

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE HILL
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

From the Senior Warden

This latest newsletter installment has been very difficult to conceive. My first article dealt with national and international developments of the aftermath of the 2003 General Convention of the Episcopal Church of the U. S.A. (The relations between Provinces are deteriorating faster as time passes.) The second article asked you to consider the Passion of Christ and your role in it. I also asked that we each spend some time with the Gospels. Now, it is time to consider the Church of the Resurrection and our future. Our parish profile characterizes who we were at a tumultuous time last fall. Has this changed in any way? How have we changed and where is it that we want to be?

Our survey presented our elected and chosen leadership with a very difficult dilemma. The results on the questions of orthodoxy (those dealing with the issues of General Convention) did not provide us with a clear identity on which to base our decisions. Each of us has felt since our own sentiments were echoed by a significant portion of the parish,

From the Junior Warden

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT "YOU"

The Church is a body. We, the members of the Church of the Resurrection are connected to each other the way each of the parts of a body are connected. We are essential to each other. There needs to be love in the Church. Without that love, the body will be at war with itself. (read Corinthians 1:14-18)

If some of those words sound familiar, it's because they are from one of the last sermons Victor Austin preached before he left. He talked to us about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given to each of us for the common good of the body. He talked about our mission and the important work that lay before us.

Looking ahead to the interim period he added these words of caution; Beware of gossip, it is a temptation. Speak truth, not rumor. Seek righteousness. Keep praying and love one another. The devil will try to lead you to

though not a majority. Should we proceed as representatives of that group with the hope that a consensus would emerge over time? This has not occurred and the levels of frustration have increased in several of our leaders and fellow parishioners.

The most disturbing part of this situation is an inability to move ahead. Some of us feel we should be trying to effect certain changes which would encourage growth, while others would like to wait until a new rector arrives. And then, some of us feel both ways at the same time!

I think this summer would be a good time to reconnect with one another. You are all fine people, and we can talk to one another in a Christian manner. Let us use this opportunity to rebuild our communion so we can reach out as Jesus commanded.


I'm listening.

Fred Frost
Senior Warden

sin, to speak badly of one another, to entertain gossip and harsh feeling. Remember who you are.

Each Sunday we pray together that during this time of transition, "we may all devote ourselves afresh to thy service, so that nothing be lost of the faithful work of the past, but rather that it may be brought to a rich harvest in the years to come." These words hold such importance to the future of our parish. We are of *one* flock with our *one* shepherd. Ask yourself, Why are you here? What *is* your purpose? May we each be renewed with a prayer for God's guidance in the decisions we make and for grace in the words that come forth from our lips. Strive to be faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord and use your gifts only to His Glory.

Theresa Simone
Junior Warden



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Notes on the Altar Guild

Have you ever wondered about the candles, the Eucharistic vessels, the altar linens, the wafers, the wine, and other objects used in worship at the Church of the Resurrection? Who orders these things and cares for them? Who polishes the brass and silver? Who sees that the linens are washed and ironed? Who manages to replenish the votive candles? Who does special "holy housekeeping" before major celebrations? The members of our Altar Guild

do all these.

We currently have three generations of Altar Guild members; seniors, Millie Doughty, who cares for the fair linen, and Essie Churchill, who makes sure we have clean votive candles. Essie and Millie share their wisdom and experience with everyone. The middle generation is made up of Dorothy Metzger, Anne Kasin and Liz Pavelka. The younger generation, Trish Anderson and Dannielle Beitzell, share

in the care and preparation of the altar. Trish and Dannielle volunteered after the annual parish meeting when a request was made for more members.

You will know how we feel about the work we do as you read the following prayer we say when we meet.

O Loving Savior, we pray Thee to send thy blessing upon this Altar Guild and the work of all its members; give us thy grace that we may

be loyal to the Holy Church, and faithful in our care of holy things. Grant that as we adorn and make ready they Altar we may learn greater love and reverence for all that belongs to thy service, and through all outward symbols come to a clearer vision of the inward and spiritual truth taught by them. We ask this for thy sake, O Blessed Lord and Master. Amen

Liz Pavelka

BREAD

Bible Reading Emphasis And Discovery

The Journey is a Bible reading program. Each day's reading covers 10-15 verses from the Bible and includes commentary which leads to discussions and prayers.

This program covers the Bible every five years.

We meet every first and third Monday at 1:00pm at Millie Doughty's home.

For more information on this wonderful group, please find Millie at church or call her at home!



Grumbles 'n Gossip -

Think before you speak -

Is it true?

Is it kind?

Is it necessary?

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School starts with the Primary and Pre-School children watching a video downstairs and joining their parents upstairs for the peace. We need adult volunteers to sign up to show the video. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign up as it will give the teachers a break.

Craft Fair 2004!

This year's Craft Fair will be November 6th, so pull out your crafting tools and let's get started! Do you have a craft that you think would sell well at this fall's Craft Fair? Why not teach others around you? Or, is there a craft you would like to learn? Let me know what it is!

So far this year we will be learning how to knit those funky, fun scarves and, if there's enough interest, quilting! Canning jar recipes (like cookie and drink mixes) and fire-starters are also on our list of things to do...so come join the fun and fellowship! Keep an eye on the bulletin board

downstairs for a schedule of activities and their appropriate sign-up sheets!

If you aren't a crafter, there is still plenty to be done! We need help with the café, set up and clean up, cashier stations, raffle sales and so much more! If you have any gifts of time, talent or

treasure to donate this year please let me know! If you have any new ideas, I would love to hear them!

Let's make this the biggest Craft Fair we've ever had!

Dannielle Beitzell

Search Committee Update

I am pleased to announce that the application phase of our Search has been completed.

In total, 28 cover letters and color Parish Profiles were mailed out - of that number, 10 were to people whose names were recommended to me and 18 were to people who directly responded to our advertising.

They went to people spread geographically all over the country - 9 from NY, 3 from PA, 1 from NH, 2 from VA, 1 from FL, 2 from MO, 2 from MI, 1 from GA, 2 from CT, 3 from CA, and 2 from IL.

These people were both male and female, married and single, inexperienced and extremely experienced, newly ordained and veteran priests, in their 30s to their 60s.

Our Committee required several things in order for these people to complete their application:

1. Their Church Deployment Office Personal Profile - this nationally standardized document gave us personal information, present and recent employment history, education and experience, specific skills, and leadership description

2. Their resume - this individual record gave us more in-depth information about their background

3. The names of 3 personal references

4. Written answers to 3 questions which we created specifically, based upon our parish values and goals as presented to you in our Survey Report and Parish Profile, to help us further determine an applicant's suitability for our congregation

5. A copy of a sermon they'd written for a Liturgy specifically selected by us.

Some of these people decided that, based upon further review of our Profiles, they were not interested in

coming to our parish and some have already taken other positions. We have received 9 completed applications.

Subsequently, many many hours have been spent by this Committee - reading over these lengthy application materials at home, evaluating their content, assessing their compatibility with what we are looking for in our next rector, and discussing them together at our meetings.

We have sent a list of six names to the Bishop.

What's next? We await the Bishop's approval, i.e., his consent, to interview and visit these six candidates. Based upon the results of those interactions, the Search Committee will narrow this list to three. The Diocese will then run extensive background checks on the final candidates and they will be brought to Resurrection for interviews with the Vestry which has the responsibility for the final discern-

ment and call.

This undoubtedly seems like a long, and slow, process to many of you but I want to reassure you that it is only because your Search Committee is being thorough. We continue to meet almost weekly and we are unanimously focused on moving ahead. We will not however take shortcuts or rush through this important task just to meet a deadline - we take the responsibility and enormity of our task very seriously and are not willing to sacrifice quality and integrity for speedy results. Your faithful attendance on Sundays, your patience during this interim period, and especially your prayers continue to be of paramount importance - not only to us as a committee, but to Resurrection itself!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel welcome to speak with me.

Anne Kasin, Chair
Resurrection Search Committee

Crafting at Resurrection

Chairing the Craft Fair is a blessing to me! I love to craft and love to share my knowledge with others, while learning new things from other crafters as well!

When a person crafts, the creation process is exhilarating, and prayerful as well. Sharing the gifts we have been given by God with others, whether teaching a

craft, learning crafts, or selling crafts to raise money for the church, with other crafters brings a sense of fellowship that is truly heart warming.

There are so many types of crafts that range from simple to multi-stepped and complex....there are crafts that anyone can do - "If you can tie your shoe, you can

craft with me." is a phrase I am popular for saying and completely believe in.

If you are interested at all in crafting, this is the group for you! We teach each other, enjoy each other's company and share the gifts we have been given!

Dannielle Beit zell





WE NEED YOU



Announcing a
BLOOD DRIVE
 at the
 Church of the Resurrection
 Sat., July 24
 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health.

To schedule an appointment for July 24, call the church office at 226-5727.

Donating blood is safe, easy, and only takes one hour of your time.

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

Partners With Grace

Northern Uganda Scholarship Initiative at Uganda Christian University

Millions of viewers will be meeting the lovely Akallo Grace Grall through the Oprah Winfrey Show on the subject of "Child Soldiers." (Scheduled to air July 15th).

Grace went through hell, then college. Most children in Northern Uganda only get hell, because college costs too much. Now you can

help them move up from hell and on to college.

"Now I have hope," says Grace. "Help me pass it on to others."

Grace is one of thousands of sufferers from the 17-year war and disorder caused by the so-called Lord's Resistance Army and its fanatical leader Joseph Kony in the northern section of Uganda. Families have been driven from their homes and live either in IDP (internally dis-

placed people) camps or sleep out on the streets of crowded towns. Schools are disrupted and farms go untended as people fear to be exposed to the atrocities of LRA. Children like Akallo Grace have been abducted, enslaved or forced to become child soldiers. When they escape and come home, they need intensive rehabilitation. All in all, many have no hope for the future.

Now you can be a Partner with Grace. Grace escaped

the hell of the northern war zone when she was sponsored to Uganda Christian University (www.ucu.ac.ug) a dynamic private university near Kampala, Uganda's capital city.

We will be supporting a student like Grace through our missions budget.

Mary Crisman

**Most of this article was excerpted from an email newsletter that was received by Mary Crisman, written by Stephen Noll with Uganda Partners.*

July Birthdays

1	Ray Kupetz	16	Lucy Simone
2	Anthony LoCicero	18	Stephen Beitzell
3	Jean Hoose	18	Kara Neely
4	Don Lofman	19	Mary Crisman
4	Sarah Schreiber	19	Mark Rodriguez
4	Jessie Schreiber	27	Kyle Olson
9	Matthew Johnson	27	Rachel Olson
12	Patti Anderson	30	Joseph Tutoni
13	Heidi Wustrau	31	Susan Blodgett

July Baptismal Anniversaries

1	Lola Lofman	14	Morgan Richter
7	Samantha LoCicero	15	John Testerman
14	Amy Haggerty	21	Dana Anderson
14	Philip Philip	25	Matthew Evans



Have a Birthday or Anniversary coming up? Why not celebrate with coffee and special treats? Look on page 6 at the Message from the Editor for more information!

August Birthdays

3	Karen Metzger	15	David Rodriguez
5	Nicholas Benson	17	Ian Maher
5	Mary Isabelle Duvivier	19	Bill Bond
7	Tessa Marchese	21	Reilly Curran
12	Yvonne Fontana	22	Thomas Metzger
13	Theresa Simone	24	Charlotte Thomas
14	KellieAnne Palmieri	25	Betty Richter

August Baptismal Anniversaries

4	Toni Richter	17	Amber Maher
14	Anthony DiStasio	20	Patrick Whitford
15	Lorie Kupetz	22	Julia DiStasio
16	Nina Haughton	29	Cora Andrews



O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. BCP p830



Grant, O Lord, that as we have been received into the congregation of Christ's flock and signed with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter we should not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, so we may manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and may continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen



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Message from the Editor

Did you know that serving one another is not only what Christ has taught, but it is very enjoyable as well? Why not teach your children to enjoy that which Christ has modeled by signing up to host a coffee hour?

Once a year, twice a year, a birthday, anniversary, or just a random day—it doesn't

really matter when! It doesn't take much time either, especially when you do it together. So grab your family or a friend and check out the sign up sheet in the Undercroft to see what days are available!

Have you never done a coffee hour before? Just ask for help! Lisa Hadad is more

than willing to give a hand in showing you the ropes. Either find Lisa at church or give her a phone call!

