing license to fish if you are 16 or older.

We have reserved camping spots for those who wish to camp Saturday night. Contact Sharon or Tom for more information.

## Welcome Theresa Brion

Theresa Brion has joined our congregation as part of her formation toward becoming an Episcopal priest.



Theresa graduated this past May from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and was made a Candidate for Ordination in our Diocese in June.

Because she entered the ordination process after starting seminary, Theresa will not be ordained for another year. Bishop Powell asked that she continue her preparations by working with our Rector and participating in the worship and ministry of R. E. Lee Church.

Theresa will assist in leading worship, preach on occasion, and be part of other programs over her time with us. Please join Tom in welcoming Theresa into the life of our parish!



Mmmm, good—John Brooke was among those who gave full concentration to the subject at hand during a Family Ministries

spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 20. More than 40 children and adults were in attendance. Tom Crittenden facilitated a brief meeting after the dinner where everyone had the opportunity to speak and brainstorm about the programs for children and youth at R. E. Lee Church.

## Dane Boston to Lead Forum

Our seminarian, Dane Boston, is completing the Diocesan requirements for discernment. One of the Commission on Ministry's assignments for Dane is that he present in "an adult forum style" the opinions represented at Lambeth last summer.

Dane, who is studying at Yale Divinity School, has graciously agreed to open this forum to the parish, and we have scheduled it for Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m..

We hope Dane's friends at R. E. Lee will come to hear his presentation, to participate in asking questions, and to support him in his discernment.

## Tyree Memorial Service

Due to renovations in our church, a memorial service for Mrs. Lewis (Dorothy) Tyree will be held at Lexington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 11, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Tyree died last month at her home at Westminster-Canterbury in Charlottesville.

## In Christian Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of William Philip Oberdorfer, who died on June 11, and to Anna Staton and her family on the death of her mother, Suzanne Martin, on June 13.

## Chic Chicos

Are you struggling to remember to take your reusable bags into the grocery store for your shopping? One solution is the ChicoBags being sold in our diocese to support the Young Adult Ministries program which was omitted from the diocesan budget this year. Each bag is \$5, weighs only 1.5 ounces, and has a capacity of 25 lbs. Each can be stuffed into the integrated pouch and can fit in your purse or on your key ring. Sharon Massie has a supply or you can order them from Erin Hardin at [eharden@stjohnsroanoke.org](mailto:eharden@stjohnsroanoke.org). You can do well by doing good!



—*The Green Committee*

### For the RARA Food Pantry

Dry milk and jelly for July

#### *Pantry Volunteer Schedule*

Our parish, through the Christian Outreach Committee, has taken on staffing the Food Pantry each Thursday. The schedule for July is below (alternates in parentheses):

**July 2**—Jane Brooke, Sharon Massie, Clara Belle Weatherman, Mike Smitka, Lynwood Dent (Nate & Eloise Adams)

**July 9**—Carol Muir, Punky Dod, Claudia Ellis, Paul Goddard, Norman Bowles (Carol Johnson, Scott Johnson)

**July 16**—Joan Millon, John Dinkel, Nancy Dinkel, Toni Brown, Jim Brown (Daniel Brinson, Pam Traugott)

**July 23**—Anne Vinson, Linda Sizemore, Sharon Peters, Bill Harris, Bill Luton (Punky Dod, Tom Crittenden)

**July 30**—Elizabeth Harralson, Pam Traugott, Martha Ackerly, Daniel Brinson, John Harralson (Sharon Massie, Bill Luton)

## July Spotlight on Mission

### *Rockbridge Area Transportation System*



RATS offers safe and affordable transportation for residents of the Rockbridge Area, especially those who are elderly, have special needs or have no other transportation. Using a fleet of seven sedans and eight wheelchair-accessible vans, RATS regularly operates weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

With a single phone call, anyone in the area can schedule a ride for critical errands, medical care, employment, and participation in local events. People on limited budgets pay only 40 percent of the actual cost of their transportation, and the difference is made up through the generosity of individuals and organizations, including R. E. Lee Church and the Gadsden Endowment, that help to make our community a better place to live.

For some, a ride is more than just a distance travelled. In a sprawling rural community that is home to many elderly, low income or unemployed individuals and people with disabilities, it is easy to be isolated--and RATS exists to prevent this. For some of our riders, contact with the world outside their household may be so limited that interaction with RATS dispatchers and drivers is an important social event. The RATS staff has learned that brightening someone's day and providing a little special assistance in the course of routine travel is very rewarding work.

W&L's recent Rockbridge Poverty Assessment identified lack of mobility as a roadblock to economic improvement and an inhibitor to the effective delivery of overall social service. Continuing our current services and growing to meet the broader transportation needs of our community are priorities of the RATS volunteer Board of Directors. We look forward to working with the local governments, employers, organizations and social service agencies to further improve the quality of life for all the citizens of the Rockbridge Area.

For more information about what RATS does or how to help, call 463-3346, or visit our website at [www.rats.rockbridgearea.info](http://www.rats.rockbridgearea.info).

## Congrats to the Grads

Congratulations to our 2009 high school graduates, William Shaw and Jack Apgar. William graduated from Rockbridge County High School and will be attending J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond.

Jack graduated from Woodberry Forest School and will be attending Washington and Lee University. Jack was also recently inducted into the Cum Laude Society, which honors those who graduate in the top 20 percent of their class.

# Serving in July

## READERS AND CHALICISTS

### July 5

8:00 Russ Knudson, Rob Apgar, Penny Henneman, Hank Humphreys, Theresa Brion  
10:30 Alice Furgerson, Buster Lewis, James Keane, Melissa Cox, Theresa Brion

### July 12

8:00 Holt Merchant, Sharon Massie, Lu Dooley, Pam Simpson, Gerry Locher  
10:30 Mary Doyle, Elizabeth Harralson, Judy Glick, Clara Belle Weatherman, Gloria Smitka

### July 19

8:00 Sarah Lanford, Hank Humphreys, Russ Knudson, Punky Dod, David Jacobs  
10:30 Anna Crockett, Dennis Cross, Roger Crockett, George Brooke, Pam Traugott

### July 26

8:00 John Milford, David Jacobs, Pamela Simpson, Sharon Massie, Rob Apgar  
10:30 Jonathan Webster, Pat Gibson, Mary Webster, Theresa Brion, Sharon Peters

## ACOLYTES

### July 5

8:00 TBA  
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Michael Lawrence

### July 12

8:00 Will Shehan  
10:30 Brittigan Coffey, Talmadage Coffey, Thomas McHan

### July 19

8:00 Forrest Walden  
10:30 Condé Crittenden, Joe Crittenden, Mason Grist

### July 26

8:00 Marshall Walden  
10:30 Forrest Shaw, Kris Hoolahan, Thomas McHan

## GREETERS AT 10:30

July 6 Barton & Gail Dick  
July 12 Jerry & Ann Nay  
July 19 Joan Crawford, Anna Crockett  
July 26 Tracey Mason, Meg Mason

## PLATE COUNT TEAM HEADS

July 5 Anna Crockett  
July 12 Elizabeth Oliver  
July 19 Buddy Atkins  
July 26 Bob Glidden

## ALTAR GUILD

July 5 Rose Gordon, Suzanne Carmichael, Joan Crawford, Catherine Harcus, Chris Howison, Tracey Mason, Molly Brown

July 12 Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Pat Gibson, Paula Hunter, Alice Moore, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster

July 19 Ann Kruger, Jane Brooke, Gretchen Walden, Kathryn Mirabella, Claudia Ellis, Judy Glick

July 26 Sharon Humphreys, Elizabeth Harralson, Joy Harris, Marcy Molinaro, Elizabeth Jacobs, Nancy Walker, Kitty Wainwright

## USHERS & OBLATION BEARERS AT 10:30

July 5 John Milford, Drusie Milford, Roger & Anna Crockett  
July 12 Bob Glidden, Farris Hotchkiss, Steve & Peggy Riethmiller  
July 19 Peter Fyfe, Buddy Atkins, Grigg & Cindy Mullen  
July 26 Holt Merchant, Bill Stearns, Dick Rathmell, Jonathan Webster

## LEMONADE BRIGADE

July 5 Scott & Carol Johnson  
July 12 Steve & Frances Grist  
July 19 Sharon Peters  
July 26 Elizabeth Harralson

## To those who serve

We appreciate your willingness to serve during worship. If you find you cannot serve on the assigned date, please secure a substitute and notify Gail in the Parish Office, 463-4981 or gail@releechurch.org

## Deadline reminders

- The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Tuesday afternoon.
- The deadline for Cross & Crown is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

## Save these dates!

Sunday, August 16,  
Blessing of  
the Backpacks at 10:30



Sunday, August 23  
Sundae School  
on the patio



"Let's type in some Old Testament verses and watch the spell-check go crazy."

# July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>No</u> 12:15 Holy Eucharist	2	3	4
5 Pentecost 5 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall) 9:45 Summer Choir	6 <i>Office Closed</i> 6 Property (CR)	7 <u>No</u> Finance Mtg	8 <u>No</u> 12:15 Holy Eucharist	9	10	11 Tyree Service, 11 a.m., Lex Pres
12 Pentecost 6 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall) 9:45 Summer Choir	13 7 Christian Outreach (CR)	14	15 <u>No</u> 12:15 Holy Eucharist 5:30 Stewardship CR 7 Adult Forum w/ Dane Boston (PH)	16	17	18
19 Pentecost 7 8 Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall) 10:30 Holy Eucharist Lake Robertson	20 5 Vestry (PH)	21	22 <u>No</u> 12:15 Holy Eucharist	23	24	25
26 Pentecost 8 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall) 9:45 Summer Choir	27	28	29 ← Vacation Bible School 9 to Noon →	30	31	

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The Rev. Tom Crittenden

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**Vestry 2009**

George M. Brooke III, Senior Warden

Molly Brown

Jay Crawford

Susan Cross

Punky Dod

Mary Doyle

Timothy Gaylard

Judy Glick, Junior Warden

Elizabeth Harralson

Sarah Lanford

Julia Littlefield

John Milford

Dick Rathmell

Woody Sadler

Don Whittington

- 4 Arthur Bartenstein  
Charlotte Murphy
- 5 Elise Brooke  
Doug Cumming  
Tom Vinson  
Clara Belle Weatherman  
Adam Webster
- 7 Jay Crawford  
Walker Cross  
Bredt Stockwell
- 8 Sue Shultis
- 9 Emily Dozal  
Anna Staton
- 11 Barbara Geddes  
Elizabeth Grist  
Mary Wilson Grist  
Tom Silk
- 12 Ben Connelly  
Doris Hoolahan  
Otis Mead
- 13 Mary Stuart Gilliam  
Jackson Hotchkiss  
Caroline Webster



- 14 Grier Cross  
Paul Goddard  
Bethany Hull  
Robert Loughhead
- 15 Noah Sailer
- 16 Beth Hart
- 17 Kris Hoolahan
- 18 Carla Henson
- 19 Jeff Mason
- 20 Mary Lewis
- 21 Catherine Gaylard  
Hal Head
- 23 Miss D Penick  
Jenny Rumbaugh  
Anne Vinson
- 26 Betty Stewart
- 27 Trey Lewis
- 29 John Brooke  
Holly Pickett
- 30 Angela Gaylard  
Tom Hart



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