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A Welcoming and Inclusive Faith Community

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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

SEPTEMBER IS HERE!!!

With September at our doorstep, summer vacations and outings are over and most of us are getting back into a more regular routine. School and other fall activities are getting ready to start.

Church of the Resurrection has an exciting list of programs and activities that will be held in September. Our Sunday School will be starting on September 18. We want to thank Emily Ewing, Lori Thurgood, Gay Colyer and Lou Zarfes for their many years of teaching in the Sunday School and they have all agreed to teach again this year. Margie Bayrer will return as the Coordinator of the Sunday School. However, it would be good to give these folks some additional help and support. They often need "helpers", particularly in the younger classes, to help with the craft project or perhaps read a story. Parishioners are invited to sit in on a class to see how they might be able to help out. If you have a particular interest or skill that you would like to offer once or twice, that would be helpful. Please contact Margie or one of the teachers to offer your help.

Because Sunday School classes will not start until September 18, children are encouraged to sit with their families in church on September 4 and 11. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers. The Commissioning of the Sunday School teachers will be held on September 11.

A new Children's Christian Education Committee has been formed recently to see how we can best support our teachers and provide the best possible Christian Formation program for our children. This committee will meet on September 4 at noon.

The Adult Forums are held each Sunday from 11:20 – 12:00 noon. Please note the schedule for upcoming forums and plan to attend. If there is a topic or speaker that you would like to have at an Adult Forum, please let me know.

On Sunday, September 11, we will take time to remember those who were killed ten years ago in the terrorist attacks. The Adult Forum will deal with the topic of forgiveness, with special reference to 9/11.

Homecoming will be held on September 18 when we welcome back former parishioners and catch up with each other. Please see the Homecoming article in this Spire.

The commissioning of the Profile and Search Committees will also be held on September 18. These two committees will be working hard on your behalf to provide accurate information about the church and then search for the person that is best suited to become rector here. They will be giving a lot of time and energy to complete these tasks and we want to support, encourage and thank them throughout this process.

Region IV, of which we are a part, will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 at St. Clement's Episcopal Church on Quaker Lane. The speaker will be Dean Ian Markham from Virginia Theological Seminary who will talk about plans for rebuilding the chapel, which burned last October. All are invited and you are asked to bring a dish for the potluck dinner.

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As the summer begins to wane, please make church attendance and participation a priority. It is the spiritual strength that we receive from our worship of God with our community of faith that enables us to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

The Rev. Carol Spigner
Interim Rector

Please keep in your prayers:
Ryan & Veronica Byrnes
Irene Cole Carol Cummins
Kate Donnell Paul Evers
Barbara Eversman Lea Fowlie
Carlin Gray Virginia Guillen
Katie Harris James Henry
Kevin Kohler
Jeannie Muharsky
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
Robert & Jason Hull
Mark Latham
Matt Lussenhop
Dan Luster
Darius Malveaux
Thomas Moore
Meera & Michael Noe
Charles O'Brien
Eric Wiese

We give thanks for the birth of:

Owen Hunter

JUST HOW MANY CUPS OF TEA DID WE DRINK?

The English Afternoon Tea held in May provided live music, cultural and ballroom dances, lots of conversation, delicious sandwiches and desserts, great pots of tea, and a whole lot of fun. Thanks to Edna Noe, her multitude of helpers, and all who participated, we were able to donate \$1,949.00 to the Haiti Michah Project.

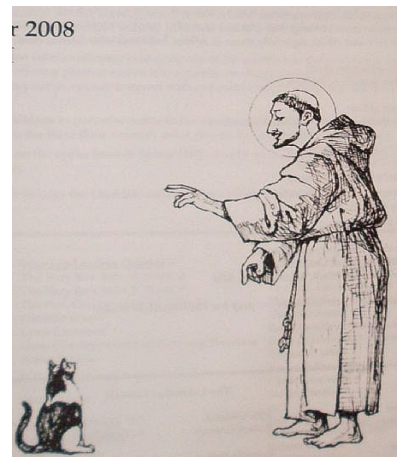


9/11

We will be holding a special remembrance service on Sunday, September 11. A litany for the 10th Anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001 has been written and the choir has prepared special music for the occasion. The Forum that day will continue to explore the power of forgiveness with emphasis on 9/11. Please make plans to join us.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come to the 10:00 service on Sunday, October 2, to celebrate the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi with a special blessing for pets – furry, finned, feathered or other-wise! An outdoor reception will follow. Please make sure your pet is restrained (in a carrier, on a leash, etc.).



HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Come join us on Sunday, September 18th after the 10 a.m. service for our annual homecoming event.

It's a special time to share news and renew friendships as well as getting to know the newest members of our parish.

This year, we'll have the special opportunity to discuss our search for a new rector with the church family and friends we don't see on a regular basis.

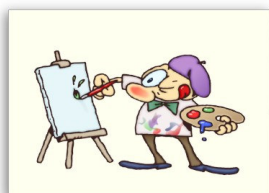
Please RSVP to the Parish Office either by telephoning 703-998-0888, or by emailing office@welcometoresurrection.org, or by using the sign up sheet on the bulletin board just outside of the office.

If you would like to contribute a main dish, side dish or dessert for the luncheon, please contact Deena Jaworski either by email at deekat@hhrs.com or by including this info on the sign up sheet.

There's lots of news and newness and renewal at Church of the Resurrection - please join us on Sunday Sept 18th to share your good tidings with all of us!

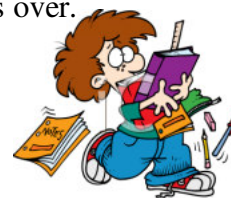
ART SEEN AT RESURRECTION

Our current artist of the month is Orian Falkenberg. Orian discovered late in life that she has a natural talent for drawing. Her mother was an artist and Orian was fortunate to inherit that ability to transcribe what she sees to paper. She loves to draw animals and this can be seen in her work as she has the ability to capture the personality of the animals in her drawings. She then uses colored pencils and water colors to complete her work. Orian also likes to recycle plastic containers to make them into usable art objects. Look for her self-portrait among the collection of her work that will be on display in the Parish Hall in September. If anyone is interested in displaying their work, please see Judy Isaacs in church on Sunday or call her at 703-578-3678.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A BIG thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Community Partners for Children. We filled the bin to overflowing many times over.



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 11 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)	29 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	30 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (at Kate Donnell's)	31 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	1 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall)	2 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	3
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18 14 Pentecost HOMECOMING 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Church School Begins, Commission Search & Profile Com. 11:20 am – Luncheon 2:00 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave) 7:00 pm - Focus Inn (Parish Hall)	19 7:30pm - Circle of Prayer (Library) 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	20 7:00 pm - Bible Discussion (Library)	21 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 8:30 pm – AA (Parish Hall)	22 8:00 am – Bible Study (Parish Hall) 6:00 pm - Scouts (Parish Hall) 7:30 pm - Healing Ministers (Library)	23 7:30 pm – Iglesia Nueva Vida (Nave)	24 8:00 am - ALIVE! Food Distribution
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FUTURE FORUMS & EVENTS

- Sept. 4 - The Power of Forgiveness
- Sept. 11 - The Power of Forgiveness 9/11
- Sept. 18 - Homecoming
- Sept. 25 - Vestry Forum
- Oct. 2 - Blessing of the Animals

SERMONS

Since Sermons can be found on the Web Site, in the Narthex, by request by mail and from the pulpit on Sundays, they will no longer appear as a regular item in the SPIRE.

BIRTHDAYS

9/01 Sanda Maduakor
 9/02 Milford John-Williams
 9/03 Homer Ambrose
 9/03 Orian Falkenborg
 9/06 Fritz Langford
 9/09 H.T. Huang
 9/10 Kathleen Turner
 9/11 Cheryl McBeth
 9/15 Kathy Graham
 9/20 Robert Barnett
 9/20 Deb Roberts
 9/22 Carol Cummins
 9/28 Robert Reeves
 9/29 Catherine Cook



2011 Vital Statistics

2011 Budget \$277,463

Income

Budget: (Jan.-July) \$161,853
 Actual: (Jan.-July) 134,487
 Over/UNDER Budget: (27,366)

Expenses

Expenses: (Jan.-July) \$160,030
 Collections (Jan.-July) 134,487
 Difference (expenditures
OVER collections): (25,543)

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

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*

Attendance

July 31	72
August 7	60
August 14	74
August 21	64
August 28	21

NEWS FROM RESURRECTION CHILDREN’S CENTER!

As I write this, it is very quiet here in the preschool. We are busy getting the classrooms ready for a new school year – but the real fun won’t begin until September when the children come through our doors bringing that special noise and laughter that brings a smile to our faces. It is nice to have the summer to re-group. But it is even nicer to have the children back!

Did you know that Resurrection Children’s Center (RCC) opened its doors in 1970? That is a lot of years of providing a high-quality inclusion preschool experience to young children in our community. We give thanks daily for the support given the preschool by the Church of the Resurrection -- support that makes our important work possible.

For those of you who may be new to who we are and what we do, RCC, founded as an outreach activity of The Church of the Resurrection, is a non-profit, parent cooperative preschool that fills the four classrooms on the bottom floor of the Church. Each noisy morning, 45 children head for their respective home rooms to greet their teacher and plan their day. Each year, 30-40 percent of the children enrolled at RCC have a special need or disability. These special needs range from speech and language delays, sensory integration disorders, and attention deficits to cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and autism. Disabled and non-disabled children play and learn together in the same classrooms.

We would love for you to get to know us better. Check out our bulletin board next to the stairs leading down to us – or please feel free to visit and see what we are up to in our classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Messenger or Margaret Sharkey, RCC Directors, at 703-578-1314.

We are looking forward to a great new year!!

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

There are so many needs in our world, and we as a parish have recently focused on Haiti, so I have temporarily not called your attention to the needs of the Diocese of Jerusalem. However, as a missionary for the American Friends of that diocese, I'm now mentioning it again. What I will do is quote from the beginning of a current newsletter, and then tell you where to find it and read more on your own computer.

There's always uncertainty in the Middle East -- it's almost the definition of the place. But the combination of "Arab Spring," the connection to Hamas and a possible UN vote on Palestinian statehood has increased the tension and the stakes. One sad result is a financial crisis in the West Bank. Arab nations which give financial support have pulled back, the US has followed suit.

Jobs Are Ready For Ramallah Hotel School Graduates -There are a number of new hotels in Ramallah, all eager for well trained staff. This school was the first to see the need. But some students will not be able to attend without scholarship help. Your gift will not only help educate a child, but also insure a secure financial future through stable employment.

I hope you will go to aklynn@afedj to read the rest of this newsletter, and also to www.afedj.org. As you all know, I'm more than willing to share information with you at any time!

Barbara Bishop, Missioner AFEDJ

Upcoming Sunday Services

September 4, 2011 12 Pentecost	September 11, 2011 13 Pentecost	September 18, 2011 14 Pentecost	September 25, 2011 15 Pentecost
<p>Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20</p> <p>Readers E. White (8) Karl Boughan Robert Reeves Betsy Faga</p> <p>Chalice Bearers Karl Boughan Betsy Faga</p> <p>Ushers Letitia John-Williams Milford John-Williams</p> <p>Altar Guild Lissa Reeves Peggy Green</p> <p>Building Supervisor David Ewing</p> <p>Tellers Barbara Langford Jan Kester Nora Gafton</p> <p>Greeter Beth Wiggers</p>	<p>Readings: Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:1-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35</p> <p>Readers Beth Wiggers (8) Terry Kester Bea Taylor Glady's Payne</p> <p>Chalice Bearers Larry Dye Bea Taylor</p> <p>Ushers Jan Kester Terry Kester</p> <p>Altar Guild Judy Isaacs Betsy Faga Bea Taylor</p> <p>Building Supervisor Jay Madden</p> <p>Tellers Dennis Jones Susie Jones Sandra Jackson</p> <p>Greeter Betsy Faga</p>	<p>Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16</p> <p>Readers Beth Wiggers (8) Deena Jaworski Tom Bracewell Lissa Reeves</p> <p>Chalice Bearers Tom Bracewell Kathy Graham</p> <p>Ushers Kat Turner Tom Etter</p> <p>Altar Guild Lori Thurgood Orian Falkenborg Kathy Madden Bea Taylor</p> <p>Building Supervisor Will & Cheryl McBeth</p> <p>Tellers Bob Noe Kat Turner Gay Colyer</p> <p>Greeter Betsy Faga</p>	<p>Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32</p> <p>Readers Beth Wiggers (8) Viranga Panangala Kat Turner Susan Weber</p> <p>Chalice Bearers Betsy Faga Kathy Graham</p> <p>Healing Ministers Judy Isaacs Marian Stevens Larry Dye</p> <p>Ushers Carl Hull Bob Naismith</p> <p>Altar Guild Jacki Bracewell Marian Stevens</p> <p>Building Supervisor Bob Barnett</p> <p>Tellers Richard Green Bob Barnett Ruthmarie Finley</p> <p>Greeter Beth Wiggers</p>

VTS DEAN IAN MARKHAM TO SPEAK AT REGION IV MEETING ON SEPT. 21

The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker at the September 21 meeting of Region IV. All parishioners of the eight Alexandria Episcopal parishes are invited to attend the meeting to meet Dean Markham and to join in a potluck supper.

Dean Markham is expected to discuss the Seminary's plans to replace the historic chapel which burned last year. There will be time for questions after his remarks.

The September 21 meeting of Region IV will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Clement at 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Please plan to join your fellow parishioners who serve as delegates to Region IV and bring a dish to share.

For further information, contact Cleve Corlett, President of Region IV, at cleve.corlett@gracealex.org.

FROM THE PROFILE COMMITTEE

The Profile Committee is busy formulating questions for a parish wide survey of members. The survey, listening sessions and other input will be used to develop a parish profile as part of the search process for a new rector. In addition, the committee welcomes comments and input via email at Resurrectionprofile@gmail.com. At least one member has already used that resource to provide valuable insights and background information. Please feel free to add you own comments, concerns, and insights. In the coming week a physical box will be provided for written comments from those not inclined to use email. But for the moment, Resurrectionprofile@gmail.com is the best way to reach the committee.

Ray Warren, Committee co-chair



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BRAC-133 Report

BRAC is here! Occupancy of the BRAC building began on August 9.

Resurrection has a committee working on ways that we might reach out to the new employees that will be coming to the area. Current committee members are Barbara Eversman, Betsy Faga, Linda Goff, Jay Madden, Robert Reeves, Sue Reinhold, and Marian Stevens. Sue Reinhold will be moving to the BRAC building with her job and is able to provide some particularly helpful insights.

The occupancy schedule is Aug 9-Sep 15 – gradual move of 2,300 employees; Sep 15-Dec 31 – gradual move of 2,500 employees; Jan 1-Dec 31, 2012 – gradual move of 1,600 employees. Congressional effort to delay occupancy or slow the use of parking spaces has not been successful to date. Governor Bob McDonnell announced the Virginia Department of Transportation will establish a new task force and implement a traffic management plan to closely monitor traffic impacts, help manage delays and coordinate increased transit service near the Mark Center.

The Resurrection committee developed a number of ideas it recognizes need more in-depth consideration including volunteer capabilities, city laws, etc.

- ◇ Early morning/midday/end of workday worship service.
- ◇ Church as early morning/midday/end of workday place for respite.
- ◇ Nave open during certain hours.
- ◇ Support groups on areas of need such as deployment, stress, grieving.
- ◇ Meeting employees at the Thai Restaurant or Clyde's.
- ◇ Providing lunch at Resurrection with the proceeds to go to an appropriate outreach ministry.

We welcome any additional ideas you might have. Please contact Betsy Faga with your ideas or questions, bfaga10@gmail.com or 703-824-0261.