



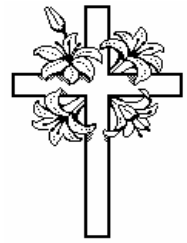
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From the Vicar

With Thankful Hearts

As we head into the long Season of Pentecost, I am reflecting back over the past six months of the church year, from Advent through Pentecost, and how we have lived those seasons at Buck Mountain. It has certainly been a busy time, interrupted notably by two huge snowstorms that caused enforced Sabbaths for many of us. But while we spent some days sitting in our homes, we made up for that time through many wonderful worship services and other activities once we tunneled back out into the world. To name a few:



* Chrismon-making on Wednesday evenings in Advent, leading to a beautiful Christmas season with the Chrismon tree sparkling in the church.

* Members of our Youth Group met with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefforts Schori at St. Paul's Memorial in January, and in her honor raised almost \$400 to support our Food Pantry.

* Our annual visitation from Bishop Shannon Johnston in February, and a visit from Bishop Mdimi of the Diocese of Eastern Tanganyika in March to celebrate our support of Carpenter's Kids.

* Art exhibits by Lucia Bakewell and Katie Tunis, plus a parish-wide art project that took the place of honor on the wall in Deese Hall for some weeks.

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**Our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and to each other in Christ.
We are committed to knowing Christ, to making Him known, and to doing God's work in the world.**

From the Vestry

April Meeting

Treasurer. Charlie reported that account balances as of March 31 totalled \$124,431. The Cajun Spice event raised \$1,147 for Janet and Jay McDonald's Haiti Mission.

After increased pledges from the vestry and clergy, the 2010 total is \$109,594 from 48 pledges averaging \$2,283 each. In 2009 there were 53 pledges totaling \$120,000 averaging \$2,264 each. Susan Hull drafted a letter to ask parishioners to join the vestry and clergy in increasing their pledges.

Clergy. On Palm Sunday Connie held the first service at Rosewood Village, with 11 residents. The plan is to hold a 2 p.m. service there once a month and bring interested residents to church once a month. Shelley Smith will be stepping down as the head of Sunday School after doing a fine job. Connie's goal is to spend more time with the younger members over the next six months.

Senior Warden. Dave recommended the 5 p.m. service have a facilitator, and the vestry member stay for fellowship. Susan Hull's stewardship letter will be read during both services on April 25.

Junior Warden. Dan said Jonathan Davis's Eagle Scout project is being reviewed, so he probably won't start renovating the Parish Hall kitchen under the supervision of Cliff Smith and Chris Rembold until May. The damaged gutters have been replaced in copper; insurance covered the \$1,400 cost. Dan expects the food pantry sign to be ready soon.

Committees. Lucia reported for the Art Committee that after Katie Tunis's show comes

down, Judy Townsend's is next. Lucia is encouraging artists to attend coffee hour after their show is hung. There will be an open call for those who would like to make stained glass on Saturday, June 5 for a future exhibit.

New Business. The Farmer's Market formerly at Earlsville Market will start in May at the Parish Hall parking lot Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m. The Farmer's Market will not pay but they plan to donate food to our food pantry.

Susan Midland will proceed with her plan to add photos to the church directory and buy a decorative box to store the pictures taken down from the wall in Deese Hall.

Dan launched our application for a Mustard Seed grant. The first step was a letter in which Dan requested \$29,000 to support the food pantry by refurbishing Parish Hall. If this succeeds, our proposal will include kitchen renovation, new insulation, and adding a shower so we may participate more fully in PACEM.

May Meeting

Treasurer. The total balance as of April 30 was \$121,652. The ECW balance is \$2,425, with proceeds of the April 30 auction not yet added. With adjustments for prepaid pledges and future outreach expenditures, the deficit to date is about \$4,000.

We discussed keeping everyone aware of the goal of balancing the budget and ending deficit spending over the next three years by adding to pledge income and keeping expenses low.

Clergy. Connie said attendance has been trending up and the health of the parish seems good. The Wednesday May 5 service focused on prayers for the Gulf coast oil leak. Connie took one Sunday off, although she did conduct a service at Rosewood Hall that afternoon at-

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tended by 16 women and one man. Joan and Connie would like a man or two to attend a service at Rosewood, since the residents have asked whether our church is all women! (Joe confirmed that it is)

Deacon. Anne is planning the Walking the Mourners Path program for winter. Jay McDonald will be our lay facilitator after training at Shrine Mont in October.

Junior Warden. The Farmer's Market starts May 27 in our parking lot. Church volunteers will hand out water and flyers.



Jon Davis's Eagle Scout project to renovate the Parish Hall kitchen starts May 7, when the old cabinets and so forth will be pulled out. The next sessions will be June 5 and 6, with scouts working under supervision.

Committee Reports. Marigail Wynne said the Outreach Committee plans to spend \$3,000 on the food pantry and \$6,000 each on local/state projects and national/international projects, to include Carpenter's Kids in Tanzania.

Connie said the Communications committee will run an ad in the Forest Lakes newsletter for several months beginning in June. They have obtained a list of those who have newly moved into the area and will mail a brochure and cover letter from Connie.

Ann said the Grounds Committee doesn't expect to spend its entire \$2,000 2010 budget.

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* The Cajun Spice Cabaret, delayed by snow, but enthusiastically received by many, including some folks who read about it in the newspaper, thanks to Janet Wylie's publicity efforts.

* Our new ministry at RoseWood Village, with Joan Dameron in the lead.

* The Lenten Wednesday Evening Series, with five wonderful presenters.

* A beautiful Holy Week with Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services, plus the traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

* A Shrine Mont weekend attended by 30 church members and their friends and family, with Pentecost Day worship in the outdoor Shrine.

* The Earlysville Farmers' Market moved to our Parish Hall parking lot on May 27.

As I write this list – which is only hitting the highlights – I give thanks for the Holy Spirit's abundant presence among us in these last few months. It is that living, breathing reality of God-living-in-us that makes all this possible, giving us guidance, energy, and joy. As we enter the summer season, which traditionally indicates a slower pace, I hope you will join me in lifting up thanks to God for all that we are to one another at Buck Mountain, and all that we do for our neighbors in need. We are truly blessed, and I am very grateful to be part of such a wonderful community.

In Christ's love,

Connie

(The Rev.) Connie Clark

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The remaining expenses are to plant three white nandinas to replace damaged boxwoods and obtain a plaque to memorialize Jean Sinclair, probably no more than \$600 total.

New Business. The vestry will review the gift and endowment policy from Church of the Holy Cross in Dunn Loring before June to see if can be used for Buck Mountain.

Connie said Janet Wiley led the Youth Ministry this year with eight teenagers. They had a hike, a movie, and a meeting with Bishop Schori, and they serve as acolytes. Connie will meet with Janet and Mark Davis to plan next year.

Sunday School is overflowing. They could use the main room, but it usually is being set up with an elaborate coffee feast. We might consider encouraging people to aim for just coffee cake or banana bread—more of a late morning snack.

**-Ann Eddins,
Register**



A Day of Rejoicing

On April 18, the four Prichard children – Jack, Riley, Georgia, and Ruby – were baptized at Buck Mountain. We used the font in the Memorial Garden and the whole congregation came outside to pray for the children and witness this great moment. The Prichards move back to Georgia this summer, but we hope one day they might be back in Charlottesville. It was a beautiful day with a beautiful family!

-Connie Clark (The Rev.)

Buck Mountain Determined to Keep Growing

Buck Mountain is simply amazing. The vestry asked us last month to overcome deficit spending this year. At that time, 48 folks had pledged \$106,472. The appeal resulted in four new pledges, an increase in 14 existing pledges, and five gifts of nearly \$4,000. As a result, we have nearly \$120,000 pledged that will go a long way toward helping us meet planned expenses. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and belief in a growing ministry! Awesome job.

Speaking of awesome, Dan Bauer put the final touches on the Mustard Seed grant proposal that he and Marigail Wynne developed. The Diocese liked our initial proposal and asked for more information. If the grant is approved, the monies will go toward insulating the parish hall and supporting the ongoing rehabilitation of the kitchen. We have our fingers crossed Dan.

As I write this, Rebecca Whitlow, Ann Eddins, Lucia Bakewell, and Rebecca Trexler are helping Connie hand out water at the Farmers Market outside the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful outreach effort and great way to make new friends in the community. Stop by for some locally grown vegetables and get to know our neighbors.

Look for a new “Did you know” item in each Sunday’s bulletin. Each week, we’ll provide information on some of the wonderful things our Church is doing. We have a lot to be proud of and will share the good news in the bulletin.

-Dave Canoles, Senior Warden



Get Creative June 5

All ages are invited to join Lucia Bakewell and Janet Wiley for a fun art workshop Sat., June 5 at 10 a.m. in Deese Hall. We will be creating faux stained

glass windows for our summer art project. No experience or special skill necessary. Just come, have fun, and create with your inner artist. Beverages and guidance provided. Bring a sandwich for lunch. We will share our artistic efforts and have a great time together. Hope to see you there!

-Lucia Bakewell, Art Committee

Love Blooms at Shrine Mont

After leading a hike to the cross at Shrine Mont, John Jones found a private moment with Trina Nelson and popped the question. She said "yes," and we celebrated their engagement all weekend!

The date for the wedding isn't set yet, but do congratulate the happy couple when you see them!



-Connie Clark (The Rev.)

Celebrating In Nature at Annual Shrine Mont Retreat

Thirty-one parishioners and friends enjoyed a special weekend May 21-23 at Shrine Mont. We made some new friends, and had time to rejoice with and cherish old ones! We sang, danced, played basketball and Frisbee, hiked, laughed and ate... a lot! We felt the power of the Spirit in many ways and were thankful for the time together.

Soon we will start planning our next retreat and would like to know what would make it an event you would not want to miss. So please think about it – we'll be asking!

-Leslie Richard





Children Prepare for Easter

To help the Sunday School children prepare for Easter, Bonnie Eveleth led them in a foot-washing exercise. In true Biblical form, she used expensive Mary Kay products to wash and moisturize the children's feet. This was such a great way for the kids to experience the Bible story. Thank you Bonnie!

-Shelley Smith

Making It Clean for Spring

The Highway Clean-Up was held Sunday, April 11, clearing rubbish off our section of roadway on Earlysville and Buck Mountain Roads. Recyclables were also sorted and taken to recycling. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers – Bob Sargent, Charles Davis, Doug Simon, Peter Titus and Spencer Gay. The next clean-up will be in the fall.

With much appreciation,

- Marit Gay, Highway Clean-Up

See How Our Garden Grows

Our Sunday School Children's garden is thriving thanks to Ann Eddins and all the children and the teen and adult volunteers. We had two big gardening days and planted many crops. If you haven't stopped by lately to see what's growing, take the time to swing by! You'll be amazed at the plants already growing.

This summer we will have our family service the first Sunday of each month, with the exception of July 4. On the second Sunday of each month, we will have Sunday school and gardening. Please join us. We don't want to see all of our families disappear this summer, and the garden needs your help! Sunday School will start again weekly in the fall.

-Shelley Smith



Goodbye Baby Bears ...



Say Hello to Summer Balls

Last year a highlight of the children's garden was the pumpkin harvest. The variety was Baby Bear, which features medium-

length vines and averages eight pumpkins per plant weighing between 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 pounds each. They were a good size for even the smallest Sunday School children to carry.

For this year we are going to plant seeds of Summer Ball, a hybrid pumpkin with even shorter vines that averages an amazing 20 fruits per plant, each weighing 3 to 3 1/2 pounds.

The short vines will be ideal for our 3' by 6' raised beds. Another advantage of Summer Ball is that some of the fruits can be harvested during the summer and eaten as summer squash, while the rest are left on the vines to mature into pumpkins.

We look forward to supplying summer squash, tomatoes, and much more to the Food Pantry this summer.

-Ann Eddins

Where Did the Compost Go?

Last year many of us contributed vegetable trimmings and other treasures to the compost bin near the children's garden. I turned it once in the fall by lifting off the bin and setting it up next to the pile, and then forking it back into the bin. And then came the winter of 2009-2010... .

After the snow melted, Dan Bauer, Peter Titus and I contemplated the fate of the smashed boxwoods beside the church. We walked over toward the children's garden and found that the truck that cleaned up tree damage down from the children's jungle gym had driven right over the compost pile! Fortunately the driver had lifted off the bin first and set it aside.



The good news is the mostly finished compost is ending up in the new raised beds at the children's garden. About one third of it went into the second bed, along with some of the dirt from the original bed. On May 16, the children and I planted tomato seedlings in the

second bed. We planted two large delicious heirloom varieties, Rose and Gold Medal, and the fine hybrid cherry Sungold. They are growing happily and will thrive on that Buck Mountain compost, thanks to all your contributions.

The compost bin will be reassembled and waiting for your trimmings again this summer.

-Ann Eddins

Skunk

Oho, that unmistakable middle-of-the-night fragrance, waking me to laugh aloud – that thumbed-nose statement as I try holding my breath to avoid tasting it!



Long may you wave your plume over my garden. May you find your life's fulfillment far from my window.

May you avoid the fatal road and go blessed this night as your Creator intends, each of us keeping our humble places in the design of things.

-Nancy F. Neighbors

Did You Know...

...that because of your generosity, Buck Mountain Episcopal Church donated \$1,171 to the Haiti mission this year?

...that our youth group raised and donated nearly \$400 to the food pantry this year?

...that because of your generosity, Buck Mountain Episcopal Church will donate \$7,600 to the Diocese of Virginia this year? Those funds help support mustard seed grants like the one we hope to receive for the Parish Hall renovation!

-Dave Canoles, Senior Warden

Pilates classes are open to all in the Parish Hall every Wednesday for \$5 per class, with 20 percent of the proceeds donated to the church. Contact Janet Pitt, 985-2189, janet@townsendlandscape.com.

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