

CrossRoads



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From the Priest

Off we go! It's church program kick-off season again, as if Resurrection hasn't been full of programming during the summer, capped off with a fabulous Ribfest. This community really gave itself to the effort, beginning about nine months ago, and the good spirit Saturday, August 27, impressed everyone who attended. What a great welcome to visitors, and what a great gift to our community—good food, good music, good welcome, and lots of money to build a Habitat house with the next prospective homeowner. Potters, stitchers, whittlers, jewelry makers, apple-pie fryers, slaw-stirrers, bean-bakers, and plant-growers, as well as rib-roasters and string-pluckers, got to show their stuff. Some Resurrection folks even welcomed visitors into our nave for a moment of cool, holy quiet. And the Ribfest preparation teams made it look easy. A couple of guests wanted to hire our team for their fundraising event. I told them they couldn't afford us. This event is put on for love.

Many of you have asked whether I'm back in the groove now after having been gone all summer. Well, sort of and sort of not. Being with you all—in individual conversation and in community events—has been easy and fun. A summer away from the nitty-gritty details of e-mail, phone calls, scheduling, and planning has helped me feel connected to you at a deeper level, actually, because I've been able to sit with my soul, to breathe in God's presence in more deeply, and to become more available to others, including Mike. That's how I like being present with you. It's that deeper, attentive connection I want to "bring home" and keep from my sabbatical. That is the gift I have to give this parish. For me, it requires slow cooking.

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The year I spent as chaplain to the Bishop Search Committee revealed quite clearly that my best gift is to speak to, lead, and pray with others from my spiritual heart. My role was to show up, pay attention, name our quandaries and desires before God, and ask folks to wonder how events from our experience, tradition, or scripture might shed some light on whom God might be calling as our bishop. When we were confused or tired or frustrated, I led them in prayer. When we disagreed, I asked for a break from discussion so we could listen in silence. We even sang. We were all touched by the Spirit's imminence and intimacy among us. In that work I did not have to keep lists, tally paperwork, plan schedules, or initiate communication strategies. Focusing my attention in this role was truly satisfying. So was the spiritual writing I did for you and for the Upper Room this summer.

As some of you know, I have a mild case of adult attention deficit disorder, which means that my engagement with a task is easily broken up by almost any stimulus—voices, questions, phone calls, e-mail alerts, cell phone ringers, unexpected visitors, records to keep, schedules that pull me from one task and location to another. In addition, once I have left a situation or task, I'm likely to forget the details.

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Now that I've rested, I'm trying to ingrain new habits that help me direct my attention effectively. I'm allowing myself a little more time to regroup and transition between activities; trying to finish off the notes, filing, calendar-listing before I move on; turning off e-mail delivery alerts and checking mail only a couple of times a day; ignoring and deleting e-mail that isn't directly about my work with you or my family. I'm trying to stop regularly to pray/move/ breathe my way back to centeredness. On Wednesday afternoons I'm going home to write my Sunday sermon. I'm trying to choose carefully which duties I'll take on outside the parish. I intend to continue meeting regularly with fellow clergy for spiritual challenge and nurture.

My next step is to ask you to help me give God and this parish my best over the next six years or so. Help me remember the details. If you need me to do something, please remind me with an e-mail, voice mail, or note. Or maybe your request can bypass the clutter in my brain: maybe you need to talk to the secretary, the music director, or the senior warden, instead? And if you don't hear from me when you expect to, please connect with me again, and know that my forgetfulness is simply that, not a rejection or a judgment that your need is "low priority."

Give me a chance to really listen to your life and talk thoughtfully with you about it. If something is bothering you or delighting you, let's make an appointment to talk, face-to-face or by phone. Help me remember to plan ahead: ask me early about what you need to have, to know, or to do to be ready for your part in our ministry. Take on publicizing your group's events or efforts with the parish. (The Sabbatical Planning Team and Amanda took care of these managerial needs exceptionally well this summer.)

You, who give of yourselves so freely, don't need to do more. But I hope you can help me do what I do best—to listen to your hearts, pray a lot, preach, teach some but not all the time, to plan worship, to bring you the sacraments of Christ's presence in time of trial or illness, to bless your joys and your gifts in God. I want to spend myself as the priestly lover of your souls. For me, that requires sacred space for prayer, writing, reflection, and focused conversation. Can you help with the practical details of parish life, as you did so wonderfully in my absence? You don't need me to "run things." But I need your help to be the priest.

Peace and blessing,

Claire †

Good News!

Senior Warden Kelly Johnson has offered to be trained as a licensed preacher, and vestry has overwhelmingly voted in support of that ministry. Kelly will begin training with several other diocesan folks this fall, first studying the Old Testament with Harry Howard. Then will come a study of the New Testament, followed by two segments of preparation and practice in giving sermons. This course takes a total of four academic "semesters," roughly two years. At the end of that study Kelly will be licensed to preach occasionally in our parish. We have something to look forward to! Please offer her your prayers and congratulations on her discerning this call.

If you are interested in becoming licensed through the diocese as a parish preacher, pastoral caregiver, or catechist, please pray about it, read more about it at <http://www.etdiocese.net/sharedministry/Guidelines%20for%20Selection%20of%20LMs.pdf>, then talk with Claire.



Vestry Nominations

The first Sunday of December, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting. At that meeting, we will elect three news members to the vestry. The three members rotating off are Mel Hines, Kelly Johnson and Tom Sampeer. They are the nominating committee for the election in December.

While I know that December seems like a long time from now, we all know that time flies. Please begin to think about, pray about whether this may something you would like to do.

Speaking personally, I can say without hesitation that the past three years on our vestry has been some of the most rewarding time of my life. Please let one of the nominating committee members know if you would like to submit your name.

--Kelly Johnson, Senior Warden

September 11, 2011: Memorial Worship and Rally Day

Next Sunday will be Rally Day as well as our observance of the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. Our theme will be "Heroes of Hope," focusing on those who responded to the disaster with acts of sacrificial love. Our prayers of the people and sermon will reflect our memories and concerns, as you have told them to me via emails. (It's not too late—go ahead and send your stories, if you haven't already.)

At the 10:30 service, in keeping with our "Heroes of Hope" theme, Claire will invite our young children to join her down front for a children's sermon on September 11, and to receive a Bible storybook (full of heroes) suitable for their age levels. Please plan to bring your children so they can be part of this significant day.

Family Friday Nights

Our sabbatical family Fridays nights were such a success, we've decided to continue them this fall. We are trying the first Friday in the month for these events. Sign up sheets will be on the Join Us board several weeks before each event. Everyone is welcome—come join your church family for food, fun and special times.

Friday, October 7, will be the Blessing of the Pets. The blessings will be followed by a bonfire, hot cocoa and chocolate s'mores. The time will be announced later. Please bring your pets on leashes or in carriers.



November 4 finds us celebrating All Saints and thanksgiving for the harvest. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring sides to go with them. The meal will start at 6:00 pm.

We will have an Advent workshop Friday December 2 at 6:00 pm. Pancakes and sausage will be served—bring fruits, potato casseroles and juices to accompany the meal. Activities will probably include making Advent wreaths, St Nicholas cookies or things you can suggest for making Advent a really family time.



Please contact Diane Van Koughnett (dvwank@charter.net or 458-6000) if you have thoughts or ideas about the upcoming events. We'd like these Fridays to be special times for the entire parish.



It's Sunday School Time in Tennessee

Sunday School for kids and adults begins at 9:15 on September 11. All younger children are invited to begin the year with a special activity. Watch your e-mail for details. Mike Keene will with meet with teenagers. After the 10:30 service, parents, Sunday School teachers, and others who are interested in children's and youths' formation in faith, will gather in the parish hall to figure out what format works best for the realities of our families' lives. **Child care and a healthy snack will be available during this meeting.**

"Heroes and Hopes, Visions and Dreams" will be our first adult series this fall, springing off the Sept. 11 anniversary to look at the Biblical record as well as the desires of our hearts and the events of our history. As faithful people, what is it we truly hope for? What difference does that make in how we live? *You have a lot to share, so please join us.*



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Thank You

When I wrote the January 2011 CrossRoads article about RibFest 2011, I had no idea Resurrection would far surpass any expectations I had for what we might accomplish. As Claire put it the Sunday after RibFest, it was AMAZING.

We're still trying to get a final dollar amount to put toward our next Habitat house, but in the mean time, the RibFest committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone in the parish. We accomplished far more than raising a lot of money—community from within, outreach to the area, and a community-wide perception that we are doing God's work. Yes, it was a lot of work, but it also was a lot of FUN!

I'd like to thank each and every one of you—whether you supported us with prayers, labor, telling others about RibFest, buying and or selling tickets, getting sponsors, making quilts or throwing pots, or just coming and having a good time the day of RibFest. The tasks were many, but so much was accomplished. The number of volunteers (and the hours they put in) was incredible. Folks went far beyond what was asked of them—Jerry Ploeger called them—RESURRECTED ANGELS!

We will have a critique session to try to improve on the next RibFest. Please email or call Cal or myself (cbvank@charter.net, dvwank@charter.net, 865-458-6000) with your thoughts, suggestions and critiques. We are already compiling our thoughts about improvements.

The folks listed below worked hard all year and we'd like to say a special thank you:

Jack Parten and all his heavy equipment and loads of dirt and mulch.

Cal Van Koughnett, Ron Bailey and Bill Perry worked 8-12 hours days the final week to get the grounds ready. Cal and Ron also did a great job on recruiting teams.

David Twiggs and Bob Haldi for all the dollars and publicity they brought in from advertising and sponsorships.

Judith Kubesh, Erllys Ploeger, Sara Sampeer and Peggy Rogers for food prep.

Mike and Anna Todd drove all the way from Charleston, SC, to help in any way

Jerry Ploeger handled logistics and volunteers so well.

Tom and Nancy Wart spent endless hours at the computer, jugs of printer ink, and reams of paper.

--Diane Van Koughnett



PS: If you missed Ribfest, you missed a chance to meet Bishop George Young and his wife, Rev. Kammy Young. Bishop Young arrived just in time to hand out the competition prizes plus getting his picture in The News-Herald with first prize winners, Dirty Old Butt Slappers.

<http://www.news-herald.net/story/13263>

September

NOTE: Look for birthdays & anniversaries in bold!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30 pm AA (women's group) 6:00pm Prayers N Squares	2 9:00 am Prayers N Squares 7:00 pm AA (open)	3 Daughters of the King 9:30am Virginia Perry David & Millie Twiggs
4 Holy Eucharist 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Dick Reardon	5 8:30 am Body Awareness for Healthier Living 7:00 pm AA (open)	6 1:30pm Bible Study Henry Twiggs	7 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing John & Marty Palmer	8 5:30 pm AA (women's group) 6:30 pm Contemplative Prayer Group	9 7:00 pm AA (open) Mel & Debbie Hines	10 Second Saturday Supper Ribfest Fish Fry Marie Kinnear
11 Rally Day Holy Eucharist 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30	12 8:30 am Body Awareness for Healthier Living 7:00pm AA (open) Joan Moore	13 1:30pm Bible Study Betty Anne Haldi	14 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing	15 5:30 pm AA (women's group) 6:00pm Prayers N Squares	16 9:00 am Prayers N Squares 7:00 pm AA (open) Steve & Michele Mott	17
18 Holy Eucharist 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Paul Andrzejewski	19 8:30 am Body Awareness for Healthier Living 7:00 pm AA (open)	20 1:30pm Bible Study	21 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 7:00 pm Vestry	22 5:30 pm AA (women's group) Julie Hebble Michele Mott	23 7:00 pm AA (open) CrossRoads Deadline	24 Ann Dantzler
25 Holy Eucharist 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 LAMS Pet Food & Supplies Collection John Bailey	26 8:30 am Body Awareness for Healthier Living 7:00 pm AA (open) Donna Jackson James & Karen Keirstead	27 1:30pm Bible Study	28 10:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing James Mott	29 5:30 pm AA (women's group) Frank Doughty	30 7:00 pm AA (open)	
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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE	4-September-11 Summer Schedule		11-September-11 Fall Schedule Begins		18-September-11 Fall Schedule		25-September-11 Fall Schedule	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30AM	8:00 AM	10:30AM	8:00 AM	10:30AM
Acolyte	Vera Mosey	Kelly Johnson	Nancy Wart	Monty Ross	Andrew Wilkinson	Jack Lefler	Kathleen Bailey	Kelly Johnson
Eucharistic Minister		Chip Parker		Holly Pate				Judy Egan
Lector	Nancy Wart	Gloria Andrzejewski	Jerry Ploeger	Chip Parker	Glenn Boyles	Judith Kubesh	Vera Mosey	Donna Jackson
Usher	Glenn Boyles	Rame & Janey Coombes	Tom Wart	Tom & Nelda Griffith	Ron Bailey	Wayne Tolbert & Andy Hadjian	Jerry Ploeger	TBD & Bob Haldi
Coffee	Erlys Ploeger	Ronnie Doughty	Jan Hebble	Marie Kinnear	Kathleen Bailey	Nancy Heathcote	Peggy Rogers	Betty Anne Haldi
Offering Counters	Tom & Nelda Griffith		Will Heathcote & Dick Reardon		Frank Richardson & Monty Ross		Jean Cardwell & Sarah Reynolds	
	Judy Egan & Janey Coombes		Donna Jackson		Dianna Stimpson		Jeanne Phelps	
Flower Guild	Rosemary Kitts		Sara Sampeer		Dianna Stimpson		Hannah Parten	
Readings	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20		Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35		Exodus 16-2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16		Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	

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Thanksgivings And Concerns

CONTINUED CONCERNS: Jerry, Margie, Adyson, Betty, Mary Elizabeth, the Rev. Bill Hargett, C.V., Maria, Heidi, Ralph, Matthew, Rebecca, Sherri, Joseph & Yesenia, Sandy, the Butler family, Richard, Helen, Mary Levi, Claire, Jessie, Michelle, Sandy, David, Dan, Mary Lynn, Kristin, Herman, Brad, Chris, Peggy, Richard, Jeanne, Marty & Hayes & Phil, Ron

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Financial Snapshot

July 2011

Operations	Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$12,113.16	\$108,259.44
Expenses	<u>\$15,977.12</u>	<u>\$108,279.86</u>
Balance	(\$3,863.96)	(\$20.42)
Pledges		
Actual	\$9,541.00	\$91,812.00
Budgeted	<u>\$13,344.00</u>	<u>\$93,408.00</u>
Difference	(\$3,803.00)	(\$1,596.00)

CrossRoads needs an Editor

Beginning in January 2012, the parish newsletter will need a new editor. Please consider if you might be willing to take on this task. I am willing to work with anyone who volunteers to get them up to speed with the process over the next few months.

-- Kelly Johnson

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