



Cross & Crown

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

Thanksgiving Day

A Thanksgiving Day service will be held at 10:30 with The Rev. Tom Crittenden preaching and The Rev. John A. Furgerson celebrating.

Vestry Elections

The December Cross & Crown will be published early and will carry profiles of candidates for Vestry. Profiles will also be on display in the Narthex and published on the website. Vestry elections will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 9:15 in the Parish Hall.

Deadline Change for December C&C

To accommodate publication of candidate profiles for Vestry elections in a timely manner, the deadline for the December issue of Cross & Crown is Friday, Nov. 9. The regular schedule of the 15th of the month will resume in January.

Wheeler Ordination

Our former Director of Christian Education, The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, (the Feast of Saint Nicholas) at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Newport News. The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell will celebrate.

Rhonda sends her love to folks at R. E. Lee, along with a note that "everyone is invited!"

Members of our Parish Choir will sing with the choir at St. Andrews.

Parish Office Note

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23, for Thanksgiving.

From the Rector...

[The disciples] continued in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

One of the four fundamentals of Christian community is "the prayers." We offer the prayers of our community every Sunday in the Prayers of the People. Various forms of these prayers from the Prayer Book are used, and we add special additions to the prayers—petitions, intercessions, thanksgivings, and remembrances from our personal and communal lives. Each Sunday the special prayers are collected and worked into the Prayer Reader's script for leading the prayers.

We are making a slight change to how we offer our prayers. Each Sunday the Prayers of the People, including the special prayers, will be printed in the service bulletin. This will allow each of us to see the names and better know for whom we are praying. Publishing the prayers will also allow us to take the prayers home with us and continue praying during the following week for those listed in the special prayers. Thus the Christian community fundamental of "the prayers" can be exercised throughout each week and not just on Sundays.

The Prayer Readers will then pray for each person by first name only. It is by our given name—Christian name—that we are known to God. We need only to pray for someone by their first name for God to know for whom we are praying and what their needs are.

Please follow the Prayers of the People in your bulletin. Then take your bulletin home and keep lifting up "the prayers" to God each and every day!



**Don't forget to turn the clocks back!
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4.**

This newsletter, along with Vestry minutes and other news of the parish, can be found at our website, www.releechurch.org.

*Tuesday, November 14
2 to 7 p.m.*

Annual Bazaar

Come and enjoy a head start to your Christmas shopping. You can browse and savor a cup of tea and snacks from 2 to 5. From 5 to 7 we will offer wine and hors d'oeuvres—all for a small donation!

We need hand-fashioned goods, white elephants, baked goods, jams and jellies, and jewelry (please no clothing, linens or non-functioning electrical items). We need SHOPPERS! 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/Frozen Foods: Drusie Milford
Fanciwork: Dot Fogo (463-2368)
Jewelry: Lindley Ford (463-9609)
Kountry 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)
NEW TABLE! Used Tools: Barton Dick (463-6319)

For more information contact

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

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., will be accepted beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The Bazaar begins at 2.
Questions? Please call Suzanne Carmichael at 463-1651.

Dessert with the Crittendens

A series of small-group gatherings for parishioners to get acquainted with Tom and Christi Crittenden is now under way.

The gatherings, at the homes of parishioners, will continue through November, break for December, then resume in January.

Sunday School

For Children & Youth

Sunday Mornings at 9:15
Top floor of the Parish House

Christianity and Culture

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parish Hall

Nov. 4

*Tallis, Beethoven, Bach, Williams
and the Hymnal*
Tim Gaylard

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Nov. 18

The Two Great Awakenings
Holt Merchant

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IN THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

Joshua Matthews Henson
son of Joseph and Carla Henson

Transfer In

Robert & Marcene Molinaro
Frances Higgins

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of Peter Stearns, Dean Hutchings, Rose Benedict, and J. Robert Philpott, Jr. (Frances Brooke's son-in-law) in the loss of their loved ones.

Evensong on All Saints Day

On November 1, All Saints Day, at 6 p.m., we will offer sung Evening Prayer, or Evensong, one of the treasures of the Anglican tradition.

The choir will sing music by American composers William Bradley Roberts, Alec Wyton, and William McCorkle, and we will sing hymns honoring the saints.

We will also remember those in our parish who have died in the past year and those whose names have been submitted by friends and loved ones.

Handbells Music for the Season

The sound of handbells echoes the hopeful anticipation of Advent and the celebration of Christmas. The Handbell Choir would like to invite new members or beginners to join us in November and December to help ring in the new liturgical year. Teenagers welcome, too! There will be easy parts that even absolute beginners can play. (You don't even have to read music). If you'd like to know more about handbells and participation in the Handbell Choir, contact Daniel Brinson at 570-2626 or dbrinson@releechurch.org.

*Rehearsals will be Thursdays through Christmas from 6:30 – 7:15.
First rehearsal: November 8*

Youth Gatherings

Youth are now meeting regularly each week—so if you're in middle school or high school, mark your calendar and check in with us!

Middle School Youth, Sundays at 6:30
High School Youth, Tuesdays at 6:30

Rockbridge Youth Chorale in Concert

The Rockbridge Youth Chorale, under the direction of Daniel Brinson, will present a concert at 3 p.m., Saturday Dec. 1, at Lexington Presbyterian Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Wonderful Wednesdays

St. Francis Choir (2nd grade – middle school)
Meets Wednesdays, 4:15 snack, 4:30 - 5:30 rehearsal

God's Children Sing (Ages 3 – First grade)
Meets Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:15

For more information on any of the musical offerings of our church, contact Daniel Brinson at 570-2626, or dbrinson@releechurch.org

Book Study at 7 in the Library—Devotional Classics

Stewardship Update

Total pledged for 2007	\$327,716
Received as of September 30	\$247,621
Budgeted for receipt as of September 30	\$251,380

Canterbury Cooks Needed!

Our Canterbury Fellowship enjoys a home-cooked meal following the 5 p.m. service on Sundays.

It is a lively time of good food and fellowship with our college students and cadets.

If you'd like to prepare a meal for this gathering, contact Melissa Cox at coxm@wlu.edu or 319-1986 for more information.

Plum Puddings Now on Sale

Once again, a good time was had by all! Sincere thanks to each and every willing worker who helped prepare our parish culinary tradition, plum puddings.

This is an important fund-raiser for our parish and every willing hand—from mixing to delivery to the cannery—was appreciated.

We made 278 puddings. They are being sold between services on Sunday mornings and also at the Bazaar on Nov. 14.



"Don't get excited. They're taking it up, not passing it out."

Service Schedule Change

There will be no 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist on November 18 or November 25.

Put it in the Bag for RARA

The food items for November for the RARA Food Pantry are cereal and potato flakes. Leave your items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table.



Serving in November

Readers and Chalcists

November 4

- 8:00 Gerry Locher, John Milford, Penny Henneman,
Pam Simpson, Rob Apgar
10:30 Doug Ayer, Brian Dearing, Ellen Ivy, Clara
Belle Weatherman, Renae Patrick

November 11

- 8:00 Russell Knudson, Holt Merchant, Pam Simpson,
Punky Dod, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Mary Webster, Judy Glick, Landon Jones,
MJ Mayerchak, Gloria Smitka

November 18

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, Sharon Massie, Rob Apgar,
Hank Humphreys, Pam Simpson
10:30 John Campbell, Jonathan Webster, Judy Noell,
George Brooke, Melissa Cox

November 22 Thanksgiving Day

- 10:30 Dan Coffey, Russell Knudson, John Furgerson

November 25

- 8:00 William McCorkle, John Milford, Russell
Knudson, Gerry Locher, Sharon Massie
10:30 Dan Coffey, Bridget Dearing, Anna Crockett,
Peter Fyfe, Mary Doyle

December 2

- 8:00 Hank Humphreys, Sarah Lanford,
Penny Henneman, Rob Apgar, Punky Dod
10:30 Dane Boston, Alice Furgerson, Buster Lewis,
Pat Gibson

Lemonade Brigade

- November 4 Mike & Suzanne Carmichael
November 11 John & Drusie Milford
November 18 The Sailer Family
November 25 Bill & Judy Noell

Greeters at 10:30

- November 4 Ann & Stan Kruger
November 11 Cindy & Grigg Mullen
November 18 Georgie Brush and Barbara Yewell
November 25 Gail and Barton Dick

Acolytes

November 4

- 8:00 Walker Cross
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Anne Tatum Wright,
Madison Wright

November 11

- 8:00 Marshall Walden
10:30 William Shaw, Forest Shaw, Mary Lawrence

November 18

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Grier Cross, Sydney Cross, Zach Dearing

November 25

- 8:00 Jacob Lawrence
10:30 Joe Crittenden, Condé Crittenden, Kris Hoolahan



Kids' Night Out
Friday, November 2
6 to 9 in the Parish Hall

Crafts and activities for the kids!
Time off for the parents!

*There is no charge, but please bring a food donation
for the RARA Food Pantry*

To reserve a place for your child in November, please contact
Susan Lawrence at lawrences@rockbridge.net.

A Note from the Welcoming Committee

On Sunday mornings, we need all our parishioners to make our newcomers feel welcome. When you see someone that you think might be new to our church, introduce yourself and chat with them. The lemonade time on the courtyard is a perfect opportunity for this. We want to be known as a friendly, welcoming church, and we encourage everyone to wear a name tag to make conversation easier.

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

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell

Rector

The Rev. F. Thomas Crittenden

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 Bureson

Roger Crockett

Susan Cross

Libby Cumming

Bridget Kelley-Dearing

Bob de Maria

Bob Glidden

Cindy Mullen

Woody Sadler

Brian Shaw

Gretchen Walden

Jonathan Webster

- 1 Margaret Branner
Frances Grist
Richard Hull
- 2 Lloyd Goad
Bowen Raetz
- 3 John March
Jean Wolfe
- 4 Tom Crittenden
Peggy Riethmiller
- 5 Grace Sailer
- 6 Lydia Casteel
Josephine Morrison
- 7 Macy Coffey
Pam Traugott
- 8 Evan Atkins
Eileen Hinks
- 10 Ann Kruger
- 11 Sarah Bureson
Sarah Cumming
Annie Sadler
- 13 Doug Ayer
- 14 James Farrar
Dorothy Tyree
- 15 Rene' Glidden

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Sarah Hart
- 17 Elizabeth Forman
- 19 Eva Apgar
Steve Lawrence
Karin O'Callaghan
- 21 Marie Fabrizio
Timothy Gaylard
Brian Shaw
- 22 Katherine March
Will McClung
- 23 Ellen Fure
- 24 Karen Fabrizio
Mike Oxford
Becca Russell
- 25 Kim Montgomery
George Penn
- 27 Jack Hershbell
Doug Wright
- 28 Mary W. Schambach
- 29 Bob Glidden
- 30 Harry Warner