



# Cross & Crown

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

You are invited  
to join in the  
Celebration of  
New Ministry  
for

The Rev. Tom Crittenden,  
Rector,  
on Tuesday,

October 16, at 6 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell,  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Southwestern Virginia,  
Celebrant



A reception to welcome  
the Crittenden family  
follows in the Parish Hall

## *From the Rector...*

My father was an occasional connoisseur of off-beat country-folk songs and particularly loved the religious/gospel genre. One song to which I was introduced at an early age was "Royal Telephone," a cheerful, witty metaphor of our prayer life as a telephone connection to God. Written when land-line telephones were rapidly becoming the all-pervasive communication technology, "Royal Telephone" finds meaning and humor in the analogy of the telephone to that most important of all communications, our prayers to God.

Today, communications technology seems, to some of us, to be taking over more and more of our lives. I can find myself envying my Mother's *not* using a computer and only using her cell phone for "free" long distance or to take on long automobile trips.

Yet communication is at the heart of relationships and essential to human existence. And ever since the first smoke signal and jungle drum network, technology has been an integral part of communication. I prefer face-to-face communication but appreciate the telephone and understand the growing importance of e-mail and the internet. And I'm learning that e-mail is particularly popular for many parishioners.

In order to protect my time, particularly my family time, I need to share with you my approach to e-mail. I check my e-mail three or four times a day and respond when needed. I do not check my e-mail in the evening. And, most importantly, I do not check my e-mail on my days off—Friday and Saturday. I feel that engaging in e-mail correspondence on my days off is, well, not truly taking time off!

Yet even on my days off, I am on call for pastoral needs. So you must feel free to contact me! The phone number at my Mother's is 463-3970 (listed as Condé Feddeman), and I will publish our new number when we move to Birdfield. Please feel free to call me 24/7 if you have a pastoral need. But know that your weekend e-mails will most likely not be replied to until Sunday or even Monday.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

### *What a Welcome!*

Thanks to the Welcoming Committee and all who helped to make Welcoming Sunday a lively success!

### *Parish Office Note*

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 8, in observance of Columbus Day.

*There will be no charges, telephone is free.*

*It was built for service, just for you and me.*

*There will be no waiting on this royal line.*

*Telephone to glory always answers just in time.*

From "Royal Telephone," reprinted from Public Domain

## ***From the Stewardship Committee***

At R. E. Lee Church, we are embarking on a new period in the life of this parish. As we prepare for the annual Every Member Canvass, the Stewardship Committee wants everyone to reflect upon our theme this year, *Sing a New Song*, as part of Psalm 96.

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation  
from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.*

For more than 150 years, members of this parish have gathered to give praise and thanks for all God has given us. We bless his name for all the gifts the Lord has bestowed upon our church.

It is time to make a renewed commitment to give back to God a portion of what God has entrusted to us. Please prayerfully consider your pledge of time, talent and treasure for the coming year. In our commitment we come to know true joy as we grow in our spiritual relationship with God.

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*

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### ***Stewardship Update***

Total pledged for 2007	\$327,716
Received as of August 31	\$221,720
Budgeted for receipt as of August 31	\$226,729

## ***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](mailto:dbrinson@releechurch.org)

**Soup and Salad Dinner at 5:30**  
Sign up on Sundays in the Narthex

**Acts Study with the Rector**  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
through October 17  
(Thursdays through October 18 at Kendal)



**Book Study at 7 in the Library—Devotional Classics**

### ***Bravo, Daniel!***

Congratulations to Daniel Brinson, choir director and organist, who has been selected to lead the Rockbridge Youth Chorale for the coming year.

## ***Look for the Invitation!***

A series of small-group gatherings for parishioners to get acquainted with Tom and Christi Crittenden is being planned to begin later this month.

Watch the mail for your invitation!

## ***Memorials and Gifts in Honor***

*Gifts to R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church received this summer show how much the ministries of parishioners are appreciated. They include the following:*

*From Leslie and Robert Straughan for the Youth Program in honor of Trey Shehan, who led the program last year.*

*From Bob and Polly Lawrence in memory of Libby Washburn.*

*From Eileen Hinks in memory of Chris Howison's parents.*

*From Henrietta Bryan Bente, of Landenberg, PA, "in special thanksgiving for your (the parish's) ministry to the residents of Kendal and especially for all the congregation does for my mother, Henrietta Alphin."*

## ***Our Thanks to Matt Beebe***

In September at a 10:30 service, we recognized Matt Beebe for another labor of love on behalf of this parish—the re-pointing of the patio stone. Matt first came to our parish in 1936 as a VMI Rat. He has served on the Vestry, as Senior Warden, and as a musician extraordinaire.

He came out of retirement for his latest project and was aided by parishioners who volunteered to assist, including construction foreman Gordon Woodcock. To all the unnamed workers, thank you very much.

Matt has authorized me to tell everyone who worked on the project that your wages have been doubled retroactively.

We honor Matt for his contribution of time and talent!

*Uncas McThenia  
Humble Bookkeeper for the Project*

## A Lexington Tradition

### R. E. Lee Church's Annual Bazaar



The annual R.E. Lee Church Bazaar will take place at a new time on Wednesday, November 14. The doors will open at 2 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy a head start to your Christmas shopping. You can browse and enjoy 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).



### Snapshots from the Celebration of the Feast of Marc Nikkel



## 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

October 7  
*The Psalms as Poetry (Part 2)*  
Suzanne Keen  
Professor of English, W&L

October 14  
*The First Amendment:  
Liberal and Conservative Confusions*  
Holt Merchant  
Professor of History, W&L

October 21  
*Tallis, Beethoven, Bach,  
Williams & The Hymnal, Part 1*  
Tim Gaylord  
Professor of Music, W&L

October 28  
*Tallis, Beethoven, Bach  
Williams & The Hymnal, Part 2*  
Tim Gaylord  
Professor of Music

### Help Raise the Roof with Habitat

Habitat for Humanity is on the move in Buena Vista! Three of the four houses at the corner of Lombard Ave. and 39th Street are well on their way to becoming homes. Two other houses have foundations laid.

Many folks have contributed to the success of these projects. If you'd like to participate in a Habitat project—and all sorts of talent is needed—contact Jim Morgan at [morganjlex@aol.com](mailto:morganjlex@aol.com) or Barton Dick at [wbdick@rockbridge.net](mailto:wbdick@rockbridge.net).

### Put it in the Bag for RARA

The food item for October for the RARA Food Pantry is canned meat. Leave your items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table.



# Serving in October

## Readers and Chalicists

### October 7

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, Holt Merchant, Sharon Massie, Rob Apgar, Pam Simpson  
10:30 Landon Jones, Judy Noell, Jonathan Webster, Renae Patrick, Peter Fyfe

### October 14

- 8:00 Russell Knudson, John Milford, Penny Henneman, Hank Humphreys, Punky Dod  
10:30 Dan Coffey, Dane Boston, John Campbell, Alice Furgerson, Gloria Smitka

### October 21

- 8:00 Rob Apgar, Sharon Massie, Russell Knudson, Punky Dod, Gerry Locher  
10:30 Anna Crockett, Alexandra Brown, Melissa Cox, Pat Gibson, Mary Doyle

### October 28

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, William McCorkle, Holt Merchant, Sharon Massie, Sharon Peters  
10:30 Roger Crockett, Doug Cumming, Bob deMaria, Buster Lewis, Eileen Hinks

### 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

## Lemonade Brigade

- October 7 Judy & Bob Glick  
October 14 The Webster Family  
October 21 The Walden Family  
October 28 Anna & Roger Crockett

## Acolytes

### October 7

- 8:00 Walker Cross  
10:30 Brittigan Coffey, Talmadge Coffey, Matt Hinks

### October 14

- 8:00 Marshall Walden  
10:30 Joe Crittenden, Grier Cross, Sydney Cross

### October 21

- 8:00 William Shehan  
10:30 William Shaw, Forest Shaw, Thomas Bartenstein

### October 28

- 8:00 Jacob Lawrence  
10:30 Marshall Walden, Forrest Walden, Kris Hoolahan

## Greeters at 10:30

- October 7 Punky Dod and Bonnie Gates  
October 14 Judy and Bill Noell  
October 21 Lori Apgar and Evan Atkins  
October 28 Elise Sprunt and Pam Traugott



## **KNO is back!**

Friday, October 5  
6 to 9 in the Parish Hall

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

### *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](mailto: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 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

- 4 Mary Lawrence
- 5 Marguerite Old
- 7 Kay Horner
- 8 Jean Roper
- 9 Jerry Nay  
Bill Sayre
- 10 Elizabeth Locher  
Anne Douglas Shaw
- 11 Libby Cumming  
Paul Russell  
Howard Smith
- 12 Al Gordon
- 13 Anne Davis  
Patrick Hinely
- 14 Betty Goad  
Forrest Walden
- 15 James Leva  
Charlie Smith
- 16 Robert Stockwell
- 17 Elizabeth Gaylard
- 18 Tom Litzenburg

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- 19 Lori Apgar  
Jamie Smith
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Norman Bowles  
Tim Golden  
Drusie Milford
- 21 Elise Sprunt
- 22 Benny Lewis  
Trey Shehan
- 23 Claudia Ellis
- 25 Mason Grist  
Hunter Walden
- 26 Melissa Cox
- 27 Emma Burleson  
Samantha Russell  
Connie Loughhead
- 29 Tracey Mason
- 31 Peggy Hays  
Janet Weaver

## **October Cross and Crown**

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