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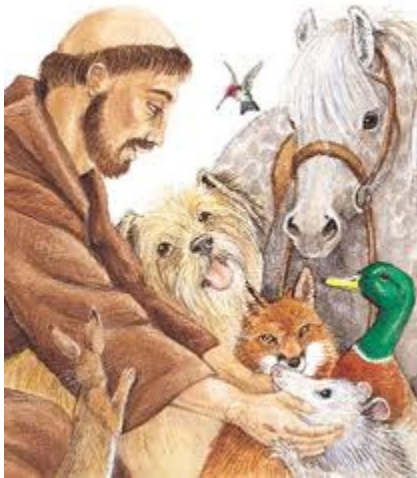
A monthly newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs, Missouri

October 2011

OCTOBER CALENDAR FILLING UP

Blessing of the animals

Columbus Day dinner



On Sunday, October 9, the Episcopal Church celebrates St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth century Italian friar who founded three holy orders. The *Book of Common Prayer* includes a popular prayer attributed to St. Francis (p. 833) who is well known for his

love of animals and nature. His many writings include "Canticle of the Creatures," in which he says, "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." Additionally, he wrote the words of Hymn 400, "All creatures of our God and King."

As has been customary in recent years, a pet blessing liturgy will be offered on the grounds of Church of the Resurrection at 3:00 p.m. Pets of all kinds are welcome to join their owners for a blessing (with certificate) and snacks for all.



Saturday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. is the date and time for this year's Columbus Day celebratio and dinner.

A traditional, home-made Lasagna meal with salad, appetizer, Italian bread, spumoni ice cream, wine and other beverages. **Adults, \$10; kids, \$5.**

Proceeds go to the Capital Campaign. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Recovery Sunday, October 16th

Come - celebrate a special Recovery Eucharist at 8 .a.m or 10:30 a.m. and attend the adult forum at 9:15 a.m.

Rev. Carol Sanford, an Episcopal Priest, will be our guest speaker. She will discuss the disease of addiction and miracle of recovery.

The adult forum on October 23 will include a panel discussion led by Deacon Nila and other members of our Resurrection family. They will share personal experiences with God's amazing gift of Recovery.

**Don't Forget
set your clock
Back 1 hr.
Nov. 6**



"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:20 KJV

Church Family News

Prayer List

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

Mother Nature And her fall colors



Photo by Ron McIntire

Each year, **Ron and Brenda McIntire** get to enjoy the view of a large Maple tree that shows off its fall colors every October. This year was no exception.

New Birth

Congratulations to proud parents **Ryan and Kara Roedel** and siblings, **Tristan and Marci Craig** on the birth of **Braedyn Warner Roedel** August 3, 2011.



With Jesus

Unwind at the end of the week with refreshing drinks, snacks, and spend some time with Jesus.

Join with friends and fellow parishioners on Friday, October 14, starting at 5:30 pm in the church undercroft. Everyone is welcome !!

Jim and Elaine Gilligan will be hosts.

Joann Allinder

Angie Phillips

Joe Reed

Evelyn & Lou Jameson

Irleen Stuteville

Rick Bross

George Mesik

Andy Flores

Ray Lingrel

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Remember!

Necessity Pantry Ingathering



3rd Sunday of every month

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

*Dish Soap, Tampons, Sanitary Pads (thin pads),
 Bar Soap, Canned Foods (fruit, tuna, soup, etc.),
 Boxed Foods (cereal, potatoes, etc.),*

*Men's and Women's Depends (small, medium),
 \$ Donations for Utilities*

NO Paper Towels please.

DOK Prayers

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

- Kim McIntire
- Ron & Brenda McIntire
- Kirk & Frances Meany
- Herman & Wanda Meisel
- Harold & Kelly Mellen
- Niki & Matt Montgomery
- Sue Montgomery
- Samantha Morris
- Sue Norlund
- Jerry & Annie Ogilvie



- 16 Les & Janet Woodward
- 17 Jim & Helen Henry
- 24 Jim & Petie Scott
- 28 Jerry & Annie Ogilvie
- 31 Jeff & Gina Hughes



From the Choir Loft

Vaughn Scarcliff

The choir is back and has begun working on music for Christ the King through Christmas. The selections will include a range of music

from contemporary to compositions by the great masters such as Vivaldi, J.S. Bach and Mendelssohn. We'll have more details as these events get closer.

The **Winds of Harmony** will be with us at the 10:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday in November, so mark your calendars. Resurrection always enjoys this group. You won't want to miss this wonderful music.

As always, we welcome all who wish to join the choir. If time doesn't permit, how about singing with us at Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. We always appreciate the extra voices during these seasons.

Will Rogers once said:

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back in.

Happy Birthday



October Birthdays

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| 1 Carolyn Laster | 15 June Disen |
| 2 Janet Woodward | 19 Justin Goyer |
| 3 Sue Norlund | 19 Abigail Hampton |
| 6 Vaughn Scarcliff | 19 Allie Rogers |
| 6 Vivian Hamilton | 21 Sam Leitner Jr. |
| 7 Lisa Still | 21 Jan Pahlas |
| 9 Jamie Scott | 23 Gigi Abbott |
| 11 Phil Clark | 25 Tonya Vickrey |
| 11 Tess Garcia | 26 Sam Leitner |
| 11 Andrew Hampton | 27 Morgan Wallace |
| 13 George Gilkey | 30 Nancy Sullivan |
| 14 Sandy Arnold | |

Notes from the Kansas City Community Kitchen

By Rich Conn

If you believe what you read, Kansas City is second largest city in the nation for joblessness. The Kansas City Community Kitchen is seeing more and more people every day. Last year, the Kitchen served over one million meals to the homeless and those who have no food. In the area located near the Community Kitchen, a large-box grocery exists but many of the residents have no money for food. I liken it to "A food desert" with an oasis but with no bucket to fill.

For the first six months of 2011 the kitchen, at 8th and Paseo, served 77,883 meals—an increase of 10,453 meals over the same time period in 2010. Roughly speaking that is 600 meals per day.

Many people can attest to the quality of the meals prepared in the kitchen for our guests. It isn't just soup and sandwich production. Popping cans and peeling plastic is not what it's all about. Good tasting, filling, nutritious meals require basic ingredients of superior quality. And here is the problem. Much of our food stuffs are donated by local groceries and funded by a great number of organizations and individuals.

One of the short comings in this system is a lack of condiments and equipment. If a Christmas list were drawn up it would include the following items:

- DaVinci extra virgin olive oil
- Pompeian red wine vinegar
- Balsamic vinegar (store brands are often quite good and less expensive)
- Hunt's ketchup
- Dijon mustard
- Pickle relish
- Yellow mustard
- Rubber Maid 13.5 inch high heat scraper
- Wide off-set spatulas
- Large box grater
- Disk shaped potato masher

NOTE: Some brand names often provide the best value

Many thanks to the people who come to the kitchen several times per month and help serve the nutritious meals and for donating the plastic containers used by the guests to supplement their evening meal. This is a major component in meeting the needs of the people we serve. If the spirit strikes you please contact Rich Conn who can deliver these items to the kitchen.

Weekly Bible



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.



Photo by Ron McIntire
Finding a seat was hard to do at the parish Rally Day Chicken Dinner September 18, 2011.

Joplin tornado relief continues

As a part of the Diocese of West Missouri's response to the Joplin tornado, congregations from around the Diocese are asked to participate in the creation of a "Free Garage Sale" to benefit individuals and families whose lives and homes were destroyed or damaged in the May 2011 storm.

Items to be collected include gently used fall and winter clothing (adult and children): coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, sweaters, blankets, quilts. Holiday items: Halloween decorations and costumes, Thanksgiving decorations, Christmas decorations. Household items: small appliances, coffee makers, mixers, toaster ovens, energy-efficient, safety-rated space heaters, shelving. Household tools: hammers, saws, screwdriver sets, pliers, rakes, shovels

Items can be brought to Resurrection on the following dates: October 2, 5 and 9. This is a great opportunity to help our neighbors in Joplin recover and rebuild their community.

Mid-Week Eucharist

A mid-week worship service has begun and is offered each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The service includes quiet meditation, prayer, a brief scripture reflection and holy communion. The service provides a mid week worship opportunity and flexibility for an increasingly diverse and busy congregation. The service lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Substance abuse Recovery Sunday - October 16th

Church of the Resurrection will celebrate the gift of Recovery from the disease of addiction, October 16, 2011. The celebration will include a special Eucharist and a guest speaker during the adult forum. Recovery is a gift given by a merciful and loving God to people who suffer from this dreaded affliction.

"Our purpose is to raise awareness about addiction and its personal and family impact, and to help our Christian community become a safer and more helpful place for people who struggle with one of life's most difficult problems, problems that can keep them from receiving, in a meaningful way, the love and grace of God," said Fr. Keel.

Within our congregation there are people whose lives have been restored by accepting that they have a condition beyond their control. By embracing a simple spiritual 12-step program with roots in the Anglican Oxford Group, the Sermon on the Mount and the Book of James, their greatest problem has become a great blessing. These people are present day miracles, who give witness to God's healing power in the every day lives of his people.

Addiction is a baffling disease which erroneously tells the sufferer that there is nothing wrong with their behavior. With knowledge of the signs of addiction comes the power to be freed from addiction.

The national level

At the national level, an organization called Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church states in a publication titled *Helping Hands for the Addicted*:

"Beginning with the 66th General Convention Resolution on Alcoholism in 1976, The Episcopal Church committed to actively support those suffering from chemical dependency and to raise the collective national church consciousness of alcohol and drug misuse".

"There is now very clear scientific evidence that alcoholism and other drug addictions are brain chemistry disorders with a strong genetic component".

"Though absolute proof may not be in hand, one thing is clear. Certain otherwise good, intelligent, sane, potentially high functioning people are observed to lose the ability to control their relationship with substances, or certain other pleasure producing behaviors. Their obsessions seem to hijack their brains. No amount of willpower, reason, or evidence to the contrary seems to enable them to see what others can see and motivate them to take action to stop".

Invitation

You are invited to attend two Sunday adult forums on this subject of addiction. Rev. Carol Sanford will be the guest speaker October 16th, and a panel discussion October 23rd will present personal stories about alcoholism and the miracle of recovery.

Fr. Ron Keel, Deacon Nila Bishop and Connie Pickett contributed to this article

Deacon Nila's Corner

"A time to laugh" (Eccl 3:4b)

Today I attended a conference called "You just have to Laugh." We viewed a new documentary film, of the same name, by David Naster. The film documented personal stories of people who had faced very difficult times with the power of laughter. I'm still processing my thoughts about this subject but I do want to share some of my notes:

- The gifts of laughter and humor are from God
- Humor works when it is genuine
- Humor helps us survive
- Laughter lets the light into our lives
- You can't be afraid when you are laughing
- Laughter stops pain
- Humor heals
- We have a choice to laugh or cry
- Life is to be enjoyed
- Laughter opens the door to joy, joy brings light into our lives
- Friendship is the best medicine, laughter opens the door to friendship
- Laughter helps us make the connection
- Laughter is preparation for eternal life
- We have to laugh because it is the nature of God

I think I'll add a new request to my morning prayers: God, please help me laugh today.

Peace, Deacon Nila

Men's ministry update

The possibility of establishing a men's ministry at Church of the Resurrection was discussed at a breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Undercroft.

The **Brotherhood of St. Andrew** is a national Episcopal organization and is one model for such a men's ministry.

Another breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of determining what a men's ministry might look like at Resurrection. The Friends of the Pancake (Resurrection's breakfast cooks) will, again, prepare a hearty morning meal. All men of the church are invited to attend.

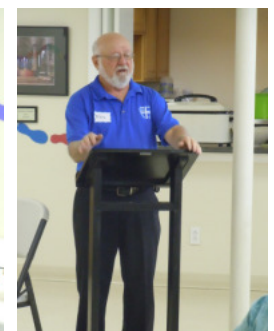


Jere Brown

Visitors from the Camdenton, MO chapter of Brothers of St. Andrew



Mike McConnell



Mike explains what his chapter does in Camdenton.

Photos by Ron McIntire



Friends of the Pancake, Steve Flaigle (left) and Rich Conn (rt.)





Photo by Ron McIntire

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CALENDAR

- October 2** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- October 3** Daughters of the King, 7 a.m.
- October 3, 17** KC Community Kitchen, Noon
- October 5, 12, 19, 26** Bible Study, 1 p.m.
- October 2** First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- October 8** Columbus Day dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- October 14** Happy Hour with Jesus, 5:30 p.m.
- October 16** Necessity Pantry Ingathering
- October 5, 12, 19, 26** Mid-week Holy Eucharist, 6p.m.
- October 29** Men's Breakfast, 9 a.m.

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