



Visions

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Epiphany Season is Upon Us

As the twelve days of Christmas come to an end, the liturgical season of Epiphany arrives. The word, *Epiphany* means “revealing” or “manifestation.” In our Christian context, The Epiphany means the manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth.

As a season, Epiphany is a period of between four and nine weeks starting with the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter.

The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after

Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus’ identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ.

We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season. You are encouraged and, of course, welcome to participate in worship, study and reflection during this important time in our Christian year.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

In accordance with the church bylaws, Church of the Resurrection will hold its Annual Meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Sunday, January 31, 2010.

On the agenda:

- A review of 2009 by Fr. Ron Keel and Sr. Warden, Randy Goyer.
- Reports of the recently completed year by selected Vestry committees.
- Elect three Vestry members to serve on the Vestry for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- Appoint a Sr. Warden and Vestry Clerk to serve on the Vestry for the coming year.
- Appoint two delegates to represent Church of the Resurrection at Diocesan convention and Deanery meetings.

The meeting lasts about an hour and is an important time for parishioners to learn about the life of the church, offer comments and ask questions of church leaders. A pot-luck luncheon will follow the meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this important gathering.

Christmas Spirit prevails during *Blizzard of 2009*

With winds howling, snow blowing and the weather closing in, the celebration of *The Nativity of our Lord* rang out with glee during the most difficult weather conditions Blue Springs has seen in many years. Christmas 2009 was ushered in beginning with the 9:30 p.m. services at Church of the Resurrection. Hymns and Christmas carols were followed by the traditional celebration of the Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist. When the hot cider and cookies were gone, fifty-five brave souls ventured out into the night to find their way home in blowing and drifting snow.

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**“Judge not, that
ye be not judged.”**

Matthew 7:1, KJV

Church Family News

Prayer List

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

Joann Allinder

Angie Phillips

Debbie Carle

Joe Reed

Evelyn Jameson

Betty Kelly

Elizabeth Kessler

Irleen Stuteville

Tami Church

Naomi Irwin

New Happenings calendar goes up

Parish Life Coordinator, Diane Gerlach, has implemented a new physical calendar in addition to the on-line calendar on the Resurrection website. Called *Resurrection Happenings*, the calendar is intended to provide a graphic overview of church availability for any-one planning meetings and dinners.

Before you or your group plans a function that involves the parish undercroft or the classrooms, please consult the calendar above the water fountain in the undercroft.

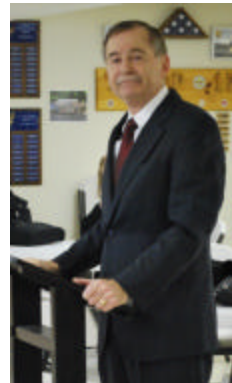
New ice maker arrives

The new ice maker, purchased with the proceeds from the October sale of clothing, jewelry and household items from the Episcopal Media Center has arrived, and pending availability of time, **Steve Flaigle** and **Rich Conn** will get it installed.



Fall Forum concludes with John Rix

The 2009 Fall Forum series concluded December 13, 2009 with a presentation by **John Rix**, entitled *My American Dream -- and Yours!*



John is a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and retired Captain for Southwest Airlines. He spoke about his flying experiences, people who overcame all odds to reach their goals, and tales of astronauts, and graphic analogies that inspire listeners to "reach for the stars."

Mr. Rix says anyone can achieve their life's ambition if they are willing to believe, dream, and work hard, regardless of the obstacles.

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:

January 2010

- 3 No Flowers
- 10 Frances Lingrel
- 24 Jan Pahlas
- 31 Sue Montgomery

February 2010

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

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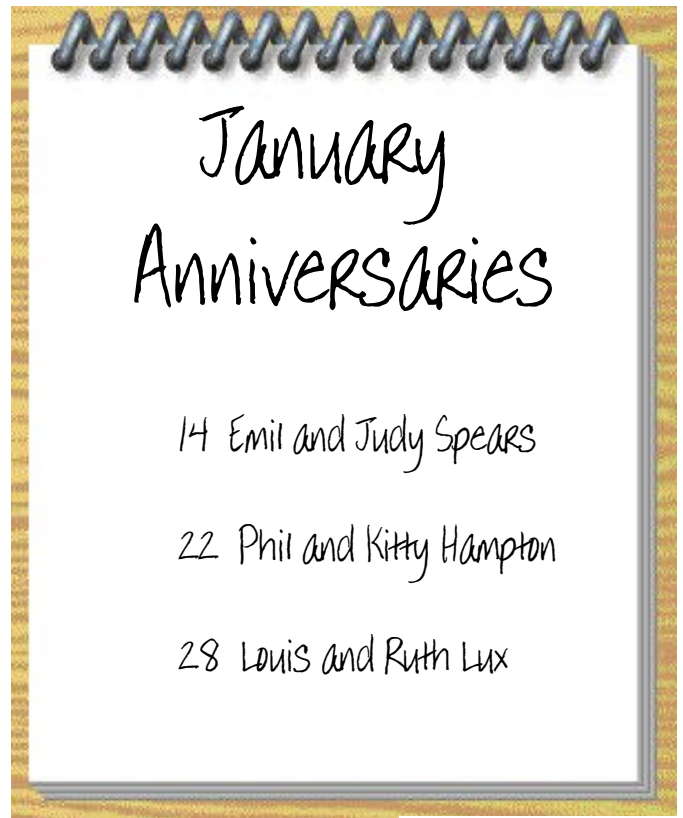
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DOK Prayers

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

- Judy Ramirez
- Esther Rich
- Vaughn Scarcliff
- Anne Scharon-Glaser
- Bob and Deane Schoonover
- Jim and Petie Scott
- Stew Scott Family
- Lyle and Grace Shaver
- Gretchen Shelton



Spirit: Christmas Spirit prevails

It was a wonderful celebration in spite of the severe blow Mother Nature brought our way. Long time parishioner, Jim Gilligan said, “This year’s Christmas service was special—one of the best we’ve shared at Resurrection. The music, the liturgy and the fellowship were all offered at a very high level. Our family enjoyed the celebration greatly.”



With just hours separating the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services and with snow continuing through the night and into the early morning, the 10:30 a.m.

Christmas morning worship service was cancelled. “Weather advisories were indicating that the storm would continue through the day and that driving and travel were not recommended,” said Father Ron Keel. And so, in consultation with Senior Warden Randy Goyer, the service was canceled.

Finally, with the 2009 storm abating and with the help of shovels and snow plows, the church was readied for worship on December 27, the first Sunday after Christmas. Our traditional Rite One service was held at 8:00 a.m. and Christmas Lessons and Carols were offered at the 10:30 a.m. service. With extra music and scripture lessons, the special worship service of Lessons and Carols was special, indeed.

The Blizzard of 2009 will be remembered for some time. And, of course, the remembrance of God’s incarnation will be with us forever.



January Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 3 Diana Trammell | 17 Jamie Scott |
| 5 Kelly Mellen | 18 Bill Carle |
| 6 Helen Henry | 18 Betty Kelly |
| 12 Stephanie Green | 23 Mario Soldi |
| 14 Diane Shreve | 24 Louis Lux |
| 17 Jim Scott | 27 Lou Jameson |

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

A resounding Hats Off to Bill Carle and Rich Conn for trying their best to “keep up” with the snow shoveling and keeping walkways clean for us all.

A big Tip O’ The Hat to Steve Flaigle and Rich Conn for installing the newly acquired ice machine.

Hats Off to the Choir and Vaughn Scarcliff for the extra hard work and practice and for making our Christmas worship special.

Wha Da Ya Grow?

Rich Conn

I just received my first mailing from a seed company! How exciting is that????? That’s never happened before.

The Building and Grounds people have been busy over the past several days. First, a huge pile of leaves was removed from the church grounds. This will allow better up-keep of the yard and will keep large collections of leaves from forming in the walkway to the lower East entrance of the church. If you see more leaves in this area please feel free to dispose of them.

A compost bin has been constructed near the garden area for recycling of any vegetative material you may have. We prefer small collections of material that will decompose rapidly. Please do not deposit animal waste or weed seeds in the bin.

The garden area has been plowed and prepared for early spring planting. We’ve talked with the Cathedral kitchen and will change the varieties of vegetables we plant this year. This change will make an area available for parishioners to plant, and assume maintenance of, their own vegetables. More information on this as the seasons change.

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

Ron McIntire
*VISIONS Editor
Parish Directory*

Vaughn Scarcliff
Music Director & Organist

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 November

Worship Service Attendance

December 6	90
December 13	114
December 20	94
December 24 Christmas Eve	55
December 27	52
Attendance	405

Deadline for the February 2010 **VISIONS**
Is Saturday, January 30, 2009

Scout Troop 175 leaves Resurrection

Scout Troop 175 will move the troop to a new meeting location effective January 1, 2010. We will miss their presence and wish them Godspeed in their new facilities.

The scouts and families of Boy Scout Troop 175 thank Church of the Resurrection for hosting the troop for the past seven years. As 2010 begins, we will be relocating to the new Timothy Lutheran South site. Our troop draws boys primarily from Cub Scout Pack 175, and this pack is fed by boys who attend Cordill-Mason Elementary. Most of our boys reside in the south part of Blue Springs, and we have accepted the opportunity to move to a meeting place closer to the boys' homes. We are most appreciative of the support and hospitality shown to us by Resurrection and hope that the church family will continue to enjoy some of our contributions (remodeled downstairs bathrooms, bulbs planted, painting, cleaning, repaired light fixtures, yard work) for many years to come.

Bill Carle
Committee Chair, BSA Troop 175



Remember!

Necessity Pantry Ingathering

3rd Sunday of every month

*** Needed this month ***

*Food, Diapers (size 4 and 5),
Shampoo, Dish Soap,
Toilet Tissue, Toothpaste
& Donations for Utilities*

NO Paper Towels please.

Calling ALL Youth! Something NEW for 2010

Starting in January 2010, Church of the Resurrection will organize and host a youth activity/event, hopefully each month, to bring together the young people of the church for fun, fellowship, and usually food - all in a Christian context. The event is open to all young people in grades 6 - 12.

Things get started on Sunday, January 24 with an Ice Skating Party at the new Independence Events Center, I-70 & Hwy 291.

Here's the plan:

- Leave the church following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- Skate from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Return to the Church for Pizza & Drinks

The Cost is

\$5.00 per person;

Ages 12 & under \$3.00

\$2.00 skate rental

Pizza lunch free to all youth and friends

Plan now to join familiar faces and make new friends on January 24. Please call Laura Wallace, 229-1307 or Samantha Morris, 229-0384 and add your name to the list.



St. Nicholas (Don Trammell) visits Resurrection with Fr. Keel.



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CALENDAR

- January 3** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- January 4** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- January 6, 23, 10, 27** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- January 6, 23, 10, 27** Wednesday Nite Live, 6 p.m.
- January 12** Vestry, 7 p.m.
- January 17** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- January 18** K. C. Community Kitchen, 12 p.m.
- January 24** Youth Ice Skating, Pizza Party
- January 31** Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

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