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May I introduce...

Anyone who has been to the Church of the Resurrection since October 3rd has seen the joyful poster in the narthex with the names and pictures of our new Rectors! Anyone who has checked our Parish Website has seen the Home Page announcement that we are no longer in an interim search process but have indeed called our new Rectors!

The Webers were a unanimous recommendation by the Search Committee, a unanimous choice by the Vestry, and have been warmly received by the Bishop and the Diocesan Canon for Deployment.

Pictures and rave reviews from those who met them, heard them preach, and interviewed them are only part of the introduction. With this column I'd like to give you more specific information about these two special people who are coming to be our priests:

The Rev. Roger Scott Weber and The Rev. Elizabeth (Libbie) Dawn Brooks Weber .

Roger grew up in Wyoming and holds undergraduate degrees in Social Sciences and in Education while Libbie comes from Pennsylvania and has an undergraduate degree in Government/Political Science and a Masters degree in Library Science. They met at college and attended Seminary together - studying at Regent College in Vancouver, BC and Wycliffe Hall at Oxford, UK and at Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Both Roger and Libbie are in their 40s, have been married for over 10 years, and will come with Hildie - an adoring little bundle of canine exuberance.

Although the Webers are quite newly ordained to the priesthood (June 2004), their qualifications and skills and experience are an excellent

match for the goals and needs identified by Resurrection at the beginning of our Search process.

Neither Roger or Libbie grew up in the Episcopal Church but as adults were drawn to the Anglican tradition because of the Biblical, historical, liturgical, and sacramental depth it has to offer. Roger has had much Christian ministry experience and administrative responsibility, including extensive fundraising, in his work with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship on college campuses in WY, CO, AZ, and CA. Libbie has volunteered her time to Intervarsity leading retreats and conferences and also works part-time as a librarian.

Prior to their Ordinations, the Webers shared a full-time "Deacons-in-Training" position at St. Paul's, Healdsburg, CA whose mission statement in brief is "Biblical Preaching, Traditional Worship, Community Service, Pastoral Care." It was a learning experience, from the clergy perspective, about the life of a parish - including outreach and evangelism in a nearby community that does not have an Episcopal Church; honing ideas about what it means to grow as a vibrant church; training in liturgical rhythms and music of the Church calendar; practical lessons in pastoral care and liturgy; care for the sick and the dying; work with a Spanish-speaking congregation; preaching and teaching; and participation in various diocesan programs, including one for new clergy. Roger and Libbie have also had experience as youth ministers and leadership roles, as interns, in several other nearby Episcopal parishes.

Roger's particular areas of interest include preaching, spiritual formation and Christian Education, the development of lay ministry, pastoral care, spiritual direction, and hospitality. Libbie enjoys preaching, spiritual forma-

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May I introduce... (cont'd)

tion, the relationship between the arts and worship and Christian education, leading and writing retreats, study, hospitality, and developing a sense of need for Christian stewardship of creation. Roger's hobbies are woodworking*, reading, hiking, and fishing while Libbie enjoys reading, hiking, drawing, writing, and

watching foreign films.

They both enjoy working with people of all age groups and look forward to this unique shared ministry at Resurrection - and we, with eager enthusiasm, impatiently look forward to their arrival at the beginning of Advent!

If you have any further questions about our new rectors or the conclusion of the Search process, don't hesitate to speak to me.

Anne Kasin

* Woodworking may be a relaxing hobby for Roger but it doesn't seem to be an area of expertise yet - on October

13th he cut through the second knuckle of his left index finger with his skill saw! Specialized hand surgeons have reattached the finger, fusing bone and mending blood vessels and tendons, and are optimistic about its healing - but please keep Roger, and Libbie, in your continuing prayers as he recuperates!

From the Recovery Advocate

Recently, a Dutchess County resident was sentenced to 4-6 years in prison for killing two people while driving drunk. How can such behavior be prevented?

A Mayo Clinic study concludes that hospitals generally miss what could be a highly effective opportunity to detect and treat alcoholism while treating people involved in automobile accidents.

The study, published in the March 2004 issue of the

Mayo Clinic Proceedings, reviewed the treatment of 1,879 car-crash patients at the clinic. All of them were tested for blood alcohol levels. In 294 cases, the tests revealed that they have been drinking - the average BAC was 0.14 which is above the legal limit in all 50 states. (NY's BAC limit is 0.08)

In only 79 of those cases did doctors order a further examination or signs of alcohol dependency or abuse, but found evidence of alco-

holism in 69 of these.

Dr. Keith Berge, the study's co-author, said "We're missing a great opportunity to intervene in an ongoing cycle of trauma since many alcoholics are repeatedly involved in accidents. A motor vehicle crash is the type of catastrophic life event that can reduce denial of a drinking problem in a patient and provide medical professionals the optimal chance for a successful intervention. Few patients are willing to admit that

alcohol played a role in the accident."

When I read this, I was reminded of a very simple and direct message on a colorful billboard. It showed a small child, his back to the viewer, riding his tricycle on a rural road. Scrawled across the top was the word PLEASE and on the bottom DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

Sue Blodgett
Recovery Advocate

Did You Know?

Resurrection's Mentoring program for Teens preparing for Confirmation is in full swing! Although the date for the Bishop's Visitation has yet to be set, our curriculum process is already underway. Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:

Greg Anderson
Dannielle Beitzell

Craig Russo
Bob Hoose
Dennis Haubrich
Trish Anderson
Ashley Hajosch
Debbie Evans
Sarah Mahin
Marilyn Ciancio
Rachael Di Stasio
Rena Mazzuto
Greg Simone
Deke Rothacker

Amy Evans
Patti Anderson
Sarah Testerman
Vanessa Neely

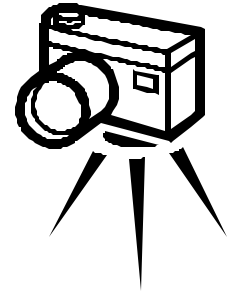


Picture Board

Since the plan for the Olan Mills Parish Directory has had to be postponed, the Know Thy Neighbor picture boards in the narthex have regained their importance. Photos of both

long-time and newly-arrived parishioners are displayed there in order to help all of us get to know one another better - to connect names to faces. If your face in your picture no longer looks like you or if your picture isn't

there at all, please either bring in a snapshot or let me take your photo at church - the Picture Board is only as good as the faces displayed on it!



A Fond Farewell

Dear Father Weiler and Janna,

Where have fourteen months gone? Without the stability in continuity provided by your presence at Resurrection, our interim period

would have been even more chaotic and disruptive.

It must have been difficult for you to come from a big church in an enormous city to a little church in the country but we

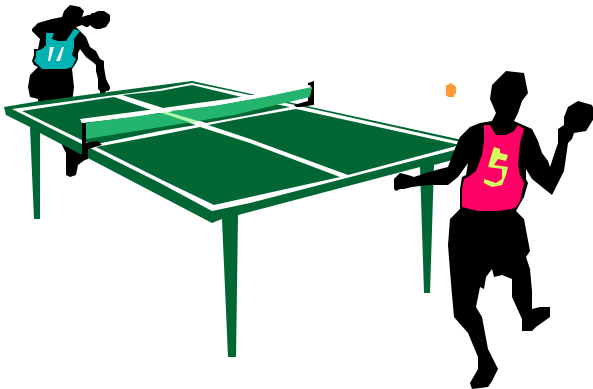
hope your hearts will hold fond memories of your time with us up here on the hill.

Our love and prayers are with you wherever God takes you next. Please keep in

touch and perhaps come back and visit now and then!

May the Peace and Blessings of our Lord be with you both,

A Grateful Parish



Got Game?

Why not join the Youth Group?

Check the bulletin for meetings times, or contact Debbie Evans or Joe Simone for more information!

Advent Wreaths

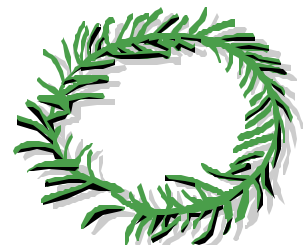
It's time to gather the family together and make our advent wreaths once again!

This year we will be making the wreaths at 9:30 a.m., be-

tween the two services, on November 28, 2004.

Be sure to join us for the fun and fellowship to kick off advent!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janine Iarossi or Vanessa Neeley.





2004 Craft Fair and Café

November 6th
9 am – 4 pm

Food

Crafts

Baked Goods

American Girl Clothing

Nearly New Items

Raffle Drawings to be held at 3 pm
(need not be present to win)

November Birthdays

1	Lola Lofman	19	Claire Odell
3	Cap Schneider	19	Julie Schreiber
4	Gregory Simone	22	Silvio Ciancio
6	John Metzger	22	Kristina Haubrich
8	Gregory Anderson	23	Sara Mahin
10	Troy Mahin	24	Ronald Sella
13	Debra Ciancio	25	Joseph Lisowski
16	Jane Owens	26	William Nemeth
19	Peter DiStasio		

December Birthdays

1	Fred Frost	13	Celina Davis
1	Clare Tutoni	14	Gladys McNerney
2	Dorothy Metzger	17	Vanessa Neely
2	Cynthia Russo	19	Robert Furphy
3	Iona Pagan	20	Neena Sweetser
4	Steven Palmieri	22	Cora Andrews
4	Janet Svenson	23	Jean Tomkovitch
5	Leeann Haubrich	24	Richard Hadad
7	Gerri Rhodes	25	Bill Svenson
10	Noel Fontana	27	Zita Kobos
10	Robert Haughton	27	John Paul Testerman
10	Kaitlyn Richter	29	James Ciancio

November Baptismal Anniversaries

1	Sherry Metzger	15	Rose Simone
1	Thomas Metzger	18	Jacqueline Frost
1	Gabrielle Tutoni	19	Jaclyn Iarossi
5	Ian Maher	23	Sara Mahin
6	KellieAnne Palmieri	24	Ronald Sella
6	Daniel Tutoni	26	Andrea Iarossi
12	Liz Pavelka	29	David Rodriguez
13	Debra Ciancio		

December Baptismal Anniversaries

5	Ray Kupetz	18	Dorothy Metzger
8	Robert Hoose	25	Lisa Hadad



Have a Birthday or Anniversary coming up? Why not celebrate with coffee and special treats? This is an important ministry to our parish that doesn't take much to accomplish. There are many Sundays that are still available!



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

Our Rectors have been chosen and will soon be here! There is much to do in preparation for our new family to arrive...and lots of excitement too! What a joy to have Roger and Libbie join us with their precious bundle of fur, Hildie.

Between now and then we will have our annual Craft Fair and Café. I hope you will all come join the fun and festivities of the

day...and don't forget to enter the raffle! Three great prizes are available to be won! We will also have our Advent Wreath Making and a variety of other meetings and activities between now and the arrival of Roger and Libbie.

Now on to the dol-drums of being the newsletter editor. Our next deadline will be December 12th. That newsletter will cover the months of January and

February. The deadline is a little earlier than normal so that I can have it completed before Christmas, thusly having a carefree first Christmas with my daughter and all of our family.

Please understand that if articles come in after I leave from the church on Sunday the 12th of December, they will not appear in the newsletter. I am sorry to be so strict with the newsletter deadline, but I cannot

continue to hold the newsletter deadline open for several days as it delays the entire process. This will hold true for all future newsletter deadlines.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, and have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Dannielle Beitzell