



Visions

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Parish hears 2010 Annual Report

Fifty or more parishioners attended the annual meeting January 30, 2011 to hear a report on the health of the church and the results of the Capital Campaign survey. If one were to ask “did we have a successful 2010?” the answer on all accounts would be a resounding “YES.”



Photo by Ron McIntire

Three members: **Emil Spears, Jan Pahlas** and **Wanda Meisel** ended their

three-year terms and were rotated off the Vestry. Three new members were elected: **Jerry Ogilvie, Les Woodward** and **Ray Lingrel**, and **Maura Zumwalt** was elected to fill the unexpired term of Laura Wallace.

Fifty parishioners hear the 2010 Annual Report of the Parish.

Following the meeting, many stayed for the “**Chili Cookoff!**” in the undercroft hosted by the Hospitality Committee and many flavors of chili provided by parishioners sporting their favorite recipe.

Summary of Annual Report

- Overall membership increased by 20 members in 2010.
- Baptisms and confirmations were higher in 2010. Resurrection will present 8-10 persons to Bishop Field in May for confirmation and reception in 2011.
- Financially, the church ended the year with a \$5,500 deficit.
- Attendance averaged 96 per Sunday up from 85 in 2009.
- Grace chapter of the Daughters of the King is growing now with 10 members.
- Resurrection expanded assistance to the Community Kitchen to twice monthly to accommodate more parishioners who volunteered to help.
- Collection continued for the Necessity Pantry at St. Michael's in Independence.
- The number of weekend lunches provided for the BackSnack weekend lunch program at Thomas U-tican Elementary School was increased.



Photo by Ron McIntire

Contestants for the Chili Cookoff present their fare.

See Cookoff! on page 6

“Ye have heard that it hath been said ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,’ . . .”

Matthew 5:38 KJV

Church Family News

Prayer List

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

In Sympathy

We offer sympathy to Resurrection members who have experienced the death of family members recently.

*Give to the departed eternal rest, Oh Lord.
Let your light perpetual shine upon them.*

Mary Marietti
(Bob Vickery's sister)

Richard Pahlas
(Jan Pahlas' brother)

Marlene Johnson
(Ruth Lux's sister)

Claudia Long
(Debbie Carle's sister)

Joann Allinder

Angie Phillips

Joe Reed

Evelyn & Lou Jameson

George Mesik

Malcolm Williams

Betty Arnold

Irleen Stuteville

Stewardship 2011

Now is the Time...

How much is enough?

If you have not done so, now is the time to review and improve your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Please consider a generous financial pledge to support the ministries of the church.

Remember!

Necessity Pantry Ingathering



3rd Sunday of every month..

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

Dish Soap, Bath Soap

Adult Toothbrushes, Toothpaste,

Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sause

Shampoo,

\$ Donations for Utilities

NO Paper Towels please.

**When you've seen one shopping center...
you've seen a mall.**

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DOK Prayers

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

- Hanes Burkart
- Bill & Debbie Carle
- Phil & Debbie Clark
- Robert & Angella Clarke
- Crystal Coldiron
- Jason & Wendy Conn
- Rich & Gabe Conn
- Joanne & Art Cox
- Pete and Dana Dellek
- Gene and Norma Dexter



Happy Birthday



February Birthdays

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Alan Ishmael | 20 Dixie Flaigle |
| 5 Evan Lithejohn | 24 Maura Zumwalt |
| 8 Janice Brill | 24 John Laster |
| 14 Linda Spray | 25 Evelyn Jameson |
| 15 Steve Flaigle | 28 Stuart Green |
| 19 Angella Clarke | |

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.

From the Parish



From the Choir Loft

Vaughn Scarcliff

As the season of Epiphany draws to a close, the choir is preparing an anthem titled “*High Upon a Mountain*” written by

Lloyd Larson. It is a contemporary composition that tells how Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus to a high mountain and there Jesus’ face turned to a brilliant light. This anthem fits in with the readings for the Last Sunday of Epiphany which is also known as Transfiguration Sunday.”

During Lent the choir will present musical offerings from major works by Mendelssohn and Mozart as well as compositions from contemporary composers. You will hear a work by David Huntsinger, a contemporary composer, titled *Kyrie Eleison*, translated means Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Several more anthems are being prepared and next month I will have more information on this music.

Will you be a Snow Angel?

Do you have a strong back and a love of wintry weather? If so, please consider volunteering as a Church of the Resurrection "Snow Angel". We are forming a group of parishioners (men and women) who are willing to help clear our church steps and sidewalks prior to Sunday morning services.

Shovels, salt and sand will be provided; all we need is you! Contact **Rich Conn** (228-7483) or **Bill Carle** (510-5145) to volunteer.

To write with a broken pencil is . . .
Pointless.

Diocesan Leadership

Barry R. Howe
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 January 2010

By Jim Gilligan

	January	YTD 2010	Budget
Total Receipts:	\$22,800.04	\$22,800.04	\$12,792.17
Total Expenses:	\$12,679.76	\$12,679.76	\$14,295.91

Attendance

Attendance figures for January

Worship Service Attendance

January 3	80
January 10	87
January 17	61
January 23	71
January 30	80
Attendance	399

Deadline for the March 2011 **VISIONS**
Is Saturday, February 26, 2011

the Rector's Study

A Journey of Generosity

As we, at Resurrection, begin a new journey, a journey into a land of the capital campaign, it is good to pause to reflect upon *“what we are really doing.”* Yes, we recognize that some building repairs are overdue and need to be done; and yes, we acknowledge that a renovated, fresh look to our property can and will, most likely, attract newcomers to our midst. But, beyond the obvious, *“what are we really doing?”* as we launch the stewardship effort that is now underway.

May I suggest that we, as the body of Christ, are either beginning or continuing our Journey of Generosity. Classic definitions of generosity suggest that it is the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return. Generosity can involve offering time, assets or talents to aid someone or something in need. Often equated with charity, generosity is widely accepted in society as a desirable trait.

Let us shift, now, and acknowledge that Jesus recognizes giving as an action of the heart, and as a measure of the heart. Many folks tend to look at the size of a gift or the worthiness of a cause, but Jesus looks at the heart of the giver ... a radically different perspective on generosity.

Money, most often and most easily, flows through our hands to those things that matter most to us.

When we look at what we do with money, we see where our treasure lies and where our heart stands. If we're honest, we know what generosity means.

We, as Christians have the opportunity to give generously and from the heart, touching others by both action and example. In times of prosperity or scarcity, generous giving is an act that changes the world, transforms the heart, and stands as a living testimony to the generosity Jesus modeled and taught.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son ...

By his example, God teaches us to give, setting a standard for unconditional love and sacrificial giving. His desire is that we will learn the joy and fullness of life that come from giving with all our heart.

Generosity is more than a message; it is a critical part of God's plan for all of us. Embracing a life of generous living enables us to grow more intimately in our relationship with God. And that, my friends, is *“what we are really doing.”*

Fr. Ron +

Recipe: Great White Chili - Rich Conn

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil	1 Chipotle chili, reserve sauce
2 Onions, chopped fine	3 lb Chicken, in small cubes
6 Cloves garlic, sliced thin	2 (28 oz) Cans chopped tomatoes with juice
4 tsp Dried oregano	2 (15.5 oz) Cans pinto beans, rinsed
2 1/2 tsp Ground cumin	1 (15.5 oz) Can Cannellini Beans and juice
1 1/2 tsp salt	2 stalks Celery, sliced very thin
1 Cup Sliced mushrooms	1 (15.5 oz) Can white corn and juice
1 tsp Smoky paprika	Adobo (Spanish for “sauce” or “marinade”)

- Heat the olive oil in a large heavy saucepan over a medium flame. Add the onions, garlic, oregano, cumin, salt and paprika; cook for about 7 minutes, stirring occasionally until the onion is soft and the spices are fragrant.
- Stir in the chipotle and 1 tbsp of the sauce.
- Add the chicken and cook and stir about 2 minutes or until the meat turns opaque.
- Stir in the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Lower the heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
- Uncover, increase the heat and simmer. Stir briskly and often for about 25 to 30 minutes until thickened.
- Add Adobo to taste.
- Cool and refrigerate for 24 hours to meld the flavors.

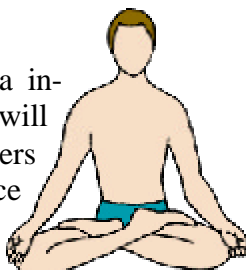
Warm for 30 minutes prior to serving. Serve with avocado, fresh chopped cilantro, cheese, scallions and sour cream.

Yoga classes offered

A sign-up sheet appeared on the bulletin board recently asking for an expression of interest in a beginner's class in Yoga. When almost 30 folks said "yes," the details of Resurrection's latest offering began to take shape.

Here are the details:

Becky Palmer, a certified Yoga instructor and fellow Episcopalian, will lead the program aimed at beginners or those new to the ancient practice of yoga. Each class will last one hour and will be offered, initially, for six weeks. The first class is FREE with a \$5 per session fee requested thereafter. Each session will be held in the church undercroft. Participants are invited to bring a mat (available at Target, WalMart) or beach-size towel and comfortable, loose fitting clothing.



The dates of this initial offering are Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19 from 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. "The program dates coincide with the liturgical season of Lent," said Fr. Ron Keel, Rector. "We often consider *giving up* something during this time; *taking on* something can also increase our awareness of the importance of preparing for the good news that awaits us at Easter." Perhaps, *taking on* the practice of yoga can serve as a Lenten discipline for you, this year.

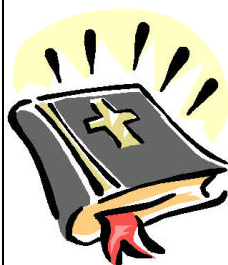
From the Community Kitchen

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

- They 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.

Rich Conn

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.

Cookoff!: from page 1



Campaign Co-Chairs named



Phil and Kitty Hampton



Ron and Brenda McIntire

Phil and Kitty Hampton and Ron and Brenda McIntire have agreed to serve as

Capital Campaign Co-Chairs. "Celebrating the first fifty years of Christian witness and preparing for the next fifty years will be the focus of our campaign," said Fr. Ron Keel. The Hamptons and McIntires are the face of Resurrection's past and its future. It's wonderful that they will serve in this leadership role." Thanks to these parishioners for their support, leadership and love of Resurrection.

Meet our campaign consultant



Bill Cordaro

For over a decade, Church Development has provided professional consultation to churches in the area of Stewardship. Their experience and research has proven helpful to hundreds of worshipping communities throughout the United States. In addition to offering capital campaign consultation, professional services in the

areas of annual stewardship campaigns, readiness assessments, planned giving management and giving workshops are, also, offered.

Resurrection is working with one of the professional staff from Church Development as we begin our capital campaign journey. Bill Cordaro comes to us with both experience and an educational background well suited for this ministry.

Bill has a Master's degree in Theology; has worked as youth ministry director for the Catholic diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph; and has assisted churches around the country with their stewardship ministries during the past decade. Bill is married with three adult children. While Bill works with client churches around the country, he is based in Kansas City. We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with and be guided by Bill Cordaro.

Ordination and Consecration



Ordination and Consecration of The Very Reverend Martin S. Field

Saturday, March 5

11:00 a.m. - Ordination and installation service
1:00 p.m. - Post-ordination reception

Sunday, March 6

10:15 a.m. - Welcome and seating at
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Capital Campaign needs you

You're invited to be an important part of shaping the future of Church of the Resurrection. We are looking for volunteers to commit to three or four meetings between now and the end of May 2011 to work with six campaign team leaders to develop the Capital Campaign program. The team leaders are:

- Prayer: **Larry Sullivan**
- Events: **Gabe Conn**
- Children/Youth: **Diana Trammell**
- Thanks: **Debbie Carle**
- Communications: **Connie Pickett**
- Ambassador: **Jerry Ogilvie**

What are the benefits of participation?

- You'll work with others like yourself.
- You'll practice good stewardship.
- You'll be part of a total parish effort.
- You'll feel a great sense of accomplishment when you see the fruits of your labor around the church.

You'll have an opportunity to learn about the campaign and take part in selecting various church improvements begin considered and you can work with the campaign team of your choice.



Photo by Ron McIntire

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CALENDAR

- February 2, 9, 16, 23** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- February 6** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- February 7** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- February 7, 21** KC Community Kitchen, Noon
- February 8** Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
- February 14** Campaign Volunteer Meeting, 7 p.m.
- February 20** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- February 26** Campaign Steering Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

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