



Cross & Crown

News of the Ministry & Mission of R. E. Lee Memorial Church, 123 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA May 2007

Bishop's Visitation Sunday, May 6

Sunday, May 6 will be a day of great celebration as we welcome our bishop for confirmation and dedication of our new steeple.

Our eight confirmands have completed an inquirer's class under the leadership of The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver and will be confirmed during the 10:30 service.

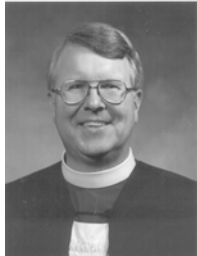
Music for the service will include brass and timpani, and the anthem by the parish choir will be *O Love of God, how strong and true*, set to C.H.H. Parry's tune "Jerusalem" in a Michael McCarthy arrangement.

This festive anthem, with text by Horatius Bonar, was once again brought to the public attention when it was offered during the funeral service for President Ronald Reagan at the National Cathedral.

Following the service, we will gather on the courtyard for the dedication of our new steeple, the culmination of a project ably directed by our own Jerry Nay.

The festivities will continue on the courtyard with refreshments and a time of visiting with Bishop Powell, welcoming our confirmands, and enjoying the return of our steeple as a symbol of the faith, hope, and aspirations of our parish.

*The Parish Office will be
closed Monday, May 28,
in observance of Memorial Day.*



Our Easter Joy Continues!

The Rev. Robert T. Copenhaver, Supply Priest Sundays at 10:30

To a certain extent, our church is color-coded. Before Ash Wednesday, our altar, pulpit and lectern hangings were green, and the celebrant wore green vestments. With the coming of Lent, the color became purple, symbolic of penitence and solemnity; and as we entered Holy Week, the color changed again, this time to red, the color of blood. During Lententide, we omitted hallelujahs in our spoken and sung liturgies, we knelt more, and we even prayed more while in church. We used Rite One for our Eucharistic celebrations, with its more formal and traditional Elizabethan English.

Then blessedly came Easter Day. Hallelujahs were restored. Our color changed from somber purple and blood red to celebratory white. We are again using Rite Two, with its contemporary English settings. We have moved from a penitential to a more joyful mood when celebrating the Eucharist at our beloved R. E. Lee Memorial Church. We join with those early disciples who experienced a time of real exuberance and joy following the extreme disappointment of Good Friday.

The early Church, centuries ago, enhanced their belief in and celebration of their Easter joy through "body language" as well as through voice language. It became the custom in many places to omit kneeling during Eastertide—those seven weeks between Easter Day and Pentecost. Standing during prayer was seen as a sign of respect, of honoring and of Easter joy, just as it was customary for people to stand in non-religious situations as a courtesy and mark of respect for a person of honor. The Council of Nicea (c.325) prescribed that during the Easter season prayers should always be said standing rather than kneeling, a custom also mentioned by the early Christian author Tertullian (2nd-3rd centuries).

So you are invited to remain standing—if you are able—during this Eastertide: for the Prayers of the People, the Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer, while receiving the Sacrament and during the Post-Communion Collect. (Prayer Book rubrics already provide for this to be an option on any given Sunday.) By so doing we are standing redeemed before the Risen Lord.

This is a season that does not need corporate confession. Easter is about what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. It is a time when we stand, literally and figuratively, justified by the grace of God. That justification extends even to when we receive the Sacrament, so that, unlike the penitential posture of kneeling, we act out our belief in the words from Rite Two's Eucharistic Prayer B: "In him you have ...made us worthy to stand before you." And that, by the way, is the prayer that we shall be using during Eastertide.

These times of standing rather than kneeling will be clearly marked in the service leaflet. And should you forget and kneel, don't be concerned—there'll be others who forgot as well—"nobody's perfect!" But it is hoped that you will want to try to happily join in our efforts to remind ourselves of our Easter hope in Christ's Resurrection!

Father Bob

The perfect gift—and it keeps on giving!

Our church is filled with memorial gifts. Look around you when you're next in the sanctuary. The altar? A memorial for Mary Custis Lee and R. E. Lee. The stained glass windows? All memorial gifts and recently restored by more memorial gifts. The pulpit? The lectern? The hand rails on the steps? The magnificent window before you and the Rose window restoration? All memorial gifts. *Our very church itself is a memorial: R. E. Lee Memorial Church.*

Gifts have ranged from thousands of dollars to twenty dollars. Gifts these days frequently run \$100 or \$50 or \$25. Your memorial gifts and "To Honor" gifts have bought hymnals and prayer books, altar linens and cruets, vestments and hangings. Can you visualize the bareness, the plainness of our church without these gifts?

How often do we say, "Oh, what *can* I give Mother for her birthday?" or "How grateful I am that my Margaret has such a fine Sunday School teacher!" A glorious way to thank is to send an "In Honor" gift to R. E. Lee Church. (*And no shopping, no wrapping, no mailing!*) Memorial/In Honor gifts are always the right color, the right size, and nobody has too many of them. A winner!

The person honored or the family of one memorialized receives a notice of your kind gift (no mention of amount, of course.) You receive a thanks and tax deductible notice. And we all appreciate your gifts to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Please consider a gift "To the glory of God and in memory (or honor) of..."

(Note: Gifts can be dropped in the alms basin with a note indicating the person remembered and family address. They can also be mailed to R. E. Lee Church, 123 W. Washington Street, Lexington.)

—The Memorials Committee

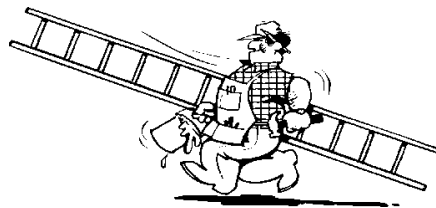
Habitat Sign Up April 29 on the Courtyard

Habitat has three houses under construction on Long Hollow Road in Buena Vista. A fourth home (the official "Disciples Build" home) will be constructed this year about eight blocks from the other three.

R. E. Lee Church volunteers continue to make enormous contributions (financial, administrative, and physical) in support of this wonderful program.

More help is always needed. On-site volunteers are needed for work every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning May 1 and continuing through Oct. 30.

We invite you to join the effort by signing up on Sunday, April 29. There will be a sign-up table on the courtyard after both morning services. Information sheets will be provided. You may also volunteer by contacting Barton Dick at 463-5788 and/or e-mail at wbdick@rockbridge.net. Join us for fellowship and a very rewarding experience.



To the People of R. E. Lee Memorial Church:

Thank you again for your continuing generosity. We are so excited to be getting close to moving to our new facility and none of it would be possible without your continuing support!

*Fay Campbell, Executive Director
Yellow Brick Road*

Wheeler Ordination May 26

Our former Director of Christian Education, Rhonda Wheeler, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at a service here on Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m.



Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell, will be the celebrant. The preacher will be The Rev. Sherill L. Page, rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Temple Hills, MD, where Rhonda has been serving while pursuing Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. A reception will be held immediately following the service.

Children to Sing for Rhonda!



The St. Francis Choir will sing for the ordination of Rhonda Wheeler on Saturday, May 26. Children who are not in the choir, but would like to sing are welcome! See Daniel and watch the Sunday bulletins for details.

In the Parish Register

Baptism

Ava Reese Eckard,
daughter of Robert & Lauren Eckard
granddaughter of
Hank & Sharon Humphreys

Marriage

Anna Austell Dozal
and Vann Edward Staton

Burial

Elizabeth Tayloe Lancaster Washburn

Word has been received of the marriage of Col. Henry Joyce Foresman, Jr. and Deborah Lorraine Morgan on April 14 in Watkinsville, Ga.

Serving in May

Don the Red for Pentecost

As is our tradition on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, we invite you to wear red to both services as we celebrate the gifts of the spirit and the sending of the Church into the world. Stay tuned for the morning's festivities as we observe this inspiring feast day!

Ecumenical Gathering Here

The Lexington-Rockbridge Ecumenical Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, May 1 in the Parish Hall. The ECW will host the gathering, beginning with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and a program at 10.

CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE

9:15 Sundays in the Parish Hall

This popular series continues through May (and rumor has it possibly beyond) with "An Abyss of Madness and Blasphemy: What is and is not Christianity" led by The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg.

Kids' Night Out

Friday, May 4

To reserve a place, contact
Susan Lawrence
lawrences@rockbridge.net
or 464-5797



It's Mac 'n Cheese

Food items for May for the RARA Food Pantry are macaroni and cheese. Leave your items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table.

For those who serve

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

Also, for readers, enlarged copies of the readings are available in the Conference Room prior to each service.

Readers and Chalicists

May 6

8:00 Russell Knudson, Sarah Lanford,
Penny Henneman, Rob Apgar, Gerry Locher
10:30 Alexandra Brown, Doug Ayer, Anna Crockett, Buster Lewis,
Alice Furgerson

May 13

8:00 Wilson Shepherd, John Milford, Pam Simpson, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Dane Boston, Roger Crockett, Bob deMaria, George Brooke, Peter Fyfe

May 20

8:00 Rob Apgar, David Coffey, Russell Knudson, Sharon Peters,
Pam Simpson
10:30 Holt Merchant, Mary Webster, Landon Jones, Marnie Wheeler,
MJ Mayerchak

May 27

8:00 Sarah Lanford, John Milford, Penny Henneman, Punky Dod,
Wilson Shepherd
10:30 John Campbell, Bridget Dearing, Farris Hotchkiss, Melissa Cox,
Mary Doyle

Acolytes

May 6

8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Thomas Bartenstein

May 13

8:00 Andrew Pharr
10:30 Sarah Massie, Kris Hoolahan, Anne Tatum Wright

May 20

8:00 Grier Cross
10:30 Brittigan Coffey, Talmadge Coffey, Thomas Bartenstein

May 27

8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Zach Dearing, Forest Shaw, William Shaw

Greeters at 10:30

May 6 Ann and Stan Kruger
May 13 Drusie and John Milford
May 20 Cindy and Grigg Mullen
May 27 Cecile and Frank Settle

Nursery Core Team at 10:30

May 6 Steve Lawrence
May 13 Leslie Casteel
May 20 Gail Dick
May 27 Jane Sailer

Lemonade Brigade

May 6 Janice & John Campbell
May 13 The Webster Family
May 20 Macy & Dan Coffey
May 27 TBA

A Gentle Reminder of Deadlines

The deadline for *Cross & Crown* is the 15th of the month preceding publication. The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is Tuesday morning.

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

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 2007

Buddy Atkins

George Brooke III

Molly Brown

John Burleson

Roger Crockett

Susan Cross

Libby Cumming

Bridget Kelley-Dearing

Bob de Maria

Bob Glidden

Cindy Mullen

Woody Sadler

Brian Shaw

Gretchen Walden

Jonathan Webster

Happy Birthday to You! Many Happy Returns!

- 1 Janice Campbell
- 2 Elizabeth Harralson
Madison Wright
- 3 Grace McDonald
- 4 Annabelle Harer
- 6 Bob Fabrizio
Anne Hinely
- 7 Rob Apgar
- 8 Liam Dearing
Steve Grist
River Prescott Hull
- 12 Anne Hershbell
- 13 Michael Dearing
Caroline Russell
Gordon Woodcock
- 15 Alex Morrison

- 17 Dan Coffey
- 18 Toby Manuel
- 20 Joan Crawford
Jordan Drake
- 22 Bill Connelly
- 23 Deirdre Cromie
- 26 Georgie Brush
Wynn Locher
Jayne Shaw
- 27 Virginia Dabney
- 28 Jean Woodson
- 29 Mildred Wood
- 30 Ann Jones
Bob Lawrence
Lyle McClung
- 31 Jenner Smith



May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Ecumenical Women (PH) 6 EFM (L)	2 12:15 Holy Eucharist 7 pm Book Study (L)	3 7:30 Parish Choir	4 6-9 Kids' Night Out	5
6 Easter 5 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education 5 Holy Eucharist 6 Canterbury Supper	7 7:30 Christian Outreach (CR)	8 10 Fanciwork @ Sissy Prillaman's Home 6 EFM (L)	9 12:15 Holy Eucharist 7 pm Book Study (L)	10 7:30 Parish Choir	11	12
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20 Easter 7/Ascension 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education <i>No 5pm Service</i>	21 5 Vestry (PH)	22 6 EFM (L)	23 12:15 Holy Eucharist 7 pm Book Study (L)	24 7:30 Parish Choir	25	26 2 Wheeler Ordination
27 Day of Pentecost 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education <i>(This is the last Sunday for children's Sunday School)</i> <i>No 5pm Service</i>	28 <i>Parish Office Closed For Memorial Day</i>	29 6 EFM (L)	30 12:15 Holy Eucharist 7 pm Book Study (L)	31 7:30 Parish Choir		