



Cross & Crown

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

A Milestone: 50,000 Soup Labels for Boys' Home!

Since 1996, R. E. Lee parishioners have been saving Campbell labels and UPC symbols for Boys' Home in Covington, Virginia.

To date, the parish coordinator of this project, Betty Bentley, has collected, organized, and forwarded 50,000 labels which the home has traded for useful products such as a 15-seat van and equipment, science and athletic programs at the school. Thank you, parishioners! Thank you, Betty!

Please keep saving those Campbell labels and place them in the marked basket in the Resource Room of the Parish House.

Besides the soup labels, you'll also find the Campbell sign near the UPC symbol of the following products: Pepperidge Farm breads, crackers and cookies; Vlassic pickles; and Franco-American canned goods.

Remember the boys when you put the soup on and thank you!

Bazaar Proceeds \$9,792

Proceeds from the ECW Christmas Bazaar now total \$9,792 and counting! The total includes \$1,300 from the sale of plum puddings. On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the ECW will meet in the Conference Room at 10 a.m. to adopt a budget. This will be the last chance for input into the distribution of bazaar funds. Come and be heard!

Thanks to All!

Our thanks to all who participated in our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Your willingness to take your place as a reader or musician or server enhanced this holy season for all of us.

Special thanks to Anna Dozal, who coordinated our children's pageant at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Welcome to The Rev. Robert T. Copenhaver

The Rev. Robert T. Copenhaver will be our supply priest at the 10:30 service for the next few months. By way of introduction, he offers the following:

Bob Copenhaver was born and raised in Roanoke, a depression baby of the early thirties. He apparently liked the word "Roanoke," and so that he would not have to learn how to spell another name, he went to Roanoke College following a career of delivering newspapers on, among other streets, Roanoke Avenue.

After serving our big Uncle in the Air Force at the end of the Korean Conflict, he, his gentle spouse Mimi, and their son Vince, moved to Franklin County, where he taught at Franklin County High. During that time, the family became Episcopalians—oh happy day—and apparently it *overtook*, because by the fall of '59 they were headed for Virginia Seminary, Alexandria. Ordination time was in '62 at Trinity, Rocky Mount.

To his credit he has actually lived in Rockbridge County seven years—two college summers working at Natural Bridge, and six-and-one-half years as vicar/rector at Glasgow and Buena Vista. The Copenhavers' second and third sons were born in Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Lexington, and their first-born made up for his out-of-state birth by graduating from VMI.

Churches in Falls Church and Salem, also in our Commonwealth, have had Bob for periods of time—Salem for 28 years! In the early eighties he did a mid-career, mid-life retooling, completing a doctorate degree at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore. After retirement, age sixty-five in 1997, Bob served as an interim at Bedford, Galax, Christiansburg and Rocky Mount; and was a part time adjunct associate at St. John's, Roanoke.

He began bagpipe lessons while in his sixties (yes, old dogs can learn...) as well as starting a 16-foot wood sail boat, all while on sabbatical in the summer of 1994. Now living in Salem, Mimi and Bob have four children and four grandchildren. He is business manager for his band, the Virginia Highlands Pipes and Drums, (yes, he did learn to play the pipes) and enjoys sailing.

He is looking forward to being at R. E. Lee Memorial for a number of months as permanent Sunday supply.



Honoring Our Past, Sharing in our Future

February 4 is the date—see inside panel for details

Augusta Convocation here, Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m.

Open to all parishioners. Delegates to Annual Council, Jan. 26-28, urged to attend.

From the Endowments & Investment Committee

The endowments of the R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church comprise one of the resources that God has provided this parish to be used to do His work. They have been built over the years from the gifts and bequests of faithful stewards, both members and friends, to strengthen the ongoing work of the parish. These donors have recognized the opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving, since investment returns magnify the impact of their original gifts.

Endowed funds are invested and the earnings are used according to the wishes of the donor. Some donors have indicated that they want their gifts to be used for Christian outreach, either local or more global. Others have expressed the desire for their largesse to be for the benefit of particular programs in the church such as music or the youth and college ministry. Still others have designated their gifts to be used for upkeep or improvements in the church property and others have left their gifts undesignated, suggesting that the Vestry use their monies as it sees fit. The point is that faithful donors often have particular interests that they want the church to be able to address in perpetuity, and because endowed funds are invested and only the interest expended, their benefits are perpetual.

It is important for members of a parish to understand not only the source of endowments but how they work to advance our mission, because as wonderful and beneficial as endowments are for a parish, they can be a curse as well as a blessing.

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How can this be? Endowments are *not* a blessing if parishioners believe that their responsibility for stewardship is relieved because the Church is endowed. If parishioners understand, however, that endowments are not

sufficient nor are they intended to provide basic operating expenses but rather to enable the parish to expand and enhance its Christian ministry, then certainly they *are* a blessing.

For easier understanding and administration, R. E. Lee Church has established three general endowment categories into which our specific endowments (often named for the donor) fall. The general endowment categories are Mission, Property, and Vestry Discretion. The Mission Endowment supports outreach as well as internal programs. The Property Endowment, as the title suggests, supports improvements to the Church's facilities. The Vestry Discretion Endowment is not for regular expenses but for addressing emergency needs that inevitably arise in a parish.

The process at R. E. Lee works as follows: When a gift or bequest is received the Committee on Endowments and Investment makes a recommendation, based on the donor's directions, about where the monies should be placed (Mission, Property or Vestry Discretion). The recommendation is then passed through the Finance Committee for its consideration, and then a joint recommendation from the two committees is presented to the Vestry. The funds are invested, along with our other endowments, and earnings from the investment are used according to the purposes indicated by the donor. Generally we expect to earn 10-12 percent per year on our investments and our aim is to restrict spending to 4 percent. (The actual draw down of earnings is based on a five-year rolling average of the principal of the fund.) Thus, the endowed fund continues to grow, enabling us to keep up with inflation over the years.

While we are fortunate, and most grateful, to have endowed funds at R. E. Lee Church, we are also mindful that 1) we have serious stewardship responsibilities in assuring that the earnings from these endowments are maintained and used as their donors intended, and that 2) we cannot allow the knowledge of these funds to diminish our personal stewardship responsibilities as individual parishioners. Let us thank God for the beneficence of the faithful stewards who preceded us and ask His guidance as we enhance our ministry through their thoughtful gifts.

Honoring Our Past, Sharing In Our Future

The long-anticipated campaign to support those programs chosen by the parish when surveyed several years ago and to meet facilities needs, including replacement of the steeple, will begin this month.

Leaders of your campaign are: Barton Dick, Chairman; John Knapp, Honorary Chairman; and Farris Hotchkiss, Assistant Chairman.

The Steering Committee (Melissa Cox, Anna Crockett, Barton Dick, Farris Hotchkiss, John Knapp, and Brian Shaw) and the subcommittee chairs (Brian Shaw, Communication; Anna Crockett, Logistics; Lynda de Maria, and Carol Muir, Prayer; Melissa Cox, Kick-Off Event; Susan Cross, Youth; and Buddy Atkins, Conservation) have been working since this past summer.

Kick-Off Event February 4

Please mark your calendars for the Kick-off Event, a luncheon meeting, following the 10:30 service on February 4 and Commitment Sunday on February 11.

More information will be coming during January.

CHRISTIANITY & CULTURE

Beginning January 7

*An Abyss of Madness and Blasphemy:
What is and What is not Christianity*
led by

The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg, Jr.
9:15 Sundays in the Parish Hall

New Vestry Members

Five new members were elected to the Vestry by acclamation at the Annual Parish Meeting on Dec. 13.

George Brooke, III; Molly Brown; Susan Cross; Bridget Kelly-Dearing; and Woody Sadler will begin their three-year terms this month.

We extend our appreciation to outgoing members Gerry Locher, Paula Cushman, Melissa Cox, and Jerry Nay for their service to the Vestry and as committee liaisons.

Grant Recipient Returns with Thanks

On Saturday, Nov. 18, VMI played Liberty University in Lexington. On that day, an early recipient of a Gadsden scholarship came to Lexington accompanied by an avid VMI alumnus, desiring to have a tour of R. E. Lee Memorial Church. George Piwang-Jolobo, a Ugandan, was a student at Liberty Baptist University in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He wished to go to seminary at Duke and applied to the Gadsden Endowment for funding. Married and the father of two children, he was quite strapped for money. Gadsden helped him achieve his M.Div. degree. From Duke, he studied at Oxford and now is completing his PhD at Duke in Politics and Economics. Max Guggenheimer, Jr., VMI '59 had gotten to know George and his family through St. John's Church, Lynchburg, while George was a student at Liberty. George told Max that he would like to see R. E. Lee Church and to express his gratitude for the help he received. Max knew John Knapp through VMI and the US Army Reserves as they were successive commanders of the 80th Division, and knew that John is a parishioner at R.E. Lee. Max contacted John to ask how to arrange a tour for George and John put him in touch with Melissa Cox. Melissa asked me to meet George and Max and give them the tour. On their trip over, Max had the opportunity to tell George about VMI and especially about George Marshall. Max had planned to cheer for his alma mater, Liberty, but because Marshall is one of his heroes, he switched loyalties.

Incidentally, George is writing his dissertation on political stability and economic development. His family is back in Uganda where he will return when he finishes his degree. He plans to found a seminary in northern Uganda and joked that he might, one day, be president of Uganda. I wouldn't bet against him!

His appreciation to the Gadsden Endowment and to R. E. Lee Church was quite evident as he toured our church. It reminded me of the passage from Ecclesiastes 11, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days."

Elizabeth Harralson, Gadsden Tri-chair



Harralson and Piwang-Jolobo

Gadsden Report—Fourth Quarter, 2006

The Mission and Outreach Committee of the Gadsden Endowment is charged to fund activities which spread the Christian Gospel and alleviate human suffering. The committee has 7 members: 1 Trustee of the church, 1 Vestry member, 2 members appointed by the Trustees, 3 members appointed by the Vestry. The committee invites grant proposals, meets quarterly to consider them, and grants funds in the following categories: 10% of the annual income from the Endowment for Diocesan projects or programs specifically underfunded; 20% for seminarians and continuing education of Diocesan clergy or ministers of our parish; 50% for local needs and concerns; 20% for Third World Needs, especially in Sudan.

At our fourth quarterly meeting on December 6, we made two grants: \$6,000 to Yellow Brick Road to convert a warming kitchen to full kitchen at new location and \$600 to Operation Kindness Crew at Rockbridge County High School.

The Committee membership is currently: Jean Wolfe, Elizabeth Harralson, and Roger Crockett, Tri-chairs; Beth Hart, Secretary; Lloyd Goad, Treasurer; Robert Glidden and Louise Dooley, Members-at-Large.

Elizabeth Harralson

Notes from Daniel Brinson

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Many thanks to all who added voice and instrument to our Advent and Christmas celebrations! It was a joy for me, personally, to see all the talent come together.

The instrumental group will continue to play on Sundays in February. Watch for details—and if you haven't been a part of this group and would like to lend your talent, just let me know.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, it will be our pleasure to have the Joyful Noise Gospel Choir from W&L with us for the 5 p.m. service. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us.

Special Thanks to Teachers

Thank you to all our dedicated teachers whose willing spirits have made our Sunday School a success. A special thank you to Molly Brown and Carole Elmore who met with 2nd- through 5th-graders at 10:30 on Sundays.

We can still use assistance with Children's Church and Youth Church. To volunteer, contact Frances Grist at 463-6118 or sandfgrist@rockbridge.net. Or you can sign up during Sunday School on the top floor of the Parish House.

Thanks also to Dan and Macy Coffey who faithfully lead Children's Church each Sunday.

Potluck & Book Discussion

The Parish Book Club is having a potluck dinner on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in joining other members of the parish for an interesting read, lively conversation, and wonderful fellowship is invited to attend.

Please bring a dish to share as well as ideas you may have about our next book selection. For information about the book club, call Joan Millon or Jamie Smith at 463-1949.

For the RARA Food Pantry

Canned soups . Leave your items on the main floor, Parish House, under the hall table.



Serving in January

Readers and Chalicists

January 7

- 8:00 Hank Humphreys, Pam Simpson, Penny Henneman, Hank Humphreys, Sharon Peters
10:30 Bridget Kelly-Dearing, Dan Coffey, Bob deMaria, Peter Fyfe, Melissa Cox

January 14

- 8:00 Sarah Lanford, Russell Knudson, Sharon Massie, Wilson Shepherd, Jean Wolfe
10:30 Brian Dearing, Doug Cumming, Pat Gibson, Clara Belle Weatherman, Marnie Wheeler

January 21

- 8:00 Gerry Locher, John Milford, Rob Apgar, Punky Dod, Hank Humphreys
10:30 Farris Hotchkiss, Jonathan Webster, Ellen Ivy, George Brooke, MJ Mayerchak

January 28

- 8:00 David Coffey, Sarah Lanford, Penny Henneman, Rob Apgar, Pam Simpson
10:30 Doug Ayer, Dane Boston, John Campbell, Buster Lewis, Mary Doyle

February 4

- 8:00 Jean Wolfe, Wilson Shepherd, Russell Knudson, Gerry Locher, Sharon Massie
10:30 Steve Riethmiller, Anna Crockett, Landon Jones, Peter Fyfe, Alice Furgerson

Greeters

- Jan. 7 Lori Apgar & Georgie Brush
Jan. 14 Joan Crawford & Punky Dod
Jan. 21 Doris & Kris Hoolahan
Jan. 28 Walker & Miss Sydney Cross

Nursery Core Team at 10:30

- Jan. 7 Lynda Bassett-deMaria
Jan. 14 Virginia Hart
Jan. 21 Grier Cross
Jan. 28 Sarah Massie

Lemonade Brigade at 10:30

- Jan. 7 Bob & Lynda Bassett deMaria
Jan. 14 Jerry & Ann Nay
Jan. 21 Jamie Smith & Joan Millon
Jan. 28 Steve & Peggy Riethmiller



Kids' Night Out is taking a time out in January. It will resume on February 3.

Acolytes

January 7

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Hunter Walden, Forrest Walden, Marshall Walden

January 14

- 8:00 Andrew Pharr
10:30 Walker Cross, Grier Cross, Matt Hinks

January 21

- 8:00 Walker Cross
10:30 Anne Tatum Wright, Forest Shaw, William Shaw

January 28

- 8:00 Sarah Massie
10:30 Jacob Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Zach Dearing

February 4

- 8:00 Will Shehan
10:30 Hunter Walden, Forrest Walden, Marshall Walden

Memorials—The Gifts that Give Twice

Memorial gifts received since the Annual Report of the Memorial Contributions Committee include one in memory of George Herbert Simpson and one in memory of Alta Fowler, the latter to support the Marc Nikkel School. These gifts bring the total of monetary remembrances to 57 for 2006. In addition, two Christmas wreaths on the church doors, gifts in the past by Pete and Betty Brewbaker, were provided this year by a parishioner in memory of the Brewbakers.

This year, the Vestry approved memorial expenditures of \$170.50 for vestment repair, provided by the Scott Tyree and George Herbert Simpson memorials, and \$199.50 for a paschal candle, brass candle follower, and candlelight service set, provided by the Francis Drake memorial.

Restricted or unrestricted, memorials and gifts in honor achieve two goals—to support the church and to pay homage to a family member or fellow church member, living or deceased. As the New Year ensues, we are encouraged to consider such gifts to the church. Vestry policy holds that unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more are added to the Endowment, but those of less than \$1,000 are available to fulfill current needs not budgeted. The Endowments & Investment Committee and the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Memorials Contributions Committee, recommend an appropriate use of these funds to the Vestry for approval. Adelaide Simpson, corresponding secretary of the Memorials Contributions Committee, keeps permanent records of each gift and its use, makes prompt acknowledgment to the donor, and notifies the person honored or the family of the person memorialized.

Like pledges and campaign contributions, memorials are reflections of Christian stewardship. But unlike them, they are not solicited. They are free-will offerings from the heart, outward signs of inward grace and gratitude, gifts in every instance that give twice.

Those honored and/or memorialized in 2006 are Donald McCoy, Betty Mills, Jean Rathmell, Francis Drake, Jeanne Ward, Don Lorrier, The Rev. Stuart Moore, Lawrence Lee Moise II, G. Herbert Simpson, Chuck Harer, George Mercer Brooke, Jr., Alta Fowler, Babs Lewis, and Bill Watt.

Julia Littlefield, Chairman, Memorials Contribution Committee

Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell
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The Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg; The Rev.
Dr. Jackson P. Hershbell; The Rev. Dr. Robert
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Bridget Kelly-Dearing
Bob de Maria
Bob Glidden
Cindy Mullen
Woody Sadler
Brian Shaw
Gretchen Walden
Jonathan Webster

The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

to Jerry Nay, Operation Golden Rule
from Holly Heine, Volunteer Coordinator, Disaster Response

Work continues in New Orleans as caring for individuals respond to the needs of folks suffering from the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The need is still great. The diocese is responding by organizing efforts clean out flooded homes, deliver supplies to those in need, feed the hungry, offer a listening ear, provide medical services, and much more...

Your efforts in organizing and implementing volunteer trips to New Orleans have been appreciated and quite productive. By touching the life of just one suffering person...you have made a difference.

Thank you for your willingness to do this work. Thank you for your flexibility. Thank you for your heart to serve your fellow human beings. Thank you for the hand-knitted baby items that will be put to good use.

Our diocese is blessed to have a greater community reach out to share the burden that has been set before us. We're all in this together. There is much more to do. We will continue to work toward rebuilding our region as well as being good stewards of your gifts.

How You Can Help: Plans are under way for Operation Golden Rule's fifth mission trip to New Orleans. To contribute to this effort, make your check payable to R. E. Lee Church with OGR on the memo line and drop it in the collection plate or mail it to the parish office.

January Cross and Crown

Cross and Crown is the monthly newsletter of R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lexington, VA. The editor is Kay Horner. The deadline for C&C is the 15th of the month. Articles and items of interest may be e-mailed to hornerk@releechurch.org or dropped in the C&C box in the resource room in the Parish House. Please include contact information.

January 2007

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| <i>7 Epiphany 1</i> 8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Education <i>No 5 p.m. service</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> 10 ECW Budget Mtg (CR) 6 EFM (L) | <i>10</i> 12:15 Holy Eucharist 4:15 St. Francis Choir 6:30 Book Club | <i>11</i> 7:30 Parish Choir | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i> |
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