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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.



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## **From the Rector**

I struggle to find a theme this month, having so many different things to share! I begin with the transition in the Bishop's office. I am thankful for all who shared in our farewell to Bishop Henderson and a glorious day of baptism and confirmation on October 25. I ask for your prayers for our election and for your input; please see the article following for more information. Much depends on the gifts and talents of our next bishop and his leadership. We will elect our bishop on December 12.

November features some liturgical highpoints of our parish's life. I hope this reaches you in time to remind you of our All Saints' Day Feast on November 1. Join us for a great barbecue lunch. On Sunday evening, November 15, we will host a sublime service of Evensong (with incense) and enjoy a reception marking 25 years of music ministry for Donna Brooks. On Thanksgiving Eve, we gather for the Great Thanksgiving at the altar and then share a potluck turkey dinner. And then Advent will be upon us!

One major decision will be finalized in the last two months of this year. Both the Worship Committee and Vestry have voted to support an *experimental* plan to expand our Sunday service schedule to three services. The likely schedule would be:

- 7:45**            **Holy Eucharist, Rite I, spoken**
- 9:00**            **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, choral**
- 10:15**          **Sunday School**
- 11:15**          **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with organ and limited hymns**

We would begin this schedule in January and run it through Memorial Day, when we would return to 8:00 and 10:00 AM services. Our ability to shift to this schedule and the wisdom of doing so will depend partially on the budget process and on attendance this fall. Though the rector has the canonical authority to make such plans, be sure that the final decision will be made in consultation with your Wardens, John Cobb and Allen Hughes, who are truly two of the finest church leaders I have known. The last time our parish had three services and attendance over 200 regularly was in 1963, the year Bill Beckham left Greenwood. I dream of our recovering the vitality and Spirit of those days. Many of us have expressed concern for a loss of social time on Sunday morning, so plans are being made for periodic breakfasts at 10:15 and a lunch bunch following 11:15.

November marks the formal end of our stewardship season and our Annual Meeting. As I write, pledges are being returned in encouraging fashion. One of the blessings I witnessed this year was seeing that members of the parish who lost jobs have invariably found new jobs, often with some assistance from another church member. Times remain tough in Greenwood, but we are not a people to give up or abandon God's purposes. I hope you will take part in the Annual Meeting as well. "It all comes down to leadership," I have often heard. Please gather on November 22 to share in the leadership of our church. Finally, we will kick off a new segment of an Adult Sunday School on November 8. Having taught on Romans and the letters to the Corinthians, I am ready to jump into some of the shorter Epistles in the New Testament, Philippians and I and II Thessalonians, in particular. I'll enlist some fine guest teachers. Please join us at 9:15 in Bishops' Hall. Headed in many faithful directions, we remain rooted in Word and Sacrament, as Christ perfects his work in us. May it be a holy and exciting month.

*Nicholas+*

## Baptism with Bishop Henderson – October 25



The Bishop baptized and confirmed Stefan Hartung; confirmed James C. Bright, Jr, Alexandra-Margot Valois Burdette, Kathryn Dickson Kent, Jonathan Brooks Newlon, Kelly Jeanne Sealy, Margaret Olivia Sealy, Laura Ann Thompson; and received into this Communion Mary Lorraine Bright.

## Electing Our Next Bishop

Our Diocesan Convention resumes on December 12 to elect the Eighth Bishop of Upper South Carolina at the cathedral church in Columbia. You can read about the nominees at [www.bishopsearch.edusc.org](http://www.bishopsearch.edusc.org). Their resumes, introductory videos, and responses to four initial questions are available. The nominees are The Very Reverend John B. Burwell Rector, Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, Daniel Island and I'on, South Carolina; The Reverend Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell, Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas; The Reverend David F. O. Thompson Rector, St. Bartholomew's Church, North Augusta, South Carolina; The Reverend W. Andrew Waldo Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Excelsior, Minnesota; The Reverend Jerre Stockton Williams, Jr. Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville, Texas; The Very Reverend Dr. Philip C. Linder Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, South Carolina. Other candidates may be added by petition or from the floor.

Two Walk-about will be held this month to allow certified delegates and other interested persons to meet, greet and ask questions of the candidates. The first Walk-about is scheduled for Saturday, November 21 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia. The second Walk-about will be held at Christ Church in Greenville on Sunday afternoon, November 22. Those interested in attending one of the Walk-about are asked to sign up beforehand; see registration information on the diocesan web site at [www.edusc.org/nextbishop](http://www.edusc.org/nextbishop).

Your delegates are the Rector, Allen Hughes, Alan Treeter, Barbara Brock, and Chuck McDonnell. They will be meeting for prayer and conversation before the election and are happy to hear from you.

Bishop Henderson retires on December 31. Gifts honoring our bishop may be sent to Diocesan House, 1115 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Half of funds collected will be added to the Bishops' Legacy Fund for Congregational Development.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **Children's Classes (K5-grade 5)**

The children's curriculum will begin the third Sunday School Rotation for the fall beginning November 8th. We will be studying the judges of Israel, using the book of Judges from the Bible. Although there were twelve judges, we will narrow our focus to just three of them: Deborah, Gideon and Samson. Our lessons will be geared toward helping the children see that there are consequences to decisions we make—bad or good. We will also use these stories to show how God uses lots of different and imperfect people.

### **St. Cecilia Children's Choir begins preparations for Christmas Pageant**

The Children's Choir will begin preparing for this year's Christmas pageant on Wednesday, November 18th, during its normal rehearsal time on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm. This year's pageant will be on Sunday, December 20th, at 6:00pm. Any children interested in participating should be at the rehearsal on November 18th in the parish house. Look forward to seeing lots of you there!

### **EYC Christmas Project**

Please join us in Bishops' Hall after the 8:00 and 10:15 services on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th to participate in EYC's Christmas Outreach Project. To raise funds for Christmas gifts for needy Greenwood children, we have commissioned a customized solid pewter Christmas tree ornament with a rendering of the **inside** of our Church. This ornament is similar in quality and size to the one we offered in 2007 of the **outside** of our church and will be offered at the same price...\$22.00.

United Ministries and the Salvation Army will supply us with a list of needy Greenwood families who have children ages 6 months to 17 years who will not have a very good Christmas unless we help!! Last year, our group was able to provide gifts for over 30 children and we would hope to help at least as many again this year.

In early December, our EYC group will have a shopping day to fill the wish lists and the gifts will then be delivered, with a tag indicating that it's from The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

## OUTREACH

### **Free Medical Clinic**

The Free Medical & Dental Clinic operates under the umbrella of Greater Greenwood United Ministries, across from Self Regional Healthcare. The Medical & Dental Clinic and the Crisis Ministry are supported by 41 member churches in this community including Church of the Resurrection. These two ministries alone help over 2500 residents of Greenwood County each year and the number is growing.

The Medical & Dental Clinic is in dire need of volunteers several days a week to do some interviewing, filing, processing pharmaceutical forms, or updating computerized medical records. Of course there is always a need for doctors and nurses. At present no one from our church volunteers there. Certainly we have a few generous souls who would be willing to give time to this wonderful ministry. Please call Chris Jayne at 942-8648 (w) or 227-1900 (h) for more information.

## **2009 Outreach Allocations**

Our church budget includes a substantial financial commitment to community and social justice ministries. This year our local ministries are the Soup Kitchen, the Food Bank, Greater Greenwood United Ministries, Healthy Learners, A Child's Place, Greenwood Cancer Fund, and High Hopes. Two of these ministries are described in greater detail below.

**Healthy Learners** is a school based program that began in Greenwood in the fall of 2005. Since its inception here, Healthy Learners has provided over 400 local children with access to 1,701 health care services. Statewide, since its inception in 1992, Healthy Learners has provided over 5000 children with direct access to basic health care services. It began out of concern for the children in Richland County who were going without needed medical services. Over the years, the program has grown tremendously in response to the need and is now serving over one hundred public schools in Allendale, Dillon, Greenwood, Lexington and Richland Counties.

Greenwood children demonstrate improved health and school performance after their health care need has been met by Healthy Learners. Services provided include vision, hearing evaluations, dental care, counseling, assistance with prescription medications and response to episodic illnesses.

Our church gifted \$1000 to this program in 2009.

### **High Hopes Program at UCCC**

The Greenwood YMCA received a program grant from the United Way this year to fund a program called "High Hopes", targeting the kids in the neighborhoods surrounding Resurrection and the United Center for Community Care. The program operates after school every weekday at UCCC. At present there are 28 children enrolled, tutored by three staff members of the "Y". Supervised homework, school projects, mentoring, and remedial tutoring are provided and children are held accountable for their assignments. Following this work session there is a devotional prayer, a time for character development, snacks, and then a recreational period. The session ends at 5:30pm and the children are escorted home by the tutors.

Our church gifted \$2000 to this program in 2009.

Additionally, elsewhere in the state Church of the Resurrection supports York Place, the Episcopal home for children and overseas, we share in our diocesan mission in Cange, Haiti.

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### **November 1 – All Saints’ Day**

We’ll have a special liturgy at 10:15 with baptisms and brass music followed by the annual barbeque prepared by some of Resurrection’s awesome chefs. Meal prices are \$6 for adults and \$3.75 for children. Make your reservations now by calling 223-5426. This is also the day our clocks fall back.

### **November 2 – ECW - St. Agnes**

The November meeting of St. Agnes will be Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM (new time) at the home of Libby Cary, 608 Watford Avenue. The guest speaker will be Dr. Bob Todd, Medical Director for Hospice Care of the Piedmont. Lynn Smith is co-hostess.

### **November 3 – ECW - St. Anne’s**

St. Anne’s will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 3 in Bishops’ Hall.

**November 4** – Please note that there will be no Eucharist at Noon. Fr. Beasley will be in Columbia at another farewell for the bishop.

### **November 14 – Altar Guild Fall Gathering**

St. Helena’s Altar Guild is planning a fall gathering with the rector on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM. All interested ladies as well as present members are invited to attend a Saturday Eucharist, simple lunch, and continuing education demonstrations by Fr. Beasley. This is to be an annual meeting of the membership and an open invitation for anyone interested in participating in Saturday, Sunday, or Wednesday preparations of the Altar. Helpful hands and a shared commitment to this ministry are the only requirements. Training occurs gradually over a period of time that is comfortable for each new member or observer. Even experienced members benefit from renewal and demonstrations. We would love to see all members and anyone else interested in learning about the Altar Guild at this special gathering with our rector. Please give this ministry and informal continuing education a priority. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to share this time together.

### **November 15 – Choral Evensong**

Sponsored by the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Resurrection will host a choral evensong on Sunday, November 15 at 5 PM. The music will be led that evening by the Erskine Chamber Singers, under the direction of Shannon Jeffries. The service will feature the opening of the Rachmaninoff vespers, Charles Villiers Stanford’s setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in G Major, Palestrina’s *Sicut Cervus*, and the contemporary composer John Rutter’s anthem *God Be in My Head*. Afterwards there will be a reception marking Donna Brooks’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our organist-choirmaster.

### **November 22 – Enrolling of Baptized Member/ Annual Meeting**

If you have been worshipping at Resurrection for some time and would like your baptism in another denomination recorded here, please consider becoming a baptized member at the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, November 22. Please email Barbara Brock at [barbarabrock22@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabrock22@gmail.com)

## **November 22 - Annual Meeting Sunday**

The Annual Meeting of our parish is Sunday, November 22 at 9:15. Adults will gather in the church; Sunday school for children will take place as usual. Everyone is welcome at the meeting, though only confirmed adult communicants in good standing are eligible to vote. We will elect four members of the Vestry and a delegate to the Diocesan Convention and vote on the budget as well. We will also hear reports on various areas of ministry. Ministry leaders should submit their written reports by email to Denise Brown by November 11. The Rector will present his annual report during the sermon time.

Below are the nominees for Vestry offered by the Nominations Committee. Under our revised bylaws, nominations from the floor remain in order.

**Robby Crowder** was born and raised in Greenwood. He is a graduate of The Citadel (Class of '88). He and his wife Christine have three children, Marlowe, Robert III, and Genevive. He has several businesses within the timber industry. A member of Resurrection since 1996, he has served on the vestry as a Junior Warden and on the Finance Committee.

**Chuck McDonnell** was born in Highmore, South Dakota, taught in the northern plains for seventeen years, and moved to Greenwood in 1990. He teaches English at Piedmont Tech. Chuck and Leslie have one son, Thomas, who is a freshman at Presbyterian College. A member of the Church of the Resurrection since 1991, Chuck has taught adult Christian formation classes, worked with EYC, and is currently in year four of EfM. He has served as a lay Eucharistic minister for many years and has served two previous terms (one partial) on the vestry. He loves the Episcopal Church for its liturgy and language, and for the theological wisdom of the Catechism.

**Jane Hawthorne Merrill** is a Greenwood native. A member of the parish since 2003, Jane has served as a lector, choir member, Newcomers' Committee member, and former EYC leader. She is an attorney with the Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office. She and her husband, Albert, have two daughters, Leslie Juul and Rebecca; they make life interesting and worthwhile.

**Lee Roper** was raised in Greenville. He practices law with McDonald Patrick Law Firm. He has been a member of the Parish since 2006 and has served on the Vestry for a year and a half on the Stewardship/Endowment/Planned giving committee. Lee and his wife, Perrin, have two sons, Wiley and Angus.

### **November 25 – Thanksgiving eve service and meal**

Plan to join your church family for the Thanksgiving service followed by a candlelight pot luck dinner in Bishops' Hall. Turkey will be provided so bring dressing, vegetables, salads or a dessert to share with the crowd.



### **November 30 – Meeting for all women of the church**

The December meeting of St. Agnes will be Monday, NOVEMBER 30 at 7:00 PM at the church. Donna Brooks, our organist, will present a program on Holiday Music--Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. All members of St. Clare and St. Anne chapters are invited to attend as well as any women of the church who are interested.

### **Looking Ahead ...**

#### **December 2 - Primetimers**

Please save the date for a Primetimers' Luncheon on Wednesday December 2 at 12:30 in Bishops' Hall.

#### **December 4 –**

"Young Adult" Progressive Dinner

Friday, December 4th

6 p.m. until

Appetizers at the home of Jason and Mary Haigler

Dinner at the home of Kelly and John Wiseman

Dessert and the home of Courtney and Jimmy Rambo

As usual, we'll ask each couple to bring a dish to share

Please contact Jane Merrill for more information or to RSVP

388-2173 or [janehmerrill@gmail.com](mailto:janehmerrill@gmail.com)

#### **Parish Needs**

- The Parish Office is in need of a small safe. If you have one to donate, please call Denise in the church office (223-5426).
- Hosts for coffee hour are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Bishops' Hall.
- A few parishioners are in need of a ride to church, for either service and not necessarily every Sunday. Please let the Rector or vestry member Shirley Walker know if you can help.

## **A Letter from Marilyn**

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for being our "family" during the past 35 years. When we moved to Greenwood 35 years ago, we knew no one. In the time we lived there we made many, many wonderful friends but the core of our outside relationships has been Church of the Resurrection. There's no way I could possibly explain to you how much your friendship meant to both Dick and I over the years. You were our family we didn't have in Greenwood. Your prayers and acts of kindness during Dick's final illness and after his death sustained me more than I could ever tell you. The women in St. Agnes's Chapter are my dearest friends and I will remember them always. Resurrection has come a long ways in 35 years and I will always feel so blessed to have been part of the communion of saints at Resurrection. Thank you for all the blessings you have given me with your love, prayers, friendship and encouragement. You will always be part of my life. I love each and everyone of you. May God continue to bless each one of you.*

*Love, Marilyn Dickinson*

Note: Marilyn's new address is 8675 Dublin Ridge Cir NW, Massillon, Oh 44646. Her email is [mdickinson@sssnet.com](mailto:mdickinson@sssnet.com)

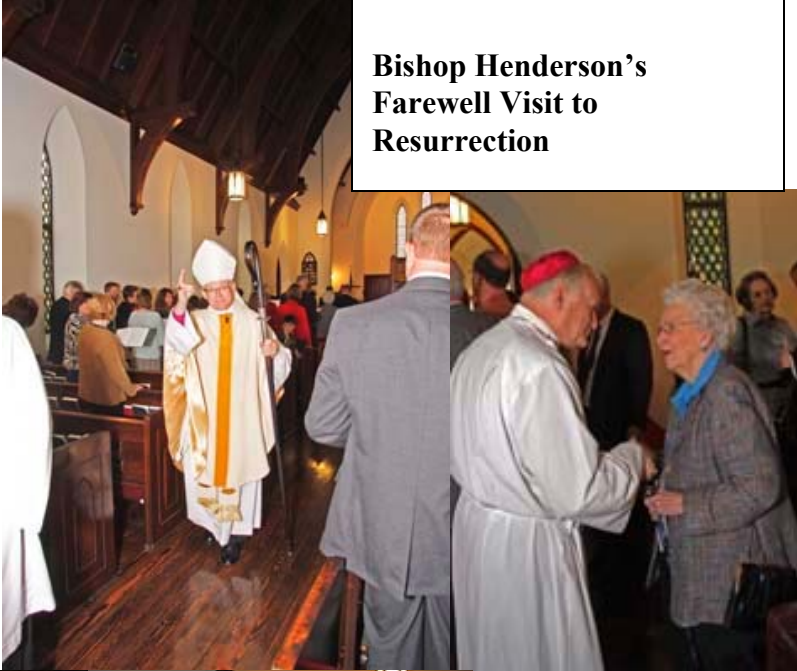
### **Altar Flower Memorials for 2009-2010**

Giving flowers for the Altar is open to all parishioners. Some families choose to give memorials on Easter, Christmas, and/or a particular Sunday during the year. There are several ways that you can assist the Altar Guild and the church office in scheduling flowers.

- If you would like to give flowers as a memorial, please call Denise in the church office @ 223-5426. It is certainly appropriate to share a Sunday with another giver, and we can check on that for you. The average cost for the two arrangements is approximately \$75 but it depends on the specific flowers requested.
- No flowers are used on the Altar during Lent. This may change available dates from year to year. We try to honor long-standing dates that reflect a particular anniversary or event.
- If you do not want the memorial to be scheduled on a yearly basis, please let us know. The monthly Altar Guild chairwoman calls each giver prior to the Sunday for flowers. She will ask which florist you prefer and deliver the vase liners to the florist. It is helpful for the giver to call the florist personally if there is a special flower request. If the wording for the memorial needs to be changed or updated, please let the church office or Noonie Fennell know. We can easily make changes on the flower schedule to accommodate your wishes.
- If you have any questions, please do not feel awkward in calling the church office or Noonie Fennell (223-7769). We want to be of service to you.



**Bishop Henderson's Farewell Visit to Resurrection**



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Family News*

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:**

01 – Loudon Brooks, Jr. 01 – Sara Kummer 03 – Barbara Brock 03 – Catherine DiBenedetto 03 – Catherine Brooks 06 – Janet McCabe 08 – Mary Jane Mobley 08 – John Cooper 11 – Robert McIlvain 13 – Mary Van Ellenberg	14 – Maria-Paz Lopez 15 – Mary Ann Cooper 16 – Laura Ann Thompson 17 – Ann Arnold 17 – Lang Foster 17 – Donna Holtzclaw 18 – Cannon Wooten 19 – Anne Gibert 19 – Lesa Beckett 19 – Lorri Roughton	19 – Catherine Lewis 20 – Delores Lusk 21 – Shannon McCabe 21 – Dorothy Anna Russell 22 – Robert DiBenedetto 25 – Carolyn Magness 27 – Susu Wallace 28 – David Brown
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**ANNIVERSARIES:**

22 – Phil and Mary Van Ellenberg  
 24 – Jon and Nancy Newlon  
 27 – Ralph and Caroline Jenkins

**PRAYERS ARE ASKED**

**For the sick:** Harold L. Stevens, J.S. Stroud, Ryan Wright, Debra River, Jack Pepper, Estelle Craven, Nancy Irwin, Keith Thomas, Doris Suber, Thomas Brooks, Eric Petrus, Nancy Miller, Diana Dent Cox, Ann Arnold, Bill McDaniel, Betty Curry, Edith Powell Wilkins, Danny Wilbanks, Add Penfield, Sr., Sara Kummer, Marsha Brodie, Kate Gruauskie, Mae Phillips, Gus & Billie Latham, Kathleen Kapsalis, Patty Ellerbe, William Jones, LaRue Cook, Francis Smith-Hopkins, Jake Cobb, Edith Kelley

- We extend farewell to Marilyn Dickinson who moved to Ohio. Her new address is 8675 Dublin Ridge Circle NW., Massillon, OH 44646
- Those confirmed on October 25<sup>th</sup> were Jim Bright, Mary Bright, Margot Burdette, Katie Kent, Jon Brooks Newlon, Libby Sealy, Kelly Sealy, and Laura Ann Thompson. Stefan Hartung was baptized and confirmed.
- We give thanks for the birth of Cornelia Grace Thompson, daughter of Brad and Mary Henry Hawes Thompson and granddaughter of Rev. Peter and Anna Cay Hawes on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

**For the people of Afghanistan and Iraq**

**The unemployed**

**For those to be baptized:** Mason and Samantha Hartung, Samuel McDevitt

**For these families expecting babies:** Tripp and Laura Padgett, and Katie and Dave Eisenreich.

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list to Denise at [denise@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto:denise@episcopalgreenwood.org) or call 223-5426.

### October Stewardship Report

	Pledges (Budgeted)	Pledges (Actual)
<b>Last Month</b>	<b>\$ 23,250</b>	<b>\$ 21,124</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 232,500</b>	<b>\$ 219,345</b>