



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

Jim Green

On Monday, November 26, 2001, Jim Green was laid to rest in the Resurrection Memorial Garden by his family and some 350 friends. It has been difficult for all of us to grasp the reality of his unexpected death. After all, he had only gone into the hospital for knee replacement surgery. But Jim is gone and this is a fitting time to recall how much he meant to so many people.

Jim McIver Green was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina seventy-three years ago. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from North Carolina State College in 1951, but did several interesting things before going to seminary. This included serving in the United States Marines and selling farm equipment by traveling around Kansas in a plane!

Jim came to Virginia Theological Seminary in 1960 and graduated *cum laude* three years later. His first position was as Assistant Rector at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. His then rector, Colman McGehee, now a retired bishop, was present at his memorial service and read the Gospel.

Only a couple of years later Jim was appointed Vicar of a new church, "seeded" by several families from Immanuel. Resurrection began services at Francis Hammond High School, only moving to our current site after the building was completed in 1966.

Jim energetically and faithfully built this parish, welcoming people from the surrounding neighborhoods and giving them roles to play and work to do at Resurrection. He baptized, married, visited the sick and buried the dead with sensitivity, skill and dedication until his retirement January 1st, 1994.

Jim's influence reached well beyond our parish walls. His concern for the poor and disenfranchised led him to help found both the Carpenter's Shelter and Community Lodgings, respectively a shelter for the homeless and transitional housing facilities. Community Lodgings designated the Green Building in his honor.

Jim loved Virginia Seminary, serving as visiting professor of pastoral theology for a number of years. He served on the VTS Board of Trustees for twenty-four years.

Mostly he loved and was deeply loved in return, by his wife Dinnie; Beth, Nancy and Tom, his children; by his parish and by his friends and colleagues, (especially "The Old Dogs", his retired clergy group). Jim will be missed but the power of his love will go on.

November 28-
December 11
2001

Rector:
The Reverend
Anne Gavin Ritchie

Interim Church School Director:
Bonnie Kyle

Seminarian Assistant:
Eric Miller

Choir Director:
Robert Reeves

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Sanelma Sutton

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Nuria Velasquez

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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: Carolyn Bessette, Peggy Eason, Michael Espinoza, Celia Halas, Delores Harper, Grace Janke, Roberta Larkin, Franz Renner, Dwight Smith, Bill Sutton, and Mary Traub. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the Rev. James M. Green, founding Rector of the Church of the Resurrection. *Grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the blessed fellowship of all the saints.*

Church School News

Preparations for the Christmas Pageant are continuing. All children are encouraged to participate in this annual highlight of the Christmas season. We also invite any adults who would like to help to join in. Please contact Bonnie Kyle at 703-837-8526 for more information.



Community Concerns

The Community Concerns Committee will meet on Sunday, December 2 at 8:45AM in the Library. The committee has posted "wish lists" for needy families on the bulletin board near the Parish Hall. Families are invited to take a sheet to help share the blessings of Christmas with a needy families in the community.

Confirmation Service

The Right Reverend Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, visited Resurrection on November 18 for a service of Confirmation. We congratulate Harold Blackford, Michele Dominiak, Katherine Hodgson, Ron Leo, Joyce Peters, and Melanie Powell who were confirmed in the Episcopal faith; Bonnie Kyle and Lou Aiello reaffirmed their baptismal vows.

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will take place on Sunday December 9 immediately following the 10AM service. We will discuss our vision for the year 2002 and elect five new members to the Vestry to guide the parish through the year. As a result of the selection process, five parishioners are presented for election to the Vestry: Mary Johnson, Kim McDaniel, Francis King, Kevin Broderick, and Lyn Hainge. They will join continuing members Pat Augustine, Barbara Bishop, Ken Gay, Ray Isaacs, John Langford, Regina Wesley, and Merry Ann Wright. We wish to express our deep appreciation to the departing members: Richard Green, Susie Jones, Kathy Parnell, Marian Stevens, and Lee White.

Advent Lecture Series

Please join Edwin L. Gitow, a scholar of biblical archaeology, December 2 and December 16 at 11:15AM in the Parish Hall. His Advent theme is "Birth of the Messiah"; Mr. Gitow will be discussing such provocative questions as "How old was Mary when she was 'espoused'?", "What was the star of Bethlehem?"; "Who were the Magi?" and other fascinating issues. Please join us for an informative and enjoyable conversation.



December 2 The First Sunday of Advent

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

Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5;

Romans 13:8-14;

Matthew 24:37-44

*The Reverend Anne Gavin
Ritchie preaching*

December 9 The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10;

Romans 15:4-13;

Matthew 3:1-12

*The Reverend Anne Gavin
Ritchie preaching*

December 16 The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10;

James 5:7-10;

Matthew 11:2-11

*Eric Miller, Seminarian Assis-
tant, preaching*

**Directory Updates:
Change:**

Fowlie, Lea: New e-mail:
lfowlie2@home.com

Vestry Meeting

The December meeting of the Vestry will take place on December 10 at 7:30PM in the Library. Please note that this is a departure from the usual third Monday of the month schedule.

**Homeless Shelter Volunteers
Needed**

St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Alexandria is opening its doors to the homeless again this winter and has asked that Resurrection and other churches provide volunteers to stay at the church overnight as supervisors. We have been assigned every Thursday evening. The program will start January 3 and continue until March 14. The two volunteers will not be involved in providing any food and can sleep in separate rooms. Jere Cummins is coordinating for Resurrection and has posted a sign up sheet on the hall bulletin board. Please sign up or call Jere at 703-892-5269 if you would like to volunteer.



Enrollment Applications

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Virginia is now accepting applications for grades Junior Kindergarten-Eleven for the 2002-2003 school year. Now is the time to begin the process by calling the Admission Office to schedule a tour. Please call 703-212-2705 for grades JK-5 or 703-212-2706 for grades 6-11 for more information.

December Birthdays

- 1 Stephen C. White
- 4 Carter White
- 5 Timothy Barnett
- 6 Timothy M. Boulay
- 9 Kevin Broderick, Jr.
- 10 Carolyn Shearer
Wanda L. Robinson
- 13 Ray Bessette
Betsy P. White
- 14 Mary Baird
- 16 Ellen Turner
- 17 Dawn Hinson
- 18 Draper Bowne
Norvell Jones
- 20 Nicholas E. Caffo
- 21 Christina M. Caffo
- 25 Auma M. Jalang'o
Pria Chang
- 27 Jennings Leek
- 28 Wayne Verry

Beverly Lempicki
- 30 Jackson C. Ritchie, Jr.
Maureen F. Hollingsworth
Gay Colyer
- 31 Frank O. Harding

*Strengthen, O Lord, your servants
with your Holy Spirit, empower
them for service: and sustain them
all the days of their lives.*



Spire Schedule

The following are *Spire* publication dates with deadlines in parentheses. Please note that deadlines are at 9AM on the specified dates.

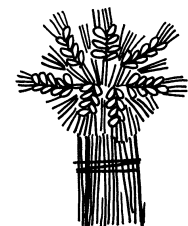
December 12 (10)

Subsequent dates to be determined.

Vestry

Marian Stevens,
Senior Warden
Susie Jones,
Associate Senior Warden
Ray Isaacs, *Junior Warden*
Pat Augustine,
Associate Junior Warden
Barbara Bishop
Richard Green
Kenneth Gay
John Langford
Kathy Parnell
Regina Wesley
Lee White
Merry Ann Wright
Frances Williamson,
Treasurer
Betsy Faga, *Register*

*The Great Harvest Bread
Company graciously pro-
vides the bread used for our
communion at the 10AM
services.*



Offering needed for year:	\$258,600
Offering needed each week	\$4,973
Offering received last week	\$4,030
Offering received year-to-date	\$224,249
Offering needed year-to-date	\$233,731
Attendance November 18	128
Attendance November 25	152



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Sunday, December 2, 2001

ALTAR GUILD

USHERS

Leona Thompson, Regina Wesley,
Lynette Miserez

SHUTTLE

Dan Swearingen

TELLERS

Edna Noe, Jane Williams, Sandra
Jackson

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Bill Grace

ACOLYTES

Giordano & Guiliano Hardy, Holly
Stevens

LAY READERS

(8) Bob Barnett (10) Asiatu
Williams, Eric Miller, Lou Zarfaz

CHALICE BEARERS

Ray Bessette, Carol Cummins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Marian Stevens, Kathleen O'Malley

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Donna Adams, Nan Pendergrass

Sunday, December 9, 2001

ALTAR GUILD

USHERS

Eric Chang, Will Williams,
Bob Naismith

SHUTTLE

Jere Cummins

TELLERS

Bob Noe, Carl Hull, Frank Evans

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Will Williams

ACOLYTES

Nathalie & Sam Dillon; Thalmus Tho-
mas

LAY READERS

(8AM) Merry Ann Wright (10) Karl
Boughan, Larry Dye, Gay Colyer

CHALICE BEARERS

Karl Boughan, Larry Dye

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Letitia John-Williams, Leona Thompson

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Diane & Lee White, Ray Bessette

Sunday, December 16, 2001

ALTAR GUILD

Lyn Hainge

USHERS

Gladys Bowier, Milford & Letitia
John-Williams

SHUTTLE

Jay Madden

TELLERS

Nan Pendergrass, Dennis Jones, Bar-
bara Dean

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Jay Madden

ACOLYTES

Shanti & Pria Chang,

Francois Fannoh

LAY READERS

(8) Bob Barnett (10) Eric Miller,
Barbara Dean, Orian Falkenborg

CHALICE BEARERS

Bob Noe, Wayne Verry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Steve White, Jane Williams

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Elizabeth Ambrose, Helen Fairfax