

# Visions

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## Vestry approves new Parish Life position

Longtime member of Resurrection and erstwhile “get-it-done” person, **Diane Gerlach** has been appointed to a newly-created position at Resurrection called Parish Life Coordinator. It will fulfill a growing



Diane Gerlach

need for a second hand to help free up Fr. Keel’s time to minister to the parish.

With more and more activities occurring around Resurrection, the need for coordination and improved communication has become apparent. *What to do?*

If there’s one person who knows everyone, has been involved in almost every aspect of parish life, and can get things done, it’s Diane

Gerlach. And so, when **Fr. Ron Keel** spoke with Diane, who volunteers in the church office regularly, about the growing need for improved parish coordination, the two of them sat down and developed the first draft of a job description. “We brainstormed about the variety of activities occurring at the church and put our observations down on paper,” said Keel. After an addition here and a modification there, the idea was taken to the Vestry for review and discussion.

“Activities have increased to a point where we probably should have a secretary or parish administrator,” said **Randy Goyer**, Senior Warden. “but, we don’t have funds in the budget for such a position.” Diane has offered to extend her volunteer time to see if this new position will help the parish as it continues to grow and be involved in a growing number of activities. The Vestry heartily endorsed the idea and agreed that the new position

will be somewhat of a trial, but should prepare us for the day when a paid position will be needed.

### Duties and Expectations

In the vision of what this position entails, Diane explained her duties will include:

1. Serve as primary contact for scheduling committee meetings, dinners, weddings, baby showers and other uses of the parish and undercroft.
2. Act as liaison between rector and worship services bulletin preparation and printing services.
3. Order office supplies.
4. Maintain parish registry.
5. Maintain service schedule, coffee hour schedule and update the online parish calendar.

The job will likely grow as time permits and as the church grows. “We’ll try it for a year,” Diane says, “and see how it goes.” The change took effect following the October Vestry meeting.

“We owe Diane a hearty thank you for offering to take on this new role,” suggested Fr. Ron. “She knows the church and its members, and is willing to offer her talents in this important aspect of our ministry.”

### How to schedule functions

All functions requiring the use of the church or undercroft will now be scheduled through Diane Gerlach. Please contact Diane by email at AudreyDGY@aol.com.

**“... Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces.”**

Mark 12:38, KJV

# Church Family News

## Just Married

### Roedel



Congratulations to Ryan and Kara Roedel on their marriage September 26, 2009.

### Scott

Congratulations to Jim and Petie Scott on their marriage October 24, 2009

### House Blessings

Brian, Sheila, Taylor Gravagna, September 19, 2009.

Alisa Buckner, Safia Shah October 3, 2009.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Morgan Wallace**, daughter of Mike and Laura Wallace, on her first Sunday as Acolyte October 18, 2009.



## Altar flowers

Flowers on the altar are distributed each Sunday to people who are sick, shut in or just in need of a pick me up.

If you know of someone who might benefit from this service, let a member of the Daughters Of the King know or offer to take them yourself. It's important that someone enjoy the flowers through the week.

Members of the DOK will distribute the flowers for the months of July thru Sept:

### November 2009

- 1 Frances Lingrel
- 8 Jan Pahlas
- 15 Sue Montgomery
- 22 Dixie Flaigle
- 29 Diana Trammell

### December 2009

- 6 Advent Begins
- No Flowers

## Prayer List

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

**Joann Allinder**

**Angie Phillips**

**Debbie Carle**

**Joe Reed**

**Evelyn Jameson**

**Betty Kelly**

**Dale Everts**

**Nancy Belt**

**Irleen Stuteville**

**Naomi Erwin**

**Bill Pross**

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# Directory Changes

**Changes:**

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64015

## DOK Prayers

*The Daughters of the King pray for the following families during October:*

Annette Massey

Christine May

Cindy McConchie

Kim McIntire

Ron and Brenda McIntire

Wanda and Herman Meisel

Harold and Kelly Mellen

Sue Montgomery

Sue Norland



## November Birthdays

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Devin Conn       | 14 Ron Keel         |
| 3 Bill Pross       | 16 Cheryl McConchie |
| 3 Debbie Clark     | 17 Mike Wallace     |
| 5 Bill Kessler     | 18 Debbie Carle     |
| 7 John Gilligan    | 19 Emil Spears      |
| 9 Crystal Mellen   | 24 Bob Schoonover   |
| 10 Kellen Bartlett | 26 Alisa Buckner    |
| 11 Herman Meisel   | 27 Stacy Bartlett   |
| 11 A.J. Pickrell   | 30 Brenda McIntire  |

## Dinner Go-Round planned

The Dinner-Go-Round tradition at Resurrection continues. It's great fellowship and lots of fun.

Those who sign up (couples and singles welcome) will be placed in a dinner group of no more than six per group. Each couple/single will take a turn at hosting their dinner group. Each group will choose between the host providing an entire meal or a potluck.

A seasoned Dinner-Go-Round member will host the first one, so if you are new to our tradition, you have no worries. It's easy and we promise you'll enjoy yourself.

Sign up now on the bulletin board in the Church entry or contact Elaine Gilligan at 229-3963 [Elaine.Gilligan@allstate.com](mailto:Elaine.Gilligan@allstate.com).

# 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 **Don Trammell** and **Steve Flaigle** for chasing down an electrical short caused by all the extra rain we've had. It didn't take long to get the undercroft wall outlets operating again.

A Tip Of The Hat to **Ray & Frances Lingrel** for helping with wedding coordination and liturgical assistance. Weddings in August, September, and October have kept the Lingrels busy.

## Use of the church facility

The church facility has become a very busy place lately. Many people are using it on a regular basis for: Vestry, Bible study, Boy Scouts, and other activities. This is a testament to the importance of this church to its family and the community at large.

While we are happy to provide a meeting place for all groups, it is important that Thoughtfulness and follow-through are essential for us to serve all who ask to use the building and its resources.

Good ethics suggest:

- Checking with the church the parish coordinator before using the space or equipment.
- If special equipment is required, be certain that it is available.
- If cleaning supplies are needed, leave a message so that they can be replaced.
- Make an effort to leave the area clean and in better condition than when you found it.
- If you need help making arrangements, please contact a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee or the Hospitality Committee.

Building and Grounds Committee

### Diocesan Leadership

Barry R. Howe  
*Bishop*  
Diocese of West Missouri

### Vestry Leadership

Randy Goyer  
*Senior Warden*

Steve Flaigle  
*Junior Warden*

Jim Gilligan  
*Treasurer*

### Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Ron Keel  
*Priest and Rector*

Diane Gerlach  
*Volunteer Office Staff*  
*Sunday Bulletin*

Ron McIntire  
*VISIONS Editor*

Vaughn Scarcliff  
*Music Director & Organist*

Gwen Mitchell  
Ida Garrison  
*Custodians*

## Financial Report October 2009

By Jim Gilligan

	October	YTD 2009	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$10,922.71	\$113,266.41	\$115,500.90
Total Expenses:	\$12,571.12	\$117,820.21	\$120,523.80

## Attendance

*Attendance figures for this month*

October Worship Service Attendance		
October 4	.....	74
October 11	.....	86
October 18	.....	91
October 25	.....	85
<b>Attendance</b>	.....	<b>336</b>

**Deadline** for the December 2009 **Visions**  
Is Saturday, November 28, 2009

## Bishop Howe announces intent to retire

At the Standing Committee meeting held September 18, 2009, Bishop Howe asked the members of the Committee to assume their canonical responsibility of searching for the next Bishop of West Missouri. This process normally takes between twelve and eighteen months before a new Bishop is ordained/consecrated. While the Standing Committee is in charge of this search process, all members of the Diocese will have an opportunity to be involved in it.

Bishop Howe's intention is to resign as diocesan Bishop at the time of the ordination/consecration of the next Bishop. He will continue to minister to the best of his ability as your Bishop until then with the grace of the Lord.

## Stewardship Pledge Card ingathering November 8



Ingathering and thanksgiving for 2010 pledges is scheduled for Sunday, November 8. Pledges can be either mailed to the Church or placed in the Sunday offering plate.

### Remember!

## Necessity Pantry Ingathering

3rd Sunday of every month

\*\*\* Needed this month \*\*\*

*Diapers (size 1, 3, 4 and 5), Disposable Razors, Dishwashing Liquid, Facial Tissue, Shampoo Bath Soap, Toilet Tissue, Toothpaste \$ Donations for Utilities*

## Gardening Project Whaddya Grow

By Rich Conn

We are looking for compost to enrich the church garden for next year. If you have compost you would like to share, please contact me at (816) 228-7483. Transportation can be arranged.

## Blessing of the Animals

Our annual Blessing of the Animals took place Sunday, October 4, at 3 pm on the grounds of the Church. Dogs were the order of the day at this year's event. Large and small, the canines were blessed and they and their caretakers were offered treats and a blessing certificate to commemorate the day. On this day, we remembered and recognized the patron saint of animals and the environment, St. Francis of Assisi, who founded the Franciscan Order.

## New publications replace West Missouri Spirit



**E-SPIRIT**

The e-newsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri

The official publication of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri, *West Missouri Spirit*, a monthly printed publication that's been in existence for a number of years, has been replaced by two publications:

- *E-Spirit*, an electronic newsletter distributed the second and fourth Mondays of every month.
- *Spirit*, a quarterly magazine that will include commentary, profiles and features.



The fall issue of the *Spirit*, shown at the left, was previewed at the 2009 Diocesan Convention in Osage Beach, Missouri October 31, 2009 and the publication will be mailed to all recipients this month.

## Fall Forum speakers



Kara Linewebber

The Resurrection 2009 Fall Forum series began Sunday, October, 18 with a two-part forum on U.S. immigration.

October 18, **Kara Linewebber** from El Centro in Kansas City, Kansas discussed "The Human Face of Immigration." In her presentation, Kara talked about the harsh realities of immigration, the length of time required to obtain a visa and to become a citizen of the U.S.

On October 25th, **Laurie Anderson** talked about Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement, a faith-based initiative in which some forty faith congregations in the Kansas City area participate.

IJAM was founded on a desire to see people of all national origins treated justly in our communities and country. IJAM is the only interfaith community organization solely focused on immigration issues in the KC metro area.

She pointed out how some law enforcement organizations unjustly treat suspected undocumented people and how that treatment often conflicts with the way we, as Americans, believe people of all faiths and nationalities should be treated.

### Sunday, November 8, 2009

Guest speaker **Mr. Mehmet Ayaz** will share information on a "A Window to Islam." He comes to us from the Raindrop Turkish House, in Lenexa, Kansas.

Raindrop Turkish House is a non-profit 501(c)(3), educational, charitable, social and cultural organization founded by Turkish-Americans in Houston, Texas in 2000. It now operates in six states: Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The mission of Raindrop is to introduce Turkish culture into American society, to cultivate friendship and promote understanding of diverse cultures through its unique services to the community, through dialog and corporation.



Lauri Anderson

## BackSnack program gets high grades for its work

The organizers of the BackSnack program now believe that they have the research to support the claim that a backpack of nutritious food items sent home on Friday after school helps children return to school on Monday healthier and more attentive.

The Kansas City Star reported in a front page article October 29, 2009 that a study released by Harvesters Community Food Network and conducted by the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, found that students in the BackSnack program "get better grades, miss fewer days of school, and are better behaved at school and home."

For the study, four groups of key stakeholders were surveyed in January 2009 and again in May 2009: children, parents, teachers and school staff members. The study focused on six markers that could be impacted by nutrition: grades, attendance, behavior, self esteem, responsibility and social skills. The survey found:

- Discipline issues were cut in half.
- Grades, especially in math, English and science improved significantly.
- 62% say that their children are healthier.
- Participating students missed 23% fewer days of school.

The Harvesters' BackSnack program is expanding every year. The program began in 2004 with 30 children. In 2008, 8,100 children were served and in 2009 it is expected to serve 10,000 or more every week.

All 200 schools in the program have a community agency partner, such as Church of the Resurrection in Blue Springs, who clean and restock the backpacks each week.

Volunteers who support the BackSnack program each week can be justifiably proud of their work and the benefits it provides. If you would like to become involved, contact **Jan Brill** at (816) 286-0380.



## Columbus Day Dinner set for November 14

Resurrection's own Lasagna King, Chuck Sprofera, was in Europe on the real Columbus Day this year so the Columbus Day Lasagna Dinner has been rescheduled for November 14, 2009.

The dinner will feature Chuck's famous authentic Italian Lasagna cuisine hand-crafted by Chuck himself from old family recipes.

Side dishes include Italian bread, salad, wine, a dessert of spumoni ice cream and biscotti cookies, all bathed in an atmosphere of Italian music and lots of fun.

If you missed the dinner last year, you missed a golden opportunity to enjoy a sample of the old world at its best.

Don't miss . . .

## Columbus Day Dinner

featuring

**Chuck's famous Lasagna**

**November 14, 2009**

**7 p.m**

**\$10 per person**

**Church of the Resurrection  
Undercroft**



## On a personal note . . .

Virginia Pych

Every time we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and renew our baptismal vows, I remember my baptism. Not literally, of course, because I was baptized into the Christian faith when I was six months old.



However, I do remember what it was like to be part of the congregation where I was baptized.

Even from an early age, I knew that this was the place where I would be loved, accepted, and fully included.

And full accep-

tance was fertile ground for wanting to learn about the Christian faith and about what it means to be a Christian.

My earliest Sunday School teacher was a young woman, who a couple of years later became my aunt when she married my uncle. And then in high school we had a teacher who stretched our minds and hearts with probing questions based upon the teachings of Jesus. Not only did that congregation play a large part in my formation and transformation as a Christian, but somewhere along the line, I discovered a calling to the ordained ministry - to which I did not immediately say yes.

Some years later, I was part of another congregation that was significant in further forming and transforming me as a Christian, and it was in the community of that congregation that, finally, I was able to say "yes" to the call to ordained ministry. Each congregation that I have served as interim pastor has further transformed me, even as I served as their clergy leader.

And then a year ago, I walked through the doors of Church of the Resurrection - again finding a congregation that loves and accepts me. And again, there was fertile ground for further transformation as a Christian. For me, being part of a Christian congregation means that I am willing to risk being changed. That can be pretty frightening. However, when one is surrounded by friends, one can have the courage to go where Jesus Christ calls us to go.

I am so thankful for the blessings I have received by being part of the Church of the Resurrection!

## Weekly Bible study

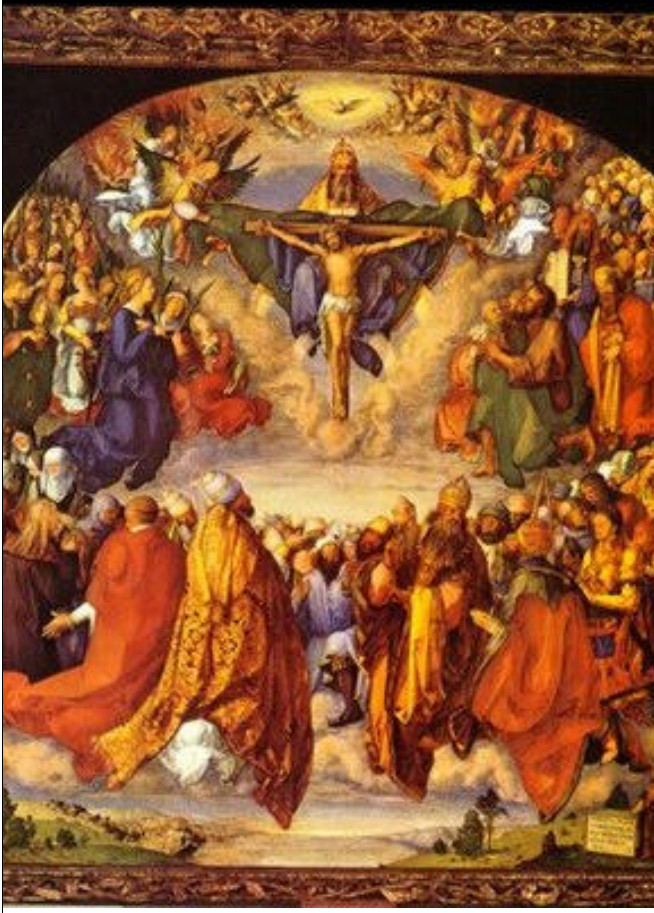


Would you like to understand the gospel message more fully? Want to learn and discuss how biblical scripture informs our lives as Christians?

If so, plan to join Fr. Ron and others each Wednesday at 1 p.m. to read,

discuss and reflect upon the lessons for the coming Sunday Worship service.

We meet in the undercroft and use Synthesis CE (copies available) as a guide to our exploration and discussion. This one-hour investment of time is guaranteed to inform, enrich, and inspire.



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**CALENDAR**  


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- November 1** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- November 2** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- November 4, 11, 18, 25** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- November 4, 11, 18, 25** Wednesday Nite Live, 6 p.m.
- November 10** Vestry, 7 p.m.
- November 14** Italian Dinner, 7 p.m.
- November 15** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- November 16** K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.
- November 26** Thanksgiving Holiday

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