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From *the Rafters*

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection is to love, worship and serve God, to learn and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to set an example in our lives as we minister in his name.

New Sunday Schedule



7:45 am	a spoken, traditional Communion service
9:00 am	a family-oriented Communion service with choir
10:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	a shorter Communion service with music

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Opportunities for Growth in Christ this Lent

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting...I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 64

How will you keep a holy Lent this year?

Worship and confess with your sisters and brothers in Christ at our Ash Wednesday services on February 17, at Noon and 6:00 PM. Nursery and a Children's Chapel time offered at 6:00 PM.

Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Study the writings of Blessed Julian of Norwich and practice silent prayer with our Contemplative Prayer Group, the second and fourth Mondays at 3:00 PM

Worship in the ancient form of Evening Prayer, Mondays and Fridays during Lent, at 4:30 in the Chapel in the Parish House. Read Scripture and pray with more discipline and regularity.

Give thanks at our mid-week Eucharist, each Wednesday at Noon. And be part of our new schedule on Sundays at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15.

Uncover the Christian hope anew through *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*, a video and discussion course for adults, based on the book by N.T. Wright. Begins Wednesday, February 24 at 5:45 PM. Children's Choir continues at 5:45; call the Parish Office if you need nursery.

Be Quiet, at our Quiet Morning on February 20.

Tithe for these forty days. Give 10% of your income away from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Relish the opportunity to share in God's work. Give to Haiti ministries, other ministry organizations, and to your church. When Easter arrives, see if you have cultivated a new detachment from worldly goods.

Read a spiritual book. The Rector suggests:

Rowan Williams, *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*

Greg Garrett, *We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel According to U2*

Fred Craddock *The Cherry Log Sermons*

Eugene H. Peterson, *Eat this Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading.*

Kenneth Leech, *We Preach Christ Crucified.*

Marjorie Thompson, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life*

Anne E. Kitch, *What We Do in Lent: A Child's Activity Book*

Angela M. Burrin, *A Family Journey With Jesus Through Lent: Prayers And Activities for Each Day*

Christian Formation

Children's Christian Formation

During this rotation the children will be exploring *The Mystery of Easter*. Our hope is that by exploring some of the emotions and events experienced by Christ, your children will be better able to understand the celebration of Easter. We will be traveling together the Lenten journey, which leads to the cross and ends with the glorious, seemingly impossible: the empty tomb. During this rotation, the children will be spending some time walking with Jesus in a different interpretation of the Stations of the Cross. Each Sunday will give children an opportunity to experience a piece of the mystery, with all its love, despair, hope forgiveness, tragedy, and other life-changing qualities.

Important Dates for Children's Christian Formation

February 7 - No Sunday

School/Breakfast at 10:15

February 14 - Begin New

Schedule - Sunday School at 10:15

February 16 – Shrove Tuesday -

Bury the Alleluia Banner

February 17 – Ash Wednesday –

Children's Liturgy at 6:00 PM

March 21 - Children's Fundraising

breakfast for Lenten Project at

10:15

April 3 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM

June 14 to 18 Vacation Bible

School

Adult Bible Study: Augustinian Influences

A new adult Bible study in Bishops' Hall will begin on February 14. The bible study will be a thematic approach to the Hebrew scripture and Christian testament readings

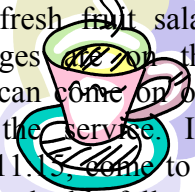
found in the Revised Common Lectionary. The class will learn a discernment technique called *Lectio Divina*, which is a reflective approach to scripture. As St. Augustine of Hippo said, "In the Old Testament the New lies hid; in the New Testament the meaning of the Old becomes clear." Each lesson will include a brief passage from Augustine's *The City of God*. Chuck McDonnell will facilitate. Each class will last approximately 45 minutes and will begin following the early coffee fellowship at around 9 am.

Welcome to Resurrection: A Short Class for those New to the Episcopal Church

Are Episcopalians also Anglicans? How do they read the Bible? How does Resurrection make decisions? Answers to these questions and many more will be available on four Sundays beginning on February 14. Sessions are 1) the History of the Anglican Churches 2) Anglican Theology 3) The Sacraments and 4) Our Ministry and Common Life. We will gather in the Cothran Library in the Parish House at 10:15 on Sunday morning, during the Sunday School hour. This class is a first step to membership in the church. Persons baptized in other churches can become baptized members of this church at any time; Bishop Donald Hultstrand will be at Resurrection on April 25 for confirmation, a deeper opportunity to make an adult profession of faith.

Parish Breakfast on February 7

Your Vestry is hosting breakfast at 10:15 on Sunday the 7th. Delicious breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit salad, sweet rolls, and beverages are on the menu. 9:00 worshipers can come on over to Bishops' Hall after the service. If you plan to worship at 11:15 come to church early to enjoy food and table fellowship. There will be no Sunday School for children or adults that day.



February 14-Emerald City Brass

We will be blessed with the sounds of Emerald City Brass, a local brass quintet, at the 9:00 and 11:15 services on February 14. Our own John Cooper plays with the group. Thanks to the generosity of Larry Joe and Mary Jo Cook, Emerald City Brass will provide special music at the prelude, postlude, hymns and at the time of the offertory. You'll want to arrive a few minutes early that day so as not to miss a moment of this special treat.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

*featuring a Parish Wide
Talent/No Talent Show*

Tuesday, **February 16th** at 6 pm
Bishops' Hall
\$5/person; \$15 max/family

Come one, come all, come young, come old; Show off your talent, please be bold! Juggle knives, dance a jig, sing a song; Perform solo or bring friends along. Read a poem, eat fire, perform magic tricks; This is your time to shine; don't be sticks (in the mud).

From the finance committee...

Resurrection's finance committee would welcome new/additional members. This committee goes over the monthly financial reports of the church and makes recommendations to the vestry. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish House. The February meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9.

**KANUGA Parish Weekend
March 5-7, 2010**

What talents are you willing to share to support the life of the parish? Each of us can offer something to the parish. Do you enjoy people? Are you great at organizing and planning? Do you have a flair for decorating?

Please support the parish by helping with one of the many events on the calendar. If you like to socialize, spend a few minutes cleaning up after an event while chatting with the rest of the clean up crew. If you're a great organizer, be a team leader for an event. If you're an excellent decorator, set up for one of the events. These events cannot thrive without the support of the parish. We need you!

Below are dates and events already scheduled for 2010. Please contact Vestry Liaison Jane Merrill at 554-5847 or JaneHMerrill@gmail.com to help.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper &
Talent/No Talent Show – Feb. 16th
Ascension Service & Supper – May 12th
Pentecost Picnic – May 23rd
Lemonade in the Shade – Sundays, May
30th – Sept. 5th
Ice Cream Social – August 22nd
Sunday School Kick-Off – Sept. 12th
Confirmation Reception – Oct. 2010
All Saints BBQ – Nov. 7th
Thanksgiving Potluck – Nov. 24th

The **Primetimers** are planning a day trip to Good Shepherd Church in Augusta on Tuesday, March 16. Space is limited to 25 and the cost of \$34 per person includes bus transportation, lunch and a small donation to Good Shepherd. The time there begins with a healing service with Holy Eucharist followed by lunch and the labyrinth. Between 11:30 and noon, change ringing will be coordinated. It promises to be a fun day. Fliers can be found on the table in the rear of our church.

Resurrection's Response to the Crisis in Haiti

The catastrophic events unfolding in Haiti during each evening news cycle show the compassion of the world community. Still, the magnitude of this disaster demonstrates the limitations of human response: with a demolished infrastructure, getting relief to those most in need becomes increasingly difficult. In the weeks and months ahead, our faith community will be seeking answers to questions: What can I do? How will God help us discern how we might bring something worthwhile from this terrible tragedy? What are we doing already? Can more be done?

The response of the Church of the Resurrection as a result of the deep bond shared with the greater Cange region, and particularly our gifts to the Bishop William A. Beckham School, are already being felt. Haitian people fleeing from the devastation of the earthquake are finding their way to Cange in increasing numbers where the intact infrastructure there—the church, school, and hospital—provide immediate assistance and shelter.

With your input, the vestry and outreach ministry of the church seek to find ways to provide both short- and long-term, meaningful aid to our Haitian neighbors and to share that information with you. At this time, the following steps are underway:

- The Diocesan commitment to the Bread and Water Project offers meaningful, long-term solutions that will strengthen the ability of that region to respond to the influx of refugees seeking what may become permanent shelter and will revitalize the economic resources of that community. Resurrection has a voice in this dialogue with several representatives attending the planning meetings in the weeks ahead.
- It seems almost certain that the Lenten Project of Resurrection will target some immediate and tangible need either in Haiti in general or the Cange community in particular. Any gifts you designate to Haiti at this time, or in the future, will be included in our response.
- The outreach committee will focus on Haiti during each meeting this year. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The February meeting will focus on budget allocations including our current commitment to Cange, allocating available emergency funds, and exploring budget fund redirection. All former, current, and interested newcomers are encouraged to participate in these meetings. The meetings are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

The value of your prayers of discernment for the wise use of our resources cannot be minimized. Neither can your willingness to participate in the events and dialogue taking place in the coming weeks and months.

—Chuck McDonnell, Outreach *liaison*

News from the Resurrection Foundation

The Foundation Trustees met for their quarterly meeting on January 27. Having been reelected as Trustee by the Vestry, Peggy Adams presided at the meeting which included the election of officers as follows: Peggy Adams, Chair; David Dougherty, Vice Chair; Joe Fennell, Secretary-Treasurer. Among other business, the Trustees determined the portion of Foundation funds to be made available to the church. \$22,500 (4.7%) was designated as available funds and will await allocation by the Vestry. The foundation's spending policy directs the great majority of those funds to missions or capital projects. A reception for friends of the foundation is being planned for Sunday, April 25.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

We are now listing birthdays and anniversaries in the *Rafters*. This gives us an opportunity to encourage and congratulate one another with cards and to remember one another in prayers of thanksgiving. If the parish office does not have yours, please share them with us. Take notice, years are not listed!

BIRTHDAYS:

02 – Charlie Stowe
 03 – Angie Elliott
 07 – James Padgett, Jr.
 09 – Bob Dixon
 10 – Samuel McDevitt
 11 – Whittaker Russell

11 – Julia Donaghy
 12 – Abbie Davis
 13 – Bill McCabe
 14 – Mirta Lindsey
 19 – David Dougherty
 19 – Mary Haigler

20 – Tatum Johnson
 21 – Marilyn Gobble
 25 – John Cobb
 27 – Leslie McDonnell

ANNIVERSARIES:

06 – George and Kathy Collins
 07 – Brett and Jennifer Dubose

10 – Archer and Cass Booker
 14 – Bruce and Trisha Craven

PRAYERS ARE ASKED

For the sick: Harold L. Stevens, Ryan Wright, Debra River, Jack Pepper, Estelle Craven, Nancy Irwin, Keith Thomas, Doris Suber, Thomas Brooks, Eric Petrus, Diana Dent Cox, Ann Arnold, Bill McDaniel, Betty Curry, Edith Powell Wilkins, Danny Wilbanks, Add Penfield, Sr., Sara Kummer, Elsie Speers, Mae Phillips, Gretchen Gwynette, Nancy Wease, Jay Pendergrass, Earl McCombs, Nancy Cash, Paul Crawley.

- We extend sympathy to Andy and Barbara Massimilla on the death of his brother, Glen Massimilla, on January 11.
- We extend sympathy to Domer and Jackie Ridings on the death of her father, Joe Robinson, on January 23.

For the men and women in the Armed Forces of our country: Carey Varas, Jennifer Smith, Scott Daigrepoint, Patrick Sullivan, Will Ross, Derek Starkey, Rick Campbell

For the people of Afghanistan and Iraq

The unemployed

For those to be baptized: Meisha Balcerak, Lucie Brandt Haws, Anna Lee Padgett

For those to be married: Meisha Balcerak and John Cobb

For these families expecting babies: Patrick and Katie Craven

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list to Denise at denise@episcopalgreenwood.org or call 223-5426.

January Stewardship Report

	Pledges (Budgeted)	Pledges (Actual)
Last Month	\$ 24,333	\$ 27,518
Year to Date	\$ 24,333	\$ 27,518

Family News