



Prayers Requested

Our prayers are requested for our parish family: Laila Ali, Mary Anstead, Daniel Baldwin, Alice Bryan, Joanne Conigliaro, Paul Evers, Ruth Graves, Carlin Gray, Hedy Hutchings, Jeff Isaacs, Judy Isaacs, Patrick Julian, Ruth Ann Kinder, Vernie Knight, Luiza Lima, Alice Milne, Cameron Robertson, Roland Timity, Lillian Urquhart, Bonnie Veazey, and Mark Williams. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Rouie Dye** (mother of Larry Dye) *Rest eternal grant to her, Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

OUTREACH NEWS

This summer, our budgeted Outreach funds are supporting **three camping opportunities** for needy children.

1. **Alexandria Police Youth Club** Camp for local children.
2. **Leaders for Tomorrow**, which offers a day-camping experience for recently immigrated Sierra Leonean children who have been affected by violence and war.
3. **Carpenter's Shelter** teens going to overnight camp at Kanuga, an Episcopal camp in North Carolina.

Please see the Outreach Bulletin Board for more information.

In August, we will begin collecting **school supplies** to help Alexandria's neediest children get off to a good start in school. Our congregation continues to make a difference in the lives of local children and families.

Summer Schedule

The Church Office is now operating under summer hours. Office hours are:

Monday—Thursday,
9:00 AM—4:00 PM
Friday,
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

In addition, through the summer, the Spire will be published every three weeks instead of bi-weekly. *The next Spire folding date is August 12th.*

Announcements!

“Serving Schedules” on the Web

The weekly service schedule for lectors, altar guild, acolytes, etc. are posted on our web site. From main page, go to “Calendars,” then click on “**Service Schedule**”

Time for DIRECTORY Updates!

This office is constantly working to keep up with contact information. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email in the past year, please notify the Parish Office. We will use this to update our Directory and to notify our members of special services and notices. Please email your information to:

office@WelcomeToResurrection.org

Casserole Ministry

If you know someone who would appreciate a casserole delivered to their home, please call the Parish Office.

Altar Flower Donations

The 2003 Altar Flower chart is posted in the hallway. If you would like to contribute flowers for a Sunday service, please sign up on the appropriate date. Any special intentions should be noted as well. Suggested contribution is \$50.

Progress Report: “Journey in Faith” Campaign

To date, we have received 50 “Time and Talent” pledges, and 95 Financial pledges. The vestry and stewardship committee, on behalf of the parish, would like to heartily thank those of you that have responded so far. A second mailing to parishioners was sent out 3 weeks ago. Thank you for considering how you can give of your time, talent and treasure!

**As we use our gifts,
we are giving of
ourselves.**

Upcoming Services

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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.

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July 27, 2003

7 Pentecost

8AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One
10AM, Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist

Readings:

2 Kings 2:1-15

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

Mark 6:45-52

*The Rev. Anne Gavin Ritchie
Preaching*

August 3, 2003

8 Pentecost

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

Readings:

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Ephesians 4:17-25

John 6:24-35

*The Rev. Anne Gavin Ritchie
Preaching*

August 10, 2003

9 Pentecost

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

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:37-51

The Rev. H. Vance Johnson, Jr.

*The Great Harvest
Bread Company
graciously provides the
bread used for our
communion at the
10:00 a.m. services*



August Birthdays

2	Trevor King
2	Moira John-Williams
6	Diane Asuncion
8	Carlin Gray
9	Matthew Graham-Gaisie
10	Doris Wallace
11	Sophia Wilkes
16	Elizabeth White
16	Alexander Evans
17	Emily Tolf
17	Yonas Berhe
17	Jessica Davis
18	Josephine Langford
18	Isobelle Beaujon
19	Edwina John-Williams
20	Ken Adams
22	Charity Barnett
22	Hope Barnett
25	Luisa Arroyo
29	Christopher Hainge
31	Jonathan Edwards
31	Carol Reeves
31	Shanti Chang

SUMMER FORUM

Continuing Sundays until August 3rd, the Rector will lead a discussion of John Killinger's book, "**Ten Things I Learned Wrong from a Conservative Church.**" We will review and discuss a theology that leads away from absolute ideas about God, the Church, and individual faith. Come and share your thoughts and questions; the Forum meets at 11:15 AM in the Nave.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Betsy Wayland Raymond on the arrival of her new grandchild, **Landon Reed Wayland**, born July 6, 2003!

"Lost & Found"

We have a full "lost & found box" in the Narthex. Please check the box for any missing items; we will donate items not claimed after two months.

Report of the Jim Green Memorial Committee

The committee working on the Memorials for our founding Rector Jim Green reports that the **sculpture** for the Resurrection Garden has been cast into bronze and is currently being worked on by the artist, the Reverend Craig Biddle. The sculpture of Jesus and the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus should be completed by August. Plans call for the sculpture to be dedicated this fall.

The committee will recommend to the Vestry a plan to create a "living memorial" to Jim's long ministry in the community by fundraising for **Carpenter's Shelter** (which provides services to the homeless in our community). Funds would be distributed to Carpenter's Shelter for any use they choose.

The third major initiative of the committee is to make **capital improvements to the Resurrection Garden**. The garden is a final resting place for the ashes of 43 parishioners and their love ones. The committee proposes to make significant improvements to this resource of the congregation that was started by Jim Green. The objectives of the capital improvements are to (a) restore damage caused by last year's drought, (b) make the garden more accessible and easier to maintain, as well as (c) provide spaces for reflection / contemplative use.

A Landscape Architect is working with the committee to develop a plan which will be available in late summer. The cost of the landscape improvements is being underwritten by individual contributions. If you are interested in more information or contributing to this project, contact Vance or Mary Johnson.

For more information see the Report of the Congregational Meeting - June 29th posted on the Resurrection Events Bulletin Board outside the church office.

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*

Newsletter Schedule, Call for Volunteers

The next **Spire** will be mailed on August 12. Please help prepare the **Spire** for mailing that day, at 12:30 pm in the library. **Thanks to the wonderful volunteers** who gather to fold, label and seal the **Spire**. **Articles for the next issue** of the **Spire** are due in the Parish Office by **9 AM on Friday, August 8**. Items may be edited for content and length. Late items cannot be accepted.

2003 Vital Statistics

Income (Jan-June)	\$127,758
Expenditures (Jan-June)	138,855
Exp. Over income:	(11,097)

Attendance

July 6, 2003	123
July 13	163
July 20	131

Nearly 92% or our income is from pledges and other offerings. It is important to maintain your pledge dollar offerings throughout the year, to support the work of our church.