



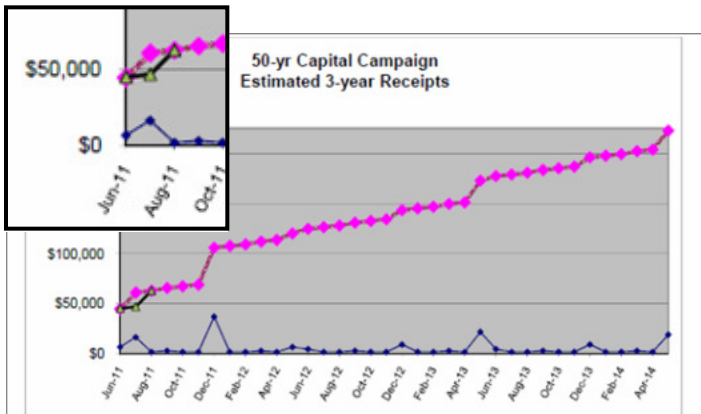
Visions

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September 2011

Capital Campaign update



Capital Campaign contributions on pace with projections

Our 50th year Capital Campaign finished with a total of \$222,690 pledged over a three-year period to support the ministry of Church of the Resurrection. Cash receipts are expected to be received on a monthly basis over the next 3 years, with \$106,000 projected to be received in 2011 alone. So far contributions are exactly on pace. During the first three months following the campaign we were projecting receipts totaling \$62,740. Through August 31, \$62,855 had actually been received, plus other contributions totaling \$618, of which the Children's Chapel contributed \$168! See the inset in the accompanying chart.

Through August we have spent \$18,847 for campaign expenses and architect fees, leaving a balance of \$44,626 available.

Your diligence and commitment in completing your Capital Campaign pledge as promised is very much appreciated and needed. The sooner we receive funds, the sooner we can start construction. Remember, your campaign pledge is kept separate from the normal operating funds and is an addition to your annual recurring support.

Jim Gilligan -Treasurer

Project progress report

Gathering commitments was just the first step on the road to making major improvements to our parish. We must now logically plan and organize the projects in a way that allows us to move forward.

Because we made the decision to complete the renovations without debt financing, the projects must be scheduled with the receipt of sufficient funding. As the funds become available, the work must then be staged to coincide with the church calendar, construction schedules, church services and Vestry approval.

Here's the progress of the project so far:

- The feasibility study, completed last winter, showed that in addition to the planned improvements, parishioners were also interested in expansion of the narthex, a chair lift and the establishment of a columbarium. To accomplish this goal, **Roy Browne**, a local architect, has been contracted to develop a design proposal for the narthex expansion on the placement of the chair lift and access doorways in the undercroft. Once approved, these proposals will permit us to gather bids for the project.
- The project team is working with **Gail Golden**, an interior designer with Hobson Interiors, to provide us with lighting proposals and an artistic proposal for the renovated worship space.
- Parking lot renovations will likely be delayed until major construction is complete to avoid damage to the surface of the new parking lot.

Please join us during the September 18th Rally Day gathering for a short presentation on the proposed narthex expansion and status of Capital Campaign finances.

Along with the Vestry members and campaign leadership, I wish to thank all parishioners for their great interest and enthusiasm in our effort to renovate the church building and grounds.

Bill Carle - Vestry Sr. Warden

Church Family News

Prayer List

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

Resurrection to support Joplin tornado relief

As a part of the Diocese of West Missouri's response to the Joplin tornado, congregations from around the Diocese are being 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 for the October 22 garage sale include gently used fall and winter clothing

(adult and children); Christmas items (decor, artificial trees, gifts); household items (small furniture and appliances); and Halloween costumes for children. Items can be brought to Resurrection on dates and times soon to be announced. The last date for item collection will be October 9.

This is a great opportunity to help our neighbors in Joplin recover and rebuild their community.

Men's ministry proposed

The desire for men to gather periodically for Christian fellowship and service has surfaced as a reason to explore the organization of such a group.

The possibility of establishing a men's ministry at Church of the Resurrection will be discussed at a breakfast meeting scheduled for 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. Representatives from other churches and the Brotherhood will be present to offer information and answer questions that morning as The Friends of the Pancake (Resurrection's breakfast cooks) will prepare a hearty morning meal. An invitation for all men to attend will be sent soon.

- Joann Allinder**
- Angie Phillips**
- Joe Reed**
- Gigi Abbott**
- Evelyn & Lou Jameson**
- George Mesik**
- Irleen Stuteville**
- Rick Bross**

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Editor.....Ron McIntire
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Remember!

**Necessity Pantry
Ingathering**



3rd Sunday of every month
* * * **Needed this month** * * *

*Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo
Tampons, Sanitary Pads, Disposable Razors
Canned Soups, Vegetables, Tuna, Cereal
\$ Donations for Utilities*

NO Paper Towels please.

DOK Prayers

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

Bill & Elizabeth Kessler
 John & Carolyn Laster
 Sam & Michelle Leitner
 Ina Lewis
 Mary Liddle
 Ray & Frances Lingrel
 Evan Littlejohn
 Louis & Ruth Lux
 Morton & Tanya Mallory
 Annette Massey



23 John & Carolyn Laster

24 Brian & Sheila Gravagna

26 Ryan & Kara Rodei

Mid-week Eucharist

There have been numerous requests from parishioners for a mid-week worship service. As a result, services will begin on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m., and will include quiet meditation, a brief scripture reflection and holy communion.

Father Ron Keel is enthusiastic about an additional worship service citing the importance of providing alternatives and flexibility for an increasingly diverse and busy congregation. "Our growing congregation and the desire for alternative worship times and formats is the basis for this new worship opportunity," he said. The liturgical format of the service is not finalized at this time, but is expected to include time for private meditation and devotion and sharing of the Lord's Supper. The service is expected to last approximately 30 minutes.

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



September Birthdays

3 Pat Driver

15 Jayden Morris

4 Elaine Gilligan

21 Jason Conn

6 Kati Gilligan

23 Frances Meany

7 Betty Herman

25 Kim McIntire

10 Judi Bumpas

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

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 will-power, 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.

Recovery Committee, Deacon Nila Bishop and Connie Pickett contributed to this article

Three Faces of Addiction

The problem drinker

First, it was a beer after work with the other guys. Before long that beer became a 12-pack he took home to drink alone. Then as he grew more successful, he switched to good Scotch, never drunk until the working day was done. Toward the end, he switched to vodka, drinking 4 big bottles a week.

He thought he was handling it just fine; after all he never had a DUI and never missed work. But his family disagreed. He tried to cut back, one time going 8 months without a drink. But shortly after he drank one beer at a barbeque, he soon was right back to his previous levels of drinking.

That's when his grown kids stepped in, told him they loved him and he was welcome in their homes, but only if he was sober. At first, he was angry but decided to talk to an Alcoholics Anonymous member he knew. He went to a meeting, full of successful men like himself and realized his story was no different from theirs. And that he did have a problem.

"I'm very gratified that my family did what they did. If I had realized earlier that alcohol was a disease and not a character defect, I might have sought help earlier. I had that machismo, you know."

Twenty years later, he's still sober with a great relationship with his wife, his children and his grandchildren, whom he often spends time with and whom he has

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warned that "alcoholism is a disease that runs in families. I've got it and you need to be on guard against it."

A suffering family

A young, shy, naïve bride marries a man who drinks occasionally. She doesn't think much of it, because her father occasionally drank alcohol. It took her maybe 15 years before she began to realize her husband might have a serious problem. She thought she might be to blame – at least that's what he told her, over and over. She tried to hide the problem from her parents and took her frustrations out on her children. Her husband's drinking led to money woes; their kids started having behavioral problems. She thought about leaving him. She also was forced to go out and get a job.

"It was very difficult for me to do. I was a mouse in the corner. But I came out of my shell and started doing a better job of raising my children and living my life."

When her husband finally went to Alcoholics Anonymous, she discovered Al-Anon, a related group to AA that serves family members of alcoholics and addicts of any kind. "Alcoholics have ways of pushing your buttons. What you learn in Al-Anon helps you not to let that happen." At Al-Anon, she says, "we stress the importance of

our own recovery, of dealing with our own character defects that enabled the alcoholic or addict."

More than three decades later, she and her husband are happily married, he's sober, the children are successful adults, and she's no longer "a mouse."

A teenage drug and alcohol addict

She was 12 when friends of an older sister introduced her to drugs and alcohol. "They saw me as the party kid because they knew my sister wouldn't go for it. I thought I was cool." One of those friends, a 15-year-old, became her boyfriend. "I rolled with what he did. We smoked (marijuana), did alcohol, some Ecstasy. He huffed, but I thought that was weird. "She thinks her mom, with whom she lived, knew what she was doing.

Some time later, her dad, who was "heavy into pills," got into AA. "I was watching him from afar. It was like they (the AA group he hung with) was this huge family. Everybody looked happy and I wanted that."

In the meantime, she had overdosed on Oxycontin, a prescription pain drug; after that, she was ready to quit. "Dad told me I had to get sober before I could come live with him." So she ditched the boyfriend and joined her dad's AA group. Now 16, she just celebrated her 18th month of sobriety.

Area resources for drug and alcohol recovery

Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, 888-306-1542, www.episcopalrecovery.org

Church of the Resurrection, 816-228-4220, church library – Section devoted to books on addiction and pamphlets on alcoholism, Al-Anon, Alateen and other local resources, along with phone numbers of church members to call.

National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, 816-361-5900
First Call (local): www.recoverycentral.org National: www.ncadd.org/

Lists of area treatment facilities:

www.kc-aa.org/resources.htm

www.recoverycentral.org/treatmentproviders.html

Kansas City Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office, 816-471-7229,
www.kc-aa.org/resources.htm

Kansas City Al-Anon (and Alateen), 816-373-8566,
www.kansascity-al-anon.org

Kansas City Narcotics Anonymous Central Office
www.kansascityna.org

Cocaine Anonymous, 913-248-8873

<http://www.camissouri.org>

From the Parish

Rally Day is a comin'

A tradition at Resurrection, in recent years, has been Rally Day, a day set aside in the fall as a time to return to church and church activities as the busyness of summer schedules and vacations winds down.

September 18 has been designated as this year's Rally Day. Here's how the day is shaping up:

- Two traditional worship services: 8:00 a.m. Rite I and 10:30 a.m. Rite II
- Special music for the 10:30 a.m. worship service
- Fried Chicken & Pot-Luck Lunch at 11:45 a.m.
- Activities for children and our little people
- Special music/entertainment at the luncheon
- Information on Fall activities and Capital Campaign progress and plans will be presented.

A newly designed Church of the Resurrection shirt will be available for order or purchase. Make plans now to attend 2011 Rally Day.

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!

Acolyte and Lay Reader Training



Calling all Acolytes new and old, boys and girls, men and women. An orientation and training session for everyone wishing to serve as worship service acolytes will be held on **Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m.** at the church.

This is the time to learn, remember and talk about this important ministry. A Pizza lunch will follow.

Diocesan Leadership

Martin S. Field
Bishop

Vestry Leadership

Bill Carle
Senior Warden

Ray Lingrel
Junior Warden

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The Rev. Ron Keel
Priest and Rector

Diane Gerlach
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Vaughn Scarcliff
*Music Director
Organist*

Ron McIntire
*VISIONS Editor
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Financial Report

August 2011

By Jim Gilligan

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD 2011</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 7,213.15	\$102,327.47	\$102,367.36
Total Expenses:	\$12,210.05	\$102,630.39	\$104,356.03
	<u>Total Pledges</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Capital Campaign:	\$222,690.00	\$62,855.00	\$159,835.00

Attendance

Attendance figures for August

Worship Service Attendance

August 7	81
August 14	79
August 21	76
August 28	83

Attendance **319**

Deadline for the October 2011 Visions
Is Friday, September 30, 2011

Deacon Nila's Corner

Reflections on abundant living

Years ago when I returned to church, after turning my back on God (in the intellectual thinking of my 20's), I heard the scripture from John 10:10: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Immediately I thought, "that is what I want!" Of course, I didn't really know what it meant to have life abundantly. I already had a husband, two children and a house full of things. But I knew my life was lacking something. Something was missing.

During this period of seeking a personal relationship with God, I started reading a daily meditation book called *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*. It was in that book that I found what seemed for me to describe abundant living. It said, in part: "A good life is a growing, expanding life, with ever-widening horizons, an ever-greater circle of friends and acquaintances and an ever-greater opportunity for usefulness."

I adopted these ideas as my own definition of abundant living and began to watch for ways to be useful, make new friends and try new experiences. This served me well for many years.

Then, slowly, I grew in a new understanding of abundant living. I heard it every Sunday in the Eucharistic Prayer: "when he had given thanks," and even said it myself at the closing "Thanks be to God." Yes, the key I found to abundant living was to be thankful in all things. This is what Paul had instructed the new Christians to do in his First Letter to the Thessalonians: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give

thanks in all circumstance; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I do live an abundant life today. Yes, there is lots that I could complain about, but that leads me away from the abundant life. So when I fill my gas tank, I thank God that I have money to pay for it. When I grab my cane to walk, I thank God that I can walk with a cane. I thank God for the night of rest and the new day each morning. My life is full today, that sense of something lacking from years ago has disappeared, replaced by a thankful heart.

Are you living life abundantly? If not, I invite you to try Paul's suggestion "give thanks in all circumstance."

Peace, Deacon Nila

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.

Happy Hour 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, September 9,

starting at 5:30 pm in the church undercroft. Everyone is welcome !!

Hosted by Jim and Elaine Gilligan

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Episcopal
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CALENDAR

September 4 First Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.

September 5, 19 KC Community Kitchen, Noon

September 7, 14, 21, 28 Bible Study, 1 p.m.

September 9 Happy Hour with Jesus, 5:30 p.m.

September 13 Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.

September 18 Necessity Pantry Ingathering

September 21, 28 Mid-week Holy Eucharist, 6 p.m.

September 24 Men's Ministry initial meeting, 9 a.m.

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