



Visions

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Children's education program revitalized

Believing in the importance of children's education and it's vital role in the life of the Christian community, new life has been infused into the Resurrection Children's Chapel. Under the leadership of **Diana Trammell**, the children's education program has taken on a new look and has been well received by children and parents, alike.

Room reorganization and decoration is the first thing you notice when you visit the room. When the children arrive on Sunday morning, the leader is present and activities begin immediately. A curriculum

consistent with the lectionary used in church worship connects the themes and activities to what other members of the church family are receiving.

Diana and nursery attendant, **Samantha Morris**, need adult and older children supervision and participation in order to make this program everything that it can be.

Under the leadership of Diana, the foundation for a relevant Christian children's program is being established. Please consider how you can help with this important ministry. Diana can be contacted at 816/847-2549 or ddtrammell@aol.com

Diana Trammell outlines children's program

By Diana Trammell

Our children have certainly been busy! Following liturgical themes, we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday, Rogation Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. The children seem eager to learn and look forward to sharing songs and lessons with the congregation.

Beginning in June, each child will receive a blue sash with a name badge and a bible badge sewn on. They can earn additional badges by attendance and by learning prayers and bible verses and by memorizing the books of the Old and New Testament. We'll begin with the first five books of law in the Old Testament: Genesis through Deuteronomy. **Devin Conn** has named our sashes, "Love Sashes, because we love God." Devin earned his first button for the Books of Law on Sunday May 31st. Both Devin and **Jayden Morris** have earned an attendance star for the month of May.

On June 7, we will begin a curriculum based on the *One Room Sunday School* series. Our first lesson will be about David and Goliath and will focus on David's faith in God and how it enabled him to overcome Goliath. How obstacles in our lives provide us wonderful op-



Photo by Ron McIntire

portunities to use the mind, voice and body that God gave us to overcome and sometimes endure problems. To turn to and talk to God and ask, "Lord, what do you think I should do?"

To help reinforce this lesson, the children will receive a small, round rock they can carry in their pocket as a reminder to "Stop, Pray, and Listen," when they face any problem.

Later, the children will prepare and

serve a treat to our congregation during fellowship following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please make plans to stay, we don't want to disappoint them.

***"But I say unto you,
That whosoever is angry
with his brother . . ."***

Matthew 5: 22 KJV

Church Family News

Get Well

Dorothy Massey

Dorothy Massey is rehabilitating from a stroke and is currently residing at John Knox Care Center. Prayers and best wishes for a full and complete recovery for Dorothy

Birth

Allison Floberg

Congratulations to **Allison Floberg** and new baby, **Nora**, born May 25, 2009. We look forward to seeing Allison and Nora soon.

Congratulations

John Gilligan

Congratulations to **John Gilligan** on his graduation from Blue Springs High School

Kebra Whiteaker

Congratulations to **Kebra Whiteaker** on her graduation from Truman High School, Independence.

Fr. Keel to have surgery

Father Ron Keel will enter St. Luke's Hospital on June 3, 2009 for scheduled hip replacement surgery. His rehabilitation is anticipated to take approximately four weeks, after which he looks forward to being better than new. He doesn't guarantee better sermons after surgery, however, but he does look forward to returning to his pastoral duties as soon as possible!

The Reverends **Margaret Pumphrey, Mike Kassell** and **Bruce Rahjten** will stand in for Father Ron during his absence.

A prayer for Father Ron from the parish family:

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: we pray that you comfort Father Ron as he prepares for his surgery, and ask that you make skilled the work of the surgeon and his team, so that the result of this operation will be the relief and cure which he seeks; and we also ask that this procedure be without complication and his recovery speedy and complete, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Members of the church gather around Fr. Keel and Tess Garcia for an impromptu hands-on prayer for recovery and healing at the coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. worship service May 31, 2009

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

Susie McDonald

Naomi Erwin

Tess Garcia

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DOK Prayers

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

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



Happy Birthday



June Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 6 Tanya Malory | 20 Hanes Burkart |
| 6 Esther Rich | 22 Mariena Boggas |
| 6 Chuck Sprofera | 24 JoAnn Allinder |
| 11 Rich Conn | 25 Morton Malory |
| 11 Wendy Conn | 27 Emily Ishmael |
| 14 Judy Ramirez | 28 Diane Gerlach |
| 15 Cindy Melhonchie | 28 Brian Gravagna |
| 14 Mark Dyer | 28 Grace Shaver |
| 14 Hayden Wallace | 30 Warren Shreve |

BackSnack Program breaks for the summer

The BackSnack Program has ended for this year. We can take great pride in making a difference in the lives of many young people. This new program featured a cooperative working arrangement between Church of the Resurrection, Harvesters Community Food Network and Thomas Ultican Elementary School, and provided packaged food and fresh fruit to 40 children who were identified by the school district as "nutritionally at risk."

The program operated during the 2008-09 academic school year and is expected to start again in August when the new school year begins.

A sincere THANK YOU to the many Resurrection parishioners who worked each and every week throughout the year to make this program a huge success. Thanks, also, to everyone who generously contributed funds to support the fresh fruit component of the program.

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 Hats Off to **Rich Conn** and **Fred Kelly** for cleaning out, trimming and pruning the overgrown lilac bushes (and poison ivy) at the east end of the parking lot. And to the Conn family: **Jason, Wendy, Devin** and Grandpa **Rich Conn** for cleaning and disposing of the resulting brush pile.

A Tip ‘O The Hat to **Emil Spears** for serving as Resurrection host to Life Line Screening of America as they utilized our Undercroft for a Blue Springs community stroke and health screening. Fifty-five persons were screened on May 21, 2009

Hats Off to **Gary Zumwalt, Virginia Pych, Lou Jameson, Ledia Soderlund, and Mary Egger** for offering their diverse language skills to the Scripture readings on the Day of Pentecost.

A Tip ‘O The Tam to **Jan Brill** for her important organizational and coordinating role and to ALL who helped with the BackSnack program during the school year.

To **Virginia Pych** who offers her quilting and design talent to the preparation of liturgical wall hangings adorning the Nave.

Remember!

Food Pantry

3rd Sunday of every month.

*** Needed in June ***

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

Diocesan Leadership

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Financial Report

May 2009

By Jim Gilligan

	May	YTD 2009	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$13,398.00	\$62,461.75	\$57,765.45
Total Expenses:	\$11,302.84	\$58,384.41	\$59,339.40

Attendance

Attendance figures for May 2009

May Worship Service Attendance

May 3	101
May 10	93
May 13	103
May 24	65
May 31	81
Attendance	443

Deadline for the July 2009 **VISIONS**
Is Monday, June 29, 2009

the Rector's Study

Dear friends,

I write this month, without so much a specific theme, but rather offering thoughts, prayers and wishes as the summer months unfold.

Thank you, O God, for mothers, fathers, children and families, all. Bless those who graduate and those who continue, with diligence, the work they have been given to do. Watch over us as we travel, refresh us in our leisure and recreation, keep us faithful, guard the flock.

Perhaps that could be our summer prayer at Resurrection. It's a time of coming and going, and through these summer months, we ask God to be with us, and that we not forget that God, through the Holy Spirit, is always with us.

Sometimes, letting go and getting away seems to imply getting away from *everything*. We can all make an extra effort, this summer, to keep God close, in prayer and gratitude, by getting together and staying connected as God's people.

We have much for which to be thankful ~ love of family and community, time to rest and play, the grace and mercy of God, renewing our lives moment by moment. So, take time this summer to say, *"Thank you, God. Help me to be your servant, in times of rest and in times of busyness. Bless us, O Lord, to be your people, members of your family at Church of the Resurrection."* I pray you have a blessed and relaxing summer.

Fr. Ron +

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.



Pentecost Banner

By Virginia Pych

We have just celebrated the Day of Pentecost, the beginning of the last (and the longest) season of the Church year. The first five Church seasons span approximately half of the calendar year and are devoted to the person and the ministry of Jesus as the Christ. They begin in early December with Advent and then progress through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. The last season is Pentecost, with this season taking up the other half of the Church year.

Pentecost celebrates the beginning of the Church through the descent of the Holy Spirit on the believers and then the Holy Spirit's work in the growth and spread of the Church throughout the world. While the color for the Day of Pentecost is red, reminding us of the Spirit's descent as "divided tongues, as of fire," the color for the Pentecost season is green, signifying "growth" -- specifically growth of the Church.

At Church of the Resurrection, a new banner greets us as we enter the sanctuary for worship. This banner celebrates the Day of Pentecost. I hope you will take a few minutes to look at the banner to discover the symbolism that you see in it and put your comments in the offertory plate.

Finally, for a banner that will be designed later in the Pentecost season, keeping in mind that this is the season of growth (not just in size, but also a growth in faith), how might the work of the Holy Spirit through the Church be pictured? Please leave these suggestions in the Sunday offertory plate, or mail or bring them to the church office.

You should know . . .

The West Missouri Diocesan Council recently eliminated two line items from the 2009 Diocesan Budget, thereby providing the Diocese with unanticipated and unused funds. The Council then voted to allocate this money back to the congregations using a pro-rated formula based upon this year's assessment.

Church of the Resurrection's share of these funds amounted to \$798.54 and we have received a check for that amount. In these challenging financial times, we are thankful for this unexpected refund.

76th General Convention convenes in Anaheim, California

The 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Anaheim, California from Wednesday, July 8 through Friday, July 17. Eight elected delegates from the Diocese of West Missouri will attend to represent our diocesan congregations. More information on the convention will appear in the July and August issues of VISIONS

The Convention is organized as a bicameral house in which all active and retired bishops make up The House of Bishops and elected lay and ordained clergy comprise the House of Deputies. Both houses deliberate

separately and vote on resolutions that originate from four sources: committees, commissions, agencies and boards of the church. Resolutions must pass both houses in the same language in order to be enacted.

General Convention is more than passing legislation. It is a combination of legislative assembly, wrestling with significant issues of the day, worship, shopping bazaar and family reunion.

The gathering, as a body, has been held every three years since the first General Convention met in Philadelphia in 1785.

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. Each month, a team of six from Resurrection is scheduled to serve the noon meal for “guests” of the KC Community Kitchen. Upcoming dates are **June 23, July 21, August 18.**

“It’s a wonderful experience,” says Hanes Burkhardt, “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: SueXMontgomery@hotmail.com. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Fr. Keel reads the Gospel at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Pentecost Sunday.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Pre-Children’s Chapel artwork.



Resurrection hosts harp recital



Church of the Resurrection was pleased to host a harp recital, May 16, 2009, by four students of **Debbie Clark**, principal harpist for the KC Symphony.

The students played before an audience of 21 adults and

Photos by Ron McIntire



children, including members of Resurrection, students' family members and friends.

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

The students demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of music, timing and stage presence. The audience clearly enjoyed the approximately 30 minute performance. A reception followed.

Acolyte Pool Party



Calling all acolytes! You're invited to an acolyte pool party at the Lingrel's house on June 13th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring chips and/or side

dishes to share. All acolytes, their parents, siblings and spouses are welcome!

Please RSVP to **Ray Lingrel** 816-228-5117 if you plan to attend.

Whadaya Grow?

By Rich Conn

The garden is taking. Tomatoes are blooming and the cherry tomatoes are beginning to form. The bulk of the bean, pea and okra seeds have been re-planted. The original seeds were planted too early and the weather didn't allow for proper germination. The squash is slowly spreading and will bloom in a few weeks.

Watering can be done as needed with hoses and sprinklers kept in the garden shed or at the back of the church. If you water please leave a note in the locking bag found on the shed door. Weeding is always required. The vegetable rows are well marked and the plants can be recognized so feel free to grab a weed or two.

Fr. Keel blesses the new garden



Photo by Ron McIntire

Twenty-three parishioners were on hand as Fr. Keel blessed the Resurrection vegetable garden and the newly sprouting plants, Rogation Sunday, May 17, 2009.



Photo by Ron McIntire

. . . And takes an opportunity to bless a few other sprouts too



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection **CALENDAR**

June 1 Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.

~~**June 3, 10, 17, 24** Bible Study, 1 p.m. CANCELLED~~

June 6 Central Deanery Meeting, 9 a.m.

June 7 First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.

June 9 Vestry, 7 p.m.

June 14 Outreach Committee, 9 a.m.

June 21 Necessity Pantry Ingathering

June 22, K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.

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