



# Visions

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April 2011

## Bishop Martin Field to visit Resurrection



**Bishop Martin S. Field**, bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri, will visit Church of the Resurrection, Sunday, May 1, 2011. This marks his first visit to our parish since he was ordained and consecrated bishop March 5.

There will be one service that day at 9:30 a.m. and a parish-wide potluck meal

to follow the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. As always, couples are asked to bring a meat dish and singles either a salad or dessert.

Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to our parish you are always welcome. There is usually ample food for all.

Come help us welcome Bishop Field to our parish.

## *From the Community Kitchen*

Thanks to all who bring containers for the Community Kitchen to use in their carry-out program. About 10% of the 500 people we serve each day will ask for carry-out for themselves and family. Please keep in mind:

- Containers must be washed.
- All lids should fit and seal the contents.
- Containers should be made of plastic or foam.
- Size does not matter.
- Leave the containers on the counter in the kitchen area at Resurrection.
- The containers are delivered to the Community Kitchen on the first and third Mondays of the week.

## Capital Campaign in full swing

The Capital Campaign to raise money for major upgrade work around the church has been in place for a number of months now. As of the first week in April, a great deal has been accomplished.

- Work by the Prayer team to focus on God's leadership.
- Regular organizational and steering committee meetings are being held.
- Inquirers events have been held to discuss the program and proposed projects.
- Banners, posters, slogans and graphic displays have been designed to promote the campaign.
- Pledge cards have been designed.
- And more.

Commitment Sunday is set for May 15, 2011. All parishioners are asked to turn in their commitment cards at that time.

## Lenten/Easter Calendar

**Sunday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.**

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

**Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday

**Friday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross

**Friday, April 22, 7 p.m.**

Good Friday Liturgy

**Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m.**

The Great Vigil of Easter

**Sunday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.**

Easter Sunday, Rite II

***“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, . . .”***

Matthew 4:4 KJV

# Church Family News

## Prayer List

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

### Campaign Prayer

**M**ay you, O God, warmly embrace us with your grace and favor our humble lives to follow your direction.

*Our desire is to honor you with a renewed awareness of your glory. Enable our best efforts in upgrading this house of worship and the grounds on which it stands.*

*Open our minds as stewards of your bounty to serve you, and serve others now and in generations to come, according to your will.*

*May your will be done through the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection here on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Grant us the mind of Christ in our actions and meditations so that, in all things, we say, not our will but your will be done. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

*Amen.*

### Necessity Pantry

The Necessity Pantry is a cooperative outreach program of the five Episcopal Churches in Eastern Jackson County and provides food and hygiene items to more than 130 families in the area. Distribution of items is made from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Independence.

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. The next ingathering is on Sunday, April 17, 2011. See the panel below for items needed this month.



- Joann Allinder**
- Angie Phillips**
- Joe Reed**
- Evelyn & Lou Jameson**
- George Mesik**
- Andy Flores**
- Ione Sparby**
- Irleen Stuteville**
- Michelle Hampton**
- Bill Carle**

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Staff member .....Brenda McIntire  
 Editor ..... Ron McIntire  
 Rector .....The Rev. Ronald Keel

### Remember!

## Necessity Pantry Ingathering



**3rd Sunday of every month..**

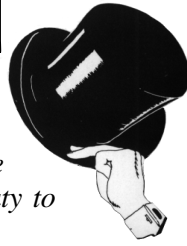
**\*\*\* Needed this month \*\*\***

- Dish Soap, Shampoo,*
- Adult Toothbrushes, Canned Soup,*
- Canned Fruit, Toilet Tissue*
- \$ Donations for Utilities*

***NO Paper Towels please.***

# 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 the very able parish crew who worked tirelessly Saturday, April 9, to give the church its annual Spring house cleaning. Both inside and outside show just how much work went into cleaning and fixing up of the church.

A big Tip O' The Hat to **Elaine Gilligan** for her work contacting and updating the parish directory names so a new directory can be published.

A tip of the old noggin' cover to all the Capital Campaign committees who spent many hours in meetings discussing and developing events, prayers, banners, youth activities, thanks and, well, if you been watching what's going on, you get the picture.

## DOK Prayers

The Daughters of the King pray for the following families this month:

- Pat Driver
- Mark & Charissa Dyer
- Mary Egger
- Steve & Cheryl Farrell
- Kerrie Ferlet
- Steve & Dixie Flaigle
- Peggy Fletcher
- Nate & Ketina Francis
- Tess Garcia
- Pat Garnett



## Sunday Breakfast

Friends of the Pancake serve pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats, juice and coffee in the Undercroft on the First Sunday of the month.

Join us at 9 a.m. in the undercroft. It's a great way to meet with fellow parishioners, and make new friends.



# Happy Birthday



## April Birthdays

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Erin Gavin        | 18 Rob Clarke         |
| 3 Pat Garnett       | 19 Steve Farrell      |
| 6 Joanne Cox        | 20 Samantha Still     |
| 6 Wanda Meisel      | 21 Harold Mellen, Jr. |
| 6 Dustin Montgomery | 23 Angelique Collis   |
| 13 Jodie Kavanaugh  | 24 Gabe Conn          |
| 14 Fred Kelly       | 26 Lola D'Renick      |
| 16 Matthew Hampton  | 27 Don Trammell       |
| 16 Safia Shah       | 30 Michelle Leitner   |
| 17 Ruth Lux         |                       |

# From the Parish



## From the Choir Loft

Vaughn Scarcliff

Musically, we have an exciting Easter season lined up this year. The choir has worked very diligently to prepare music that we think

everyone will enjoy.

During the season, beginning with Palm Sunday, the choir will offer an anthem titled "He Is the King of Glory" composed by G.F. Handel and taken from Handel's Messiah.

On Maundy Thursday, the choir will sing an anthem by Antonio Lotti titled "Grant Us Mercy, O Lord." On Good Friday, Resurrection choir will be joined by members of the four other churches that participated in the ecumenical Lenten Series to sing "The Day Our Savior Died" composed by John Ray and Susan Callaway. We don't often have the opportunity to sing with other choirs so this should be a particularly enjoyable ensemble.

At the Great Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, the choir will present "Sunrise Resurrection" a selection composed by J. Paul Williams and Joseph Martin.. It has the spirit of an early American folk or square dance – a truly celebratory piece of music that is quite different from the usual Easter proclamation. It tells of Mary visiting the tomb where Jesus was buried and sees the stone rolled away.

We think these selections will make your Easter an especially meaningful one.

### Yoga classes continue

Join us in the Resurrection Undercroft on Tuesdays during Lent from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.  
1st session is FREE - then \$5 per session thereafter  
Leader: Becky Palmer, Certified Instructor

### Diocesan Leadership

Martin S. Field  
*Bishop*

### Vestry Leadership

Bill Carle  
*Senior Warden*

Ray Lingrel  
*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 March 2011

By Jim Gilligan

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD 2011</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 8,968.85	\$42,409.82	\$38,406.51
Total Expenses:	\$10,847.99	\$38,444.65	\$38,307.23

## Attendance

Attendance figures for February

### Worship Service Attendance

February 6 .....	92
February 13 .....	81
February 20 .....	93
February 27 .....	82
<b>Attendance .....</b>	<b>358</b>

Attendance figures for March

### Worship Service Attendance

March 6 .....	71
March 13 .....	67
March 20 .....	101
March 27 .....	86
<b>Attendance .....</b>	<b>325</b>

**Deadline** for the May 2011 **Visions**  
Is Saturday, April 30, 2011

# the Rector's Study

## The Gift of Time

**T**ime is a gift. It is one of the resources God has given us. When God created all that is, one of the things he created was time. And, like the rest of creation, we are called to be stewards of one thing He has given us—an finite amount of time in this life.

When we talk about time and the use of time, it is very similar to how we talk about money ... we spend it, we waste it, we save it, we invest it. But there is one difference between time and money — we can make more money, but we only have a certain amount of time.

What will you do with the time you have left?

As we approach Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter, spend some time with the Lord, praising him,

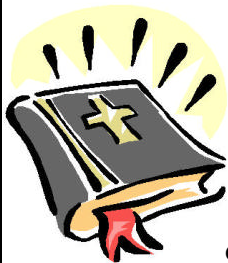
thanking him, and worshipping him for the gift of His Son, the gift of the cross and the gift of the resurrection — the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ. Also, invest some time enjoying the family and friends God has given you — another reason to thank him. Also, as Lent continues, enjoy the blessings of Spring (which is what the word “Lent” means) — the blossoming of new life and the return of other life that we haven’t seen for months.

God has given you this time — how will you invest it? Spend it? Use it?

A most blessed Lent and happy Easter to ALL.

*Fr. Ron +*

## Weekly Bible study



Would you like to understand the gospel message more fully? Want to learn and discuss how biblical scripture informs our lives as Christians? If so, plan to join Fr. Ron and others each Wednesday at 1 p.m. to read, discuss and reflect upon the lessons for the coming Sunday Worship service.

We meet in the undercroft and use Synthesis CE (copies available) as a guide to our exploration and discussion. This one-hour investment of time is guaranteed to inform, enrich, and inspire.

## Children's Chapel

Our Children's Chapel program is growing and we need your help. We need several lay volunteers to assist on Sunday mornings. Can you help?

Please contact either Diana Trammell or Maura Zumwalt for details.



**Children's  
Chapel**



## Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 24, 2011**

*Bring your own basket or sacks  
will be provided.*

*Candy donations must be turned in  
by Sunday, April 17*



# 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. We reprint a review of the meaning behind the liturgy of each of the commemorative days of worship and celebration ; first published in the April 2009 issue of VISIONS..

## 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 17, THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION—Palm Sunday

The liturgy of this day telescopes the final events of Jesus’ ministry from the joy of his 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** during the 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. Matthew’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. Matthew’s 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 21, MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm      **Liturgy of the Last Supper, Rite of Foot Washing and Stripping and Washing of the Altar:** This 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.

8:30 p.m.      **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 22, 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 23, EASTER EVE: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Liturgy of the Great Easter Vigil is the most beautiful and powerful liturgy of the Christian Year. 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.

- 7:00 pm      **The Great Vigil Liturgy:** 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.

## April 24, EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

# Inquisitors group hears about Capital Campaign

Twelve parishioners from Resurrection gathered at the home of Lyle and Grace Shaver, April 7, for wine and cheese tasting and to hear Jim Gilligan discuss details of the Capital Campaign program. This was the second of three groups to hear the details.



Photos by Ron McIntire

Pictured l to r: Grace Shaver, Phil Hampton and Ron McIntire (all out of the photo) around the room, Wanda and Herman Meisel, Jim and Petie Scott, Terri Smith, Mary Little, Gary and Maura Zumwalt, and Brenda McIntire.



Photo by Ron Mcintire

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**CALENDAR**  


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- April 3** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- April 3, 10** Lenten Ethics Forum, 9:15 a.m.
- April 4** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- April 4, 18** KC Community Kitchen, Noon
- April 6, 13, 20, 27** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- April 6,13** Ecumenical Lenten Service, 6 p.m.
- April 7, 14** Inquirers Class, 7 p.m.
- April 8** Youth Group Lock-In, 7 p.m.
- April 9** Bingo Party, 6:30 p.m.
- April 12** Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 14** Capital Campaign Steering Committee, 7 p.m.
- April 17** Necessity Pantry Ingathering

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