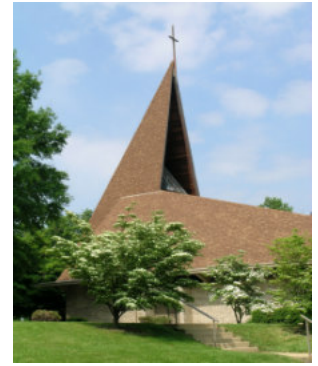


# The Spire

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A Welcoming and Inclusive Faith Community

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### MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

#### ....BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Silence. Quiet reflection. Stillness. On October 17-19, I attended the Bishop's Fall Clergy Retreat at Shrine Mont, one of the most beautiful places to be at this time of year. The emphasis was on "retreat", rather than "conference". This retreat gave us the precious gift of time – time to spend in solitude with God; time to reflect; time to enjoy the beauty of Shrine Mont in the fall; time for rest; time to talk with other clergy; time to relax; time for fellowship; time to be nourished physically and spiritually.

Especially at this time of year, we get so caught up in the "busyness" of life that we have little time to appreciate each day, to simply "be" in God's presence, to feel God's love and mercy.

As we head into a particularly busy time, with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, may we be mindful to take time for ourselves, to honor that quiet time alone with God that we desperately need. God is in our midst always, but we need to stop our busyness in order to spend time with God, to pray and to listen.

The following prayer was used at the retreat during a service of Evening Prayer:

God of all Time  
Forgive us our false busyness,  
the busyness we manufacture to make us seem important,  
the busyness we invent to keep us from ourselves,  
the busyness in which we hide because we fear to stand still,  
to be alone or even to meet you.

God of all Hope  
Forgive us our hopelessness,  
our bondage to an imagined glorious past,  
our cynicism regarding the good in others,  
our strange talent for spotting the problem before the potential.

God of all Love  
Forgive our grudging compassion,  
our unquestioning affection for what seems safe,  
and all our lusts,  
especially those we pretend are heart felt longings.

God of all Time, Hope and Love  
Recreate us until we live looking more to Christ than to the clock,  
To walk by the light without being obsessed with the darkness,  
And in all our loving seek to credit and never shame the one in whose Name we pray. Amen.  
-John Bell, from Iona Abbey Music Book

The Rev. Carol H. Spigner  
Interim Rector

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*Please keep in your prayers:*

Barbara Bartis  
 Marno Batterson  
 Ryan & Veronica Byrnes  
 Irene Cole Carol Cummins  
 Kate Donnell  
 Mary Grandgeorge  
 Carlin Gray  
 Charity & Jeff Honaker  
 Kevin Kohler Kay Mairo  
 Rosalie Myers Ellen Pence  
 Dave Perry Tommy Rillo  
 Angela Samela Tom Tinley  
 Will Williams Nancy Willis  
 Warrick Wolf

*Names on the Prayer List are shown for one month, unless you let us know they should be retained for longer.*

*Pray for those currently serving in the armed services around the world:*

Cody Bergen Marcia Bossardt  
 Stephanie Butler  
 Mark Cullinane John Ellerbe  
 Juanita Gibbons  
 Amanda Graham Mark Latham  
 Matt Lussenhop Dan Luster  
 Darius Malveaux Thomas Moore  
 Meera & Michael Noe  
 Eric Wiese

*We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of those who have died:*

Frank Evans  
 The Memorial Service for Frank Evans, former parishioner, will be Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 PM at Goodwin House. Interment of his ashes will be in our Memorial Garden. A reception will follow in the living room at Goodwin House.

*We give thanks for birth of:*  
 Alexander Noe  
 Emma Jowo Payne

## **Advent Dinner and Silent Auction Saturday, December 3**

We are once again holding a Silent Auction in conjunction with the Advent Dinner on Saturday, December 3. Early donations have already begun. Please contact Betsy Faga (bfaga10@gmail.com, 703-824-0261) with suggestions of merchants to solicit for donations or to make a donation of your own. Some of most popular items in the past have been the clever "theme" baskets assembled by parishioners.

If you're going to make a personal donation, please tell Betsy what the item(s) is by Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) so she can let you know the deadline for bringing in your item(s). This will also give Lea Fowlie (leafowlie@comcast.net, 703-379-0340) time to put the catalog together.

Deena Jaworski is coordinating the dinner planning, so please contact her if you can help with set up and/or cleanup, 703-698-0886. This is a family event, more details to follow. You can make your reservation by calling the office or signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Reservation deadline is Sunday, November 28.

*Mark the event on your calendar and begin thinking about how you can participate in this fun event to support our parish community.*

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL?**

On Pet Blessing Sunday the kindergarten and first grade children learned about St. Francis of Assisi and his love for animals. And they learned that God chose Noah to build a big ark to hold two of all living creatures to start the world over. They made a picture with lots of different animal stickers, from skunks to elephants.

The children came for the entire communion service and sat where they could see and hear the pets receive their blessings.

On the following Sunday they continued the story about the animals leaving the ark, with the rainbow, the sign of God's covenant, in the sky.

# HOLIDAY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## ANNUAL COAT COLLECTION

All Saint's Sunday, November 6th, will be the first Sunday we collect coats for our neighbors in need in Northern Virginia. Please take a moment to check your hall closet for any coats you would be happy to send to new homes (don't fit, out of style, boring, etc - but warm and serviceable), then clean out the pockets, and bring them to church any Sunday in November. These coats will be collected and taken to Weichert Realtors in Reston, who will pass them along for professional cleaning by Bergmann's before they are given to social services in Northern Virginia for distribution to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth White at 703-354-3166. This is a great opportunity for us to "be the hands of the Lord in this place" and a "saint" as well!

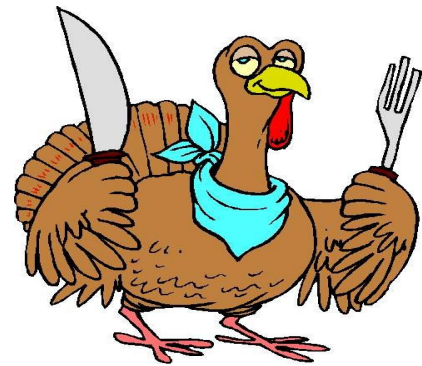
## Mittens and Hats

During December, we will again have a mitten tree in the narthex where you may place new mittens, gloves, and hats. These warm items are given to Carpenter's Shelter residents.



## WALK FOR THE HOMELESS

Church of the Resurrection was represented by 25 real and virtual walkers at last Sunday's mini-walk! Percentage wise, it was one of the highest turnouts from one of the smallest congregations. A big thanks to all for supporting the walk and ALIVE! House. As always, it will be sometime next year before ALIVE! House will receive the final total from Fannie Mae.



## TURKEYS

For the last several years, we have helped provide a turkey to each family who comes for the ALIVE! Holiday Food Distribution, which will take place in our church on December 10. We are serving more needy families than ever before and we hope to make their holiday meals more substantial with this gift. To contribute, please write a check to the church and indicate "Turkeys for ALIVE!" in the memo-line. There will be no food distribution in November.

## Network Pre-School Gifts

We will be supporting a classroom of children and their families with Christmas Gifts again this year. Network Pre-School is a nationally acclaimed and accredited school providing caring high-quality, free education to at-risk children and their families, empowering them for success in school and life. We will receive the names of children and their family members in November and you may participate by taking a child's name and buying and wrapping Christmas presents for them. We help make the holidays very special for these special children.



# November

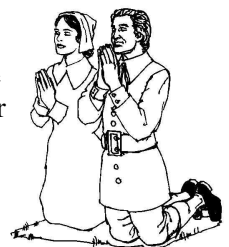
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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The ingathering of the 2012 stewardship pledges will be Sunday, November 6. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so by November 6 when all pledge cards will be blessed at the altar.

As our stewardship theme this year is “Feasting on Gratitude”, we invite all adults and children to write what they are grateful for on the small pumpkin papers on the bulletin board in the hallway. Put those papers into the basket on the bulletin board and we will see how far the basket overflows with our gratitude for all that God has given us.

Our annual Thanksgiving Day service will be held at 10:00 AM on November 24 at Church of the Resurrection. The congregation of Meade Memorial Church will join us, and The Rev. Collins Asonye will preach. Come and share your gratitude and thanks for all God's many blessings.





## BIRTHDAYS

- 11/03 Marion Earle
- 11/06 Lyn Hainge
- 11/10 Margaret Green
- 11/10 Ella Dozier
- 11/16 Peggy Tiedemann
- 11/18 Richard Robinson
- 11/20 Lori Thurgood
- 11/22 Samuel Guyidde
- 11/23 Francis Fosu
- 11/25 Samuel Dillon
- 11/28 Stephanie Pile
- 11/30 Ester Kagulu

## 2011 Vital Statistics

2011 Budget \$277,463

### Income

Budget: (Jan.-Sept.) \$184,975  
 Actual: (Jan.-Sept.) 147,220  
 Over/UNDER Budget: (37,755)

### Expenses

Expenses: (Jan.-Sept.) \$181,079  
 Collections (Jan.-Sept.) 147,220  
 Difference (expenditures  
OVER collections): (33,859)

*“Thank you” to each of you for your generosity and continual support in helping to meet our budget for 2011.*

## Attendance

October 2	93
October 9	77
October 16	85
October 23	81

## Church of the Resurrection Vestry 2011

Kenneth Gay, *Senior Warden*  
 Betsy Faga, *Junior Warden*

Linda Goff  
 Kathy Graham  
 Milford John-Williams, Jr.  
 Terry Kester  
 Michelle McBride  
 Gladys Payne  
 Robert Reeves  
 Marian Stevens  
 Martha Swearingen  
 Bea Taylor  
 Kat Turner, *Register*  
 Frances Williamson, *Treasurer*

## THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The church school has established procedures to make certain that our children have a healthy and safe experience while in our church. We have a great head start in this effort because our church school operates in a licensed preschool facility, so many important health and safety requirements have already been met. However we want to be certain, in the transition of the classrooms from preschool to church school, we double check everything. We will develop a handout for all parents so they know what to expect.

Here are the highlights of our checklist:

### For the nursery:

- The ratio of infants and toddlers to adults is 1:4. All adults are over 18 years of age.
- There will be no loose carpeting, choking hazards, sharp objects, plastic bags.
- Electric safety plugs are on all outlets.
- No snacks are served that are hard, round, small, thick and sticky, smooth and slippery, or that contain peanuts, nuts, seeds, raisins, uncut grapes or carrots, hard candy, popcorn, peanuts or peanut butter. All snacks are healthy.
- Crawling and sitting surfaces are clean and free of debris.
- Parents are encouraged to bring their children’s changing pads to ensure they have clean and sanitary surfaces. If an infant or toddler does not have a changing pad the child is changed on a diaper table which is disinfected after each use. Teachers place dirty diapers in a closed plastic bag that is taken to a dumpster right after church school.
- Teachers wash hands after every changing.
- There is at least one Pack ‘n Play bed available to a child who needs to nap. No crib is used that does not meet CPSC standards.
- Toys are sanitized with a disinfectant that is safe for children (used by the preschool).

### For all children:

- Cleaning agents, disinfectants, and any other poisonous supplies are stored in areas inaccessible to children.
- Children’s hands are washed with soap and water before eating snacks.
- Children are not accepted if they are sick (have a fever or symptoms of a communicable disease).

### For teachers:

- There is an evacuation plan in case of an emergency.
- Smoke detectors, a fire extinguisher and emergency posted phone numbers are already in place because of the preschool licensing requirements.
- A basic first aid kit is available.



**DON'T FORGET**

Daylight Saving Time

ends November 5.

Set Your Clocks Back!

**VESTRY SERVICE**

Letters have been sent to those selected as potential members of our Vestry. If you received a letter, please consider Vestry service. For more information, please attend the meetings on either Sunday Nov. 20 or Nov. 27 at 12 noon in the library.

**Upcoming Sunday Services**

<p><b>November 6, 2011</b> <b>All Saints' Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Lea Fowlie Susan Weber Lissa Reeves</p> <p><b>Chalice Bearers</b> Barbara Eversman Terry Kester</p> <p><b>Ushers</b> Karl Hull Lissa Reeves</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Peggy Green Bea Taylor</p> <p><b>Building Supervisor</b> Jay Madden</p> <p><b>Tellers</b> Barbara Langford Carl Hull Nora Gafton</p> <p><b>Greeter</b> Beth Wiggers</p>	<p><b>November 13, 2011</b> <b>22 Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-11 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Robert Reeves Jacki Bracewell Bea Taylor</p> <p><b>Chalice Bearers</b> Jacki Bracewell Tom Bracewell</p> <p><b>Ushers</b> Frances Williamson Bob Naismith</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Lori Thurgood Orian Falkenborg Jacki Bracewell Betsy Faga</p> <p><b>Building Supervisor</b> Will &amp; Cheryl McBeth</p> <p><b>Tellers</b> Bob Noe Kat Turner Sandra Jackson</p> <p><b>Greeter</b> Betsy Faga</p>	<p><b>November 20, 2011</b> <b>Last Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Ezekiel 24:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Kat Turner Lou Zarfes</p> <p><b>Chalice Bearers</b> Larry Dye Betsy Faga</p> <p><b>Ushers</b> Kat Turner Judy Schramm</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Jacki Bracewell Lissa Reeves</p> <p><b>Building Supervisor</b> Bob Barnett</p> <p><b>Tellers</b> Dennis Jones Kat Turner Susie Jones</p> <p><b>Greeter</b> Betsy Faga</p>	<p><b>November 27, 2011</b> <b>1 Advent</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Eureka Vaughn Marian Stevens Beth Wiggers</p> <p><b>Chalice Bearers</b> Karl Boughan Kathy Graham</p> <p><b>Healing Ministers</b> Larry Dye Terry Kester</p> <p><b>Ushers</b> Bob &amp; Edna Noe</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Marian Stevens Lori Thurgood</p> <p><b>Building Supervisor</b> David Ewing</p> <p><b>Tellers</b> Richard Green Jan Kester Gay Colyer</p> <p><b>Greeter</b> Beth Wiggers</p>
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## **PETS & PARISHIONERS**

### **Jan & Terry Kester and Roady & Feebi**

“Our dogs are our tie to sanity most of the time – and occasionally the opposite,” say Jan and Terry Kester about their mixed-breed shelter dogs Roady and Feebi. Roady is the big beautiful blonde babe magnet and Feebi is the black and tan honey pot. Both of them – ages undetermined – have lived with Jan and Terry for about six years.

“Roady,” says Jan, “was adopted from the Fairfax County shelter in January. He'd been found out running loose, was skinny, scared and had frostbitten ears. I had to sit outside his cage and feed him donuts until adoption day finally arrived.”

Feebi came from the Shenandoah County shelter. She had had puppies in the snow when the shelter staff found her and they were keeping her until the pups could be weaned. “I drove up to get her – 115 miles in a driving snowstorm – but I had already fallen in love with her, so...We already had Roady and I had kind of 'forgotten' to let Terry in on the decision. Needless to say, he was a bit overcome, but we made a deal: I had picked her out so he got to name her. He was midway through reading the great book 'Seabiscuit,' so he immediately named her 'FLEAbiscuit.' We settled on Feebi as a nickname.”

Both dogs (as your editor can attest) are outgoing, friendly and, says Jan, “love anyone with treats in their pocket – right, good neighbor Larry?”

Whether ties to sanity or the occasional opposite, Terry and Jan, “kiss them goodnight as if they were our children. As we often say to each other, 'It's all about the DOGS!'”

#### News From Resurrection Children's Center

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to our school year – and can't believe that the year is already moving ahead so quickly! The many highlights of our first weeks of school include:

- Getting to know new friends!
- Holding a parent orientation
- Beginning our weekly visits to Goodwin House
- Enjoying warm days – and cold days -- out on the play ground
- Growing and harvesting a pumpkin in our garden
- Painting, building, pretending, splashing, singing, listening to stories, running, jumping and exploring in all the classrooms
- Welcoming Carol to her first RCC Advisory Board Meeting

We're off to a great year and can't wait till tomorrow to see what comes our way!

If you have any questions about our inclusive, parent cooperative preschool, don't hesitate to call us at 703-578-1314. We'd be happy to chat with you about what is going on “downstairs” in the building.

Kim Messinger and Margaret Sharkey, RCC Directors



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*Top Ten Reasons Why Children are Welcomed in Our Church*

10. We believe that repeated exposure to the sights, sounds and symbols of Eucharist help form all Christians. Praying shapes believing.
9. Children have their own unique relationship with God. Being in the church helps kids learn how to pray, listen, sing and worship while they strengthen that special relationship.
8. It would be really expensive to repaint all those road signs to read “The Episcopal Church Only Welcomes Adults”.
7. Practice makes perfect! Teaching children to enjoy and participate in our service helps them become active, receptive worshipping adults.
6. Sunday services make great family togetherness time. Use the quiet space for extra hand-holding or snuggle time lost during a busy week.
5. Children actually LIKE sitting in those usually-empty front row seats so they can see and hear what’s happening!
4. If children aren’t in church, who are the candy-unwrapping, restless, coughing, whispering adults going to blame for the noise?
3. There are no pop quizzes at the communion rail! We all experience the Eucharist as mystery...and thanks be to God, you don’t have to be able to explain it in order to benefit from it!
2. Children teach us what absolute joy looks like – and what better place to experience that than in church?
1. and the #1 reason why children are welcomed in our church...The Circle of God’s family is incomplete without them!

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