



Cross & Crown

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

May 2008

Going, Going, Green!

In response to excellent presentations at Diocesan Council on the Church's role in environmental stewardship, the Vestry has approved the formation of an ad hoc Green Committee. The purpose of the committee is to develop short- and long-range plans in the areas of worship, education, personal lifestyle and congregational decisions as a Parish. We see this charge as a Christian desire to preserve God's creation through responsible stewardship.

We inaugurated our efforts on Rogation Sunday, the traditional liturgical Sunday when we pray for fruitful seasons, for God's blessing on our labor, and for stewardship of God's creation. Following the 10:30 service, we blessed new recycling receptacles for the Sunday School area (for assorted waste paper), and the Parish Hall (for bottles and plastic joining our existing receptacles for aluminum cans). We encourage you to take your bulletins home with you so you'll have a reference for activities and events, as well as prayers, but if you choose not to, please deposit them in the basket in the Narthex.

If you have suggestions or would like to be a part of the project, please contact one of the following committee members: Molly Brown, Elizabeth Haralson, Sharon Massie, Peter Fyfe, Susan Cross, Daniel Brinson, Margaret Whittington, John Burleson or Carole Elmore.

Holiday Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

From the Rector...

Pentecost ranks, after Easter, as the second most ancient, annual feast of the Church and brings to a close the Great 50 Days of Easter. The feast celebrates the Holy Spirit empowering the Disciples (with *a sound like the rush of a mighty wind* * and tongues *as of fire* resting on their heads—Acts 2.1f.), equipping Jesus' followers—specifically with the ability to speak various languages—to carry on his ministry and spread the Gospel into all the world. The feast day is set by the Scriptural time table as described in Acts 40—days after the Resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven (the Feast of the Ascension) and 10 days later the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples.

The feast is called *Pentecost* because it happened on the same day as a major Jewish festival, the Feast of Weeks. The Feast of Weeks was nicked-named “Pentecost” because it came 50 days after the Passover (*pente* being five in Greek). Originally a spring harvest festival celebrating the winter wheat crop, the Feast of Weeks (a “sabbath of sabbaths” or seven weeks) had added to it, by the time of Jesus and the Disciples, the celebration of the Giving of the Law to Moses. So, as the Law was given to the Children of Israel enabling them to live righteous lives in relationship with God, the Holy Spirit was given to the Disciples enabling them to live the new life in Christ.

The old English name for the Feast of the Holy Spirit was “Whitsunday.” This designation came from the white robes worn by those being baptized. (In Northern Europe, immersion baptisms that might have been performed at Easter were often delayed until warmer weather at Pentecost.) The actual liturgical color for Pentecost is red, the color of the Holy Spirit (tongues *as of fire*), also used for confirmations and ordinations.

This year Pentecost is **May 11**, and we will celebrate! With people speaking various tongues, baptisms and doves flying about we will celebrate God's equipping and empowering each of us to take Christ's love into the world!

* The Greek word for “spirit,” *pneuma*, also means “wind” or “breath.” (Likewise, the Hebrew word for “spirit,” *ruach*, also means “wind” or “breath.”)

Minutes of Vestry meetings are available at www.releechurch.org, in the church Narthex, or by request to the Parish Office.

Special Observances This Month

Ascension Day Evensong, May 1 at 6 p.m. in the church.

Youth Sunday, May 4—Our own Dane Boston, a W&L senior, will preach at all services and youth will participate in the 10:30 service.

Pentecost Sunday, May 11—As is our tradition, we invite you to wear red to both services as we celebrate the gifts of the Spirit and the sending out of the Church into the world. We will also celebrate the baptism of Pierson Harris and Stella Derenges.

Teacher Recognition & Picnic May 18

Our Christian Education teachers provide an incredible ministry to our parish. On Sunday, May 18 we will recognize our teachers and volunteers during the 10:30 service. Our Sunday School picnic—complete with grilled hotdogs and all the trimmings—will follow on the patio. Sunday School concludes that day, to resume on September 7.

Newcomer Orientation Now Under Way

Our parish's newcomer orientation sessions, on Sundays at 9:30 in the Welles Room, will continue through May 18. The orientation will conclude with the picnic on the Courtyard where our newcomers will be recognized and we'll have a chance to get better acquainted. For more information, contact Judy Noell.

Qur'an Class Continues through May 21

The Steven Gertz class on the Bible and the Qur'an continues on Sunday mornings through May 18. The class begins at 9:15 in the Conference Room. A concluding session from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wed., May 21 will consider the sensitive but important matter of violence and war in the Qur'an as compared to the Bible, and also what the Qur'an has to say about Christians. Gertz holds a master's degree in Islamic studies from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). This past fall, Steve taught this course at Grace Presbyterian, where he and his family attend church.

Worship at Lake Robertson on June 22

R. E. Lee Church is going to Lake Robertson! Mark your calendars now for a summer kick-off day at Lake Robertson on Sunday, June 22. We will have our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist under the pavilion overlooking the lake, followed by a picnic. Be ready for a fun-filled day of music, hiking, swimming, fishing, softball, kickball and fellowship!

Congratulations NHS Inductees

Congratulations to our inductees into the National Honor Society: Joseph Crittenden, Ben Oxford, William Shehan, Marshall Walden, and Anne Tatum Wright.

To the Membership:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$4,500 in support of Yellow Brick Road Early Learning Center. We greatly appreciate your continued support of our program.

Glenn Deacon, Director

Until the Fall...

Sunday 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist concludes for the summer on May 11.

The Parish Book Club will conclude for the summer on Wednesday, May 14.

In the Parish Register

Baptism

Robert Dean Fabrizio

Transfer In

Mary Baker Philbin

Music Notes

The Parish Choir says goodbye to two graduating seniors, Jim Heidbreder and Dane Boston. Jim and Dane have been faithful choir members for much of their time at W&L, and the choir has been grateful for their presence musically and personally. They will be greatly missed. We wish Dane and Jim all the best in their future endeavors.

Dane Boston will present his senior voice recital at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 at W&L's Wilson Hall. The recital includes a variety of vocal repertoire and also features members of the Parish Choir and Jim Heidbreder, with Daniel Brinson accompanying.

Coming in June!

Vacation Bible School's Rainforest Adventure—A Tree Top Bible

Blast, Monday-Friday, June 23-27, 9

a.m. to noon. The kids

will experience Bible

stories through an inter-

active combination of

music, art, science,

games, worship, and

drama in an imaginary rainforest can-

opy! Don't miss out on the fun. Also, sev-

eral volunteer opportunities are still

available! Contact

sharon@releechurch.org for

more information.



Sunday Mornings at 9:15

Christianity and Culture, Parish Hall

"Good & Evil in the Garden of Eden:

Sexuality, Moral Freedom,
and Human Nature."

Led by Tom Litzenburg

The Bible & the Qur'an

Conference Room

Led by Steve Gertz

At 9:30

Sunday School for Children

top floor, Parish House

Newcomers Orientation

Welles Room/Library

Lectionary Bible Study

Led by Sharon Massie

in her office, Main floor, Parish House

Serving in May

Readers and Chalicists

May 4

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, William McCorkle,
Penny Henneman, Pam Simpson, Rob Apgar
10:30 Jonathan Webster, Judy Glick, Anna Crockett,
Renaë Patrick, Melissa Cox

May 11

- 8:00 Lu Dooley, Hank Humphreys, Holt Merchant,
Punky Dod, Sharon Massie
10:30 Matt Graham, James Keane, Doug Ayer,
Eileen Hinks, Elizabeth Harralson

May 18

- 8:00 Sharon Massie, John Milford, Rob Apgar,
Pam Simpson, Gerry Locher
10:30 Dan Coffey, Greg Lippiatt, Judy Noell,
Alice Furgerson, Clara Belle Weatherman

May 25

- 8:00 Russell Knudson, Sarah Lanford,
Penny Henneman, Sharon Peters, Sharon Massie
10:30 James Keane, John Campbell, Jonathan Webster,
Pat Gibson, Peter Fyfe

Acolytes

May 4

- 8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Kris Hoolahan

May 11

- 8:00 Marshall Walden
10:30 Zach Dearing, Liam Dearing, Thomas McHan

May 18

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

May 25

- 8:00 Walker Cross
10:30 Forrest Shaw, William Shaw, Grier Cross

Greeters at 10:30

- May 4 Bonnie Gates & Anna Crockett
May 11 Ann & Stan Kruger
May 18 Cindy & Grigg Mullen
May 25 Paula Cushman & Joan Crawford



On Sunday
morning,
there's a
place for
everybody!



Ushers & Oblation Bearers

- May 4 Harry & Marnie Wheeler, Chris & David Howison
May 11 Bob Glidden, Don Ellis, Anna & Roger Crockett
May 18 Frank & Cecile West Settle, Anna-Lisa Fitzgerald,
Jerry Nay
May 25 Buddy Atkins, Mike Carmichael, Lynda & Bob deMaria

Lemonade Brigade

- May 4 The Cross Family
May 11 Bob and Judy Glick
May 18 David and Bonnie Gates
May 26 Volunteer needed—Call Bill Noell!

Put it in the bag for the RARA Food Pantry!

Macaroni & cheese for May.

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



Kids' Night Out!
Concludes on Friday, May 2 until Fall
To reserve a spot for your child,
Contact Susan Lawrence at
Lawrences@rockbridge.net. There is no charge, but you're
asked to bring a donation for the RARA Food Pantry.

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

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The Rev. F. Thomas Crittenden

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The Rev. Dr. Robert Crewdson

Vestry 2008

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John Milford

Dick Rathmell

Woody Sadler

Gretchen Walden

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

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



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