

Visions

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May 2009

Guest Sunday planned for May 17



Photo by Ron McIntire

Guests and newcomers were recognized at the first Sunday breakfast, May 1. From left Gretchen Shelton and Anne Scharon-Glaser, Chuck deVarenes, Virginia Pych, Ryan Roedel and Kara Craig with Maci, and Tristan Craig, Allison Floberg, Larry and Janet Collier, and Matthew Hampton in the arms of his mother Michelle Hampton with Abigail.

In celebration of the Easter season, the Growth Committee has planned a guest invitation Sunday for May 17, 2009. On that Sunday everyone is encouraged to invite a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member or a relative who does not have a church home or perhaps is looking for a new church home. Don't forget those current members of Resurrection we haven't seen for awhile.

Often times all that is needed is phone call or an email.

Children's chapel and nursery services will be provided and a coffee hour will follow the Sunday worship service.

Harp Recital May 16

Debbie Clark, principal harpist for the KC Symphony, will present her harp students in recital at Church of the Resurrection, Saturday, May 16, at 11:00 a.m.

The students: ranging in age from 10 years to 16 years, attend area schools and play at all levels of accomplishment from beginner to advanced.

Harp instruction includes musical training, stage presence, posture and performance.

Music recitals, regardless of the instrument of choice, are an important part of the learning process of a music student. They provide performance experience, individual growth and confidence as the student progresses toward maturity.

All members of the church and friends are encouraged to attend and support these fine young musicians.

New prayer books

Fifty new copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* have been purchased to replace the ones that had fallen into disrepair over the years.

A campaign to raise funds was launched in April and within three weeks, parishioners had responded with enough financial support to acquire the new books.

Bookmarks along with recognition of the donor and to whom the book is dedicated will be added soon.

The new books will be commissioned and blessed for use in the very near future.

“Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not . . .”

Matthew 18:3, KJV

Church Family News

Births

Erin Christina Galvin

Congratulations to **Danielle Forrest** on the birth of her new baby daughter, **Erin Christina Galvin**. Born April 2, 2009, she weighed 7lb 6oz and was 20in long. Mother, baby and father, **Josh Galvin** are all doing fine. Erin is the niece of **Alexis Forrest** and the first great-great granddaughter of **Ron and Brenda McIntire**.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Matthew Wade Hampton

Congratulations to **Andrew and Michelle Hampton** on the birth of their son, **Matthew Wade**. Matthew was born April 16, 2009 weighing in at 8 lb 13 oz and was 21-1/2in long. Mathew is the brother of **Abigail Hampton** and the second grandchild of **Phil and Kitty Hampton**.



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the Rector's Study

In our Christian church year, Easter, like Christmas, is much more than a single day of observance. As you know, we, at Church of the Resurrection, have been celebrating the season of Easter, called Eastertide, since sundown the evening before Easter Sunday (the Easter Vigil). The feast has and will continue during the Great Fifty Days climaxing on the seventh Sunday, the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. Easter has been, once again, glorious with its many expressions of hope, new life and new beginnings. Thank you for sharing in it, together.

Before our next *VISIONS* publication, the church will move from Easter to Pentecost and the next season of worship. Pentecost is a Greek word meaning "fiftieth day." Jews celebrate Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Passover. Christians took the name because this is the same day that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers. After the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost until the beginning of Advent in November, we will be in the *season* of Pentecost.

The church celebrates Pentecost as the day that Jesus' friends were baptized with the Holy Spirit. We call it the birthday of the church because on this day, the church became a living thing. Because of Pentecost, each of us is "the church," not the building, but each baptized person is the living and breathing manifestation of Christ in the world. We are the body of Christ. We have the arms and legs to go out into the world to hug, and heal, and feed, and love all of God's people. And we have given the Holy Spirit to energize us, to challenge us, and to guide us. Happy Birthday, Church!

Fr. Ron +

Prayer List

For understanding, patience, hope, endurance, and healing, please pray

JoAnn Allinder

Angie Phillips

Al, Tony & Ann Gravagna

Chris Leiker

Debbie Carle

Gordon Braun

Barbara Collier

Joe Reed

Curt Kimble

Don Ganzer

Dave Gibson

Naomi Erwin

Susie McDonald

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Staff memberOpen
Editor.....Ron McIntire

Gardening Project

Scouts set up church garden

By Rich Conn



Photo by Rich Conn

"Do a good turn daily". . . It has been done Sir!

Saturday April 25th was a great day. The sun shone and people were active everywhere outside. Especially at the Church of the Resurrection. **Andrew Lyttle** from Troop 175 and a crew of around 15 scouts and leaders donated time, supplies and effort toward the church garden. During the several hours they spent a fence was constructed, zinnias, marigolds and tomatoes were planted, and the soil prepared for other garden vegetables. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. Also a special thanks to **Bill Carle** who helped design this wonderful Eagle Scout project. The scouts will return to the church on Saturday May 9 to complete the planting and check on all the work that has been done.

Name the Garden

The "Name the Garden" project has received several names from the parish members. They include:

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| The Gift | The Lord's Table |
| The Garden | Legacy Garden |
| The People's Pea | The Pea Patch |
| The Cornucopia | The Corner Pocket |

If you have a name to suggest please submit it to **Rich Conn** and remember the next scheduled work day is May 9 but if you are so compelled, feel free to come by and pull a weed or just admire the work of the parish.

City Farmers, grab your hoe

If you've watched the garden project over the past month, you've seen a lot of action. The lot has been tilled, a fence put up (we presume it's to keep the rabbits out not the vegetables in) and rows marked for planting.



In the coming few days, look for sprouts of onions, tomatoes and beans and a host of other vegetables to show up. By mid-summer the fun of harvesting will begin and last until the frost.



In the meantime, we need dedicated "city farmers" to keep the weeds at bay, do some watering and take care of general tending. If you would like to be a part of this new, environmentally friendly project, contact **Rich Conn** at (816) 228-7483.

Note: One of its members of Scout Troop 175 from Resurrection, Andrew Lyttle is in the process of completing the requirements for his Eagle Scout Award. One component is a well planned project affecting the community at large and benefiting others without display of self. Assisting with our community garden is an example of this type of project.

Resurrection to host stroke screening May 21



Church of the Resurrection will host a one-day screening for stroke/carotid artery, heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis problems in adults, May 21, 2009 by Life Line Screening of America.

Life Line Screening of America, LLC, has partnered with over 370 hospitals across the country and screened over 5 million participants to detect early signs of stroke and arterial disease.

If you are interested, see the pink information sheet in the church or call 800-324-1851 to pre-register.

From the Parish

Hats Off

The Hats Off column recognizes members and non-members of Church of the Resurrection who contribute their time and talent over and above the call of duty to the betterment of the parish.

Hats Off to Bill Carle and the scouts of Troop 175 for the work they're doing on the new garden.

A Tip 'O The Hat to Rich Conn for overseeing the tilling of the garden and organizing the layout; and for any and all "friends of the garden" who are taking an active part in its cultivation and upkeep.

BackSnack program in need of additional funds

The *BackSnack* program needs funds to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

The final weeks of the *BackSnack* program are here and the program, which provides nutritional support for elementary school children during the school year, draws to a close at the end of May.

Your contribution to this important outreach ministry is greatly appreciated. Place your contribution to the program in the collection receptacle in the Narthex.

Remember!

Food Pantry

3rd Sunday of every month.

*** * * Needed in May * * ***

Diapers for the new born, Dish Soap, Kleenex, Bath Soap, Toilet Tissue, Children and Adult Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and \$ Donations

Diocesan Leadership

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Bishop
Diocese of West Missouri

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Junior Warden

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Financial Report April 2009

By Jim Gilligan

	April	YTD 2009	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$12,383.96	\$48,523.75	\$46,218.36
Total Expenses:	\$12,647.28	\$47,081.57	\$48,146.82

Attendance

Attendance figures for April 2009

April Worship Service Attendance

April 5 Palm Sunday.....	114
April 11 Easter Vigil.....	72
April 12 Easter Sunday.....	98
April 19 Low Sunday	71
April 26	82
Attendance	170

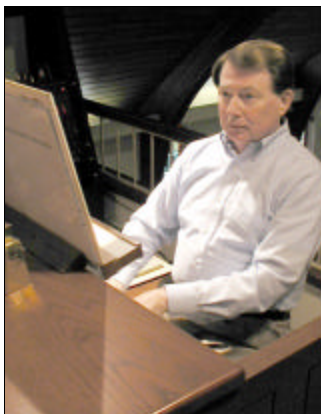
Deadline for the June 2009 **VISIONS**
Is Friday, May 29, 2009

Directory Changes

Changes:

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From the Choir Loft

Vaughn Scarcliff

Happy Easter everyone!!
 As we continue our 50 day celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, the music turns from a somber to a joy-

ful tone. This leads to Pentecost celebrated on May 31st.

The choir will sing its last anthem for the season, a spiritual titled "Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit." Concluding on Pentecost Sunday, the choir will begin its summer recess and that is where you, the congregation, come in. In addition to the special musical groups joining us in our worship services, I ask you to make a note of your favorite hymns so I can use them in the services. The list I had before needs to be updated and more hymns added. I have used nearly all of your suggestions from last year. Just place them in the offering plate or give them to me, and I will compile them for the Sunday services.

DOK Prayers

The Daughters of the King pray for the following families during April.

- Judi Bumpas
- Hanes Burkart
- Bill and Debbie Carle
- Phil and Debbie Clark
- Crystal Coldiron & Isabella Graham
- Landon and Angelique Collis
- The Jason Conn Family
- Rich and Gabe Conn
- Joanne Cox



- 11 Herman and Wanda Meisel
- 24 Bill and Debbie Carle
- 26 Phil and Debbie Clark
- 26 Daniel and Amy Whiteaker

Happy Birthday



May Birthdays

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| 1 Janece Buckner | 14 Amy Whiteaker |
| 1 Isabella Graham | 24 Jerry Ogilvie |
| 1 Robin D'Renick | 25 Philip Egger |
| 2 Taylor Gravagna | 27 Dolores Reylek |
| 3 Betty Simmons | 28 Dani Forrest |
| 4 Charles Reylek | 28 Parker Soldi |
| 13 Stew Scott | 29 Corey Green |
| 15 Ketina Francis | 29 Samantha Green |



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CALENDAR

- May 3** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- May 3** Outreach Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- May 4** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- May 6, 13, 20, 27** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- May 12** Vestry, 7 p.m.
- May 16** Harp Recital, 11 a.m.
- May 17** Guest Sunday
- May 17** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- May 18** K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.
- May 18** Church Growth Committee, 7 p.m.
- May 21** Life Line Screening, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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