



The Spire

Newsletter
Church of the
Resurrection



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

Resurrection Mission Statement

Message from the Rector

September 11th

This year Labor Day concludes not only with the return to full-time work and school routines, but with the impending observance of a horrific anniversary. Images and stories about the terrible events of September 11th are flooding television screens and newspapers. Threats of future attacks and the possibility of war with Iraq leave many with an uneasy, “borrowed time” kind of feeling.

In my lifetime I have not seen our society experience such uncertainty and almost palpable anxiety. It is complicated by the reality that there is nothing much the individual can do in response. We cannot go back and prevent what happened last year, nor can we predict or prevent problems we may soon have to face.

Which makes the observance of September 11th that much more important. Our best and most helpful response to uncertainty is to turn to God. God can redeem the most horrible circumstances. By the grace of God we find the strength not to hate those who hate us, to seek to understand and even love our bitterest enemies.

Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30 PM we will hold a service of remembrance and of hope. We will welcome the congregation and choir of Meade Memorial Church in Old Town, Alexandria. Meade’s Vicar, the Reverend Carla E. Thompson, will preach. Together we will share ongoing grief for those who lost their lives and concern for those bearing lifetime scars from the attacks. We will acknowledge our uncertainty and confusion.

Most of all we will proclaim confidence in the one *certainty* we know: the presence of God to heal us, hold us up and equip us to face whatever dangers may await us in the future.

September 4-17
2002

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Anne Gavin Ritchie

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Church School News

Service Note

An informal service of Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Library on Wednesday mornings at 10. The service includes the laying on of hands for spiritual healing.

Prayers Requested

Our prayers are requested for these members of our parish family: Rose Antas, Alice Bryan, Marion Earle, Frank Eife, Judee Evers, Betty Franklin, Allen Hainge, Dennis Matthews, Grace Pifer, Kristine Thompson and Mark Williams.

Small, Strong Congregations

The Rector's class using the book *Small, Strong Congregation*, written by Kennon Callahan will resume on September 10. Please join the Rector and Vestry for a continued discussion of this philosophy of congregational growth.. The class will meet from 7:30-9PM. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Service of Remembrance

There will be a service at Resurrection to mark the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The choir and members of the congregation of Meade Memorial Church will join us for *From Despair to Hope*. The service will take place at 7:30PM on Wednesday, September 11. A reception will follow.

Vestry

A conversation with the Vestry is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 after the 10AM service. Members of the Vestry will be available for questions and suggestions. The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, September 16 at 7:30PM. As always, all interested parishioners are invited to attend.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet on Monday, September 9 at 7:30PM in the Library.

Church School kicks off with a celebration on September 22nd. We will be using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum (ECC) as our guide, for children in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, Primary grades, Intermediate grades, and for youth. We are also soon to be integrating a very special program called "Rite 13" for our kids ages 11-13.

We are blessed with the long-term help of some very talented, dedicated teachers who will be returning to teach the ECC agenda, yet we also are looking for new volunteers to teach curriculum segments. Each unit will be approximately nine weeks long, and any of you out there who would like to teach for one segment (or more!) are cordially invited - and very needed!

Also, we are going to start using "Shepherds" each week to assist a Teacher. Sign-up sheets will be posted on "the School Board" in the main hallway soon.

We are also experimenting with space issues - no more "big kids" in tiny pre-school chairs. So, classrooms will be both upstairs and downstairs.

We welcome all children and youth every Sunday. This is a fun, flexible curriculum and all family and friends are invited to join our kids!

Thanks and an Appeal

Many thanks to Anne Genders who has provided Sunday refreshments for ten years. We need three people to take over Anne's duties. Volunteers will be responsible for picking up sweets on Sunday morning, preparing coffee and tea, replenishing as needed, and cleaning up afterwards. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry on a weekly or monthly basis, please see the bright pink sign up sheet on the hall bulletin board.



September 8 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Readings: Ezekiel 33:1-11;
Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 18:15-20

*The Rev. Anne Gavin Ritchie.
Preaching*

September 15 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Readings:
Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7;
Romans 14:5-12;
Matthew 18:21-35

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September 22 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Philippians 1:21-27;
Matthew 20:1-16

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Rehearsals Resume

Choir rehearsal has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM. The handbell choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7PM.

Feeding Ministry

Food for the ALIVE! foodbank will be collected next on September 22. Suggested items for donation are boxed cereals, powdered milk packets, complete meals in a can, peanut butter and tuna fish. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Shrine Mont 2003

As you begin to fill our your school calendar, please remember Shrine Mont 2003 and mark the dates May 30, 31 and June 1 for our next Parish Community Weekend. Plan to be there to join in creating a good time.

Sierra Leone Clothing Drive

We are once again requesting donations of clothing, shoes, bedding, and over the counter pain medication for shipment to Sierra Leone in late October. The civil war there has ended but there is still great suffering. Items for donation may be brought to church. For more details, please contact Sally or Francis King at 703-988-0179.

Phoenix Coffeehouse

The Phoenix Coffeehouse will mark its first anniversary at Resurrection on September 8. The performance that evening will feature the Jerry Bresee Trio and Barbara Phaneuf. The concert begins at 7PM; admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors and students.

ALIVE! News

ALIVE! Brighter Futures for Families needs volunteer mentors to work with at-risk families in Alexandria. Make a lasting difference by providing direct help with budgeting, parenting, literacy and other life skills. Training is September 10 and 12, 6-9PM. Please call LaRue Barnes at 703-838-Ext. 295

Region III & IV Book Sale

Thanks to all who participated in the Region III and IV Book Sale on July 19 and 20 at St. Andrew's Church in Arlington. A net profit of \$2300 will be used to help seed a Hispanic Episcopal congregation in Northern Virginia.

Cathedral Association

Renowned stained glass artisan Dieter Goldkuhle, fabricator and restorer of many windows at the National Cathedral, will speak on "Sacred Space and Light at the Washington National Cathedral" This October 17 evening event will benefit the Cathedral Association's outreach program which offers academic and cultural enrichments for selected DC high school students. A reception precedes the talk. Tickets are \$50 (\$35 is tax deductible). For details please contact Marnie Craven at 301-229-7970.

Parish Directory

New directories are available in the Narthex. Please take just one per household. Please notify the office or any changes. Updates will be published regularly in *The Spire*.

Parish Office

The Parish Office has resumed regular hours: 9AM to 5PM, Monday through Thursday, and 9AM to 4PM Friday

Spire Schedule

The next *Spire* will be published on September 4. The deadline for all articles for that issue is 9AM, Friday, August 30. Future publication dates:

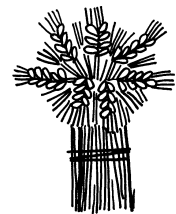
September 18 (deadline, September 16)

October 2 (deadline, September 30)
We are in need of volunteers to help with preparing *The Spire* for mailing. We begin around 12:30PM and finish around 2PM on scheduled newsletter publication dates.

Vestry

Ken Gay,
Senior Warden
Mary Johnson,
Associate Senior Warden
Ray Isaacs, *Junior Warden*
Pat Augustine,
Associate Junior Warden
Barbara Bishop
Kevin Broderick
Francis King
John Langford
Kim McDaniel
Betsy Wayland Raymond
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.



Offering needed for year:	\$267,814
Offering needed each week	\$5,150
Offering received last week	\$4,828
Offering received year-to-date	\$178,458
Offering needed year-to-date	\$180,2508
Attendance August 25	109
September 1	105



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Kim McDaniel, Mary Boughan,
Marian Stevens

USHERS

Will Williams, Bob Naismith,
James King

SHUTTLE

Jay Madden

TELLERS

Carl Hull, Elizabeth White,
Eleanor Burleson

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

David Ewing

ACOLYTES

Francisca & Florette King,
Holly Stevens

LAY READERS

(8) Pat Augustine
(10) Letitia John-Williams, Barbara
Dean, Carol Cummins

CHALICE BEARERS

Carol Cummins, Larry Dye

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Steve White

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Cathlene Williams, Carolyn & Keith
McDonald

September 15, 2002

ALTAR GUILD

Lori Thurgood

USHERS

Modupeh Williams, Carl Hull, Fran-
ces Williamson

SHUTTLE

Jere Cummins

TELLERS

Richard Green, Janet Sprickman,
Ron Leo

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Shanti & Pria Chang, Alexander Ev-
ans

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Bob Noe, Ray Bessette

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Patti Ann & Jim Pinkney, Nan
Pendergrass

September 22, 2002

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Pat Augustine, Peggy Green

USHERS

Bob & Edna Noe, Lissa Reeves

SHUTTLE

Kat Turner

TELLERS

Edna Noe, Frank Evans, Marian Stevens

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Bill Grace

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Dosch, Jack Ritchie

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Leona Thompson

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Kathleen Turner, Frank Evans