



Cross and Crown

News of the Mission & Ministry of R. E. Lee Memorial Church
The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

SEPTEMBER 2010

Ministries Fair Sept. 12

Our Annual Ministries Fair will take place on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Discover the various ministries of our church and find your place of service. This is a time of fellowship and sharing in the ministry and mission of our parish while enjoying a continental breakfast. Sunday School classes for adults will not meet that Sunday, but children and youth will meet as scheduled.

Vestry Elections Oct. 10

The election of five new members to the Vestry will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10, as specified by our By-laws. Nomination forms are available from the Parish Office and in the Narthex. The nomination period closes on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

5 p.m. Service Resumes

Our 5 p.m. service resumes on Sunday, Sept. 5, and the monthly Taizé Eucharist will be on Sunday, Sept. 12.

A Celebration of the Feast of Marc Nikkel *Episcopal Missionary to Sudan*

Sunday, September 19

9:15 in the Undercroft, Adult Forum with focus on the Sudan

10:30, Holy Eucharist

Preacher

The Rt. Rev. A. Heath Light
The Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of
Southwestern Virginia



Special music

Washington & Lee Chamber Singers
and music in the Sudanese tradition

*Join us following the service for lunch
hosted by our Sudanese friends from Roanoke.*



LES PETÍTS CHANTEURS—The Little Singers of Haiti and the chamber ensemble of Holy Trinity Music School in Port-au-Prince will be in concert at R. E. Lee Church on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to help rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral and Music School. A Creole/Haitian meal will be served at 5:30 prior to the event—\$8 per person, \$25 for a family of 4, \$5 for each additional meal.

The Annual Bazaar

Sponsored by the ECW
Saturday, Oct. 23
1 to 6 p.m.

Now's the time to begin gathering items for the Treasure Trove as well as deciding how your time and talents could enhance this annual fundraiser. Begin to gather your gently-used items for the Treasure Trove—



Halloween costumes, toys, accessories, jewelry—and watch the bulletins and the October newsletter for where and when to drop off items.

For more information, contact the co-chairs:
Anna Crockett at 460-3254 or
Melissa Cox at 319-1986.

Thanks to the Teachers!

A heartfelt thank-you to each of the parishioners who responded to the call to teach Sunday School this year. We honor their commitment to Christian formation in our parish.

Preschool
Kindergarten/1st Grade
Primary, Grades 2 & 3
Intermediate, Grades 4 & 5
Middle School, Grades 6 & 7
Confirmation, Grade 8
High School, Grades 9– 12
Children's Chapel
Substitutes
Lectionary Class

Mary Webster, Bethany Hull
Beth Hart, Jenny Mastin
Tim and Mary Price, Myra Brush
Drusie Milford, Caroline Russell
Christi Crittenden
Melissa Cox, Daniel Brinson
Steve Grist, Howard Pickett
Dan Coffey
Erika Brooke, Frances Grist
Jamie Smith, Joan Millon

We also thank Tom Litzenburg and his presenters for their continued commitment to the Christianity & Culture series.

Rise and Sing, 9:15, Choir Room, Top Floor Parish House

Gather around the piano with us for an intergenerational session of learning new songs and hymns, celebrating God's love, and building our Sunday School community. We recess to our individual classes shortly before 9:30.

Sunday School for Children and Youth, 9:30, Top Floor Parish House

The new Sunday School curriculum for children, ages 3 to 5th grade, is *Weaving God's Promises*. This three-year program was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. Its title refers to the process of faith formation in which we learn how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives. The goal of *Weaving God's Promises* is to teach children the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world, and to give them a solid grounding for future youth formation programs, which in turn will prepare them for Christian adulthood.

The 6th and 7th grades use David C. Cook's *Real Life Downloaded* series.

A year-long Confirmation class is offered for those in 8th grade.

Practicing Christianity, our class for high-school students, draws its curriculum from many sources, including the Bible and Jenifer Gamber's, *My Faith, My Life*, the Episcopal Curriculum for Youth, and the Book of Common Prayer.

Lectionary Class, 9:30, Library

This class follows the Collect and Scripture readings for each Sunday as inserted in our bulletins. We read and briefly discuss each Scripture selection, moving through the themes of the texts as they relate to each other, to the season of the church year, and to our lives of faith. No preparation required. The class is facilitated by Joan Millon and Jamie Smith. All are welcome!

Something New for

Wonderful Wednesdays

3:15 snack

3:30 to 4:30 session

In addition to our regular Godly Play and St. Francis Choir programs, we will end each Wednesday with a rotation of special activities. In September, Lacey Lynch is introducing Choir Chimes to the older group, Sharon Massie does storytelling and crafts for all ages, and Daniel Brinson will bring music activities to the Godly Play children.

Godly Play

(ages 3 to 1st grade)

St. Francis Choir

(1st grade through 8th grade)

Youth Events

Sunday, Sept. 5

Movie Night at Hull's Drive-In,

Leave church at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12

Wii Night

5-6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Sunday, Sept. 19

Sudan Emphasis

5-6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Friday, Sept. 24

RCHS/Broadway Football game,

leave church at 6:30 p.m.

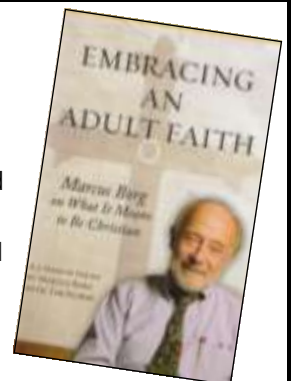
Questions? Mayumi Smitka, 460-1244
or email mayumi_smitka@yahoo.com

New for Sunday Mornings, Beginning September 24

Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What it Means to be a Christian

In this five-session DVD faith-formation series, author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? Each session includes a 10-minute presentation by Marcus Borg followed by discussion. The study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. This five-week series will conclude on October 24.

9:30 Sundays in the Conference Room. Facilitated by Sharon Massie.



Listen for the Choir Chimes!



The newest addition to our music program is a beautiful set of hand-held choir chimes. The chimes are similar to hand-bells but with a more mellow sound, and easily rung by all ages. They are excellent for teaching music-reading skills. Thanks to the efforts of Lacey Lynch, we will incorporate the chimes into our Wonderful Wednesday programs this fall. You can expect to hear them enriching our worship at 10:30 services in September and October.

The choir chimes were given by generous donors, including Steve and Frances Grist and gifts given in memory of Margaret Furgeson Gregory, daughter of Alice and John Furgerson, and Esther and Edsel Fitzgerald, parents of Sharon Massie. Thanks to all the donors who made this acquisition possible.

Join with the Parish Choir for Retirement Home Outreach

This fall, parishioners will go to Heritage Hall and Kendal to sing hymns and visit with residents. We welcome children, youth and adults who want to sing, play piano or an instrument, or just visit, to join members of the Parish Choir for this ministry. The first date is 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19 at Heritage Hall (205 Houston Street at the end of Walker Street). If you play an instrument or piano, please let Daniel Brinson know you will be joining the group; otherwise, just meet at Heritage Hall a few minutes before 3:30 p.m.

Looking ahead—We will join Tom Crittenden at the 4th Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at Kendal on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. (meet there at 3:30 p.m.).

Thanks to the Painters

Special thanks to Gordon Woodcock, Barton Dick, Bob Glick, David Jacobs and Mo Littlefield for the latest phase of Parish House improvements—painting of the stairwell walls.

Spotlight on Mission: The Sudan

—MJ Mayerchak, Christian Outreach Committee

The Sudan Mission Group (SMG), under the auspices of the Christian Outreach Committee, promotes the 30-year-old relationship between R. E. Lee Church and Sudanese at home and in the Diaspora. It informs the parish about Sudan, fosters friendships with and education among the members of Sudanese Community in Roanoke, and raises funds for the Marc Nikkel School. Our friendship with the Sudanese is especially important now that the Southern Sudanese are preparing to decide a referendum on unity or separation. The referendum, part of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement, is scheduled for January 9.

In the last academic year, eight Sudanese students in Roanoke received 18 tuition grants for college classes. One of these students completed his Associate of Science degree at Virginia Western Community College last May. The Alta Fowler Relief Fund for Sudanese Education helps to fund this grant program.

In May, the SMG sponsored a yard sale to benefit the Marc Nikkel School. Our parish was able to send \$800 through our diocese to help purchase supplies for the teachers and students there.

On September 19, Sudanese friends from Roanoke will join us to remember the life and work of the Rev. Marc Nikkel, missionary to Sudan in the 1980s and 1990s. The celebration will encompass the Sunday School hour, the 10:30 Eucharist and a potluck lunch at 12:15. Donations to the Marc Nikkel School are especially welcome. Checks can be made out to R. E. Lee Church with MNS scholarships in the memo line.

When you come on Sept. 19, be sure to view the SMG display in the stairwell of the Parish House. If you have any questions or would like to help the SMG, please contact MJ Mayerchak at 460-3138 or mchak@ntelos.net.



Christianity and Culture For the Fall

Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Parish Hall

Sept. 5 & 19	<i>More about Bach</i>	Timothy Gaylard
Sept. 12 & 26	No class	
Oct. 3	<i>Shakespeare and Religion</i>	Holly Pickett
Oct. 10	<i>Hans Sachs: Church Reformer with a Hammer</i>	Roger Crockett
Oct. 17	<i>Hans Sachs: Church Reformer with a Hammer</i>	Roger Crockett
Oct. 24	No class	
Oct. 31	<i>Lincoln, Lee and the Moral Law</i>	Holt Merchant
Nov. 7	<i>Lincoln, Lee and the Moral Law</i>	Holt Merchant
Nov. 14	<i>Native Americans and the Jesuits</i>	Harvey Markowitz
Nov. 21	<i>Native Americans and the Jesuits</i>	Harvey Markowitz
Nov. 28	No class	
Dec. 5	<i>The Mind and Times of Thomas Hardy</i>	Suzanne Keen
Dec. 12	<i>The Mind and Times of Thomas Hardy</i>	Suzanne Keen
Dec. 19 & 26	No class	

Stewardship Vignettes

...or How Sacrificial Giving Has Kept Our Church Alive



The Stewardship Committee would like to encourage all of us, in considering our annual pledge, to reflect on the habits of the heart of parishioners past. Since its beginning in 1840 until today, this parish has lived on those who have given generously in gratitude for, and realization of, God's abundance. Every month for the next year, the committee will offer a historical vignette telling of our good stewards living and dead. We start with the early founders.

Local histories tell us that our town, originally, was not too accommodating for Episcopalians. Only two or three families claimed to be **Episcopalian, and they were all ensconced within the battlements of VMI. VMI's superintendent, Col. Francis H. Smith, and Capt. Thomas H. Williamson, one of VMI's three professors at its founding in 1839, decided to organize this parish in 1840, since most of their cadets were sons of Episcopal families from the Tidewater region. The rest of Lexington, including the faculty and students at Washington College, were strongly Presbyterians. It is alleged that these Scots-Irish Calvinists were so suspicious of popish tendencies sleeping in the Protestant Episcopal Church that they wouldn't sell any land for the parish, so the Vestry had to purchase the lot by stealth through an intermediary. The cost was \$3,800. Although there were hardly more than the original 10 communicants, more than half the cost was raised "with a zeal and liberality most gratifying," church records say. The first pastor, the Rev. William Bryant, subsisted on a salary of \$580. Members pledged from \$5 to \$50 each, but this didn't cover half the cost, so they asked the Domestic Missionary Society for help.**

Before the church building came into existence, the congregation worshipped in the courthouse. To raise more money, the Vestry offered to charge a fee for exclusive use of some of the more desirable pews (courthouse benches). It is not known whether such pew-renting is the origin of the tendency of Episcopalians to avoid front pews. But the generosity of those parishioners was unstinting. Thanks to a campaign of sacrificial giving, our first congregation raised more than half of the cost of the first building on this site, a brick structure consecrated on May 21, 1844, as Grace Church. The next day, the bishop confirmed four VMI cadets and four others.

—*Doug Cumming,*
drawing primarily on George M. Brooke's *General Lee's Church*

Welcome to our Hillel neighbors!

We have watched for several months now as **Washington & Lee's Hillel House** has gone up next door. The facility, devoted to Jewish campus life, will be dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 25 and an open house for the community will follow from 1 to 3 p.m.

Brion Ordination

Theresa Brion, our former intern, is being ordained to the priesthood on **Oct. 2 at St. John's Episcopal Church** in Frostburg, Md. Theresa is serving as the western Maryland Missioner at the Diocese of Maryland. Her address is 607-1/2 Washington St., Cumberland, MD 21502.

Table Fellowship Plans

Potluck Kick-Off

Table Fellowship consists of groups who gather monthly for dinner. The groups usually meet in homes, but sometimes they go to a restaurant, have a picnic, have brunch, or just **meet for dessert. It's** very flexible and groups can choose to do whatever meets the needs of the participants. Groups consist of couples **and singles and even some who don't normally attend church.**



Friday, Sept. 24, we will kick off the year with a group potluck supper at the church. We will have wine/soft drinks and cheese at 6, **with dinner at 6:30. If you've participated in a group in the past, we hope you'll do so again, and we'll automatically put you in a group, unless you request not to be included. If you were not part of a group this past year, please consider joining. Participants say, "It's a great way to get to know people on a deeper level than just greeting them at church." And, "The group was very interesting, and we enjoyed being part of it; each time our group met, we enjoyed the evening more and more."**

Usually the host provides a main dish and everyone else contributes to the meal. It can be as casual as you like. The most important thing is that you spend time getting to know one another. Please call the Parish Office or e-mail maryedoyle@gmail.com or christic@access4less.net if you'd like to be in a group. **If you're not sure, come on September 24, and check it out. We'll be happy to welcome you. Please bring a dish to share.**

EfM resumes September 21

Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year program of theological education at-a-distance, will begin its fall session here on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. in the Library. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, the EfM program has played a crucial role in developing theologically informed, knowledgeable lay leaders. Sponsored by the University of the South, the program has had **more than 60,000 participants. If you're interested in becoming a part of this group, contact Sharon Massie, mentor, at sharon@releechurch.org or 570-5408.**



Sunday School Kick-Off
Christian Education at R. E. Lee kicked off on Aug. 22 with more than 75 people enjoying breakfast together before going to their classes.



It's Plum Pudding Time!

It's time for this annual tradition of our parish and fundraiser for our ECW. Our puddings will grace tables in Rock-bridge County and as far away as Arizona and California! To help with this effort, save Wednesday, Sept. 29 for bread pulling and Thursday, Sept. 30 for mixing and travel to the cannery. We will be calling you! Contact Sarah Lanford at 463-3500 to sign up!



ECW Lunch September 7

All women of the church are invited to the Parish Hall at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 7 for a brown-bag lunch and fall kick-off of ECW activities. Bring whatever simple lunch you wish. Beverages and **dessert will be provided.** You'll get the scoop on preparations for the bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 23, plus news on plum pudding production and other events!



SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

READERS AND CHALICISTS

Sept. 5

8:00 John Milford, Russ Knudson, Penny Henneman, Marcy Molinaro, Gerry Locher
10:30 Alice Furgerson, Alex Brown, Elizabeth Harralson, Gloria Smitka, Shay Peters

Sept. 12

8:00 Sarah Lanford, Holt Merchant, Marcy Molinaro, Rob Apgar, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Bob deMaria, Dennis Cross, Doug Ayer, David Jacobs, Pam Traugott

Sept. 19

8:00 Lu Dooley, Hank Humphreys, Holt Merchant, Sharon Massie, Marcy Molinaro
10:30 Jim Armstead, Landon Jones, Sharon Massie, Pat Gibson, Peter Fyfe

Sept. 26

8:00 Russ Knudson, John Milford, Penny Henneman, Gerry Locher, Pamela Simpson
10:30 Anna Crockett, David Jacobs, Farris Hotchkiss, Mary Doyle, Punky Dod

ACOLYTES

Sept. 5

8:00 Ben Connelly
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence,
Michael Lawrence

Sept. 12

8:00 David Jacobs
10:30 Condé Crittenden, Harrison Crittenden,
Forest Shaw

Sept. 19

8:00 Forrest Walden
10:30 Sydney Cross, Kris Hoolahan,
Katherine Bowles

Sept. 26

8:00 Noah Sailor
10:30 Mason Grist, Thomas Bartenstein,
Talmadge Coffey

PLATE COUNT TEAM HEADS

Sept. 5 Bob Glick
Sept. 12 Cindy Mullen
Sept. 19 Mo Littlefield
Sept. 26 Don Whittington

GREETERS AT 10:30

Sept. 5 Pam Traugott & Molly Brown
Sept. 12 Doris & Kris Hoolahan
Sept. 19 Barbara Yewell & Carol Muir
Sept. 26 Tracey Mason & Linda Sizemore

ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 5 Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak,
Martha Ackerly, Pat Gibson,
Paula Hunter, Alice Moore, Peggy
Riethmiller, Mary Webster
Sept. 12 Jane Brooke, Gretchen Walden,
Judy Glick, Elise Sprunt, Drusie
Milford, Virginia Dabney, Cath-
erine Marcus
Sept. 19 Sharon Humphreys, Elizabeth
Harralson, Joy Harris, Nancy
Walker, Kitty Wainwright, Diana
Kenney, Julie Grover
Sept. 26 Rose Gordon, Suzanne Carmi-
chael, Joan Crawford, Chris
Howison, Tracey Mason, Molly
Brown, Myra Brush

USHERS & OBLATION BEARERS AT 10:30

Sept. 5 Bill Stearns, Buddy Atkins, Peter
Fyfe, Mo Littlefield
Sept. 12 Peter Fyfe, Frank Settle, Farris
Hotchkiss, Jonathan Webster
Sept. 19 Bob deMaria, Lynda deMaria,
Barton Dick, Gail Dick
Sept. 26 Dick Rathmell, Lynwood Dent,
Bill Noell, Judy Noell

For the RARA Food Pantry

September: Canned Meats

*Leave your bags under the table
outside the Parish Office.*



Thursday Pantry Schedule

Sept. 2—John Harralson, Elizabeth Harralson, Clarabelle Weatherman, Lynwood Dent (Barton Dick, Sharon Massie)

Sept. 9—Toni Brown, Paul Goddard, Sarah Burleson, Tom Crittenden (Mo Littlefield, Carol Muir)

Sept. 16—Jane Brooke, Bill Luton, Norman Bowles, Joan Millon (Anna Crockett, Linda Sizemore)

Sept. 23—Claudia Ellis, Daniel Brinson, John Dinkel, Nancy Dinkel (Charlotte Murphy, Carol Muir)

Sept. 30—Lynwood Dent, Martha Ackerly, Punky Dod, Barton Dick (Bill Luton)

Got Time on Thursday?

Our parish staffs the Food Pantry each Thursday of the month. We need more volunteers! If you could volunteer from 2:30 to 4, please contact Adelaide Simpson (adelaide@kalexres.kendal.org) or 463-4775 to ask that your name be put on the roster.

LEMONADE BRIGADE

Sept. 5 The Lawrences
Sept. 12 Melissa Cox
Sept. 19 The Websters
Sept. 26 Bob & Judy Glick

Deadline Information
Bulletins, Tuesday afternoon
Cross & Crown, 15th of the month
preceding publication.

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:15 Wonderful Wednesday	2 10 Kendal Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir	3	4
5 Pentecost 15 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Ed 5 Holy Eucharist 6 Canterbury Supper	6 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 6 Property (CR)	7 Noon, ECW Lunch 4:30 Finance (CR) 4:45 Sign Chi Do (Nursery)	8 3:15 Wonderful Wednesday 7 Book Club (L)	9 10 Kendal Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir	10	11
12 Pentecost 16 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Ministries Fair 5 Taizé Eucharist 6 Canterbury Supper	13 7 Christian Outreach (L)	14 4:30 Finance (CR) 4:45 Sign Chi Do (Nursery) 5:30 Supper 7 Haitian Children's Choir Concert	15 3:15 Wonderful Wednesday 7 Book Club (L)	16 10 Kendal Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir	17	18
19 Pentecost 17 Feast of Marc Nikkel 8, 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Ed 5 Holy Eucharist 6 Canterbury Supper	20 5 Vestry (PH)	21 4:45 Sign Chi Do (Nursery) 6 EFM (L)	22 3:15 Wonderful Wednesday 7 Book Club (L)	23 10 Kendal Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir	24 6 Table Fellow- ship, (PH)	25
26 Pentecost 18 8, 10:30, 5 Eucharist 8:45 Breakfast 9:15 Christian Ed Noon, Acolyte Lunch 3:30 Choir Outreach/ Heritage Hall 6 Canterbury Supper	27	28 4:45 Sign Chi Do (Nursery) 6 EFM (L)	29 3:15 Wonderful Wednesday 7 Book Club (L)	30 No Kendal Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir		
				← Plum Pudding Preparation →		

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A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW—During the July 4 Rotary Balloon Rally, parishioner Landon Jones went aloft and captured this view of our church steeple, the neighborhood, and the mountains beyond.