



Visions

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February 2010

An Invitation to a Holy Lent:

Dear People of God:

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in

which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need, which all Christians continually have, to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Lenten/Easter Calendar

Tuesday, February 16, 6:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, *Imposition of Ashes*

Wednesday, Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 6:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Lenten Services- *see schedule, page 6*

Sunday, March 28

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Day

⁴“Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.”

¹⁰“ . . . Do not fear; from now on you will be catching men.”

Luke 5:4,10, NASB

Church Family News

Mark your calendar St. Patrick's Dinner



Traditional foods served and wearin' 'o the Green is the dress code of the day

March 13, 2010

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 following dates:

February 2010

- 7 Dixie Flaigle
- 14 Diana Trammel
- 21 Lent - No Flowers
- 22 Lent - No Flowers

March 2010

- 21 Lent - No Flowers
- 22 Lent - No Flowers
- 23 Lent - No Flowers
- 24 Lent - No Flowers



Photo by Ron McIntire

Onlookers at the Skating Party: Samantha Morris, Ron McIntire, Dixie Flaigle, Sean Flaigle.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Time out for Zamboni

Haitian Relief Effort



Episcopal Relief & Development

Healing a hurting world

To assist the many people

suffering from the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, please consider making a donation to the Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti Fund.

For access to the most up-to-date information visit <http://www.er-d.org/HaitiCrisis>.

Gifts may be made on-line, by phone (800-334-7626 ext 5129), or mailed to:

Episcopal Relief & Development,
PO Box 7058,
Merrifield, VA 22116-7058
(Please write "Haiti" in the memo of all checks.)

Prayer List

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

Joann Allinder

Angie Phillips

Debbie Carle

Joe Reed

Evelyn Jameson

Tami Church

Sheila Gravagna

Marlena Boggs

George Calovic

Naomi Irwin

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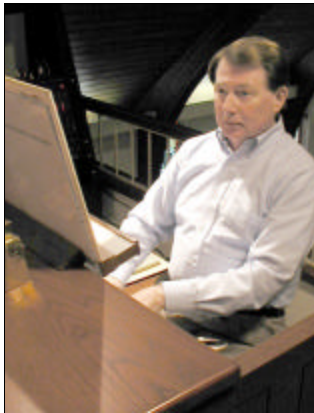
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Staff memberBrenda McIntire
Editor..... Ron McIntire
Rector.....The Rev. Ronald Keel

DOK Prayers

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

- Betty Simmons
- Bob and Terri Smith
- Ledia Soderlund
- Soldi family
- Judy and Emil Spears
- Chuck and Brenda Sprofera
- Lisa Still family
- Irleen Stuteville
- Don and Diana Trammell
- Wallace family
- Whiteaker family
- Gary and Maura Zumwalt



From the Choir Loft

Vaughn Scarcliff

As I mentioned in our Annual Meeting the choir works very diligently to enhance our worship service and leads us in the singing of

our hymns and liturgy. They add even more by sharing special music with everyone at our worship services.

As we enter the season of Lent and Easter you will hear musical selections that span the centuries from the 17th to the present. I believe the music the choir sings during this season will inspire and add to the meaning of the Lenten and Easter seasons.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Happy Birthday



February Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Alan Ishmael | 24 Maura Zumwalt |
| 8 Janice Brill | 24 John Laster |
| 9 Steve Spaw | 25 Evelyn Jameson |
| 14 Erin Barrett | 28 Stuart Green |
| 15 Steve Flaigle | |
| 20 Dixie Flaigle | |

From the Parish

Vestry Meeting



The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft.

This is an open meeting and all interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

2010 Annual Meeting Held

The Annual Meeting of Church of the Resurrection was held January 31, 2010 following the 10:30 a.m. service. While feasting on a tasty potluck lunch, those in attendance watched a video slideshow of Resurrection members, received various committee reports and listened to comments from Rector Ron Keel and Senior Warden Randy Goyer.

Bill Carle, Jim Gilligan, and Lyle Shaver were elected to new 3-year terms on the Vestry. They will fill the vacancies of outgoing members Steve Flaigle, Betty Kelly and Gary Zumwalt. The outgoing members were thanked for their years of service to the Church of the Resurrection. Jim Gilligan and Lyle Shaver will also serve as delegates representing Resurrection at the annual Diocesan Convention and at Central Deanery meetings during 2010. Father Keel announced his appointment of Randy Goyer to another one year term as Senior Warden. The Vestry will elect the Junior Warden at its February meeting.

Treasurer Jim Gilligan reviewed 2009 financial results and the final Stewardship Campaign totals. Unfortunately, 2010 pledges were \$5,000 under the amount needed to sustain our ministry. In response, a drive to raise 100 gifts of \$50 was announced to balance the 2010 budget. The 2010 operating budget was presented and accepted. Copies of the 2009 Annual Report distributed at the meeting are available on-line at www.episcopal-bluesprings.org or can be obtained through the church office.

Diocesan Leadership

Barry R. Howe
Bishop

Vestry Leadership

Randy Goyer
Senior Warden

Steve Flaigle
Junior Warden

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Ron Keel
Priest and Rector

Diane Gerlach
Parish Life Director

Vaughn Scarcliff
*Music Director
Organist*

Ron McIntire
*VISIONS Editor
Parish Directory*

Financial Report December 2009

By Jim Gilligan

	December	YTD 2009	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$18,078.80	\$143,882.09	\$138,595.00
Total Expenses:	\$10,530.43	\$138,397.60	\$141,444.00

Attendance

Attendance figures for January

Worship Service Attendance

January 3	62
January 10	86
January 17	87
January 24	96
January 31	94
Attendance	425

Deadline for the March 2010 Visions
Is Saturday, February 27, 2010

Wha Da Ya Grow?



Rich Conn

Spring is indeed coming and we are able to see the garden plot. It's exciting and encouraging.

The garden area will be subdivided this year to allow those who have an interest, to develop and work their individual garden plots. Five spaces will be located along the East side of the garden. Each 5

feet by 10 feet in size.

The requirements for using this space are few:

- (1) the "owner" of the space must weed, water and harvest their own produce.
- (2) Any excess produce can be donated to the Culinary Cornerstones Program at the Cathedral in Kansas City for their use in feeding the hungry.
- (3) A donation is suggested to offset the expenses of water etc.

Sign up now. A lottery will determine who will be able to use each space. The sign up list will be posted on the announcement board in the undercroft soon.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Remember!

Necessity Pantry Ingathering

3rd Sunday of every month

*** Needed this month ***

Diapers (size 3,4 and 5),

Dish Soap, Bar Soap, Toothbrushes,

Toilet Tissue, Toothpaste

\$ Donations for Utilities

NO Paper Towels please.

First youth skating party a resounding success

The first Church of the Resurrection youth activity/event was a resounding success for everyone. For two hours, nine children from Resurrection, their chaperones, Laura Wallace and



Samantha

Morris, and kids

from other

churches, en-

joyed a fun-filled skating and

bumper-dusting party at the newly opened Independence Events Center

ice rink, I-70 & Hwy 291. The event included lots of fun, falls and fellowship. The youth from Resurrection returned to the church for a follow-up pizza party in the undercroft.

Plans are underway for a second activity to be held later in February. Pssst! Rumor has it that it might involve bowling so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet.



A letter from the Rector

2009 contribution statements were mailed recently to everyone who contributed to the Church of the Resurrection last year. Included in that mailing was a letter from me to all the members and friends of Church of the Resurrection in which I stated our Stewardship Campaign for 2010 finished \$5,000 under our goal for the amount of resources needed to fund our ministry this year.

Our Church needs your help and your financial support NOW! We are asking for 100 cash gifts of \$50 each to balance our 2010 budget. If you made a pledge for 2010, thank you! If you find that you can add to that pledge or make a one-time donation, wonderful! And if you can make a special offering of one or more \$50 gifts to help us financially, then I ask you to return my letter to me with your special offering and accept my heartfelt thanks for your support.

My sincere thanks and blessings to you,

Fr. Ron +

the Rector's Study

Lent: A Spirit-Filled Forty Days

The season of Lent this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, when millions of people the world over enter into a period of fasting and self-discipline that is unsurpassed at any other time of the year.

As with many religious observances, there is no real basis for Lent found in the Bible. Lent is a church institution. However, the idea has a sound spiritual basis. Moses, Elijah, and Jesus himself set a precedent for it. Each observed a forty-day period of prayer and fasting as a preparation for spiritual work.

It should be noted that the number forty is frequently used in the Scriptures to indicate a completed preparation for something to follow. The Gospel proclamation for the First Sunday of Lent (Luke 4:1-13) tells of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry of announcing the good news of the Reign of God. As we begin our Lenten observance this year, we would do well to fix our eyes on Jesus, to enter with him into the spirit of those 40 days in preparation for the celebration of the Easter mysteries.

Confirmation/Baptism Class now forming

There will be an organizational meeting for Confirmation, Adult Baptism or Reception into the Episcopal Church Monday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the church undercroft. The classes will be offered as preparation for Bishop Howe's visit March 28, 2010.

If you are interested in participating please attend this meeting. We will discuss the course content and determine the meeting dates and times.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Winter scene at Lake Tapawingo, January 7, 2010

Those 40 days in the wilderness were devoted to praying, fasting, and undergoing the harshest kinds of temptation. But the 40 days can also be understood as a period of intense preparation, a time for Jesus to make room in himself for all those he would meet in the course of his public ministry, for all those who would draw near to him, come to him, plead with him, ask him for mercy and healing and help.

Our Lenten practices, whatever they may be, are much more than pious devotions. Whether our practice takes the form of "giving up" dessert during Lent, redoubling our efforts at prayer, increasing our contribution to help those in need, fasting, or abstaining from a particular practice, they are all to be understood as a Spirit-assisted effort to empty ourselves of all that would stand in the way of being filled to overflowing with the light, life and love of God.

May you have a Spirit-filled forty days.

Welcome to Lent!

Fr. Ron +

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the onset of the liturgical season of Lent, the annual 40-day period of corporate worship, private prayer, fasting, study, and alms giving in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

It is also known as the 'Day of Ashes' —so called because on this day many of the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

In the Old Testament ashes were used for two purposes: (1) as a sign of humility and mortality; and (2) as a sign of sorrow and repentance for sin. The Christian use of ashes in the liturgy of Ash Wednesday follows this Old Testament custom.

Putting a cross mark on the forehead is also in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism. This is when the newly born Christian is delivered from slavery to sin and evil, and made a slave to righteousness and Christ (Romans 6:3-18).

2010 ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES THE STORIES OF EPIPHANY



February 24, 2010

Host Church ~ Good Shepherd Christian Church
111 SW Woods Chapel Rd, Blue Springs, MO
Visit of the Magi (wisemen) - Matthew 2:1-12
Message by Cliff Caton



March 3, 2010

Host Church ~ Chapel Hill Presbyterian
3108 SW US Highway 40, Blue Springs, MO
Baptism of Jesus - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Message By Brad Bray



March 10, 2010

Host Church ~ Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
1433 NW R.D. Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO
Wedding in Cana of Galilee - John 2:1-11
Message By Ron Bowen



March 17, 2010

Host Church ~ All Saints' Lutheran
421 SW 19th St, Blue Springs, MO
Jesus Teaching in the Synagogue - Luke 4:14-30
Message By Ron Keel



March 24, 2010

Host Church ~ First Christian Church
701 NW 15th St, Blue Springs, MO
Calling of the Disciples - Luke 5:1-11
Message By Andrew Florio

Each week will begin with a simple dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship service at 6:40 p.m. Weekly plate offering will support Blue Springs Community Service League.

Dr. Bill Stancil to speak



During the four Sundays in Lent, Dr. Bill Stancil will be with us a guest presenter during the Education Hour, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Dr. Stancil is Chairman of Religion at Rockhurst University and will lecture and lead discussion on the subject of "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People." Please join fellow parishioners in this Lenten discipline of study.

Tell me about Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods, they would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes. And lots of 'em.

Join the Resurrection celebration of Shrove Tuesday on February 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. ~ Pancake Supper served in the Undercroft.

Daily Lenten Devotions



Beginning with Ash Wednesday and daily thereafter, an email Lenten scripture verse and meditation will be sent to members and subscribers of Resurrection's electronic email.

These daily devotions are prepared by Episcopal Relief and Development and are intended to serve as a resource, reminder and strength to you during your spiritual journey in the Lenten season.



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CALENDAR

- February 1** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- February 7** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- February 3, 10, 17, 24** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- February 3, 10, 17, 24** Wednesday Nite Live, 6 p.m.
- February 9** Vestry, 7 p.m.
- February 16** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.
- February 21** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- February 21** K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.
- February 21** Youth Bowling and Pizza Party

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