



Cross & Crown

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

June 2008

Recycling Forum at 7 p.m.

In our first embryonic efforts to become a Green Church, R. E. Lee Memorial will be hosting a public informational meeting with Kim Thompson, Rockbridge Recycling Coordinator, as guest speaker. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The City of Lexington is working to provide curbside recycling pickup beginning, it is hoped, this summer. Kim Thompson will speak and then be happy to answer questions about what can and cannot be recycled, about the county recycling center, and the proposed Buena Vista and Lexington curbside pickup programs.

The Green Committee is charged to develop a program of education, liturgy and worship, and congregational lifestyle in which we work to keep and care for God's creation.

In our own Book of Common Prayer, we often pray in the Prayers of the People, "Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory."

This meeting will be open to the public. We are inviting other churches in our community to attend.

Please mark your calendars and come join us for an enlightening evening of fellowship and learning.

Light refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided.

Missionary to Sudan to Preach Here

The Rev. Lauren R. Stanley will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 1 at both services. Appointed Missionary of the Episcopal Church serving in the Diocese of Renk, she is temporarily serving in the United States because of the instability in Sudan.

From the Rector...

I am delighted to share with you that the Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson is coming on board this fall as R. E. Lee Chaplain to the college communities of W&L and VMI. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Lexington about 10 years ago, and he has served churches throughout this part of the Diocese as rector and supply priest. Bob will conduct the Sunday afternoon college Eucharist, develop student programs, and provide personal pastoral care to students, faculty, and staff. Bob will also preach monthly at the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

Bob's joining our ministry team completes, for a time, my staffing goals, which include commitments from Mayumi Smitka and Catherine Kruse to head up our High School and Middle School Youth, respectively:

- Daniel Brinson – Music and Worship
- Sharon Massie – Christian Education & Programs
- Kay Horner and Gail Dick – Administration
- The Rev. Dr. Bob Crewdson – College Ministry
- Connie Bryant – Sexton
- Anita Ramp – Finances
- Mayumi Smitka and Catherine Kruse – Youth

I am excited about our staff and about our future! As you join me in welcoming Bob, join me in recommitting ourselves to the mission and ministry of R. E. Lee Church!!

The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crewdson has a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech and was in the Cadet Corps there for the first two years. After a short time with the DuPont Co., Bob volunteered and served two years in the Navy as a hospital corpsman. During seminary studies, he worked the evening shift as a Capitol Policeman to support his family.

Dr. Bob has served three parishes in the Diocese of Virginia and one each in South Carolina, Western North Carolina, and Southwestern Virginia. He has always worked with youth in every parish and, except for Georgetown, SC, he was THE youth adviser.

He co-founded the Senior High Appalachian Trail Camps for the Diocese of Virginia with another priest and took youth out for a week or more at a time on the trail. After two years, he helped do the camps ecumenically through the Virginia Council of Churches, training ministers of other denominations to lead them. He has also served as volunteer chaplain to students at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary for two semesters, one on sabbatical and one after retirement.

Dr. Bob worked with youth in the Jesus Movement in the 70s and 80s and was able to keep most of them in their churches with two going into mission work. He says he loves working with youth as it keeps him young. Since 1993, he has been involved in ecumenical work on the diocesan and province level. He was responsible for getting his bishop in North Carolina on board to start the Episcopal-Moravian dialogue.

He is married to Lois Ellen Perkins whom he met on a Canterbury Club retreat in college. She was the president of the Radford University Canterbury Club.

They have two married sons and six grandchildren.

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

A Tree-Top Bible Blast

Monday-Friday

June 23-27, 9 a.m. to noon.

Five fun-filled days of Bible stories through interactive music, art, science, games, worship, and drama in an imaginary rainforest canopy!

Volunteer opportunities are still available! Help yourself to registration forms from the bulletin board at the Parish House entrance under the bridge. They're also available at www.releechurch.org.

Help! We need a rainforest!

The week before VBS (June 16-20), we'll be turning our church into a rainforest. If you have a small portable canopy or any rainforest items that you'd be willing to lend (stuffed animals, potted plants, rainforest-sounds CDs, etc.) or you like to help decorate, please let us know.



To volunteer, to contribute items, or to get more information about VBS, contact Sharon Massie at sharon@releechurch.org or 570-5408.

Teacher Appreciation

A heartfelt thank you to all who have supported our Christian Education program for Children and Youth during this past year. We applaud Frances Grist, Erika Brooke, Mary Webster, Sharon Peters, Bridget Kelley-Dearing, Anna Staon, John Burleson, Myra Brush, Jonathan Webster, Lisa Bowles, Marlys Craun, Sarah Engstrom, Catherine Marcus, Christi Crittenden, Dane Boston, Jim Brown, Steve Grist, Bill Sayre, Alex Brown, Dan Coffey, Howard Pickett, Trey Shehan, Uncas McThenia, and Laura Lanier for their dedication to the children and youth of our parish. Thanks also to Tom Litzenburg, who plans and facilitates the Christianity and Culture class.

To Marlys—Thanks for the Sundays!

Marlys Craun is retiring after 34 years of teaching Sunday School to the children of R. E. Lee Church. Marlys' commitment to her students' journey towards biblical knowledge and spiritual maturity is an inspiration to us all. Thank you, Marlys. You will be missed. Marlys and Ed will be dividing their time between England and Lexington.

Dismal Outside; A Great Picnic Inside

The Sunday School picnic was a soaring success! The rain threatened to dampen our fun so we had our picnic in the Parish Hall, which was filled to maximum capacity with parishioners and delicious food! Many thanks go out to The Hot Dog Miesters, Grier Cross, William Camden and Bill Noell. A big thank you also to Catherine Marcus, Christi Crittenden, the Middle School Sunday School class, Chris Howison, Judy Noell and Frances Grist for set-up and clean up.

Hats off to Graduating Seniors

On June 8 at the 10:30 service, we will honor our graduating seniors: Sarah Cumming, Anne Hinely, Jenny Shultis, and Walker Cross, who has served as our head acolyte for the past year. Congratulations graduates!



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 Lake Robertson for a summer kick-off on Sunday, June 22. 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. Be ready for a fun-filled day of music, hiking, swimming, fishing, horse shoes, softball, kick ball 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.

EfM Milestones

Congratulations to Punky Dod, Anne Lemon and Steve Shultis who recently completed the Education for Ministry program. EfM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of Sewanee, the University of the South. The four-year program covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology.

Congratulations also to James Keane for completing year one, (Old Testament); Don Ellis, Carole Elmore and Don Whittington, year two (New Testament); and Melissa Cox, year three (church history).

Sharon Massie will continue to mentor EfM and the group will resume studies in September. If you are interested in learning more about EfM, talk to one of the class members or contact Sharon Massie at sharon@releechurch.org or 570-5408.

In the Parish Register

Baptisms

Pierson Barton Harris
Stella Noel Derenge

Transfer In

David & Elizabeth Jacobs

Sunday Mornings at 9:15

Christianity and Culture, Parish Hall

Summertime & the Music is Easy

A Summer of Song

There are new opportunities to make music this summer, and these are not just for trained musicians. Find one to your liking and stay “tuned up” for the summer! If you’ve been waiting for a more “leisurely” opportunity to sing in the choir, this is your chance. The Summer Choir is for everybody, all ages, regardless of musical experience! Before the service, we will practice the hymns for the day and learn a simple song or anthem to sing at the offertory. Come to the Choir Room at 9:45 – and if you need extra enticement, come for coffee and refreshments! For this month the schedule is June 15 at 9:45 in the choir room; 10:00 at the Lake Robertson Pavilion on June 22 for the Mass on the Grass, and June 29, 9:45 in the choir room.



Chants—Not Just for Monks!

The world’s chant traditions are as broad as the earth itself. Your Music Director would like to experiment this summer with some of these chants, ancient and brand new. Many do not require music-reading ability. Our “chanters” will meet once or twice, be informal and relaxed with chants tailored to ability of those who come. We want to have fun and experience these chants that many have found to be very deep and moving. Take a breather from the bustle of summer and come sing with us! Meeting times TBA—watch the bulletins. Let Daniel know if you’re interested in being a part of this group.

Looking toward Fall

Youth Choir—There is interest in forming a youth choir for middle- and high-school youth. Please call Daniel if you’re interested in singing or helping with this.

Music at 5 on Sundays—We need singers and instrumentalists to help with music at the 5 p.m. services beginning in the fall. You don’t have to commit to every service. Occasional contributions are welcome!



On the Road: On April 27, the St. Francis Choir presented a performance, “Songs of Love,” at Boys’ Home, Covington. Twelve children and 11 adults made the trip. It was truly an interactive event, with Doug Cumming adding the voice of the flute and the boys singing along. We sang easy-to-remember songs and discussed carrying a song in our heart as we go about our daily lives. We were warmly welcomed by Boys’ Home Chaplain Connie Jackson and the boys, and we look forward to having them visit us and to visiting them again in Covington.

An Update from Our Friends in Princeton

For a number of years, our parish enjoyed the presence of I-Hsiung and Chow-Soon Ju. Dr. Ju was an art professor at W&L. Last November,



The Jus celebrated their 60th anniversary at All Saints Church in Princeton, NJ where they now live. In another parish connection, The Rev. Hugh Brown, who was assistant rector here

from 1988 to 1990, officiated at a Blessing of the Marriage in celebration of the Jus’ milestone. He has since been called as rector of All Saints Church and will be installed on September 14.

*The Episcopal Church Women
cordially invite
all women of the parish
for tea
on Tuesday, June 10
3 to 5 p.m.
at the home of
Suzanne Carmichael
619 Stonewall Street.*

Guest of Honor, Christi Crittenden

Newcomers are especially welcome as they get to know our parish and the work of the ECW. For more information or to express regrets, call Alice Furgerson at 464-1244.

Put it in the bag for the RARA Food Pantry!

Pork & Beans, and Beans for June.

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

Serving in June

Readers and Chalicists

June 1

- 8:00 Holt Merchant, Lu Dooley, Russ Knudson,
Rob Apgar, Punky Dod
10:30 Dane Boston, Jonathan Webster, Bob deMaria,
Alice Furgerson, Clara Belle Weatherman

June 8

- 8:00 William McCorkle, John Milford, Penny Henneman,
Sharon Massie, Punky Dod
10:30 Farris Hotchkiss, Alex Brown, Ellen Ivy,
Eileen Hinks, Elizabeth Harralson

June 15

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, Russ Knudson, Holt Merchant,
Pamela Simpson, Rob Apgar
10:30 Anna Crockett, Clara Belle Weatherman,
Melissa Cox, Mary Doyle, Renae Patrick

June 22

- 8:00 John Milford, Lu Dooley, Penny Henneman,
Pamela Simpson, Hank Humphreys
10:30 James Keane, Dane Boston, Landon Jones,
Sharon Peters, George Brooke

June 29

- 8:00 Russ Knudson, Sarah Lanford, Rob Apgar,
Sharon Massie, Gerry Locher
10:30 Alex Brown, Dan Coffey, Elizabeth Harralson,
Alice Furgerson, MJ Mayerchak

Acolytes

June 1

- 8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Grier Cross

June 8

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Joe Crittenden, Conde' Crittenden, Matt Hinks

June 15

- 8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Brittigan Coffey, Talmadge Coffey, Thomas McHan

June 22

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Zach Dearing, Liam Dearing, Thomas McHan

June 29

- 8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Forest Shaw, William Shaw, Kris Hoolahan

Greeters at 10:30

- June 1 Barton & Gail Dick
June 8 Steve & Peggy Riethmiller
June 15 Louis & Katherine Marsh
June 22 Doris & Kris Hoolahan
June 29 John & Drusie Milford

Ushers & Oblation Bearers

- June 1 Ed Craun, Farris Hotchkiss, Peggy & Steve Riethmiller
June 8 Peter Fyfe, Mo Littlefield, Meg and Jeff Mason
June 15 Bob Glidden, Bill Stearns, Cecile & Frank Settle
June 22 Barton & Gail Dick, Drusie & John Milford
June 29 Steve Grist & Frances Grist, Chris & David Howison

Lemonade Brigade

- June 1 David & Bonnie Gates
June 8 The Hentz Family
June 15 Wally & Dot Fogo
June 22 Mike & Gloria Smitka
June 29 The Grist Family



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- 3 Ellen Hamm
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- 7 Frances Brooke
Tully Raetz
- 8 Stuart Brewbaker
Eleanor Penn
Wilson Shepherd
- 9 Ron Ryan
- 14 Bob deMaria
Penny Henneman

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- 17 Landon Jones
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- 20 Susan Lawrence
- 23 Maurice Leach
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- 28 Andrew Pharr
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