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April 2009

St. Patrick's Day Dinner lots of fun and earns \$1,000

Friends and family joined together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 14. Hosted by **Diane & Ernie Gerlach** and **Dixie & Steve Flaigle**, the annual event treated those in attendance to a delicious dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad and dessert. The gala evening raised \$1,000 for the purchase of new liturgical vestments for the season of Pentecost.



Photos by Steve and Dixie Flaigle

Lenten/Easter Calendar

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 6 p.m.
Ecumenical Lenten Services - *see schedule, page 6*

Sunday, April 5, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m.
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 11, 7 p.m.
The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
Easter Day

*2009 Blue Springs
Ecumenical Lenten Services*

Encounters with Jesus

*April 1, 2009 at First Christian Church
message by Brad Bray
Jesus with John the Baptist
Matthew 3:13-17*



*The evening begins with a simple dinner at 6:00 p.m.
followed by a worship service at 6:40 p.m.*

**Jesus said to her,
"Woman, why are you
weeping?"**

John 20:15-16, NRSV

Church Family News

In Sympathy

John Glover

Former parishioner **John Glover** passed away March 21, 2009 at Kansas City Hospice House. John and Marie were active at Resurrection until they moved to Overland Park, Kansas in 2004. *May John's soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Congratulations

Tess Garcia

Tess Garcia, M.D., was recently given a Pillar of the Community Award by the city of Grain Valley, honoring her for her contribution to the community.

Congratulations, Tess! May your service to your community inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

Congratulations

Kati Gilligan

Congratulations to **Katherine Gilligan** for earning the **Fourth Annual Don Breimeier Memorial Scholarship**.

As the judges' highest-rated 2008-2009 applicant, Kati will receive an additional \$1,000 award on top of the \$1,000 she earned as part of the Lead and Enhance the Accounting Profession (LEAP) Scholarship Contest. This is the second year that Gilligan has earned a LEAP Scholarship.

The Don Breimeier Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the legacy of Breimeier, who served as executive director of the Missouri Society of CPAs from 1965-1993.



Photo by Steve and Dixie Flaigle

Steve and Dixie Flaigle visited the Rev. Robert Seay and his wife Carol in Douseman, Wisconsin March 17, 2009. The Flaigles treated the Seays to an evening meal at the Golden Nest Restaurant in Delafield, WI near Nashota House Theological Seminary where Fr. Seay received his theological training. Father Seay was Vicar at Resurrection and St. Michael's from 1978 to 1983.

Pictured l. to r. are Steve, Fr. Seay, friend of the Seay's, Carol Seay and Dixie.

Prayer List

For understanding, patience, hope, endurance, and healing, please pray for these and others in need.

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

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A decision to join others yields many blessings

In the March VISIONS, we printed a letter from Nancy Pedden, St. Monica Chapter, Church of the Epiphany, Richardson, Texas, relating her trepidation about joining the Daughters of the King and what she learned and experienced. This month, we follow up with an article by Resurrection member Diana Trammell. Ed.

by Diana Trammell

About this time last year, our church invited the women to come together and contemplate becoming a *Daughter of the King*. I was interested, but I procrastinated. I shared many of the same feelings of **Nancy Pedden** from the St. Monica chapter in Richardson TX. I prayed about it - no answer. I thought about it daily - came to no conclusion. I knew that those ladies who decided to join would be taking a vow of prayer and service. I wondered if God would think me unworthy. I finally decided to just go and listen before making any decision. Well, I now wear the cross that represents my vow, and I have been blessed as I take each step in a renewed spiritual journey. Some steps are small and hesitant, others bold and enthusiastic, but my sisters, **Diane Gerlach, Frances Lingrel, Dixie Flaigle, Karen Leslie, Sue Montgomery, and Jan Pahlas** have become special friends who support my strengths, and encourage my growth. Thank you ladies, and thanks be to God for knowing what I needed, when I did not.



April Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Pat Garnett | 19 Steve Farrell |
| 6 Wanda Meiser | 20 Samantha Still |
| 6 Joanne Cox | 21 Harold Mellen, Jr. |
| 10 Daniel Whiteaker | 21 Kathy Noud |
| 12 Jamie Soldi | 23 Angelique Collis |
| 13 Jodie Kavanaugh | 24 Gabe Conn |
| 14 Fred Kelly | 26 Lola D'Renick |
| 15 Parker Spaw | 27 Don Trammell |
| 16 Safia Shah | 30 Michelle Leitner |
| 17 Ruth Lux | |

DOK Prayers

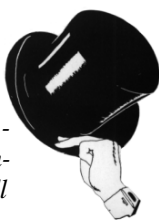
The Daughters of the King pray for the following families during April:

- The Nate Francis Family
- Virginia Pych
- Gigi Abbott
- JoAnn Allinder
- Sandy Arnold
- The Bartlett Family
- Marlena Boggs and Ben Boggs
- Janice Brill
- Alisa Buckner & Safia Shah
- Janeece Buckner



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.

A Big Tip O The Hat to the work team who recently washed, stripped, waxed and buffed the Undercroft Floor. These hard working folks gave the better part of a whole day to make the floor look like new. Thanks to **Ray Lingrel, Janeece Buckner, Fred Kelly, Rich Conn** and **Jan Pahlas**.

A Tip O The Hat to the team of **Rich Conn** and **Janeece Buckner** who combined forces to rid the church of springtime bugs and keep the windows clean.

Hats Off to the Hospitality Committee for feeding over 100 hungry Christians who were at Resurrection for the Ecumenical Lenten Service on March 11. **Betty Kelly, Sandy Arnold, Dixie Flaigle, Diane Gerlach, Vicki Keel, Kathy Noud, Frances Lingrel** and **Jodie Kavanaugh** worked hard to greet, feed, and send the folks off to worship.

A Tip O The Tam to **Diane and Ernie Gerlach,** and **Dixie and Steve Flaigle** for their work hosting the St. Patty's Day feast.

Diocesan Leadership

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Diocese of West Missouri

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Ida Garrison
Custodians

Financial Report

February 2009

By Jim Gilligan

	February	YTD 2009	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$10,315.00	\$21,522.87	\$23,124.18
Total Expenses:	\$ 9,666.24	\$22,330.65	\$23,570.91

Attendance

Attendance figures for March 2009

March Worship Service Attendance

March 1.....	74
March 8.....	81
March 15.....	67
March 22.....	87
March 29.....	58
Attendance	367

Remember!

Food Pantry

3rd Sunday of every month.

*** Needed in April ***

*Dish Soap, Shampoo, Toilet Tissue,
Kleenex, Children and Adult Toothbrushes,
Toothpaste, Size 4 & 5 Diapers,
\$ Donations*

Deadline for the May 2009 **VISIONS**
Is Wednesday, April 29, 2009

the Rector's Study

Holy Week: The Holiest Time of Year

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. On this day, the Church celebrates the entrance of the Messiah into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. The service begins with the Blessing of the Palms and with joyful shouts of "Hosanna." The tone of the service quickly changes with the reading of the passion narrative.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus' institution of the Eucharist. The word Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. This service is based upon Jesus' teaching a new commandment, "to love one another as I have loved you." This teaching is connected to the custom of foot washing, a ritual of servanthood. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar and the reading of Psalm 22 in preparation for Good Friday.

On Good Friday the Church mourns Christ's death, reverences the cross, and marvels at his life and obedience until death. Good Friday marks one of two fasting days in the church calendar. The day focuses on Christ's passion.

(A liturgical note: During Holy Week, the Maundy Thursday service begins in the usual manner, however the congregation is neither blessed, nor dismissed until the first celebration of Easter. This reinforces the idea of the Great Triduum (the Great Three Days) as one unbroken liturgical action.)

The purpose of Holy Week is not to re-enact the historic events of Jesus' last week. Rather, the liturgies of Holy Week invite us into the sacred mystery

of Jesus dying on the cross and rising, again, to new life. It is often said that Easter has no meaning without Good Friday. I invite you to attend Holy Week services so that we all may fully enter into the great sacred paschal mystery of Jesus, the crucified and risen Son of God.

Fr. Ron +

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Circle the words found in the word list below. The words are in a straight line left to right or top to bottom.

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I	V	H	F	O	R	L	E	N	A	N	D
D	E	Y	O	U	E	L	R	G	B	E	W
J	O	H	N	W	H	I	C	H	B	R	H
I	F	L	O	O	K	I	N	G	O	W	E
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S	U	P	P	O	S	I	N	G	I	A	T
W	I	L	L	H	E	B	R	E	W	N	O

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." {16} Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

John 20:15-16

Word List

These words are found in the scripture reading above.

SUPPOSING RABBOUNI GARDENER WEEPING
TEACHER LOOKING CARRIED TURNED HE-
BREW WOMAN WHICH WHERE MEANS JESUS
WILL WHOM TELL TAKE SAID MARY LAID JOHN
HAVE AWAY YOU WHY THE SIR SHE HIM FOR
ARE AND TO IF BE

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Sunday Breakfast

It's First Sunday Breakfast time again. The men of the Church are cooking up breakfast this Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m. Come join us for a good meal, lively chit-chat and to visit with old friends and new visitors.



A review of the liturgy for Holy Week and Easter

The week before Easter has special meaning for Christians. It is filled with activities and worship services that remind us of the spiritual and historical events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus and His Resurrection from the dead. Here is a review of the meaning behind the liturgy of each of the commemorative days of worship and celebration.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We call this week “holy” because it offers us the chance to participate intimately in the mysteries that changed the course of human history. Be with us! We need each other as we make our pilgrimage to the cross and tomb. This holiest of all Christian seasons begins with the commemoration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, as the prelude to the unfolding of God’s plan.

The scriptures set before us the Christ who is obedient to the Father who neither rebels nor turns back, but empties himself of glory and of life. On this Passion Sunday, the cross of Jesus is lifted high. With God as his Father, he was not put to shame.

April 5, *THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION*

The liturgy of this day telescopes the final events of Jesus’ ministry from the joy of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem through betrayal, arrest and trial, to the cross and the tomb. This is a day of heights and depths. We echo the high praise with which Jerusalem blessed him who came in the name of the Lord. But we also plunge into the agony and death of that king who reigned from a cross.

8:00 am Blessing and distribution of the Palms
Eucharist of the Passion ~ Rite I

10:30 am **Liturgy of the Palms** : We meet outdoors or in the Undercroft (weather dependent) for this Liturgy. We hear St. Mark’s account of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem and we bless the Palms. We process and enter the Church singing the familiar hymn, “All Glory, Laud and Honor.”

Liturgy of the Passion ~ Rite II: This liturgy is centered on a dramatic proclamation of the St. Mark Passion, summarizing all the Holy Week activities. Through Jesus’ sorrow and suffering, joy and healing have become blessings for all.

*The three days of the **Triduum**, described next, are one whole story, in three parts, and at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Holy Thursday marks the beginning of this solemn, three-day celebration of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection.*

April 9, *MAUNDY THURSDAY*~

Liturgy of the Last Supper, Rite of Foot Washing and Stripping and Washing of the Altar

7:00 pm A remarkable liturgy gives thanks for the gift of the Eucharist, but remembers the cost of that gift. The Passover is recalled; the Last Supper is made present for us; our feet are washed; we receive the commandment to love one another. But we leave the supper in silence to enter darkness. And all night, a few, like the disciples in the Garden, will watch with Christ.

THE WATCH (representing the prayer and suffering of the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane).
Watch before the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 pm – 7:30 am Friday at the Altar of Repose. Please sign up for an hour of quiet meditation during the night; devotional reading material will be available for use. To keep watch through the night, we need all hours filled. “*Could you not watch with me one hour?*” ~ Jesus of Nazareth

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April 10, *GOOD FRIDAY*

The Liturgy today takes us to the foot of the cross where we are called to enter into the Great Eucharist, Christ's full and complete self-offering. This is a day of fast and abstinence and all adult and healthy Christians should observe it as such. The fast may be broken in the evening with a simple meal.

5:30 pm **Stations of the Cross**

The spiritual significance and object of Stations of the Cross is to help Christians make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Stations has become one of the most popular devotions for Anglicans. This moving devotion precedes the Good Friday Liturgy.

7:00 pm **The Good Friday Liturgy: Liturgy of the Word**, including a participatory reading of the St. John Passion. **Solemn Collects**, prayer for all people everywhere. **Veneration of the Cross**. This stark yet beautiful liturgy draws us closer to Christ's full and complete offering of himself for us. We will sing traditional Good Friday hymns and will be joined by parishioners from other Blue Springs area churches.

April 11, *EASTER EVE: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER*

7:00 pm This is the most beautiful and powerful liturgy of the Christian Year. We begin in the early darkness with the lighting of the New Fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle, which burns throughout the Easter Season to symbolize the presence of the Risen Christ. All receive light from the Paschal Candle, and the Vigil continues with the story of God's revelation through history, prophecies, psalms and canticles, concluding with the renewal of baptismal vows. Then, in a burst of light and joy, we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

If you've never attended the Vigil, come this year. You'll never miss it again. Bring bells to ring at the Easter Acclamation. Trumpeter Phil Clark will join the choir and organ for special music.

After the Eucharist, we share the joy of Easter in the Undercroft. Please bring cheese, breads, fruit and festive finger foods to share.

April 12, *EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION*

10:30 am Festal Procession and Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II
There is one Easter Day Eucharist

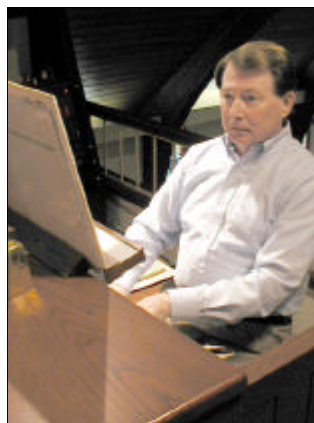
Gardening Project

Early Onions on the Grow

By Rich Conn

The garden project continues to go well. Early onions have been planted and radishes will soon be seeded. Thanks to all of you who have signed up to help. New information will be posted soon. See the list located on the bulletin board at the church.

If you have read the local and national papers recently you may have seen that community gardens are "sprouting up" everywhere. Each seems to have a catchy name applied. We do not have a name for ours. Give it a thought! If you have a great name for our garden submit to the E-mail address given below. A non-biased committee will choose the name from those submitted and we will create a sign for all to see. Rich at randgconn@sbcglobal.net.



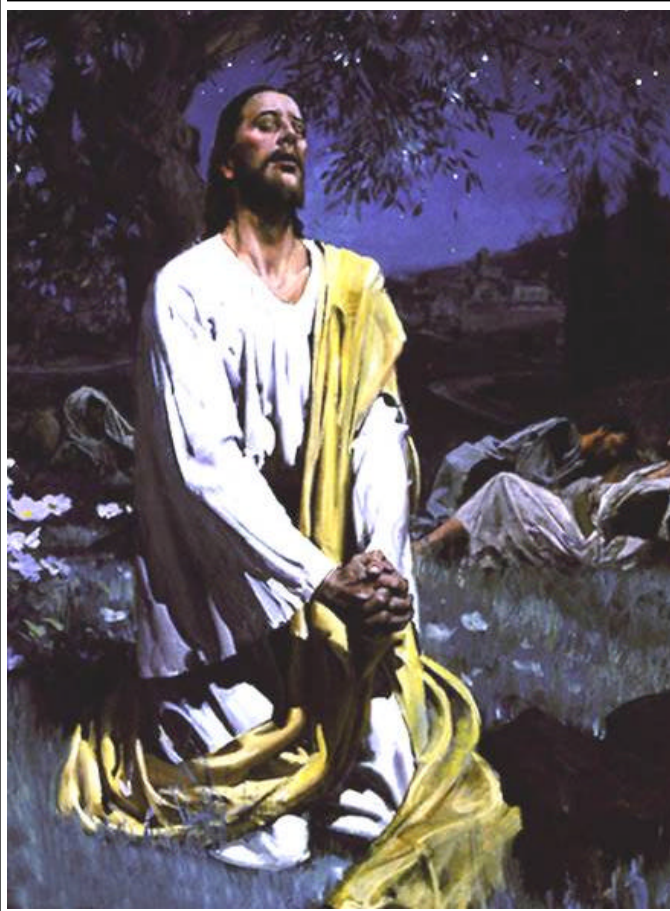
From the Choir Loft

Vaughn Scarcliff

On Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the choir will sing an anthem by Handel titled "He Is The King of Glory." Later, Pam

Winn will sing the "Pie Jesu" from the Faure Requiem. As the anthem begins, Jesus makes his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Then the music quickly turns to a somber tone as he makes his way to the cross.

On Saturday night we rejoice with the celebration of the Great Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday with Beethoven's "Hallelujah" to proclaim the Resurrection.



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CALENDAR

- April 5** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- April 5** Outreach Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- April 6** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- April 5 - April 12** Holy Week, *See schedule on page 1*
- April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- April 14** Vestry, 7 p.m.
- April 19** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- April 20,** K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.
- April 20,** Church Growth Committee, 7 p.m.

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