



Cross & Crown

News of the Ministry & Mission of R. E. Lee Memorial Church, 123 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA October 2008



Benefit Art Show and Sale **Marc Nikkel School Scholarship Fund** **Friday, October 3 from 5 to 8 p.m.**

In the Parish Hall

The Art Show will feature paintings, photographs, prints, wood and clay sculpture, and jewelry by members and friends of the Parish family. The quality and variety is astounding! Also for sale will be decorations and floral arrangements.

We invite you to come and enjoy wine and cheese while experiencing this visual feast.

Proceeds from your purchase of art will support students in Sudan's Marc Nikkel School, named for a missionary from our diocese and now headed up by our Sudanese friend Bol Deng.

As of presstime—

***More than 23 artists participating—
many from our parish—with more
than 34 works of art!***

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day.
Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday
8 to 5 and Friday 9 to noon.

Stewardship 2009

Every Sunday...
of every week...
of every month...
of every year...

the doors of R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church are open.

Worship and music and fellowship nourish and sustain our faith. Ministry to youth, college students, and outreach bring vitality and meaning to our life together as a community of faith.

This Day...

Let us join together in giving first fruits of the harvest
back to God in Thanksgiving.

Let us remember all that we have is a gift from God;
our time, our talent, and our financial resources.

Let us return to God a portion of what we have been given.

Let us give in pure gratitude for these gifts.

Let us view Stewardship as a ministry of our church.

We're making a list and checking it twice for...

The Annual Bazaar

Wednesday, November 19

We're building on the hard work of previous years, and encouraging a broad participation of R. E. Lee women in both planning and operation of the Bazaar.

The Bazaar "familiar," including the Book Nook, Silent Auction, and Kountry Kitchen, will be there, along with some new features.



We invite you to volunteer your ideas as well as your time! Our new Bazaar co-chairs want to hear from you!

Anna Crockett (crockettaz@vmi.edu or 463-3792)
Mary Webster (mehwebster@comcast.net or 462-2864)

Please note: We will not be receiving items for the White Elephant sale this year.

Vestry Elections 2008

The nomination period is now open to fill vacancies on the Vestry. Retiring members of the Vestry are Buddy Atkins, John Burleson, Roger Crockett, Bob Glidden, and Gretchen Walden. Nominators may submit candidate names and should obtain the consent of the nominees before doing so. Nominations may be dropped into the nominations basket in the Narthex on Sundays or mailed to the Parish Office before 5 p.m. Oct. 29 when the nomination period closes.

The first week in November, the Rector and the Senior Warden, in consultation with the Treasurer, will establish the ballot. Those persons eligible for election, according to Canon 14, *shall be adult confirmed communicants of the parish, in good standing, who have been worshipers in the parish in the year preceding election and regular contributors to its financial support by pledge, subscription, or some other method by which they shall be known to the treasurer of the parish.*

The December issue of *Cross and Crown*, published the last week in November, and the parish website will include photographs and brief biographical descriptions of the candidates. The information will also be posted in the Narthex.

Information on casting an absentee ballot is available from the Parish Office.

The Vestry election will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Election results will be published in the January *Cross & Crown*, on the parish website, and in bulletins.

Nomination forms are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office, or you may mail in your information as follows: Your name, the name of your nominee, and a statement that your nominee has agreed to be nominated.

If you are interested in serving on the Vestry but are unsure of what it involves and would like to discuss what it means to be a Vestry member, contact John Burleson at 464-9242 or Bob Glidden at 348-6360.

Newcomers Class Being Offered

Five orientation classes have been scheduled for Sundays at 9:30, beginning October 5 in the Library. Topics and dates are as follows:

<i>October 5</i>	<i>Overview and history of the church</i>
<i>October 12</i>	<i>Stewardship & Finances</i>
<i>October 19</i>	<i>Worship and Participation</i>
<i>October 26</i>	<i>Programs and Outreach</i>

The series will culminate with a Newcomers' Reception in the Parish Hall on November 2 following the 10:30 service.

The sessions are open to all parishioners. For more information, contact Judy Noell, noellharbor@cs.com.



Plum Pudding Time!

Wednesday & Thursday

October 8 & 9

Plum puddings are a staple of our annual Bazaar. Please mark your calendar and give a few hours on either or both of our preparation days to tear bread, mix, and travel to the cannery. We need many willing workers to get the job done. Last year was great! Let's do it again. For more information, call Sarah Lanford at 463-3500.



Sunday, October 5

4 p.m. on the Courtyard

We'll celebrate the life of St. Francis with a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets, all shapes and sizes, and join us for a lively and joyous time together. There'll be treats for those being blessed!

From the Altar Guild

Thank You, Janice!

This past August, Janice Campbell resigned her position as caretaker of the R. E. Lee altar linens to move to Sunnyside in Harrisonburg with her husband, John.

Janice has faithfully washed and ironed all the linens since 1999 and was the epitome of a quiet, dedicated Altar Guild member. In addition, she has been a most lovely and gracious person to work with. We all miss her and her invaluable ministry with our linens.

To give an idea of how much Janice did, the Altar Guild has discovered that it will take six to eight people to replace her. The Altar Coordinating Team (ACT) is currently recruiting people who would be interested in helping with the linens. A small group has formed, but more hands are needed. Even doing just some of the small linens (purificators, etc.) would be a good contribution. Anyone who is willing, please contact Rose Gordon (463-7408) or Laura Stearns (463-3506).

A Reminder: Reducing the number of stains on the linens is still a work in progress, and one of the most difficult stains to wash out is lipstick. So ladies, please remove your lipstick before sipping from the communion cup, which is wiped with a linen purificator.

Christian Education on Sunday Mornings

- 9:15 Rise and Sing, for all ages, in the church
- 9:15 Christianity & Culture (See below)
- 9:30 Children and Youth Sunday School, Top Floor, Parish House
- Lectionary Bible Study Class, Parish Office, led by Dr. Alexandra Brown
- Sudan Series, Conference Room (concludes October 12) led by Dr. James Hentz
- Confirmation Class for 8th & 9th Graders, led by Melissa Cox

Mass on the Mountain

Bear Mountain, Amherst, October 17-19

All youth and their families are invited to attend this historic weekend for our diocese. Camp and hike on Bear Mountain and learn more about the heritage, story and traditions of the Monacan Indians. A mountain-top Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday after an cleansing Indian "traditional sweat" Please contact Sharon Massie sharon@releechurch.org for more information.

Outreach Spotlight on Project Horizon

During October, Domestic Violence Awareness month, the Christian Outreach Committee's spotlight is shining on Project Horizon, one of the agencies supported by our parish.

This community organization is dedicated to reducing domestic, dating, and sexual violence in the Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County area through crisis intervention services and prevention programs.

The non-profit agency began in 1982 as a grassroots effort to provide confidential services free of charge to battered women. In 1996, the agency merged with the Rockbridge Area Coalition Against Sexual Assault (RACASA) and began providing services to victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence.

Through its direct services to clients and outreach programs, Project Horizon offers survivors a 24-hour hotline (463-2594), emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, applicable referrals, and court advocacy. In addition, the agency provides training to allied professionals to improve services to victims of violence.

The agency also presents prevention programs in schools on topics such as sexual harassment, sexual assault and dating violence. The agency has 12 staff members, a 12-member Board of Directors, and 100 volunteers!

If you are interested in helping the agency by volunteering or obtaining further information, please contact the Project Horizon office at 463-7861.



Evening Prayer for All Saints

Sunday, November 2 at 5 p.m.

Join us for an ecumenical service of Evening Prayer with the choirs of our church and Lexington Presbyterian Church. It will be held at the Presbyterian church. We will celebrate the whole communion of saints, especially remembering those who have died this year. There will be special organ and choral music by the combined choirs, including "They that go down to the sea in ships" by Herbert Sumsion, "I will lift up mine eyes" by John Rutter, "The Souls of the Righteous" by Walford Davies, and a Psalm setting by William McCorkle.



Thousands of Meals for Haiti! Thirteen youth and adults from our church, including Emily and Peter Dozal shown above, were among the 150 people from the Augusta Convocation who packaged 21,762 small meal packages last month for "Stop Hunger Now." Each package has nutrition for six servings. The meal packages are being sent to Haiti to aid hurricane victims. R. E. Lee gave over \$1,300 in loose offerings toward cost of meals and our youth made \$420 at their car wash benefit, thanks to Pizza Hut and Joe Thomas who hosted the event.

For the RARA Food Pantry! **Canned Meats for October**

The Food Pantry is facing increased demands in these difficult times. There are two ways to contribute to this worthwhile project. Leave food items on the main floor of the Parish House under the hall table during the week and in the basket on the Courtyard at the foot of the steps on Sundays. Or make a monetary contribution, which allows RARA to buy in bulk. Mail your check, with "Food Pantry" on the memo line to RARA, P.O. Box 640, Lexington.

Christianity & Culture

This Sunday adult Christian Education offering is planned and coordinated by The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg.

9:15 in the Parish Hall

October 5	<i>The Second Great Awakening</i>	Holt Merchant
October 12	<i>The Second Great Awakening</i>	Holt Merchant
October 19	<i>Native American Spirituality</i>	Harvey Markowitz
October 26	<i>Native American Spirituality</i>	Harvey Markowitz

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Vestry 2008

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Woody Sadler

Gretchen Walden

- 4 Mary Lawrence
- 5 Marguerite Old
- 7 Kay Horner
- 8 Jean Roper
- 9 Jerry Nay
William Sayre
- 10 Elizabeth Locher
Anne Douglas Shaw
- 11 Libby Cumming
Paul Russell
Howard Smith
- 12 Al Gordon
- 13 Anne Davis
Pat Hinely
- 14 Betty Goad
Forrest Walden
- 15 Charlie Smith



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- 17 Elizabeth Gaylard
- 18 Tom Litzenburg
- 19 Lori Apgar
Harry Wheeler
Jamie Smith
- 20 Eloise Adams
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
Connie Loughhead
Samantha Russell
- 29 Tracey Mason
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