

The Spire

Church of the
Resurrection
Newsletter



We are the hands of the Lord
in this place, reaching out to
our community and the world.
Resurrection Mission Statement

Message from Bea Taylor, Associate Senior Warden

The Spirit of Giving (Offered during last Sunday's services)

Good morning! My name is Bea Taylor and I am a vestry member of our church. I would like to spend just a few minutes talking with you this morning about "The Spirit of Giving." That means that I will not be talking about tithing, or how much you give or I give, or how much we should give – but I am talking about the *spirit* of giving.

May I see a show of hands please – how many of you feel that you are rich?? I mean really *rich*? Well, I tell my husband sometimes that I feel really rich. (He often looks at me when I say this like "honey, you've really lost it!") Let me tell you a little about myself. I come from a divorced family. My Mom raised my two sisters and me, and for some time we lived in the projects in Michigan. I have spent my adult life either in school or working very hard. I drive a six-year-old car and \$1,000 in my checking accounts looks pretty good to me. Does that sound like a real rich person to you?

But believe me – I feel that it is easy to give of my money, my time and my talent, because I feel really rich and this is why: I woke up this morning with my health rather than illness, thus I am more blessed than the million in this world who will not survive this week. I have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, so I am ahead of 500 million people in the world.

I can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture of death, thus I am more blessed than three billion people in the world. I have food in the refrigerator, clothes on my back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... if you have these things, too, then we are richer than 75% of this world.

If you, like me, have money in the bank, in our wallets, and spare change in a dish someplace, then we are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. You and I can read and so we are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all. If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

If you can hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful then you are blessed because the majority of us can, but most do not. If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder... you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

I believe that giving is much easier when we feel rich – or we could say blessed. Now just a final check of hands... using these statistics, how many of you are very rich? It's all a matter of perspective, isn't it?

April 29—
May 13, 2003

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The Reverend
Anne Gavin Ritchie

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Bonnie Kay Kyle

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Prayers Requested

Our prayers are requested for our parish family: Daniel Baldwin, Martha Brown, Alice Bryan, Joanne Conigliaro, Hedy Hutchings, Ruth Ann Kinder, Roland Timity, Lillian Urquhart, Bonnie Veazey, Jane Williams, and Mark Williams.

Armed Forces Prayer List

Please keep all our nation's armed forces in your prayers during this difficult time. We pray especially for the following in our parish family:

Meera Daroy
fiancee of Michael Noe

Mark Evers
nephew of Kathie Madden

Harry Horvath
nephew of Kathie Madden

Jason Hull
nephew of Carl Hull

Dean Janke
nephew of Kathie Madden

Morgan Kyle
brother of Bonnie Kyle

Mark Latham
son-in-law of Beth Wiggers

Timothy Logan
friend of Wanda Satterfield

Paul McCauley
cousin of Merry Ann Wright

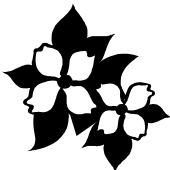
Michael Noe
son of Bob & Edna Noe

Charles O'Brien
stepson of Carl Hull

Timothy Turrell
friend of Wanda Satterfield

Brian Wiggers
nephew of Beth Wiggers

Please call the Parish Office if you would like someone added to this list.



Outreach Cherry Blossoms

A reminder to help the ALIVE! House and Carpenter's shelter by taking a cherry blossom and buying a needed household item. Place donations in the plastic box beneath the Outreach bulletin board.

Walk for ALIVE! on May 4

The ALIVE! Walk-a-thon is a friendly, gentle 5-mile walk through Old Town Alexandria to benefit ALIVE! Child Development Center, one of our major Outreach partners. Plan to walk on May 4th starting at 1:30 or sponsor the Resurrection Walking Team! More information is on the bulletin board.

Shrine Mont 2003

Plan to come to Shrine Mont this year, May 30-June 1. Join your parish community in worship, fun, and fellowship. Sign up on the bulletin board. The cost is \$110/adult, \$55/child ages 5-12. Discounts for first-timers.

Scholarships Needed

The cost of the Shrine Mont Parish Weekend is difficult for some who would like to go, especially families with children. Please consider donating scholarship money to help make it possible for a large parish group to be together again this year. Make checks payable to the church, marked "Shrine Mont Scholarships." Thank you.

Shrine Mont Bake Sale — May 4

A Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 4, to support the Shrine Mont Scholarship Fund. Money is greatly needed to help cover the cost of Shrine Mont Weekend for many who would like to go. Homebaked items along with the Youth Group's "Shrine Mont Salsa and Jam" will be for sale.

Resurrection Preschool Update

After a week off from school for spring break, we are back and enjoying the sunshine and nice weather! We have lots of springtime projects planned, including watching caterpillars spin cocoons and then emerge as butterflies. The day we release our beautiful butterflies on the playground is pure magic! Thanks once again to our Church Family for letting us use the Parish Hall for our Dinner and Auction. This major fundraiser was a great success — and lots of fun. The school netted a little over \$17,000 — and all proceeds benefit the children!

Upcoming Services

An informal service of Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the library on **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**. The service includes the laying on of hands for spiritual healing.

May 4, 2003

Third Sunday of Easter

8AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One
10AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Readings:

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 14:6-14

*The Rev. Anne Gavin Ritchie
Preaching*

May 11, 2003

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One
10AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Readings:

Acts 4:23-37

1 John 3:1-8

John 10:11-16

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May 18, 2003

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One
10AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Readings:

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 14:15-21

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Preaching*

Hermitage Celebration

The Hermitage invites you and your family to its 30th Annual Family Spring Fest! Saturday, May 10 from 11:30 am-4:00 pm. Enjoy live swing band music, antique car show, petting zoo, face painting, and barbecue grilled food. RSVP to the Hermitage at (703) 797-3800.

May Birthdays

- 1 Mary Johnson
- 4 Letitia John-Williams
- 5 Valorie Lee
- 5 Robert Naismith
- 10 Jason Thurgood
- 11 Florence Zalwango
- 12 Edward Brient
- 16 Joe Hinson
- 16 Harold Blackford
- 20 Gladys Bowier
- 23 Nelle Rawles
- 29 Herbert Bailey
- 30 Ryan Isaacs
- 31 Janet Sprickman
- 31 Barbara Bishop



A Call for Stewardship: Praying and Working

Matthew 9:35-10:1

While driving through a small town in Pennsylvania, I saw these words on a church sign:

Pray for a good harvest,
but keep on hoeing.

This made me think of Jesus' words in Matthew 9. Before telling his disciples to pray that laborers would be sent out, He reminded them that a good harvest was waiting but that the laborers were few (vv.37-38).

We sometimes forget that God may want us to be part of the answer to our own prayers. We expect God to do everything, and then we sit back and do nothing.

We ask God to bless the work of our church but offer excuses when asked to serve. We plead for loved ones to be saved, yet never speak a word of testimony to them. We earnestly intercede for people with serious financial needs, but we won't dig deep into our own pockets even though we have the means to help them. We ask the Lord to comfort and encourage the shut-ins and lonely, but we never go out of our way to pay them a visit or send them a note of encouragement.

Yes, God wants us to bring our requests to God, but many times He wants us to add feet to our prayers. Working often goes hand-in-hand with praying.

by Richard De Haan

Announcements!

Graduations! Do you have a family member graduating this Spring? Submit their name and school to the parish office by Friday, May 23rd and we'll include it in an upcoming *Spire*.

Service Schedule on the Web!

The weekly service schedule for lectors, altar guild, acolytes, etc. has been posted on our web site in the "Calendars" section. If you misplace your schedule, you can look it up at www.WelcomeToResurrection.org.

Email Addresses. If you recently acquired or changed your email address, please notify the Parish Office. We use our parish email list to notify our members of special services and. Please email your information to Susan at: office@WelcomeToResurrection.org.

☺ CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS ☺

▲ **"Kids" from 9-99** are **W A N T E D** for two **May 4th** events! (1) the **ALIVE Walk-a-thon** in Old Towne, Alexandria! Details are in this *Spire* and on the **OUTREACH** Board. (2) **Some of our best chefs are kids. We're cooking a huge dinner from 2:30-5:00 in our kitchen,** to be served at **CARPENTER'S SHELTER.** We want 9-18 year-olds to **"Guest Chef"**! See Bonnie!

▲ **V.I.E.!** (Very Important Event!) **MAY 18th,** we celebrate "**Youth Sunday**". The 10:00 service will be lead by our graduating H.S. seniors, who will give the homily.

▲ In a few weeks, Resurrection holds our first "**Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood**" (the Rite-13 Ceremony) for six of our junior-high students. This is a unique, special Liturgy; an initiation ceremony which celebrates a passage from childhood for these children. Most importantly, it is a liturgy **that includes all generations**—our congregation is reminded we are all responsible for handing down our collective and individual wisdom to our children! **Please add your "2-cents" or other bits of wisdom to a BOOK** that will be shared by the Rite-13 class — it's on the bulletin board!

Church of the Resurrection Vestry 2003

- Lou Aiello
- Pat Augustine
- Ken Gay, *Senior Warden*
- Ray Isaacs, II, *Junior Warden*
- Mary Johnson
- Francis King
- Dan Swearingen, *Assoc. Jr. Warden*
- Bea Taylor, *Assoc. Sr. Warden*
- Cathy Williams
- Prince Williams
- Gerda Wolf
- Merry Ann Wright
- Frances Williamson, *Treasurer*
- Betsy Faga, *Register*

The Great Harvest Bread Company graciously provides the bread used for our communion at the 10AM services.

Church Newsletter Schedule

The next *Spire* will be mailed on May 14. Articles for the next issue of the *Spire* are due by 9 AM on Friday, May 9. Please join us to help prepare the newsletters for mailing on Tuesday, May 13 at 12:30 pm in the library.

Quarterly Statements are ready for pickup in the Parish Office.

2003 Vital Statistics:

Offering needed for year:	\$275,000
Offering needed each week	\$5,288
Offering received last week	\$3,570
Offering received year-to-date	\$88,693
Offering needed year-to-date	\$89,896
Attendance April 20, 2003	286
April 27, 2003 (includes Jazz Vespers)	253



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 TELLERS
 Dennis Jones, Susie Jones,
 Barbara Langford
 BUILDING SUPERVISOR
 Jay Madden
 ACOLYTES
 Betsy White, Ellis Langford,
 Milford John-Williams
 LAY READERS
 (8) Merry Ann Wright
 (10) Orion Falkenberg, Eric Miller
 Courtney Brown
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 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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May 18, 2003

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