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From the Senior Warden



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"Once you've been given a blessing - it cannot be taken away. No matter what happens, it's yours to keep". The Austin's departure has left us heavyhearted. We won't be the same - but neither will they. We have been touched, grown and changed each other. But, we are all the richer for the time that we've journeyed together. And now, we will go on, with God's grace, to do the work He has given us to do... together.

The journey continues ... It is with great excitement that I announce to you the news of The Reverend Gordon Matthew Weiler accepting a 12-month position of Interim Pastor here at Resurrection! He and his wife, Janna, will begin their time with us starting September 1st. Fred and I, as well as other members of the Vestry, met with Matthew and his wife Janna in July and were delighted with their company. They look forward to becoming part of our common lives at Resurrection and becoming members of our family.

Father Weiler (a native of Florida, who is looking forward to working towards his PHD and is allergic to cats - God's humor?!) comes to us with a Master of Divinity from Yale University. He has a wide knowledge of theology and sciences and with a very broad and balanced education and work experience. Most recently, Father Weiler has held the position of Curate at the Church of

Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City. He and Janna arrived in New York on September 1, 2001. What a welcome!

The Weilers will be living in the Rectory beginning September 1, 2003. Our parish, I'm very proud to say, is one that has a wonderful gift of being loving and welcoming to newcomers. Please introduce yourself to Matthew and Janna and welcome them into our Resurrection family. A fun way to welcome them would be to give them an old-fashioned parish "pounding". What's a pounding? Please see page 9 of this newsletter for instructions on proper pounding procedures.

Starting with September 2, services will include: Monday through Friday Morning Prayer, Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist, Sunday worship and Eucharist at 8:00 and 9:30, and Celebrations of Major Feasts as they arrive. Father Weiler's first Sunday with us will be September 7. Please be sure to plan on attending and making this a special welcome. Check your bulletin or with your Vestry liaison for further times and updates.

During this "interim" period, I'd like to clarify some questions I've been asked. We can address new questions you may have as they arise.

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From the Senior Warden

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The responsibilities of the Interim Pastor will include the following:

- *Maintain a regular schedule of worship,
- *Provide on-going pastoral care,
- *Attend vestry meetings (chaired by the Warden),
- *Prepare candidates for confirmation, baptism and weddings,
- *Supervise lay staff,
- *Oversee Christian Education,
- *Work with the vestry toward achieving published annual goals, and
- *Help prepare our con-

gregation for our new priest. He CANNOT, under any circumstances, be considered for the position of our new Rector.

Your Wardens and Vestry have the responsibility for the church in the absence of a permanent priest during the interim. They are the governing body whose responsibilities include: *Maintaining finances and physical plant, *Creating and charging the search committee, *Retaining interim clergy, *Hiring

and discharging employees, *Sustaining regular communications within the congregation and with the Diocese. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please call on the Wardens, or any member of the Vestry. We are elected trustees of this parish and have the interests and needs of the entire congregation our foremost a priority.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that this is our church, our family, our body. The

body doesn't work well when all the parts aren't present! Remember why we gather together, our mission. Prayer is an amazing gift we all have the privilege of being blessed with. Use that gift daily for our search committee and process, Father Weiler and Janna, and each other. Please remember, prayer always changes things.

Theresa Simone
Sr. Warden

Mark Your Calendar

The Craft Fair is coming up on November 1st. We will be baking apple pies for the fair on Saturday., October 25th, in the undercroft of the church.

Volunteers of all ages welcome. (Youth group, parents, seniors, and anyone in-between).

Come one - come all. Join us

for the fun.

For more information, contact Jean Hoose at 897-4088.



From the Recovery Advocate

For this issue of the newsletter, I was going to write a column about children and substance abuse – the signs and suggestions for help. The topic, although an important one, did not seem as meaningful as the Prayer for Young Persons (#47,

page 829) in the Book of Common Prayer.

“God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world,

and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your

creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Sue Blodgett
Recovery Advocate

Calling A New Rector

To quote our Senior Warden, Theresa Simone, the Church of the Resurrection is now setting forth on a "Journey through Change: the Search Process". It is a journey that we all must take together - hopefully united towards a common goal.

The Vestry has formed an 11 person Search Committee composed of Jackie Frost, Bert Mazzuto, and Gayle Rhodes (Vestry members) Dannielle Beitzell, MaryBelle Duvivier, Richard Hadad, Marie Metzger, Liz Pavelka, and Deke Rothacker (parishioners) and Tom Crisman (Vestry member through January, then parishioner).

I am humbled to be asked to chair this Committee and honored to be working with so many fine people. We appreciate the Vestry's confidence in our ability to do this job and

pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen the gifts they have seen in us and will sustain us with God's guidance throughout the process ahead.

How do we begin?

By the time you read this Newsletter, the Search Committee will have already met with Canon Tom Orso of the Diocesan Deployment Office and will be in the process of creating a Parish Survey. Completing and returning this survey will be one of the very first things each of you will need to do! This period of Self Study will prepare us for publishing our Parish Profile - Who are we? What are our goals? What do we need in our next rector? Once this is completed, the position is advertised. A list of names is then sent to the Bishop and the Interviewing Process begins. Finally, the

Search Committee makes its recommendations to the Vestry, the Vestry elects a candidate, and the Bishop approves their selection.

The Vestry has set a goal to have this process completed in about a year's time - hopefully having a new rector in place by September 2004. Most of the work of the Search Committee, once the Parish Profile is published, is of necessity a very confidential process. We will appreciate your understanding during that time.

The single most important thing that anyone in this congregation can do right now is to pray daily for our church - for the Search Committee, for the Vestry, and for each and every one in our parish family - that we may be led to call the new rector best suited to lead, challenge, and guide us at Res-

urrection - to worship and serve Christ our Lord and Savior, to grow in our individual and corporate faith, and to spread the Good News of Jesus to others.

It is also important that you maintain your connection to Resurrection by coming to worship regularly - this interim time is not a good time for us to become lax - indeed, we need each other more!

You might want to cut out the prayers below - tape them on your refrigerator, above your kitchen sink, on the bathroom mirror, or anywhere they will be readily visible as you go about your activities of everyday living.

Anne Kasin
Search Committee Chairperson

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully grant to the congregation of the Church of the Resurrection all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its interim priest; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy Holy Catholic church; to the honour and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church of the Resurrection, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Church of the Resurrection Is proud to announce its new Youth Group!

**The first meeting is to be held on
September 14th, at 6:00pm
In the Undercroft!**

**Come see what all of the excitement is about! Activities?
Events? Projects? You help decide!**



The Austin's Farewell Party

July 27th was Fr. Austin's last Sunday Eucharist at Resurrection. There were over 160 parishioners and friends in the congregation and a few more arrived afterwards to share in the festivities of the Luncheon and to wish the Austin family Godspeed as they move to Pennsylvania where Fr. Austin will assume a collegiate teaching position.

Emotions ranged from tears to laughter as guests struggled with the poignancy of speeches, prayers, and toasts

to the humor of a "little ditty" composed especially for the Austins and performed by special Resurrection "singers".

The food was supplied by Tiramisu and the cakes were from the Pastry Garden. Excess money from the donation basket has been turned over to the ongoing ministry of Resurrection's "Angels Anonymous".

The parish gift to the Austin Family was A Congregation's Journal formulated loosely

after Fr. Austin's own book A Priest's Journal. Almost 60 letters were received in response to our request - some from as far away as North Carolina, Texas, Florida, and even France! A most heartfelt thanks to all who really worked to write - many of you shared how difficult it was and how many tears were shed over how many discarded pieces of paper ... the book was truly a labor of love! As the letters arrived, it became obvious that many were intensely personal and it was decided

to preserve their intimacy for Fr. Austin's eyes only. There was some disappointment at the party when it was discovered that the letters section of the book was tied shut, but we hope that you can now understand why this was done.

Thank you, one and all, for making the Farewell Party such a success and best wishes to the entire Austin Family!

Theresa Simone, Liz Pavelka, and Anne Kasin

Men's Bible Group

We meet every last Monday of each month in the Undercroft at 7:00 PM. July and August are vacation months; so look to come by September 29th at 7:00 PM.

This year we look to grow in numbers as we continue to grow spiritually. We are working on our second year

and hope to continue strong through our readings and conversations in building our friendship with each other and with Jesus.

Joe Haubrich

Buildings & Grounds

Once again I will soon be asking for many volunteers to help in our Fall Work day. So many have helped through the years and I thank you all!

If you have never participated, it's a fun few hours and a great lunch is always served. You need not bring supplies—we provide them.

All we ask is you bring two willing hands, a smile, and an appetite.

Look for the sign up sheet on the Buildings & Grounds board in the Undercroft in early September.

Joe Haubrich

Women's Prayer Group

The ten women of Resurrection's Prayer Groups have just celebrated their first anniversary together with a festive dinner at a local restaurant! It seems hard to believe that a year has gone by already!

The second year will commence in October and that's a wonderful time for new members to join. There are two groups - one meets in the morning (from 9 - 10:30 AM)

and the other meets in the evening (from 7 - 8:30 PM) on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Members can attend either meeting depending on their schedules, occasionally we deliberately plan to meet all together, and we've even gone on an overnight retreat together.

Our focus is on different types of prayer and how to pray more effectively, consis-

tently, and meaningfully. We believe that prayer "always changes something" and that it is "a privilege, a gift, and a duty" We've read a book together and discussed it and we've listened to thoughtful meditations. We share our personal faith experiences as well as our concerns and thanksgivings to be addressed in our corporate prayer. We always pray together - at our gatherings as well as between our meetings. We have dis-

covered the joy and strength that is present in the intimacy of small Christian groups and we invite any woman who is sincerely interested to join us in October.

For further information, or to join one of the groups, please contact our church secretary, Patti Anderson, at the parish office, tel: 226 - 5727.

Know Thy Neighbor

The following is information for our new members - with apologies to those who have read it countless times (unless you are one with a hopelessly outdated picture!)

There are two bulletin boards on the wall in the entry of our church building. Thereupon are displayed snapshots of our pa-

rishioners. The purpose of this format is to provide a visual tool to help people become better acquainted more quickly at Resurrection. In order for the idea to work however, fairly current photos need to be utilized. (It's hard to recognize teenagers who are still pictured as babies!)

If you are new, and your pic-

ture has not yet appeared, or if you've been coming to Resurrection for a while, but you don't resemble your picture anymore, please submit your own photo (it need not be a studio portrait - an informal snapshot is fine!) by putting it in an envelope with my name on it and slipping it under the Priest's Office door. You can also ask me to take one of you at

Coffee Hour (it doesn't hurt a bit and if you don't like the result, we'll just redo it!)

Please everyone - help to make this Membership concept a success!

Thank you,
Anne Kasin

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From the Undercroft

We are planning to start the Church School year off with a Pot Luck picnic which will be on Sunday September 14th and classes will start on September 21st. We hope everyone will join us for food games and fun. We are looking forward to another great year.

Included in this newsletter is a flyer for you to post on your refrigerator!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

The Church School Teachers



Craft Fair 2003

The Craft Fair is almost upon us once again! The crafters of the church have been busy gearing up for the big event to be held on November 1, 2003.

If you have helped in the past, you know how much fun everyone has at the Craft Fair and how fantastic the food is in the Café! This year we are also holding a bake day (Thank You Jean!) and you can get more details by reading "Mark Your Calendar" on page 2.

There is still much to be done. We will need help setting up the fair, pricing items, selling raffle tickets, cleaning up and so much more. Please, contact me either at church, call me at home (I'm in the directory) or email me (dani@beitzell.com) and let me know what you can do to help out!

We are looking forward to another fantastic year and hope to see you all there!

Dannielle Beitzell