

Visions

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A Capital Success! Work well done

How our church came together to commit \$223,000 to renovate our building and grounds.

By Connie Pickett

The journey to Church of the Resurrection's successful Capital Campaign began last fall with a simple realization: the almost 50-year-old church building and its grounds needed repair, renovation and upgrades. But, then the sobering question, in this faltering economy was this a good time to mount a major fund-raising drive?

"After much prayerful thought, the Vestry decided it was an idea worth exploring," said Randy Goyer, then senior warden. "We decided the church needed some help and if we didn't do it now, it would cost a lot more later. It was time to bite the bullet."

"The next question was who had the expertise to run such a large campaign?" Goyer said, "We had done several smaller campaigns for specific purposes, such as the roof, air conditioning repair and the undercroft renovation. But, here, we were talking about \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of projects we had identified as priorities. We didn't think we had the knowledge necessary to conduct such a large campaign."

After some research by Father Ron Keel, the Vestry decided to engage Church Development, a Kansas City-based consulting firm, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the congregation's interest in a 3-year capital campaign. Senior consultant Bill Cordaro from Church Development, helped the Vestry design the survey and conducted in-person interviews during November and December. Sixty parishioners repre-

senting 44 households completed the survey, with Cordaro interviewing 23 people from 17 households.

Survey Results

- More than 90 percent of respondents said the church was meeting their spiritual needs, providing ample opportunity for fellowship and were confident about Resurrection's leadership.
- Seventy-five percent said it was important the church renovate and upgrade its facilities to be good stewards of our property, attract new members and grow the Body of Christ.
- More than 70 percent of the respondents strongly supported resurfacing the parking lot, replacing the floor and wall coverings in the sanctuary, and refurbishing the altar and chancel area.
- Fifty to 60 percent of the respondents favored improving indoor lighting; replacing pews and kneelers; and upgrading outdoor lighting and landscaping.
- Forty-one percent favored a Columbarium.
- Respondents also suggested enlarging the foyer, adding a wheelchair lift or elevator, fixing the windows and repairing sidewalks.

Getting Organized

In February, Ron and Brenda McIntire and Phil and Kitty Hampton were named Capital Campaign Co-chairs. At the first Steering Committee meeting the fundraising financial goal was set at \$200,000.

A Management committee was designated to oversee the day-to-day operations of the campaign – members include Fr. Keel, Bill Carle, Diane Gerlach, the McIntires and the Hamptons. Seven parishioners were named Campaign team chairmen:

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***"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled."***

Matthew 5:6 KJV

Church Family News

Prayer List

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

In Sympathy

Condolences and heartfelt sympathy are extended to **Ruth and Louis Lux** in the death of **Sherri (Lux) Gloria**, their daughter.

May the soul of Sherri and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Congratulations New Graduates

Church of the Resurrection honored seven 2011 graduates from local high schools and colleges at the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, May 29.

Sharing the honor were:

- Kati Gilligan**, Univ. of Missouri
 - John Gilligan**, Central Missouri State University
 - Daniel Meany**, Blue Springs HS
 - Danielle Forrest**, Valley View HS
 - Ben Boggs**, Lee's Summit North HS
 - Krista Meany**, Univ. of Missouri
 - Jennifer Lux**, KC Police Academy
- Congratulations to one and all!

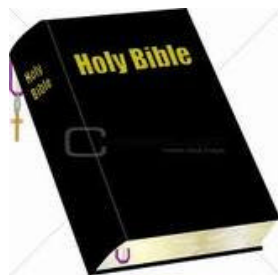
Baptism



Photos by Ron Keel

Pictured (l. to r.) Addyson Ingersoll, Brian Ingersoll, Bridget Ingersoll, Liam Ingersoll, Fr. Ron Keel, Kathleen O'Shea, Michael O'Shea, God-parents.

Congratulations to **Liam Grady Ingersoll** on his Baptism, June 5, 2011. Liam is the son of **Brian and Bridget Ingersoll**, brother of **Addyson Ingersoll** and grandson of **Linda Spray**.



- Joann Allinder**
- Angie Phillips**
- Joe Reed**
- Evelyn & Lou Jameson**
- George Mesik**
- Andy Flores**
- Ione Sparby**
- Irleen Stuteville**
- Ron McIntire**
- Jan Ready**

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

Remember!

Necessity Pantry Ingathering



3rd Sunday of every month..

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

- Dish Soap, Bar Soap, Shampoo,*
- Women's Deodorant,*
- Sanitary Pads, Toilet Tissue*
- \$ Donations for Utilities*

NO Paper Towels please.

Daughters of the King Summer Brunch Invitation

Join the Daughters of the King for fun and fellowship at a summer brunch for the women of the church and their daughters.

When: 10 a.m. until noon
Saturday, July 30, 2011

Where: Church of the Resurrection Undercroft

Featured Speaker

Hear Deacon **Nila Bishop** speak about her journey to the priesthood.

Please sign up for the brunch by June 22, on the signup sheets on the Narthex bulletin board.



DOK Prayers

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

Ernie & Diane Gerlach
George Gilkey
Jim & Elaine Gilligan
Randy & Alex Goyer
Brian & Sheila Gravagna
Tom & Stephanie Green
Vivian Hamilton
Andrew & Michelle Hampton
Phil & Kitty Hampton
Roy Hatfield



Happy Birthday



June Birthdays

6 Esther Rich	19 Mark Dyer
6 Anya Mallory	19 Hayden Wallace
6 Chuck Sprofera	20 Hanes Burkart
8 Mali Craig	22 Mariena Boggs
11 Richard Conn	24 JoAnn Allinder
11 Wendy Conn	25 Morton Mallory
12 Norma Dexter	27 Emily Ishmael
14 Judy Ramirez	28 Diane Gerlach
15 Cindy McConchie	28 Brian Gravagna
15 Krista Meany	29 Grace Shaver
15 Kara Roedel	

Sunday Breakfast

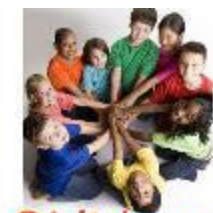
Friends of the Pancake serve pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats, juice and coffee in the Undercroft on the First Sunday of the month.

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

Children's Chapel



Children's Chapel

Several volunteers are needed in the Children's Chapel to assist with the large number of children attending the chapel. Your help is needed Sunday mornings on a rotating basis.

No teaching experience or preparation is necessary!

Please contact **Diana Trammell** or **Maura Zumwalt** for more details.

Capital Campaign picnic a success



The party began about 6 p.m. with 60 or more parishioners on hand,

Charley Reese manning the music and taking requests.

Beef brisket prepared by Gabe Conn and all the goodies that went with it lined the food table. Water, tea, and lemonade were provided and . . . what's that you say . . . beer? Oh my!



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 May 2011

By Jim Gilligan

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD 2011</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts:	\$11,776.40	\$69,205.32	\$63,990.85
Total Expenses:	\$14,424.13	\$66,820.29	\$63,323.80
	<u>Total Pledges</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Capital Campaign:	\$222,690.00	\$37,835.00	\$184,855.00

Attendance

Attendance figures for May

Worship Service Attendance

May 1	Bishop's Visit	99
May 8		100
May 15		105
May 22	Supply Priest	80
May 29	Memorial Day Weekend	90

Attendance 474

Deadline for the July 2011 **VISIONS**
Is Thursday, June 30, 2011

the Rector's Study

A Need for Diverse Voices

The search for truth is a matter that is before us in many different settings. In the religious arena, this search manifests itself in many interpretations and quests. This month, I yield this space to Vern Barnet, Faith & Beliefs Editor for the Kansas City Star. The article below, used with permission, appeared June 8, 2011 in the Kansas City Star.

Fr. Ron+

By Vern Barnet, Kansas City Star

I asked the Rev. Rob Carr, pastor of North Oak Christian Church, why he thought some people took a recent Rapture prediction so seriously.

This is his response:

"I can sympathize with lots of those gave credence to the radio Bible teacher who continues to offer his listeners a date for the Rapture (now October 21) based on his understanding of the texts. As a college student I first encountered the somewhat similar writings of Hal Lindsey. I was intrigued for a time. I had grown up in mainline Protestantism and had some grasp of biblical content, but my Sunday School teachers (not surprisingly) had not devoted much time to the apocalyptic portions of the Bible. So I had little basis from which to evaluate Lindsey. As I asked questions of campus ministers and my own pastor, I realized Lindsey's views were at odds with much biblical scholarship."

"I can't claim to know much about the followers of this radio evangelist. But I have a hunch that many of them have accepted his teaching because, like me 35 years ago, they lacked a basis upon which to evaluate what they heard. This argues for the importance of diverse voices and perspectives in faith communities that encourage questions. This was the gift my church gave me as a young person."

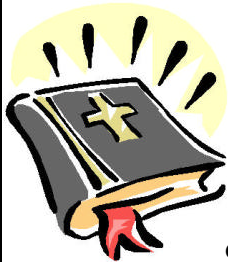
"Modernity, driven by Newtonian laws of physics, offered Western culture a sense of machinelike predictability or mathematical certainty about the material world. Post-modernity has been shaped by more recent 'new science' or 'new physics.' For example, subatomic matter can behave in surprising and mysterious ways. Post-modernity is more open-ended and more evolutionary in its approach than modernity."

"The radio preacher seems to approach Scripture in a modern way, to predict the actions of a God who has designed a machinelike universe and who has given us the Bible to understand how the machine was put together, how it functions and the mathematically predictable direction in which it is headed."

"Post-modernism is reclaiming what the premodern writers and editors of Scripture seem to have deeply understood: Truths about God and the universe do not lend themselves to simple formulations. They are most deeply expressed and experienced via story and symbol, read and interpreted not in isolation but among a community where differences are valued and questions are encouraged.

"In our search for truth, our task is not to choose between math or mystery, but to recognize when it's appropriate to utilize either or both of them to further our understanding and spiritual growth."

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.

I have good news and bad news:

The bad news—the copier ate the original.

The good news—it did it at incredible speed.

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CAMPAIGN - from page 1**Prayer** – Larry Sullivan;**Events** – Gabe Conn;**Communications** – Connie Pickett;**Children-Youth** – Diana Trammell;**Ambassadors** – Jerry Ogilvie;**Thanks** – Debbie Carle;**Projects** – Bill Carle.

In all, more than 50 church members served on campaign committees.

Two of the first tasks were to identify a campaign slogan and a campaign prayer. The vestry viewed the campaign as a celebration of the church's first fifty years (as of 2014, the last year of our campaign) and preparing for the next fifty. So, the communications committee selected "Praise for our past; Investing in our future" as the campaign slogan. A graphic designer turned the slogan into a colorful logo that appeared on all campaign literature, inside and outside banners, magnets, a campaign newsletter and the Commitment Sunday brochure and pledge card. At the end of April, the communications committee edited and approved the brochure to be sent to the congregation in advance of May 15 Commitment Sunday.

In the meantime, the Prayer team wrote a campaign prayer that appeared in every Sunday bulletin and each weekly e-mail. The team also produced a prayer and meditation guide to be used throughout the three-year campaign.

Once the campaign got underway, the Events team swung into action, scheduling two evening wine and cheese parties, a bingo night and a presentation at the annual St. Patrick's Day where campaign leaders explained the campaign process and solicited ideas on what needed to be done.

The Children/Youth committee came up with ideas for the children and youth members of the church. The children and youth began collecting cans and baking cookies to earn money to donate to the campaign. In order to show the congregation how much they earned, they cut out foam footprints of shoes and started a path leading from the Children's Chapel through the undercroft. The children have raised \$119.85 so far.

The Ambassadors team was charged with calling members of the church to explain why the church was mounting a campaign and asking for support. The Thanks committee is writing thank you letters to all contributors and plans to provide wooden crosses to all those who complete their commitment. The Pro-

jects committee sprang up during the campaign to research various proposed projects, work on gathering bids and estimates, and more fully define the projects that will be undertaken.

At the end of April, the communications committee edited and approved the campaign brochure to be sent out to the congregation in advance of May 15 Commitment Sunday. Commitment package pledge cards and mailing labels were designed and printed. After committee members prepared the campaign packets, they were mailed to parish members' homes. At the same time, the campaign management committee asked all steering committee members, including the vestry, to make their commitments in advance.

Commitment Sunday, May 15, 2011

By the end of Commitment Sunday, \$202,110 had been committed and the campaign pledge barometer in the foyer was already obsolete. We had exceeded our goal on Day 1.

In an email to steering committee and Vestry members that evening, Father Ron wrote: We will not rest on this accomplishment, as much remains to be done. However, let us pause, now . . ., take a well-deserved breath and break . . . and rejoice in this wonderful accomplishment. Congratulations to ALL. I believe God is smiling as we respond to his leadership in our lives.

Steering committee and prayer committee member Frances Lingrel was even more succinct: "All I can say is Thanks be to God!!!"

As of June 12, church treasurer Jim Gilligan reports that over \$223,000 has been pledged, and, more importantly, \$38,115 is actually in hand. In all, the church received 55 pledges that averaged \$4,000. "I was not surprised," Gilligan said. "I always believed we had more capacity for giving than we thought."

The Work Ahead

The Vestry decided last fall that no money would be borrowed to begin projects. So a timetable will be determined, guided to a great extent, by what and when committed funds are available. Gilligan will gather campaign commitments as they are received and will advise the Vestry on funds available to be used for the various projects.

So far, the Projects Committee, led now, by Senior Warden Bill Carle, has received bids on updated interior lighting, altar and chancel renovations as well as new and refinished pews. The committee is also gathering bids on the parking lot refurbishment. In addition, Carle said, the committee is consulting an inte-

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rior designer about how to best coordinate the interior improvements.

It is the Church's elected Vestry that is ultimately charged with the responsibility to decide when and how funds will be used and for what projects. These decisions, of course, will be made by listening to and soliciting congregational input. In the meantime, the Communications Committee will ensure the congregation is kept up to date on news and campaign progress.

Ron McIntire, one of our longest active, current members of Resurrection (43 years) and Campaign Co-chair summed up the campaign like this: "It was a well organized effort; the involvement of many people and the generous spirit of the congregation resulted in a very successful campaign."

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Fr. Keel contributed to this article

Resurrection welcomes new deacon



Deacon Nila Bishop

A hearty welcome to newly ordained deacon **Nila Bishop** who will continue her preparation toward the priesthood. She has been assigned to Resurrection for the next six months for mentoring with Fr. Keel. Nila is looking forward to getting acquainted with the

Resurrection family and becoming involved in the life and ministry of our congregation. Please say hello to Nila and welcome her to Resurrection.

Vacation Bible School

The Episcopal Churches of eastern Jackson County will conduct a combined Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 11-July 15.

VBS will meet each day of that week from 9:00 am to 12 noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 5th & Green Street, Lee's Summit, MO. Children age 3 years thru 5th grade may attend.

A registration form is available in the Church Office.

Open House celebration

You're invited to an Open House to celebrate the graduation of **Kati Gilligan** from Mizzou with a Master degree in Accountancy! *

When: Sunday, June 26, 2011; 2:00-5:00 pm

Where: The Gilligan Home (New address in 2011)

Saddle Ridge Subdivision

3414 S Mize Ridge Ct

Independence, MO 64057

Call 816-547-9091 for directions

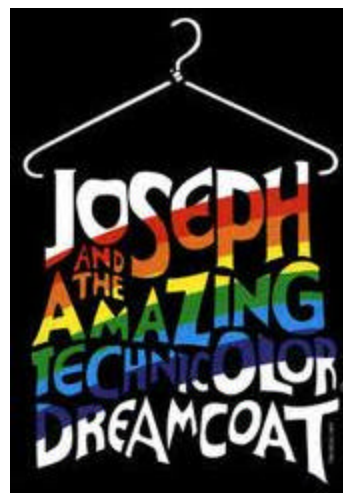
* No gifts please!

Parish Night at the New Theatre Restaurant

Join your fellow parishioners and friends for an evening of great food and entertainment at the New Theatre Restaurant in Overland Park on Sunday evening, August 14. The cost is only \$42 per person.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

a musical theatre event you don't want to miss!



JOSEPH and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, based on the "Coat of Many Colors" story from the Bible's book of Genesis, is an upbeat musical set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles from country/western & calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock-n-roll. With its family friendly storyline, universal themes and catchy music, this Old

Testament tale emerges as both timely and timeless.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Payment must be made to the Church by the end of June.



Photo by Ron McIntire

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CALENDAR

- June 5** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- June 6** Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
- June 6, 20** KC Community Kitchen, Noon
- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- June 14** Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
- June 19** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- June 23** Capital Campaign Mgmt Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

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