

Visions

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A monthly newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs, Missouri

October 2009

Rally Day a busy, roaring success

The Baptism of Erin Christina Galvin



Photo by Ron McIntire

New Harmony Handful guest musicians Sept 13



Photo by Ron McIntire

The *New Harmony Handful* sang at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and Rally Day festivities, Sunday, September 13, 2009. One member is hidden behind the organ.

The *New Harmony Handful* visited Resurrection September 13th for the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Twelve barbershoppers, all members of the Kansas City Missouri Chapter, Heart of America Barbershop Chorus, directed by Jim Bagby, sang four songs from their repertoire of gospel music: **Praise Ye The Lord, Nearer My God to Thee, Something Beautiful** and **Irish Blessing**. The songs were arranged in the unique close-harmony style characteristically suited for men's voices.

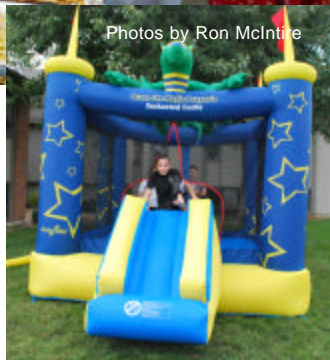
Following the service, the chorus was invited to join the congregation in the undercroft for a pot-luck luncheon.

Rally Day pot luck luncheon



Photos by Ron McIntire

Lots of food for everyone and even a moon walk for the kids.



“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted”

Matthew 5:4, KJV

Church Family News

Just Married

Roedel/Craig

Family and friends gathered at Resurrection to join in the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage between **Ryan Roedel** and **Kara Craig** September 26, 2009.

The happy couple, with children Tristan and Maci, are new at Resurrection and plan to be active members of their new church home. WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS to **Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Roedel**.

Baptism



Photo by Ron McIntire

Erin Christina Galvin, daughter of **Danielle Forrest** and **Josh Galvin**, was baptized September 13, 2009.

We congratulate and welcome **Erin Christina Galvin** to our Resurrection family.

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

Columbus Day Dinner set for Nov 14

Resurrection's own Lasagna King, Chuck Sprofera, will be 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.

Be on the lookout for posters and bulletin board information. Contact Diane Gerlach at (816) 229-8660 for more information.

DOK, Children combine efforts

The Daughters of the King and the Children's Chapel Ministry have combined efforts to offer a prayer ministry to parishioners of Church of the Resurrection. Each month, the DOK prays for a portion of the parish family communicated to parish members by hand-made cards designed and personalized by one of the church children.

How Wonderful! Thank you, Daughters of the King and Children's Chapel.



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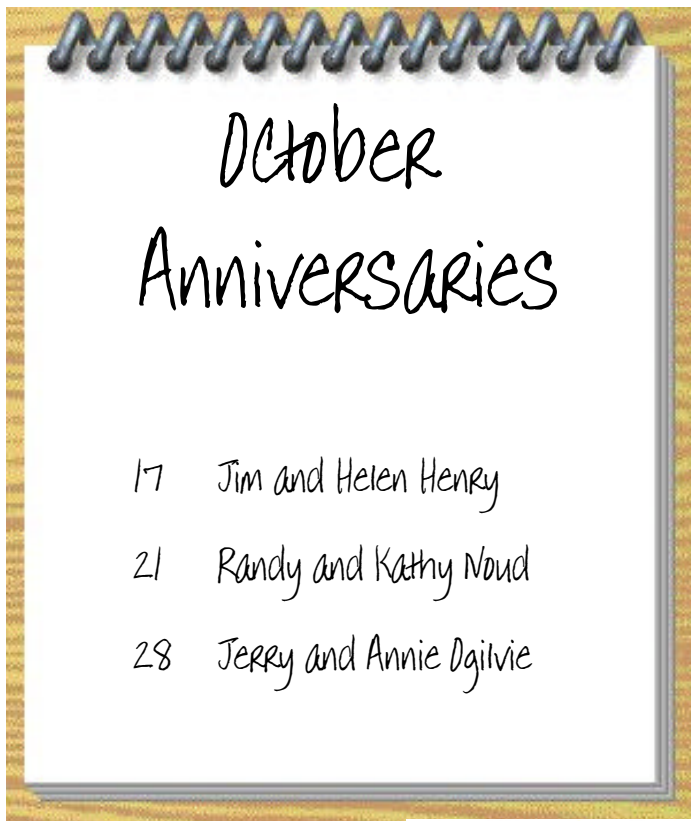
Changes:

Sue Montgomery
 Email: ggsue@att.net

DOK Prayers

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

- Bill & Elizabeth Kessler
- John & Carolyn Laster
- Sam & Michelle Leitner
- Jeff & Karen Leslie
- Ina Lewis
- Mary Liddle
- Ray & Frances Lingrel
- Louis & Ruth Lux
- Morton & Tanya Mallory



October Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 01 Carolyn Laster | 14 Sandy Arnold |
| 03 Sue Norlund | 15 June Disen |
| 06 Vivian Hamilton | 16 Aiden Dyer |
| 06 Virginia Pych | 19 Justin Goyer |
| 06 Vaughn Searcliff | 19 Abigail Hampton |
| 07 Lisa Still | 20 Landon Collis |
| 11 Phil Clark | 21 Sam Leitner Jr. |
| 11 Tess Garcia | 21 Jan Pahlas |
| 11 Drew Hampton | 23 Gigi Abbott |
| 12 Dana Dellek | 26 Sam Leitner |
| 13 George Gilkey | 27 Morgan Wallace |

Virginia Pych to prepare for Episcopal Priesthood

Exciting News! Virginia Pych has begun the process of preparing herself for future service and ministry within the Episcopal Church.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Following the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, Fr. Ron Keel will guide and mentor her in the coming months in her preparation as a candidate for ordination to the Diaconate and, then, to the Priesthood.

Virginia is an ordained but inactive minister in the United Church of Christ and will begin

her new journey with confirmation in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Barry Howe on Sunday, October 11, at St. Paul's Church, Lee's Summit, Mo.

We congratulate her and, as a congregation, pledge to offer our support and encouragement during this discernment and preparation process.

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 **Diane Gerlach, Ruth Lux, Janece Buckner, Elaine Gilligan, Judy Spears, Virginia Pych, Jan Brill, Diana Trammell** and all who have worked to organize and monitor the Resurrection fund raising project for the acquisition of an ice making machine for the church's growing fellowship and hospitality ministry.

Altar Guild luncheon planned

There will be an informative Altar Guild Luncheon at the home of Gabe & Rich Conn Saturday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m. All Altar Guild members are invited as well as anyone interested in learning about this important ministry.

Ice maker fund-raising project in full swing

There's still time to purchase clothing, jewelry and household items from the Episcopal Media Center located in the northeast corner of the undercroft. The table will be up through Sunday, October 4, 2009. Each item has the Episcopal shield or includes the shield in its design.

Proceeds from this effort go toward the purchase of an ice-making machine for our growing hospitality and fellowship program. Time is limited. These items make great birthday and Christmas gifts.

Diocesan Leadership

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Bishop
Diocese of West Missouri

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Senior Warden

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Junior Warden

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Financial Report September 2009

By Jim Gilligan

	September	YTD 2009	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$10,677.41	\$102,343.13	\$103,953.81
Total Expenses:	\$11,318.07	\$105,248.09	\$107,605.47

Attendance

Attendance figures for September 2009

September Worship Service Attendance	
September 6	89
September 13	122
September 20	84
September 27	80
Attendance	375

Deadline for the November 2009 **Visions**
Is Thursday, October 29, 2009

Christine May recognized for service to others

Christine May was recognized in the Blue Springs Examiner recently, for service to others over much of her 90 years.



The Examiner/Adam Vogler

She served in the United Service Organization (USO) during the war years (WWII), to provide hospitality and entertainment to servicemen on leave. From 1943 to 1945, she was a hostess in Washington D.C. greeting young servicemen headed overseas.

“. . .we always tried to help them be in a good frame of mind,” she says.

She worked for the Veteran’s Administration in the 1950’s as a field agent and retired from the VA in 1989 after 36 years. She logged 3,700 volunteer hours at the VA Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, working with groups such as First Steps for the Blind.

“If I wasn’t doing something I had to do,” she said, “I’d volunteer.”

The state of Missouri honored her recently when state Rep. Gary Dusenbergh of Blue Springs presented her with a House of Representatives proclamation, partly in honor of her 90th birthday but mostly for her decades of service to others.

Christine now lives at St. Mary’s Manor in Blue Springs but stays active and attends American Legion luncheons and other American Legion events, sometimes across the state.

This article taken from the
Blue Springs Examiner
September 4, 2009

Gardening Project Whaddya Grow

By Rich Conn

Fall has now presented itself. The leaves are beginning to turn, the hummers have left their feeders and the gardening season is coming to a close. With some regret we bid a sad goodbye to our garden.

The garden project was a major success for this church in many ways. It has provided volunteer cultivators with a place to exercise, catch a few rays and get a breath of fresh air. And, it has allowed the church to enter into a new area of ministry by addressing the need for community service and feeding those less fortunate.

The garden has provided the Cathedral kitchen with over 450 pounds of fresh vegetables and it has been noticed by inquisitive people who drive by the church. We hope that the discussions it has stimulated may prompt others to start their own garden projects next year.

Very little expense was incurred by the church because of members’ willingness to donate time and money to care for the plants and chase away animals who took a fancy to the produce. Some money may be available to continue the endeavor next year.

Many thanks to those who devoted their time and effort working on this very worthwhile project. We’ll review the feasibility of continuing this project next year.



Remember!

Necessity Pantry Ingathering

3rd Sunday of every month

*** Needed this month ***

*Diapers (size 3, 4 and 5), Disposable Razors,
Canned Food (Green Beans),
Ext. Lg. “Depends”, Dishwashing Liquid,
Bath Soap, Toilet Tissue
\$ Donations for Utilities*

The Necessity Pantry

The Necessity Pantry, housed at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Independence, is a cooperative outreach of the five Episcopal Churches in Eastern Jackson County. The number of individuals needing assistance is increasing, the past month, more than 132 families were being served.

The church family at Resurrection has been generous in supporting this important outreach. We are blessed and honored to help those that find themselves facing some of life’s difficulties. What better way to share “The Good News” to our community.

Resurrection supporting KC Kitchen

Did you know Episcopal Social Services (ESS) sponsors an Anti-Hunger Network that includes serving between 500-600 meals per day at the Kansas City Community Kitchen, located at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral? Did you know this is the largest feeding program in the Greater Kansas City Area? Did you know that ESS depends upon the generous support of businesses, organizations and individuals to make all of this happen?

Church of the Resurrection has “signed on” to assist in this important ministry. The third Monday of each month, a team of six from Resurrection is scheduled to serve the noon meal for “guests” of the KC Community Kitchen.

“It’s a wonderful experience,” says Hanes Burkhart, “seeing the faces of persons coming to be fed and being able to respond in this way.” Parishioner Chuck Sprofera, a first-time volunteer in April, said, “We served 500 meals to people who were hungry. The program is well-organized and impressive. It obviously meets a great need.”

Please give prayerful consideration to offering two hours of your time to this important program. Contact Sue Montgomery, (816) 220-2060 or email: ggsue@att.net.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Blessing of the Animals service set for October 4



Our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place Sunday, October 4, at 3 pm on the grounds of the Church. Pets of all types and kinds and their caretakers are welcome to attend and participate in this fun and important ritual.

On this day, we remember and recognize the patron saint of animals and the environment, **St. Francis of Assisi**,

who founded the Franciscan Order. Join us as we celebrate his October 4 feast day.

Wednesday Nite Live off to a great start

Wednesday Nite Live is off to a good start this fall with great expectations for a midweek worship and program. Here's what happens and the schedule for each Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

6:30 p.m. Common Meal — Bring your own OR share dessert and drinks (provided).

6:30 p.m. Group Discussion

The topic for the September 30 and October 7 discussion is “Why go to church?” We'll look at the reasons many people now choose NOT to go to church and the various convincing reasons for. This topic and its format will allow participants to say what they think and to reaffirm our commitment to go every Sunday.

Join fellow parishioners and friends in a meaningful midweek departure from your regular weekly schedule. On Wednesday it's . . . Wednesday Nite Live!

Search for Diocesan Bishop begins

The **Rt. Rev. Barry Howe**, Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri has announced his intention to retire and has asked members of the Standing Committee to begin a search for the next Bishop. Bishop Howe intends to resign as diocesan bishop at the time of the consecration of the next bishop. He will continue to serve until then, at which time he and Mary plan to relocate to the St. Petersburg, Florida area.

The search and selection process for a diocesan bishop typically takes between twelve and eighteen months from the time the search is initiated until a new bishop is consecrated. While the Standing Committee will be in charge of the search and transition process, all interested members of the Diocese will have an opportunity to offer input and be involved in the coming months. Please pray for Bishop Howe and his ministry and for the search process which now begins.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese 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.

BackSnack Program underway

For the 2nd year, Church of the Resurrection is supporting the BackSnack program, a cooperative nutrition program between Resurrection, Harvesters Community Food Program and Thomas Ultican Elementary School in Blue Springs. The program began in 2008 and has proven to be a very successful effort to provide weekend nutrition to an increasing number of needy students who qualify for the reduced cost and free meal program provided by the Blue Springs School District.



Church volunteers clean and fill the backpacks with food from Harvesters, deliver them to the school for distribution on Friday and pick up the returned packs on Monday. The first delivery of food will begin Friday, October 2 and will continue through the 2009 academic school year.

There are numerous ways you can participate in this most worthwhile and important project. The requirement of time is small and the knowledge that you are doing something for those in need is rewarding.

Contact **Jan Brill** for more information at (816) 286-0380.

Lets get together for an evening at the New Theatre Restaurant



Church Basement Ladies 2 - A Second Helping - by Greta Grosch with music and lyrics by Drew Jansen and Dennis Curley

How about dinner and the theatre? A delightfully funny and entertaining production of *Church Basement Ladies* is being presented at The New Theatre Restaurant in Overland Park, Kansas. A group reservation is available to Church of the Resurrection members and friends on Sunday evening, November 8, 6:30 p.m. Ticket price for a full course dinner meal and live stage production is \$40 per person. Sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex Bulletin Board. This will be GREAT Fun!

Barry Williams from the Brady Bunch (years ago) is spending his time with the ladies. Yes, the Church Basement Ladies are back in the basement slinging bars and brownies in this outrageous sequel. It's 1969 and while the rest of the world is dealing with Vietnam and Woodstock, the church basement ladies are coming to terms

with pantsuits and guitars in church!

This hilarious musical comedy is a celebration of church basement kitchens everywhere and the wonderful, unsung women who work there. "One funny sequel, nothing short of brilliant!" Star Tribune

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.

The following members of the DOK will distribute the flowers for the months of July thru Sept:

October 2009

- 4 Sue Montgomery
- 11 Dixie Flaigle
- 18 Diana Trammell
- 25 Diane Gerlach

November 2009

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

December 2009

- 6 Advent Begins
- No Flowers

Sunday Breakfast

It's that time again! Sunday, October 4, the Friends of the Pancake will be serving up breakfast for parish members and friends. Starting at 9:00 am, a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats, juice and coffee is available in the Undercroft. This is a great way to meet with fellow parishioners, enjoying food, friends (new and old) and fellowship.





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CALENDAR

- October 4** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- October 4** Blessing of the Animals, 3 p.m.
- October 7, 14, 21, 28** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- October 12** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- October 13** Vestry, 7 p.m.
- October 18** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- October 19** K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.
- October 30, 31** Diocesan Gather/Convention, 7 p.m.

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