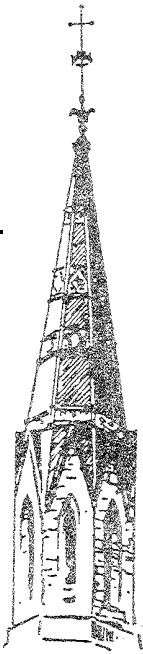


Cross & Crown

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

November 2006



From the Rector Search Committee

Since reporting our progress in last month's *Cross and Crown*, we have been waiting for the Diocese to generate our computer match with prospective candidates for rector. Once that match is completed, our

Diocesan Deployment Officer writes to each clergy person, along with those whose names have been given to us by parishioners, to ascertain interest in our position.

Those people are given three to four weeks to respond; and once they do, the diocese then does preliminary background checks on them before turning the names over to us. We fully expect to receive the names of interested candidates from the diocese by the end of November.

Though we met every deadline given us along this path, the process also depends on the work of the diocese and the schedules of the clergy.

This being said, we will be working hard in December reading and evaluating resumes, narrowing down our candidate pool, readying ourselves and scheduling clergy to begin telephone interviews and reference checks in January.

Please bear with us and keep us in your prayers as we continue to discern God's call to ministry for this parish.

The Rector Search Committee

Farris Hotchkiss & Mary Webster,
Co-chairs

Dane Boston, Erika Brooke,
Jay Crawford, Gail Dick,
Lu Dooley, Steve Grist,
Ned Henneman, Carol Woodcock

A Community Unified by Faith and Tradition

We are a community. We are a group of people with differing opinions unified by our faith in Jesus Christ and the Anglican tradition. Each week in Holy Communion we are joined to Him and each other as our unity is confirmed and we are drawn into His wider family.

We are mutually accountable to one another; loving and supporting each other in our lives and spiritual growth. M. Scott Peck says that the *process of conscious community building is a process of building a shared story, and consensual decision making, built upon respect for all individuals and inclusivity of difference*. He goes on to say that building a sense of community is easy. It is maintaining this sense of community that is difficult in the modern world. And yet that is what God calls us to do.

In the services of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Ordination we are asked to uphold each other as we strive to live out the vows that are made. It is through this mutual engagement in one another's lives through the sacraments and weekly corporate worship that we strengthen our ties to each other and our Lord. As we share ministries, God allows space between each of us for Himself, growth and change. He draws us into reconciliation and wholeness through trust and love. We are knit together through serving and nurturing one another as Christ has exemplified for us. As a friend recently shared,

If we could all have the will and the strength to surround each other and to protect each other as Christ has taught us to do, then perhaps we could, in the end, be a more whole community She comes into RE Lee Episcopal Church on Sunday morning secure in the love and caring and support not only of our Lord but of each parishioner. For her that has always been a pretty powerful feeling.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is good to be reminded of the origin of this holiday. The Pilgrims celebrated this harvest feast with the Indians without whom they would not have survived the winter. They were community for each other, offering each other the food and support to ensure survival. Let us give thanks for each other, the community which we are privileged to share and the collective opportunities to be Christ's body in our broken world.

In our parish, we pray for wisdom to know your will and open hearts to live in a spirit of honesty and humility. Strengthen us in our fellowship and in prayer. Grant us patience, kindness, and good humor and continually remind us that we are called to serve you in this church, this community, and in the world. Amen

Melissa

Melissa Cox, Senior Warden



Honoring Alta—Kendal resident and longtime parishioner Alta Fowler was recently presented a quilt made by Janice Campbell from squares signed by parishioners. The quilt is a tangible expression of appreciation for Alta's gifts of time and talent so generously given for so many years to this parish. With Alta are Janice and The Rev. Dr. R. David Cox, former rector.

Let the Shopping Begin!

The annual R. E. Lee Church Bazaar
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2 to 7 p.m.



Come and enjoy a head start on your Christmas shopping.
Browse and enjoy a cup of tea and snacks from 2 to 5 p.m.
From 5 to 7 p.m., we offer wine and hors d'oeuvres—all for a small donation!

Remember, proceeds from the Bazaar will benefit community not-for-profit agencies and state and national outreach organizations. Please consider taking an active role in planning and serving.

Table chairpersons

Silent Auction: Barbara Goldsten (463-4593)
Book Nook: Elise Sprunt (261-3068)
Casseroles: Drusie Milford (464-8079)
Fanciwork: Dot Fogo (463-2368)
Jewelry: Lindley Ford (463-9609)
Country Kitchen: Suzanne Carmichael (463-1651)
Plum Puddings: Sarah Lanford (463-3500)
Publicity: Lori Sadler (463-6379)
Tea Table: Virginia Dabney (463-1665)
White Elephant: Charlotte Murphy (463-7587)
Wine and Cheese Table: Jill Stockwell (463-6587)

Bazaar Chairpersons: Sissy Prillaman (463-4745) & Jane Brooke (463-6566).

Before the big day, we need hand-fashioned goods,
white elephants, baked goods, jams and jellies, and jewelry.

(Please, no clothing, linens, or non-functioning electrical items).

Leave all contributions under the ECW bulletin board
on the Parish House landing under the bridge.

Save the Date: ECW Advent Luncheon, Tuesday, Dec. 12

Country Kitchen Ode

*Cookies, cake, jam and pie
We will aim to tempt your eye.*

*Chutney, pickles, bread and fudge
Will not cause your weight to budge!*

*But if you miss our tasty booth,
No chance for your sweet tooth!*

Donations of home-baked goodies
and preserves, etc. accepted begin-
ning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov.
15. The Bazaar begins at 2 p.m.

*Questions? Call Suzanne Carmichael
at 463-1651.*

Christian Education Offerings

Sundays at 9:15

Sunday School for all ages.
Christianity & Culture (PH)
Nov. 5 & 26, No program.

Nov. 12 & 19: "Martin Luther,"
led by Roger Crockett.

Book Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 (PH)
*The Good Book, Reading the Bible
with Mind and Heart,*
by Peter Gomes.

From The Parish Office

*The deadline for Cross & Crown is the
15th of the month preceding publica-
tion. The deadline for the Sunday bulle-
tin is Tuesday at noon. Call Kay with
your items at 463-4981 or e-mail her at
hornerk@releechurch.org.*

Holiday Closing

*The Parish Office will be closed Thurs-
day and Friday for Thanksgiving.*

Vestry Elections 2006

On November 1, the ballot for Vestry elections will be established by the senior warden, in the absence of the rector, and the treasurer. The December issue of *Cross and Crown*, published the last week in November, and the parish website will include photographs and brief descriptions of the candidates. They will also be posted in the Narthex.

Information on casting an absentee ballot is available in the parish office.

The Vestry election will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 9:15 a.m. Election results will be published in the January *Cross & Crown*, on the parish website, and in bulletins.

Notes from Daniel



St. Francis Choir to Sing

The Saint Francis Choir is working with the children's choir from Trinity United Methodist Church to sing two anthems—a gospel-style arrangement of *This Little Light of Mine* and *Rejoice in the Lord*. We will sing on Sunday morning, Nov. 12 here and on Nov. 19 at Trinity.

Musicians Needed for Sounds of Advent

We are assembling a group of musicians to play special Advent and Christmas music. We will play for some morning and some evening services in December (the idea is that each person can play as often as they like). We hope it will be a fun and enriching way for more people to join in the music of the season. Anyone is welcome to join us!

Please call Daniel at church (463-4981) if you'd like to participate or e-mail him at dbrinson@releechurch.org.

Stewardship Sunday, November 5

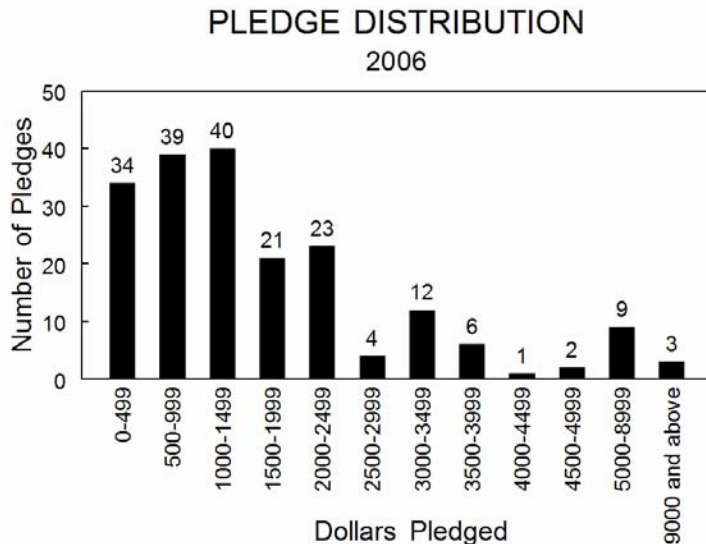
This is a reminder that Stewardship Sunday is Nov. 5. For all who have returned their Time and Talent Survey and Pledge Card, thank you very much. Your support is greatly appreciated. If we missed anyone and you did not receive the Every Member Canvass and Stewardship materials, please contact the parish office and we will send a packet right away. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to the mission of R. E. Lee Church and return your card at your earliest convenience.

Where We Are—A 2006 Pledge Update

This update comes as a reminder that we count on your pledge to enable us to meet our financial obligations and fund our mission throughout the year.

Anticipated pledges as of September 30, 2006: \$246,733
 Actual pledges collected as of September 30, 2006: \$238,774
 2006 Total Amount Pledged: \$328,370.

To show how we share at R. E. Lee, below is a graph illustrating the distribution of pledges for 2006.



Evensong

Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, Evensong will be held here at 6 p.m. in observance of All Souls' Day and the Feast of All Saints. We hope you'll join us for this time of remembering our departed friends and loved ones.

Memorial Reception Committee Commended

My husband and I were so impressed with the beautiful reception you hosted for the Lorrier family.

It was the kindest and most thoughtful gift you could have possibly given the family...whoever thought of this special gift is to be commended as well as all of the ladies who prepared delicious refreshments and gave up their Saturday to help.

It was such an altruistic and Christian thing to do.

Ann & Lynn Jones

Pastoral Concerns

During this interim time, one of our associate clergy, The Rev. John A. Furgerson, will be on-call for pastoral concerns. We invite you to contact him directly at 464-1244.

Glorious Gifts

Glorious Gifts was first held in 1997, and raised slightly over \$2,000 for five mission outreach agencies. Since then we have raised in excess of \$65,000 for nine agencies.

R. E. Lee Church members have been major contributors to this program.

We hope that our 10th anniversary year will be bigger and better than ever. The dates are Sunday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, from noon until 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Plan now to make some of your Christmas shopping the gift that gives twice.

Serving in November

Readers and Chalicists

November 5

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, Holt Merchant, Russell Knudson,
Sharon Massie, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Dane Boston, John Campbell, Alice Furgerson,
Clara Belle Weatherman, Mary Doyle

November 12

- 8:00 David Coffey, Gerry Locher, Pam Simpson,
Hank Humphreys, Sharon Peters
10:30 Mary Webster, Doug Ayer, Anna Crockett,
Marnie Wheeler, MJ Mayerchak

November 19

- 8:00 John Milford, Rob Apgar, Penny Henneman,
Punky Dod, Wilson Shepherd
10:30 Farris Hotchkiss, Pat Gibson, Landon Jones,
Buster Lewis, George Brooke

November 23, Thanksgiving Day

- 10:30 Dan Coffey, Alice Furgerson, George Brooke

November 26

- 8:00 Russell Knudson, Sarah Lanford, Sharon Massie,
Hank Humphreys, Gerry Locher
10:30 Dan Coffey, Alexandra Brown, John Campbell,
Marnie Wheeler, Alice Furgerson

Acolytes

November 5

- 8:00 Andrew Pharr
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Zach Dearing

November 12

- 8:00 Walker Cross
10:30 Sarah Massie, Anne Tatum Wright, Kris Hoolahan

November 19

- 8:00 Sarah Massie
10:30 Grier Cross, Forrest Walden, Marshall Walden

November 26

- 8:00 Hunter Walden
10:30 Forest Shaw, William Shaw, Matt Hinks

Greeters

- Nov. 5 Jayne & Brian Shaw
Nov. 12 Anna Crockett & Punky Dod
Nov. 19 Dot & Wally Fogo
Nov. 26 Doris & Kris Hoolahan

Nursery Core Team at 10:30

- Nov. 5 Sarah Massie
Nov. 12 Virginia Hart
Nov. 19 Grier Cross
Nov. 26 Lynda Bassett-deMaria

Lemonade Brigade at 10:30

- Nov. 5 Elizabeth Harralson
Nov. 12 Gloria Smitka
Nov. 19 The Websters
Nov. 26 Ann & Stan Kruger

Plum Puddings Now on Sale!!

A good time was had by all! Sincere thanks to each and every willing worker—several dozen of you—who helped prepare plum pudding and get it to the cannery in this annual fund-raiser for our parish.

We made 272 puddings and they will be sold for \$11 each at the Bazaar on Nov. 15 and between services on Sundays.

Need fruitcake ingredients?

If you want to make fruitcake, you can get a good deal on citron, candied orange and lemon peel, and even some chopped cherries at the same time you buy your puddings.

For more information, call Sarah Lanford at 463-3500 or Nanalou Sauder at 463-4136.



For the RARA Pantry

Oatmeal and Potato Flakes for November.
Leave your items on the main floor
of the Parish House under the hall table.

KNO



Kids' Night Out, our time when we entertain the kids while parents have a night out, is Friday, Nov. 3. *For more information, or to register your child, contact Susan Lawrence, 464-5797 or lawrences@rockbridge.net.*

A reminder!

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

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 2006

Buddy Atkins

John Burleson

Melissa Cox

Roger Crockett

Susan Cross

Libby Cumming

Paula Cushman

Bob de Maria

Bob Glidden

Gerry Locher

Cindy Mullen

Jerry Nay

Brian Shaw

Gretchen Walden

Jonathan Webster

Preaching & Celebrating in November

We are grateful to clergy assisting us on Sundays during this interim time. The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg continues with the 8 a.m. service. At 10:30, we have the following:

Nov. 5 & 12, The Rev. Helen Beasley

Nov. 19, The Rev. Christine Payden-Travers

Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day), The Rev. John A. Furgerson

Nov. 26, The Rev. Gene Anderson

Our thanks to Ed Craun, who has scheduled lay homilists for two of our 5 p.m. services. VMI Cadet Greg Lippiatt will speak on Nov. 5 and Dennis Cross, W&L Vice President for University Advancement and a parishioner, will speak on Nov. 12. The Rev. Helen Beasley will celebrate at those services.



November 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 12:15 Holy Eucharist 4 to 4:45 St. Francis Choir, Trinity Methodist 6:30 Book Study Handbells | 2 All Souls Day 6 Evensong <i>No Parish Choir rehearsal</i> 7 High School EYC 9 Compline | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Pentecost 22 All Saints Sunday 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education College Parents' Breakfast 5 Holy Eucharist 6 Canterbury Supper 6:30 EYC | 6 7:30 Christian Out'ch (L) | 7 6 EFM (L) | 8 12:15 Holy Eucharist 4 St. Francis Choir, 6:30 Book Study Handbells | 9 7:30 Parish Choir 7 High School EYC 9 Compline | 10 | 11 |
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| 19 Pentecost 24 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education <i>No 5 pm service</i> 6:30 EYC | 20 5 Vestry (PH) | 21 <i>No EFM</i> | 22 <i>No 12:15 Holy Eucharist or music rehearsals</i> | 23 Thanksgiving Day 10:30 Holy Eucharist <i>No choir rehearsal Parish Office Closed</i> | 24 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> | 25 |
| 26 Pentecost 25 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education <i>No 5 pm service</i> 6:30 EYC | 27 | 28 6 EFM (L) | 29 12:15 Holy Eucharist 4 St. Francis Choir, 6:30 Book Study Handbells | 30 7 High School EYC 7:30 Parish Choir 9 Compline | | |