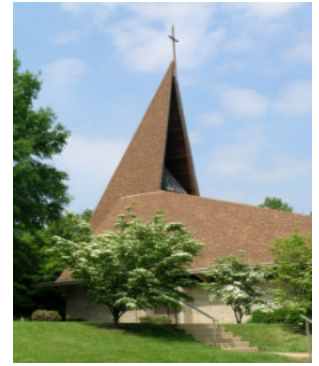


# The Spire

Newsletter of the Church of the Resurrection  
A Welcoming and Inclusive Faith Community

## October 2011

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### MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

On Sunday, September 18, the Church of the Resurrection Sunday School started its 2011-2012 year. Although not large in numbers, it is large in spirit! Many dedicated teachers and substitutes have returned for another year and we welcomed several new teachers as well. On September 11, we commissioned the following people for their ministry of teaching:

Francis Bamett, Margie Bayrer, Gay Coyle, Kate Chykirda, Jennifer Davenport, Emily Ewing, Kathy Graham, Milford John-Williams, Jr, Lori Thurgood, Eureka Vaughn, and Lou Zarfes

One of the most important things we do for our children is to see that they receive good quality Christian Education. When a child is baptized, the parents and godparents are asked, "Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?" They reply, "We will, with God's help." It is hard to fulfill that vow without bringing that child to church and Sunday School. It is important that they learn the basics of the Christian faith, stories of the Bible, and about God's overwhelming love for us.

As parents, we have the responsibility to see that our children are raised in the Christian faith, that they have the tools and resources they need to live a Christ-filled life. Most parents are good about seeing to their child's physical and emotional health. But what about their spiritual health? When problems arise, will they turn to God or to something else? As a community of faith, we also have a responsibility to see that our children are nurtured and grow in faith. During the service of baptism, the entire congregation is asked, "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his/her life in Christ?" The congregation replies, "We will."

Christian Education cannot be left just to the Sunday School teachers for an hour or two on Sunday mornings. We need to reinforce the lessons at home, to model for our children the Christian life. That is our responsibility.

One of the difficulties that our Sunday School encounters is irregular attendance. Few children are in Sunday School every week, or they come late and leave early. It makes it hard for the teachers who are working on a lesson or project that covers several weeks not to have the same children present each week. It means that the children get little bits and pieces of Sunday School lessons but they don't get the whole picture. And that is not fair to our children.

When children come to Sunday School, they need to stay in their classroom. That is where the learning takes place. Children should not be wandering the halls or hanging out in the nursery or on the playground. That is a safety issue that will be enforced. Parents, please remind your children of this rule.

We ask that parents of nursery and Sunday School age children fill out a registration form that can be found on the table in the narthex. We need emergency

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*Please keep in your prayers:*

- Barbara Bartis
- Marno Batterson
- Bertha Bridges
- Ryan & Veronica Byrnes
- Michael Cloidt
- Irene Cole
- Carol Cummins
- Kate Donnell
- Frank Evans
- Carlin Gray
- Virginia Guillen
- Kevin Kohler
- Kay Mairo
- Ellen Pence
- Dave Perry
- Tommy Rillo
- Angela Samela
- Tom Tinley
- Beth Wiggers
- 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
- Robert & Jason Hull
- Mark Latham
- Matt Lussenhop
- Dan Luster
- Darius Malveaux
- Thomas Moore
- Meera & Michael Noe
- Charles O'Brien
- Eric Wiese

(Message from the Interim Rector cont.)

contact information as well as information about allergies your children may have.

All parishioners are invited to help out or observe in the Sunday School classrooms. Also, if you have a story to share or a craft to teach or would like to help out in any way, please let our teachers know. We want as many people as possible to be involved in our Sunday School and in the lives of our children.

Sunday School goes until 12:00 noon so that parents of nursery and Sunday School age children can stay for the Adult Forum. Christian Education is as important for adults as it is for children. We continue to learn and grow in our faith as long as we are living. As we get older, we discover new things and face new challenges. We see things differently than we did when we were younger.

The Adult Forum offers a variety of topics that are challenging and thought-provoking. In July and August, we watched and discussed a video series entitled "Curing Affluenza", which dealt with how our culture wants us to buy more and more, when we should be living more simply. In September, we watched a video series on "The Power of Forgiveness" and we learned that forgiveness is a gift from God and how freeing it is when we can forgive others. Many more wonderful Adult Forums will be offered in the coming months. If you have ideas of what you would like to see offered, please let me know.

Christian Education is a life-long journey. Please join us as we learn and grow together in God's love and grace.

The Rev. Carol Spigner  
Interim Rector

## **Pets and Parishioners**

Each year in October we at Resurrection remember the life of St. Francis of Assisi, the twelfth century Italian friar who believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters," and even preached to the birds and supposedly persuaded a wolf to stop attacking some locals if they agreed to feed the wolf. Francis declared that "he considered himself no friend of Christ if he did not cherish those for whom Christ died." So, in his memory, we bring our pets—our family members—to be blessed and we gratefully remember also our pets who have gone on to woof and meow in the next world. Enjoy remembrances scattered throughout this newsletter.

--Kate Donnell

Nap time.

Alpha female elderly person on couch.

Alpha female small elderly Siamese tucked beneath person's chin.

Sweet dreams.

Disturbance.

Person awakes & finds herself stared in the face by alpha female large elderly tabby who has criss-crossed herself on top of Siamese. Moral: Our cats think of us as turf.

Martha Swearingen.

## **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

On Sunday, November 6, we will remember our loved ones who have died. We will ask folks to submit names toward the end of October.

## The Healing Ministry at Church of the Resurrection

*N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 456)*

This is one of the prayers, you might hear a healing minister pray for you during the laying of hands and prayers for healing during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist on the last Sunday of each month.

In February 2009, The Rev. Beth O'Callaghan (our then Seminarian Assistant) led a series of Parish Forums on the topic of healing, prayers for healing and a possible healing ministry at Resurrection. Strong interest was expressed by parish and Beth and the Rector began the process of organizing the Healing Ministry.

At Resurrection, the laying on of hands and prayers for healing are offered on the last Sunday of the month during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Because the Holy Communion is the greatest prayer for healing, parishioners are invited to come to the healing stations on their way to the rail to receive Communion.

Seven healing ministers were commissioned on our first Healing Sunday, March 29, 2009. In May 2011, three new healing ministers were added to the team and the ministers were all commissioned/re-commissioned for this ministry.

The healing ministers meet monthly with the Rector (and now the Interim Rector) for formation. Each meeting includes prayer and meditation and discussion of a topic related to the ministry. Each healing minister signs a covenant that reminds us that Prayer is the center of our ministry – five of the seven items in the covenant address prayer:

pray daily for each other and this ministry,

attend corporate worship regularly,

pray together before each healing service for the ministers that we may be conduits of the Holy Spirit and for those we will be serving, those who are not ministers that Sunday sit together near the chapel and pray during the laying on of hands;

prayer and meditation begin each formation meeting

development of personal spiritual awareness by regular prayer, meditation and study.

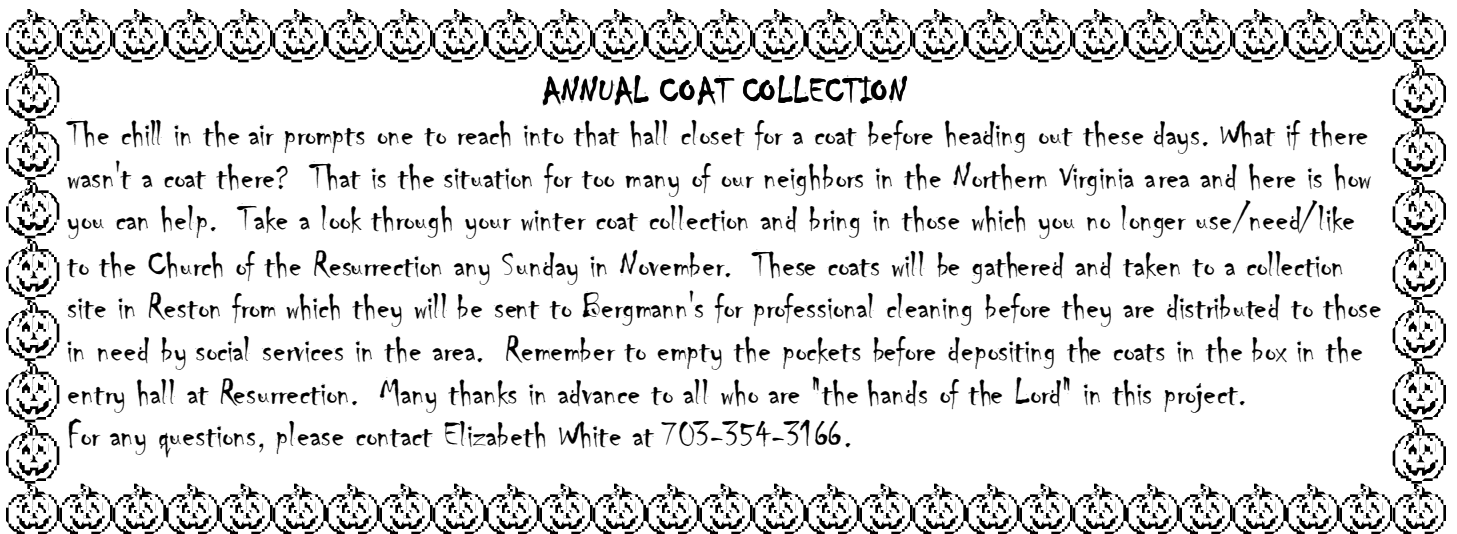
Confidentiality and formation meetings make up the remaining two items.

As we read, study and inwardly digest, changes to engage the parish more fully are added. In the summer of 2009, the rector added a prayer for whole congregation as closing to the Prayers of the People; and then, in December 2009, we substituted a Litany for Healing for the Prayers of the People on healing Sundays.

Bring your questions about the Healing Ministry at Resurrection – and your experiences – to the forum on Sunday, October 23.

Our next "healing Sunday" is October 30.

*May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide...may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light.. ( from a prayer after the laying on of hands, Enriching Our Worship 2)*



### ANNUAL COAT COLLECTION

The chill in the air prompts one to reach into that hall closet for a coat before heading out these days. What if there wasn't a coat there? That is the situation for too many of our neighbors in the Northern Virginia area and here is how you can help. Take a look through your winter coat collection and bring in those which you no longer use/need/like to the Church of the Resurrection any Sunday in November. These coats will be gathered and taken to a collection site in Reston from which they will be sent to Bergmann's for professional cleaning before they are distributed to those in need by social services in the area. Remember to empty the pockets before depositing the coats in the box in the entry hall at Resurrection. Many thanks in advance to all who are "the hands of the Lord" in this project. For any questions, please contact Elizabeth White at 703-354-3166.

# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 16 Pentecost 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Pet Blessing 11:20 am – Coffee and Pet Reception 2:00 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	3 7:30pm - Circle of Prayer (Library) 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida Rehearsal & Bible Study (Nave & PH)	4 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (at Kate Donnell's)	5 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	6 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm - Scouts (Parish Hall)	7 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	8
9 17 Pentecost 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist 11:20 am – Coffee and Forum 2:00 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	10 Columbus Day Office Closed 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida Rehearsal & Bible Study (Nave & PH)	11 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (at Kate Donnell's)	12 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	13 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm - Scouts (Parish Hall)	14 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	15
16 18 Pentecost 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist 11:20 am – Coffee and Forum 2:00 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	17 7:30pm - Vestry Meeting (Library) 7:30pm - Circle of Prayer (R. Office) 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida Rehearsal & Bible Study (Nave & PH)	18 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (at Kate Donnell's)	19 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	20 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm - Scouts (Parish Hall)	21 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida Youth Service (Nave)	22
23 19 Pentecost 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist 11:20 am – Coffee and Forum 2:00 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave) 7:00 pm - Focus Inn (Parish Hall)	24 7:30pm - Circle of Prayer (Library) 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida Rehearsal & Bible Study (Nave & PH)	25 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (at Kate Donnell's)	26 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	27 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm - Scouts (Parish Hall) 7:30 pm - Healing Ministers (Library)	28 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	29 8:00 am - ALIVE! Food Distribution
30 20 Pentecost 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, with healing 11:20 am – Coffee and Forum 2:00 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	31 7:30pm - Circle of Prayer (Library) 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida Rehearsal & Bible Study (Nave & PH)	1 <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (at Kate Donnell's)	2 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	3 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm - Scouts (Parish Hall)	4 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	5

## SAVE THE DATE

November 6 - All Saints' Sunday and Ingathering  
 November 24 - Thanksgiving Service with Meade Memorial (at Resurrection)  
 December 3 - Advent Dinner  
 December 11 - Annual Parish Meeting

## FUTURE FORUMS & EVENTS

Oct. 2 - Blessing of the Animals  
 Oct. 9 - A Chat with a Sinner/Handyman for the Lord - Bob Naismith  
 Oct. 16 - Stewardship - Linda Goff & Terry Kester  
 Oct. 23 - Healing Ministry  
 Oct. 30 - Friends of Guest House

## BIRTHDAYS

10/06 Susan Weber  
 10/07 Michelle Garcia  
 10/11 Helen Fairfax  
 10/14 Kevin Broderick  
 10/15 Hezekiel Yon as  
 10/21 Jaquelin Lamond  
 10/23 Susie Jones  
 10/26 Lucy Brown  
 10/26 Michael Caffo  
 10/27 Patricia Peaslee  
 10/28 Andrea Blackford  
 10/30 Allen Tiedemann  
 10/30 Minita Moniba



## HOMECOMING

A BIG thank you to every-one who helped make this year's Homecoming celebra-tion such a successes. It was wonderful to see old friends and we hope more of you will join us next year!

## VESTRY SERVICE

In October, the Vestry will be posing the names of candi-dates for potential service on the Vestry. Please take time to prayerfully consider this gift of your time to Resurrection.

## 2011 Vital Statistics

2011 Budget \$277,463

### Income

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

### Expenses

Expenses: (Jan.-Aug.) \$181,079  
 Collections (Jan.-Aug.) 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

September 4	79
September 11	85
September 18	88
September 25	86

## 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 Swearin gen  
 Bea Taylor

Kat Turner, *Register*  
 Frances Williamson, *Treasurer*

## SPECIAL FORU M

On Sunday, October 9, parishioner Bob Naismith will be leading the Adult Forum after the 10:00 AM service. He has entitled his presentation, “Chat with a Sinner/ Handyman for the Lord”. Bob has been privileged to serve the Lord in many circumstances and countries in the world. A few obvious questions arise. How in the world can a strong-willed sinner like Bob hear the still voice of the Lord calling him? How do these messages come? What are the risks and what sort of adventures does he encounter in China, Russia, Afghanistan and North Korea? What can one person accomplish in these places? What does he see and do there? Who does he meet and how is the language barrier overcome? What is next on his schedule? Come on October 9 and find the answers to these and other questions!

## STEWARDSHIP

“Stewardship is not a campaign but the way we live our lives.”

The theme of our stewardship program this year is “Feasting on Gratitude”. No matter what our circumstances, we have so much to thank God for. It is with grateful and prayerful hearts that we will be asking parishioners to pledge their time, talent & treasure for the 2012 year. Letters & pledge cards will be sent out in mid-October and we ask they be returned by Sunday, Nov. 6. The pledge card & cards listing what we are grateful to God for will be offered to God at the altar that day.

## BAPTISM

The prayer book defines 5 Sundays during the year as most appropriate for baptism. They are:

- All Saints’ Day (Sunday closest to Nov. 1)
- Baptism of our Lord (2nd Sunday in January)
- Easter Vigil (Night before Easter)
- Pentecost (June)
- Bishop’s Visitation

The next appropriate time for baptism is All Saints’ Day on Sunday, November 6. If you would like more information about the sacrament of baptism or you would like to schedule a baptism, please call Carol Spigner at (703) 998-0888

## Upcoming Sunday Services

Oct. 2, 2011 16 Pentecost	Oct. 9, 2011 17 Pentecost	Oct. 16, 2011 18 Pentecost	Oct. 23, 2011 19 Pentecost	Oct. 30, 2011 20 Pentecost
<p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46</p>	<p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14</p>	<p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22</p>	<p><b>Readings:</b> Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46</p>	<p><b>Readings:</b> Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 14:13-21</p>
<p><b>Readers</b> Terry Kester (8) Barbara Eversman Lou Zarfes Eurika Vaughan <b>Chalice Bearers</b> Barbara Eversman Karl Boughan <b>Ushers</b> Maureen Bryant Lissa Reeves <b>Altar Guild</b> Peggy Green Judy Isaacs <b>Building Supervisor</b> David Ewing <b>Tellers</b> Barbara Landford Carl Hull Betsy Raymond <b>Greeter</b> Betsy Faga</p>	<p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Nora Gafton Letitia John-Williams Lissa Reeves <b>Chalice Bearers</b> Larry Dye Deena Jaworski <b>Ushers</b> Bob Noe Edna Noe <b>Altar Guild</b> Bea Taylor Betsy Faga Lissa Reeves <b>Building Supervisor</b> David Ewing <b>Greeter</b> Beth Wiggers</p>	<p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Kathleen O’Malley Beth Wiggers Lea Fowlie <b>Chalice Bearers</b> Beth Wiggers Betsy Faga <b>Ushers</b> Terry Kester Jane Kester <b>Altar Guild</b> Lori Thurgood Orlan Falkenborg Marian Stevens Betsy Faga <b>Building Supervisor</b> Will McBeth Cheryl McBeth <b>Greeter</b> Betsy Faga</p>	<p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Larry Dye Deb Roberts Kathy Graham <b>Chalice Bearers</b> Deb Roberts Larry Dye <b>Ushers</b> Milford &amp; Letitia John-Williams <b>Altar Guild</b> Lissa Reeves Judy Isaacs <b>Building Supervisor</b> Bob Barnett <b>Greeter</b> Beth Wiggers</p>	<p><b>Readers</b> Beth Wiggers (8) Tim Barnett Karl Boughan Larry Dye <b>Chalice Bearers</b> Barbara Eversman Karl Boughan <b>Healing Ministers</b> Barbara Bishop Steve White Martha Swearin gen <b>Ushers</b> Maureen Bryant Judy Schramm <b>Altar Guild</b> Jacki Bracewell Kathie Madden Marian Stevens <b>Building Supervisor</b> David Ewing <b>Greeter</b> Betsy Faga</p>

## The Pro Cat

She was a "professional cat".  
Named Tigger  
Even though she was a calico.

She weighed 8 lbs. - wet . . .  
wet was impossible.

She moved into our -- her -- house in NC  
Despite the dogs.

Tigger was comfortable in a day.  
She took over 3 days later.

We moved to Tulsa.  
She took over 3 days later.

We moved to NYC.  
She tried to escape in Ohio.

We moved to NYC anyway  
She took over the whole damn 4th floor 3 days later.  
Including the balconies.

She was astoundingly cute.  
The vets hated her.

She perched on top of the refrigerator at night.  
And bopped your head if you dared to walk by.

The rest of the night she slept in the crook of my arm.

That's when I learned to love Tigger  
And her professional cat-ism.

We moved to VA. . . .  
and she took over 3 days later.

But then Tigger died . . . alone . . . while we visited in NYC.  
That didn't seem very professional for a professional cat, a calico named Tigger.

Except ! She appeared in my dreams the night before and told me she was leaving . . . True . . . and  
very professional for a cat.

Terry Kester

## Cosette

"Babysitting" for a friend's 2 cats made me swear  
never to have a cat. All night they either ran  
across me or meowed because I shut them out of  
the bedroom. But many years later when Cosette,  
my nephew's cat was terrorized by 2 dogs and 2  
kids, I was persuaded to come to her rescue. She  
was 10 years old at the time and was petrified by  
the move. She spent her first 2 days hidden be-  
tween the walls in the laundry room! She gradu-  
ally ventured upstairs and found a new world of  
sunlight, window sills, a soft bed, a human lap,  
and love. Cosette gave and received much love  
over the 3 years we lived together until she  
passed away. I miss her.

Betsy Faga

Charlotte was beautiful: almond-  
shaped blue eyes and long silky fur. . .  
Well, *of course she was beautiful. She was,  
after all, a cat.*

Like mother like daughter, my  
beautiful Charlotte loved rain and thun-  
derstorms as much as I do. Whenever a  
good storm gathered, I ran and laid  
down on my bed with my head in the  
open window. Charlotte scampered up  
right beside me and we spent the dura-  
tion of the storm together watching the  
heavy rain come down, seeing the light-  
ning flash and listening to the thunder  
roar.

I think of my beautiful Charlotte  
now whenever I hear the heavy rain-  
drops fall.

Kate Donnell



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## **FROM THE PROFILE COMMITTEE**

On Sunday, September 18, members of the Profile and Search Committees were commissioned for our work during the 10:00 am service. We ask your continued prayers for this work so that we remain grounded in prayer during this process.

The Profile Committee is making progress on developing the questions to be included in the parish survey. This part of our process is very time consuming as we work to develop a tool to help us most clearly identify what the members of Resurrection believe about who are; what we like about our parish; what we would like to add or change about Resurrection; and what we are looking for in our next rector. It is important that all of us – not just the members of the Profile Committee – begin and continue to think about these questions.

Concurrently with the parish survey – which will be available both online and as paper copies in early December – we will hold listening sessions. Each of the sessions will be a small group of parishioners who will discuss a short number of questions with members of the committee; the questions will be identical for each group. Please participate in these exercises. It is vital that the voices and feelings of the entire community be part of the final profile product.

However, you do not need to wait to let the profile committee know what you think or feel about where Resurrection has been, is now, and will be going. We encourage you to contact us with suggestions, thoughts or questions. Email us at [Resurrectionprofile@gmail.com](mailto:Resurrectionprofile@gmail.com). A box is located on the credenza in the back of the church for receiving hard copy comments. Since our work requires confidentiality, we can receive comments, but will be very limited in providing information about our work until the Vestry approves the final profile.

In peace,  
Beth Wiggers  
Co-Chair of the Profile Committee