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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.



The Season after Pentecost

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Each a Priest, Each a Deacon

A hallmark of Protestant theology is the priesthood of all believers, the idea that every Christian shares in the priesthood of Christ. In Peter 2:9, we read "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." This does not mean that all must preach from a pulpit or preside at the altar. There does seem to be some wisdom in investing certain persons, whose call has been tested by the wider church, with the public ministry of Word and Sacrament. Yet this wholesome doctrine does mean that each of us has direct access to God through Christ and his Spirit. You need no priestly mediator. All should speak to God in prayer; all should speak to others about God's gracious act in Christ by proclaiming the Gospel; all offer the sacrifice of their lives to God, alongside the sacrifice of the Eucharist. This emphasis is often lost in traditions like ours that have a professional order of ministry called the priesthood. But we rediscover it every few generations. At the Reformation, the great German reformer Martin Luther reiterated the message of the dignity and calling of every believer. He minced no words: "All Christians are priests, and all priests are Christians. Worthy of anathema is any assertion that a priest is anything else than a Christian." You, reader, are a priest of the Most High God.

If each of us is a priest, each of us is called to a deacon's service as well. The ministry of the deacon is still being revived in the Episcopal Church. Long viewed as a stepping-stone to priesthood, in the early church the diaconate was a vital order of ministry in its own right. Deacons take a serving role in the liturgy, preparing the table for communion, leading the intercessions, and reading the Gospel. Beyond the liturgy, deacons are particularly called to servant ministry, to extending the church's ministry to the poor, sick, and marginalized. They embrace the spirit of Matthew 25, bringing the church to the world and the world to the church. Resurrection was blessed with the ministry of a resident deacon in Tim Ervolina a few years ago; we still enjoy the diaconal spirit in the ministry of two retired deacons in our congregation, Bill Arnold and Dick Turnage. But the church is faithful to God's purposes when each of us claims a deacon's passion for those who suffer and who do not yet know the comfort of Christ.

I dwell on these themes because we will soon be part of training a new deacon for the church. Debbie Fulmer has been assigned to Resurrection for a portion of her diaconal training. She and her husband, Steve, are weekday residents of Columbia where Steve works at the Attorney General's Office and Debbie teaches yoga to mature adults at several retirement homes as well as mainstream yoga classes. God and Bishop Waldo willing, her diaconal focus will be on the senior population. Currently she also volunteers in the Alzheimer's units at Still Hopes Episcopal Home in Columbia. Steve and Debbie spend their weekends in a little log cabin on Lake Greenwood and are thrilled that she is able to spend the next few months at Resurrection. They have four children and two grandchildren. Debbie looks forward to forming close ties to the Greenwood community and to Resurrection.

Even as we share in Debbie's preparation for ordination, I hope that we will all claim the gifts that God has given us for ministry. If summer offers you some more time for prayer and discernment, consider your priesthood and your diaconal service. What truth is God giving you to speak? What sacrifice is God calling you to offer? How is God calling you to serve? How has God prepared you to meet the needs of the world and the church? God is at work in your life, for the good of the whole creation. The Season after Pentecost is a powerful time to seek God's purposes for your life. Use your summer well!

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Please remember: Sunday Services are at 8:00 and 10:00 for the summer!



FORLANA CONSORT

The members of
Forlana Consort:

Elien Cardon	Soprano
Kaatje Chiers	Soprano
Wannah Organe	Soprano
Carine Amerijckx	Alto
Chantal Depaemelaere	Alto
Wouter Bossaer	Tenor / MD
Frederik Cardon	Tenor
Jan Dejong	Tenor
Koenraad Beaufays	Bass
Dirk Staelens	Bass

The *Forlana Consort*, a choral group from Flanders, has been singing together since 2001. The group, consisting of five women and five men who specialize in early Flemish church music, will be on its second US concert tour in August and will perform at Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday evening, August 4, at 7 pm.

In the summer of 2005, the Belgium Embassy invited this highly regarded singing ensemble to perform in Washington, DC in celebration of Flanders Day. They also performed at the Basilica of the National Shrine, at Christ Church in Alexandria, and Grace Church in Brooklyn Heights. That first concert trip in the US ended with a performance at the memorial site of Ground Zero in New York. Mary Lynn Landgraf, a former parishioner at Resurrection, is coordinating their second US concert trip in August. They will do repeat performances in the greater Washington area before heading south for their first visit to Charleston, SC, where they will perform in several churches. En route we will have the pleasure of hearing them. A reception will follow in Bishops' Hall.

The members would like to stay overnight with families in order to experience American culture and lifestyle. If you would like to host two for the evening of August 4, please contact Barbara Brock at barbarabrock22@gmail.com or 223-6420. If you would be willing to contribute pick-up food items for the reception, please let Barbara know.

Vision 2020 Update

The 2020 committee has had two meetings, including one with Dawn Huntley, facilitator of our last strategic plan. Plans are being made for a dynamic parish-wide process of ministry discernment in the fall. The Wardens are also at work on a Conditions Survey, to determine the status and repair of important building systems in the Church and Bishops' Hall. Please remember to make a visit to the Parish House to see some of the challenges we face. The 2020 Vision committee consists of Frank Wideman Donna Brooks, Patrick Kinney, Charlie Weesner, Adelaide Smith, Linda Dolny, Noonie Fennell, Cecily Hughes and Father Beasley

Christian Formation Celebration

Sunday School and Children's Chapel for 2009-2010 ended on May 23, and we would like to give everyone involved with the programs this year a great big **THANKS** for the hard work and faithful devotion you have given to the programs. We have had a great year with the largest average Sunday attendance in the past several years. The Christian Formation Committee is looking forward to working with you again next year for another great year. Below are lists of the Sunday School teachers and the Children's Chapel leaders. When you see them, give them a big thanks for all their hard work for our children and adults.

Domer, Roxy, and the Christian Formation Committee

Sunday School Teachers

Lander Adams
Mary Ann Cooper
Beverly Hall
Courtney Rambo
Laura Stowe
Kelly Wiseman
Donna Brooks
Cecily Hughes
Carmen Kinney
Elizabeth Beasley
Lori Kent
Jan Puzar
Ashley Woodiwiss
Gerald Brooks
Norm Fawcett
Chuck McDonnell

Children's Chapel Leaders

Allen and Cecily Hughes
Laura Stowe
Sandra Lewis
Bob and Suzanne Dixon
Barbara Brock
Noonie Fennell
Brett and Jennifer DuBose
Steve and Reva Davis
Robbie and Christine Crowder
Hope Scurry
Susu Wallace
Chuck and Camilla McDevitt
Mary Ann and Katie Cooper

Education for Ministry Mentors

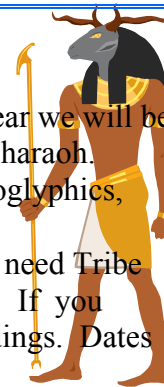
Ann Hayden and Charlie Weesner

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Remember that Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, June 14. This year we will be in Egypt with Joseph as we learn about Joseph's rise from slave to advisor to the Pharaoh. Participants will be able to dress and walk like Egyptians, write their name in hieroglyphics, and learn about mummies as we learn how God was always with Joseph.

Again this year Laura Beth Brooks will be directing Bible School. We will need Tribe Leaders and Assistants, Game Leaders, Craft Leaders, and Refreshment Providers. If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School this year, please contact Domer Ridings. Dates for VBS are Monday, June 14, to Friday, June 18.



EYC Beach Trip is June 5-12

By long tradition, each year of our youth program concludes with a trip to Cherry Grove. The Fawcetts and Smiths put together a great week of fun, community-building, and growth in Christ. There are devotions twice a day, a covenant for behavior, shared responsibilities for cooking and cleaning, and a Eucharist on the beach. Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to be part of our youth group and this culminating trip. Father Beasley joins them for the end of the week. The parish budget includes a subsidy and scholarships that make the trip affordable for all; your good stewardship is at work in the lives of our young people. Please pray for them (and their chaperones!) as they make this retreat.

Congratulations! to our graduates

We congratulate the following high school graduates: Sarah Whitney Colby, Robert Pope DiBenedetto, Jon Brooks Newlon, and Sittichok Weerapunyanont. We give thanks for the graduation of Laura Beth Brooks from the College of Charleston and Robert Charles Krowiak from Cortland State University. Chuck McDonnell also received a diploma on May 16 from the School of Ministry at Sewanee for completing Education for Ministry.



Some of our young people are anticipating exciting adventures at **Camp Gravatt**, an Episcopal residential Christian summer camp located just outside Aiken, SC. Returning campers from Resurrection include Kathleen Hughes (middle school session) and Dorothy Anna Russell, Margaret Ann Hughes, and Whitaker Russell (elementary session). Former parishioners Anna, Sam, and George Hyatt (now residents of Ohio) will also be there. Registration and information on the camp program can be found online at www.bishopgravatt.org or by calling the Gravatt office at 803.648.1817.

Have you visited our church website recently? You'll find the Rafters with color photos, a gallery of photos taken at various events, as well as vestry minutes and sermon outlines posted there... You can also reach our Facebook page from the website.

Resurrection Pilgrims to Haiti

Ann Hayden and Charlie Weesner are headed to Cange in late June. We will commission them as pilgrims on our behalf at the 10 o'clock service on June 20. They will be traveling with Episcopalians from our diocese and with our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo. This is Ann's first trip; Charlie visited Cange in 2004. The trip will include opportunities to pray and worship with the people of Cange, witness the good things God is doing there, and share in the work of Upper South Carolina Episcopalians who are promoting health, education, and abundant life in Cange. A visit to Cange is a true mountaintop experience. As you continue to pray for Haiti, remember Charlie and Ann, as well as Linda Dolny, who is preparing for a trip in August.

A Note on the Sunday Schedule

The Worship Committee, Vestry, and I will be reflecting on the service schedule over the summer and will make a decision about our school-year schedule in advance of the September start up. Here let me say that some things about the three-service schedule have been encouraging; others less so. We have lost some formerly frequent attenders (I miss you!) and gained some others. Our new 11:15 liturgy has been well-received by many and has exceeded expectations for attendance numbers. That has been somewhat at the expense of 9 o'clock, where we have been too small some Sundays, making the spirit feel low, which is a serious concern for its viability. We have been able to offer a robust set of fellowship and Christian Formation offerings that I hope have been meaningful substitutes for the later Coffee Hour. Your input is very much welcome. You can direct emails or letters to me or to Carmen Kinney, Vestry Liaison for Worship. Appointments for conversation are welcome as well. Our goal is schedule that is in line with the mission of the church, its growth and flourishing in Gospel ministry. That may be a different, more missional two-service schedule or three services. I thank you for your patience and encouragement during the months of this experiment; much has been learned.

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Summer Reading Suggestions from the Rector

Here are a few ideas for the beach or quieter days at home this summer. Remember, you are what you read!

Mark A. Noll, *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*

Edwin H. Friedman, *A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix*



Walter Brueggemann, *An Unsettling God: The Heart of the Hebrew Bible*

David Bentley Hart, *Atheist Delusions: The Christian Revolution and its Fashionable Enemies.*

Eugene Peterson, *Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ*

Shirl James Hoffman, *Good Game: Christianity and the Culture of Sports*

N.T. Wright, *After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters*

Julie Hanlon Rubio, *Family Ethics: Practices for Christians*

Douglas A. Hicks, *Money Enough: Everyday Practices for Living Faithfully in the Global Economy*

Benjamin M. Friedman, *The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth.*

Summer Notes

•**Our hard-working choir** gets its Wednesday evenings back during the summer. They will rehearse at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the chapel throughout the summer. If you would like to try the choir out for the summer, this is a great opportunity to see what it is like.



•**With summer's slower pace** comes time to enjoy fellowship following the 10 o'clock service. The 8 o'clock crowd will continue with coffee hour following that service. It's easy to host Lemonade in the Shade after the 10 o'clock service. Lemonade mix is provided by the church: just mix it up, bring some cookies, set up outside, and voila...you're ready to serve. Please consider helping with this ministry by signing up to host after the 10 o'clock service. Dates are listed below. Please email Jane Merrill at janehmerrill@gmail.com to sign up.

May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18, July 25,

August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29, September 5.

•**During the summer, the 10 o'clock service returns to its fullest expression**, with a lesson from the Old Testament, the Psalm sung, an Epistle lesson from the letters of the New Testament, and the Gospel lesson. Never forget; Episcopalians read a lot of scripture on Sunday mornings!

•**A slower pace for our programs makes time for more pastoral visiting** over the summer. Please call Fr. Beasley at Parish Office if you would like a visit at home or in his office. He looks forward to being with you.

•**Summer volunteers still needed:** Our parish has a number of closets and storage spaces in need of a thorough cleaning out. Sandra Kern is taking on the finance storage and archive room, but we are saving other closets just for you! There are also some special projects on the grounds that could use some attention from someone with a strong back. Please give the Parish Office a call if you are interested.

June 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!

Family News

BIRTHDAYS:

02 – Jean Marie Rough
 03 – Claire Graham
 03 – Henry Cary
 03 – George Collins
 05 – Joe Shirley, III
 06 – Lonnie Gillespie
 06 – Ragan Gillespie
 08 – Phil McClary
 10 – Bryan Wesson
 11 – Peter Russell
 11 – Austin Haigler

13 – Nancy Newlon
 13 – Sam Hunley
 14 – John Hughes
 14 – Dean Faden
 14 – Sarah Colby
 14 – Anna DiBenedetto
 16 – Mary Adams
 17 – Elliott Kinney
 18 – Isabel Kinney
 19 – Donna Brooks
 21 – Nell Squires

22 – Mavrick Harris
 22 – Shelby Harris
 24 – Madden Craven
 25 – Mary Ruth Dixon
 26 – Jean Shirley
 27 – Libby Cary
 28 – Leslie Juul Merrill
 29 – Dessa Wideman
 30 – Mims Mobley, Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES:

01 – John and Cindy Hughes
 02 – Phil and Dale McClary
 03 – H. B. Free and Jeanne Selander
 04 – Peter and Anna Cay Hawes
 08 – Carl and Barbara Brock
 08 – David and Cynthia Dougherty

08 – William and Sandra Lewis
 10 – Joe and Mary Jo Tolbert
 12 – Charlie and Teedie Radford
 17 – Glenn and Karen Wright
 27 – Allen and Cecily Hughes
 27 – Welborn and Ericka Adams

PRAYERS ARE ASKED

For the sick: Harold L. Stevens, Ryan Wright, Estelle Craven, Nancy Irwin, Keith Thomas, Doris Suber, Thomas Brooks, Eric Petrus, Diana Dent Cox, Ann Arnold, Edith Powell Wilkins, Sara Kummer, Elsie Speer, Mae Phillips, Gretchen Gwynette, Nancy Wease, Jay Pendergrass, Earl McCombs, Nancy Cash, Ronnie Myers, Wanda Sorrels, Mary Wilson, Corky Waller, Louis Daigrepoint, Cande Ayala, Jeanette Little, Amy Truelove, Rust O’Kelley, Argelia Manalich, Sylvia Gentry

- We extend sympathy to Add Penfield on the death of his father, Add Penfield, Sr. on April 29.
- We give thanksgiving for the marriage of Kevin Whitehead and Malone Scurry on May 8.
- We give thanks for the baptism of Sittichok Weerapunyanont on May 16.
- We give thanks for the birth of James William “Will” Craven, son of Patrick and Katie Craven and grandson of Bruce and Trisha Craven, born on Friday, May 14.
- We give thanks for the baptism of Annie Sullivan Eisenreich, daughter of Dave and Katie Eisenreich, on May 30.

For the men and women in the Armed Forces of our country: Patrick Sullivan, Will Ross, Derek Starkey, Rick Campbell, Terry Starkey

For the people of Afghanistan and Iraq

For those to be married: Erin Long and Yates Brown

For these families expecting babies: Nicholas and Elizabeth Beasley, John and Meisha Cobb, Brooks and Patricia Kuykendall, Tripp and Laura Padgett

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

May Stewardship Report (through May 23)

	Pledges (Budgeted)	Pledges (Actual)
Last Month	\$ 24,333	\$ 19,665
Year to Date	\$ 121,667	\$ 128,327

Please remember your parish and your financial stewardship over the summer.