



From the Rafters

Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

New Ministry for the New Year

A spiritual writer I encountered last year wrote of the practice of contemplative prayer (meditation, really) as a fractal experience of the larger life. A fractal object is a small thing that, when joined with many other identical things, forms a whole that is a replica of each and all of them. A fern leaf is composed of many, ever smaller, fern leaves. A salt crystal is composed of many small crystals, all tiny replicas of the whole. Prayer is a fractal of life, she wrote, because it is frequently interrupted, includes



mental and actual distractions, and requires a restart pretty often. Where was I in the Lord's Prayer, I ask, when the phone rang? Where was I in my life plan, when I ran after those bright and shiny things? "That's the fractal moment: practicing letting go and beginning again in that micro setting [of prayer] is the replica of having flubbed something at work and needing to begin again, or having strayed from our deepest aspiration or chosen course and having to begin again, or finding that we have fallen down and needing to stand up and begin again" (*The Fractal Moment: An Invitation to Begin Again*," Sharon Salzberg, <http://www.onbeing.org>). More explicitly Biblical language would call this the necessity of conversion and renewal, in particular moments and as the foundation for a holy life.

The beginning of the calendar year has long offered this moment to let go and begin again. This month, the gyms are full, salads are being made, and many are trying, for a few days, to be the person they want to be for the rest of the year. It is a season of resolutions. We wish for these days to be fractals of the larger year and the larger life. We let go of last year's failures and hindrances and seek new resolve for greater discipline. Churches and other communities also seek to turn over a new leaf this time of year, embracing new goals and possibilities, hoping that the next 12 months can be a fractal experience of a lifetime of joy, love, and service to others.

So what do we mean to let go of as a church, and how do we hope to begin again? We've talked about some of our hopes and dreams for 2016 since last summer. Your generosity will make it possible for us to call a summer youth and mission intern to work with our summer ministries and to host an acoustic trio weekend in April designed to broaden our musical styles for worship. We are making plans for a race and reconciliation series that will include a talk by Vernon Burton, a gathering to watch *Selma* together, and other elements. We are going to make a gift of \$5000 to Habitat for Humanity for their Mineral Court project, and have a new relationship with some local music majors through a Choir Scholars Program.

A few other organizational challenges also present themselves. We had a wonderful year of Parish Life events last year, but with too many of them falling on a very small group of hospitality volunteers. They served joyfully, but we need a better rotation of cooks, hosts, and dishwashers to sustain our table gatherings. We hope to organize four event teams that will rotate through the events we host. We are also going to do a study of best practices in mission and outreach in the Adult Forum later this year, with hopes of drawing together, in a more unified vision, our giving to mission agencies, our own neighborhood mission efforts, and the fundraising efforts for mission that we have now embraced. We hope this reflection will provoke new interest in the work of the Mission Committee. We are also appointing an Organ Study Committee to take a hard look at our struggling instrument and see if we are making the best choices in maintenance and what plans need to be in place for the future.

Many have noticed that we are in a particularly good season of congregational health. There is so much to give thanks for from 2015. Our music ministry is growing, in numbers and excellence, as are experiences of Christian Formation for children and adults. We are blessed to have every generation of faith present here. We are welcoming many new members and visitors. We are practicing the love of our neighbors in deeper ways and becoming more and more rooted in our little corner of the world. We are handling our mortgage well

and will enjoy good financial health and new ministry, due to your generosity.

Reflecting on both our hopes for the future and our thanksgivings for God's good work among us in the recent past, the staff has chosen a theme of *faithfulness* for 2016. In Philippians 4:9, Paul speaks of a call to "keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you." Faithfulness claims the gifts of the past and seeks to refresh them for the future. Faithfulness is to each other and to God, to the promises of our baptism, and to a Kingdom hope greater than any year's particular concerns. Faithfulness is the appropriate human response to the God who has been so graciously faithful to us in Christ. We hope that 2016 will be a faithful year, a fractal experience that reminds us what the whole of our lives are meant to be.
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**Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 17
12:00 Noon in Emmaus Hall**

We'll take a look back at our ministry in 2015 and hear about plans for 2016. You will approve a budget and hear a report of our finances in the past year. Nursery will be offered during the meeting.

Nominees for Vestry: Catherine Brooks, Ann Wells, Adrian Little, and John Harte.

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Craig Church
Nominations from the floor remain in order.

Catherine Brooks

Catherine Brooks is a junior at Cambridge Academy, where she is involved in student government, National Honor Society, band, yearbook, and four athletic teams. At Resurrection she has been an avid member of EYC and Sunday school and helps each summer with Camp Clef Notes and Vacation Bible School. Following her confirmation in September of 2015, Catherine was thrilled when asked to serve on the Vestry and looks forward to continuing her journey in faith through this service. As part of the Vestry, she hopes to represent fellow young adults in the church and contribute a youthful perspective to this ministry.

John Harte leads the information security team at C.V. Starr & Co. as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Starr is a group of insurance and financial businesses based in New York, NY. He received his

undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in Management Information Systems and his MBA in Risk Management and Insurance from Georgia State University. He and his wife Dr. Ashley Harte have two young daughters, Eva Rose (3) and Eliza Grace (3 months old). John has served the Greenwood area previously as the 2013-2014 Emerald City Rotary President, Emerald City Rotary Board of Directors, Leadership Greenwood Class of 2011, and Rotary District 7750 Rotaract committee chair.

Adrian Little has been a full-time member of the Church of the Resurrection since 2006. He and his wife Jennifer have a beautiful cat called Isabella. He was born in England and taught at high school level in Glasgow, Scotland, for nearly 20 years before coming to the USA. Adrian has served as an usher, reader and Eucharistic Minister, and looks forward to serving on the vestry, where he hopes to make a difference any way he can. He is a graduate of King's College, London.

Anne Kummer Wells and her husband David currently live in Greenwood with their children, Katherine (8) and Nicholas (3). Previously with Capsugel, Anne left the corporate world to take care of her family. She has served the church's children for several years and is excited about serving on the vestry. She is a graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School and the University of South Carolina. Anne also earned her Master of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Tennessee, where she specialized in medical ethics.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Sunday School is back in session - January 10

Children and Youth Sunday School resumes this Sunday, January 10, at 9:30. Younger children will continue their unit focusing on the early life of Jesus. Older children in grades 6-12 are invited to the Youth Room for a program of study on Jesus' call to ministry beginning with his baptism.

Formation Ministers Meeting - January 21

Our parish is hosting the Diocese's Formation Ministers Meeting on Thursday, January 21, from 10 am to 2 pm. Anyone who volunteers with children or youth ministries would benefit from attending the meeting where we will exchange ideas, resources and support. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Floyd no later than January 14. Bring your own lunch; coffee and other drinks will be provided. Nursery care may be available

if requested.

ADULT FORMATION

Wednesdays at 10:45: *The First to Follow: The Apostles of Jesus*, by John Claypool. By studying those whom Jesus selected as apostles and what he did for them, to them, with them, and through them, we can learn much about how we experience the holy in our own day. This book is about those apostles, their relationships with Jesus and with each other and what the dynamics of that community can teach us. We begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10, at 10:45 AM in the Library/Conference Room in Bishops' Hall.

Sunday Adult Forum: *Push and Pull in the Prayer Book*: Our Epiphany series continues to uncover some of the creative tensions in our *Book of Common Prayer*. Those who have lived through revisions of the book will be aware of some of these; for others, this will be an opportunity to tease out revealing differences that may make our worship services come alive. The session on January 10 will consider our service for Holy Baptism, which stresses both the high responsibility of the baptized and the free gift of new life in Christ.

Rabbit Patch. This is a monthly service, on the third Tuesday of each month.

Watercolor Classes to begin in January

Noted watercolorist Bill Updegraff will teach watercolor techniques at Resurrection beginning January 21. Bill is a signature member in several watercolor societies and has received many awards for his paintings. You may enjoy viewing some of his works at <http://updebill.wix.com/upstudio>.



Classes will meet from 9 AM until Noon on Thursdays beginning January 21 and running through February 25. Cost of the six week session is \$108. Call or email Barbara Brock (223-6420 or barbarabrock22@gmail.com) to register and get a list of needed supplies.

Save the Date!

Men of the Church
host
Mardi Gras for
Mission



Saturday, February 6
Emmaus Hall

Introduction to Resurrection and the Episcopal Church
in four sessions
January 24, 31 and February 7 and 14
12 Noon – 12:45 PM
Youth Room in the Parish House
What is the history of the Anglican tradition, the Episcopal Church, and this congregation?
How do we understand Creeds, Sacraments, and Scripture?
Why do we worship this way?
How is the church organized and how can I get more involved?
Join us take up these questions!



Wesley Commons Holy Eucharist Service
Residents of Wesley Commons, please join us for a Holy Eucharist Service on Tuesday, January 19 at 11:00 AM. We meet in the Private Dining Room, near the

Summer Children's Ministry
Save these dates for ministry with children at Resurrection:
Camp Kanuga Day Camp at Resurrection will be held July 11-15.
Vacation Bible School and **Camp Clef Notes** will run together, morning and afternoon, July 25-28.
Check out other great church camp opportunities for children and youth, at Camp Kanuga in the Blue Ridge Mountains (<http://www.kanuga.org>) and our beloved Camp Gravatt the South Carolina Sandhills (<http://www.campgravatt.org/camp/>).

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
3: in memory of E. Loudon Brooks, Sr., Myrtle Fellers Brooks, Edward Mims Mobley, Sr., Saline Clark Mobley, and Myrtle Brooks Fisher by Dr. Mims and Mary Jane Mobley.
10: in memory of Mary and Edward K. Sanders and James and Julia Graham by Jane and Edward Sanders, Jr.
17: in memory of Thomas Elliott Webb by Dyan Webb.
24: in memory of Laura Latimer Bolton by the Gillespie Family.
31: in memory of Richard R. Jayne, his parents, Milton and Ann Jayne, and in honor of his daughters, Stephanie and Tracy Jayne by Christine Jayne.



STUDENT THEOLOGICAL DEBATE SOCIETY
 SUMMA is a fantastic opportunity for high school students to build their faith through intellectual channels. Held every summer on the campus of the School of Theology at the University of the South, SUMMA camp offers a rich, meaningful experience, and a chance to make lifelong friends.

The Summer 2016 session of SUMMA camp will be held July 18–26, 2016. Apply at <http://summa.sewanee.edu>.

- Tools for thinking,
- Knowledge of the Christian theological tradition,
- Skill in public speaking and debate, and

Cutting-edge engagement with topics such as religion and science, social ethics, and interfaith relations. More information about the Summer 2016 Camp—including an application—is available on the website or by emailing program director Rev. Cindy Fribourgh at summa@sewanee.edu, or by calling 501-580-9066.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18 for the Martin Luther King holiday.

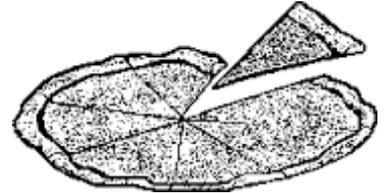


With two District 50 Mondays off from school in a row (January 11 and 18) and an ongoing search for a new staff leader, we'll delay our Sunday gathering start up

until January 24. In the meantime, let's gather for pizza and to support our basketball team.

EYC Dinner Out

Led by Fr. Beasley and Allen Hughes
 Wednesday, January 13, 6:00 PM
 Mill House Pizza on Maxwell Avenue
 Bring \$5.



Next EYC Regular Meeting

Sunday, January 24 at 5:30



Senior Boys Peak Basketball Schedule

Saturday, January 9, 9:30 AM at the YMCA versus Rice/Harris, a combined Baptist team.
 Saturday, January 16, 12:30 PM at the YMCA versus First Presbyterian.
 Saturday, January 23 at 11:30 AM at the YMCA versus South Main Street Baptist.

Happening #75 is MARCH 11-13, 2016 at GRAVATT CONFERENCE CENTER in AIKEN.

Register at

<https://upper.sc.wufoo.com/forms/happening-75-candidate-registration/> by February 19.

Our most recent Happeners include Sam Hyatt and Janie Hughes. They'd love to tell you more.



SC Bishops' Public Education Initiative Dialogue

On Monday, November 30, 2015, nearly 100 people, including a group from Resurrection, our bishop, and our former rector, Bishop Charlie von Rosenberg, gathered at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church to listen to South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, as well as bishops from the four LARCUM denominations, speak on the importance of educating children in poverty.

Molly Spearman has seen it all. She graduated from a public high school in an impoverished area of Saluda County. She has taught in the finest of schools overflowing with resources, to the most impoverished in resources and population. As she spoke to the crowd of church parishioners, teachers, volunteers, administrators and clergy, she shared her personal story of faith.

It was hard for her, Spearman said, to decide to go back into politics after serving four terms in the House of Representatives and run for Superintendent. But as she has progressed in her life, she has grown closer to God. She listens for the call of his will in her daily life by reading Scripture, praying and meditating. This call was too strong and she decided to run, amidst a slate of about 11 other candidates. Peace descended and she knew she was doing the right thing, whether she could win or not. She was elected.

The SC Bishops' Public Education Initiative is about doing the right thing. Spearman says that we can maintain separation of church and state, and there is nothing to stop us from being a part of the lives of all of our children.

The five LARCUM (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist) bishops have real education experience, several having been public school classroom teachers in the past. They showed their passion for God's children, our children in the state of South Carolina, in the panel discussion held after Molly Spearman's talk. As they listened and answered questions about practical ways we can accomplish the

goal of high-quality education for every child, two things emerged: the LARCUM Bishops were asked to be accountable for communication of upcoming legislation in order for our people to advocate more effectively, and the bishops asked participants to be accountable for getting involved in a tutoring or other enrichment program and to each invite five people to join them.

One call to a legislator at a time, one child at a time, if we all pitch in, we will make a profound difference in the state of South Carolina.

Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry released from hospital

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry was discharged from the hospital in Virginia on December 11 after surgery for a sub dermal hematoma and is recuperating at home in North Carolina.

"God is God and I have lived my life trusting in Him," the presiding bishop said. "And I believe the church and the world are in God's hands even when it may not seem like it." Bishop Curry expressed his gratitude for the healthcare team of doctors, nurses and all "who have been helpful to me during the hospitalization." The presiding bishop will continue his health-care regimen which includes physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Bishop Curry and his family expressed thanks for an outpouring of prayers and well wishes. In their thankfulness, they ask for privacy during his recovery, though Curry will also conduct staff meetings and carry on this ministry via videoconferencing from his home. Bishop Curry was taken to the hospital Dec. 6 after a visitation to Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Further information will continue to be released by the presiding bishop's office

Check out the Daily Prayer Site at Forward Movement: <http://prayer.forwardmovement.org>

- Read and comment on today's *Forward Day By Day meditation*.
- Pray the Daily Office; they offer Morning, Noonday, and Evening Prayer, plus Compline, every day.
- Set your own personalized Daily Prayer Preferences.
- Access three different versions of The Liturgical Calendar.

And visit www.forwardmovement.org to find more resources to strengthen your faith and heart.

Resurrection Family News

BIRTHDAYS

01 – Wells Anderson
 02 – John Russell
 07 – Eloise Zimmerman
 07 – Paul Bowers
 07 – Nora Bolen Kuykendall
 10 – Doris Suber
 11 – Albert Merrill
 12 – Beth Church
 12 – Paul Gillespie

13 – Albert Faden
 14 – Dottie Russell
 16 – Jack Alvarez
 20 – Teedie Radford
 21 – Phyllis Kocik
 23 – Adrian Little
 23 – Lila Putnam
 23 – Matt Anderson
 23 – Sam Anderson
 24 – Eva Rose Harte
 27 – Carroll Brooks

27 – Shirley Walker
 27 – Delaney Floyd
 31 – Barbara Reeves

ANNIVERSARIES

06 – Bob and Catherine DiBenedetto
 11 – Canon and Allison Wooten
 15 – Patrick and Carmen Kinney

If the parish office does not have your birthday or anniversary, please share these dates with us.

Your prayers are asked:

For the sick and those with particular needs: Nancy Cash, Susan Wash, Maria-Paz Lopez, Ginny Colby Cambreleng, Bradley Anderson, Cass Booker, Mary Jo Tolbert, Winnie Lewis, Nancy Miller, Doris and Evan Clay, Ann and Bob McIlvain, Bart McGuire, Buck Free, Carol Dean, Ryan Wright, Catherine Woodiwiss, Braden Newton, Lester Hall (Beverly Hall's father), Mark Weems (Brenda Weems' son), Adelaide Copeland (Joann Brewer's mother), Martha and Earl McCombs (Mary Ann Cooper's parents), Carolyn Merrill (Albert Merrill's mother), William Love (Renee Love's father), Van McMillan, Ann and Don Roberts, Willie Moseley, Craig Loner, Stig ("Stee") Hansen, Antoinette Blattler (Deryl McGuire's cousin), Lilly Mueller, Bob Tiller, Laura Sears, Aaron Bishop

For those in the service of our country: Noah Woodiwiss, Mavrick Harris, Cameron Roberts, Grant Roberts, Trip Wash, Michael Webb, Aaron Crowe

For those expecting babies: Anne and Aaron Crowe

- We extend sympathy to family of Phoebe Elliott on their mother's death, December 2.
- We extend sympathy to the family of Elaine Kapp on their mother's death December 12.
- We extend sympathy to Lisa Wideman on the death of her mother, Vera Roberts, on December 28.

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

Stewardship Report

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)	Forward in Faith (Actual)
Last Month	\$ 35,899	\$ 27,083	\$ 11,944	\$ 3,667	\$ 43,628	\$ 33,537	\$ 21,196
Year to Date	\$ 302,125	\$ 325,000	\$ 60,502	\$ 44,000	\$ 400,333	\$ 402,415	\$ 121,790

January 2016 Ministry Schedule

If you cannot fill the position assigned, please make arrangements for your replacement,
and let the Parish Office know of the change. Thank you!

	January 3: Second Sunday after Christmas	January 10: First Sunday after the Epiphany	January 17: Second Sunday after the Epiphany	January 24: Third Sunday after the Epiphany	January 31: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Vestry of the Month	Stefan Hartung and Cathy Robertson				
Altar Guild	Sandra Lewis (Chair), Edie Brooks, Phyllis Johnstone, Marilyn Gobble				
Readings	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84:1-8 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st E.M.	Chris Jayne	Domer Ridings	Chuck McDonnell	Domer Ridings	Domer Ridings
2nd E.M.	Chuck McDonnell	Chris Jayne	Domer Ridings	Chuck McDonnell	Chuck McDonnell
Ushers	Jim and Mary Bright	Walt Patterson Jan Puzar	Don Bergman John Scurry	B and Peggy Adams	Deryl McGuire Paul Criswell
Coffee Hosts	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson	Jon Newlon	Lucas McMillan	Jane Merrill	Brenda Weems	Ashley Woodiwiss
2nd Lesson	Ann Arnold	Robby Crowder	Bette Ricker	Lucas McMillan	Joeis Ryan
1st E.M./Prayers	Gerald Brooks	Sara Kummer	Beverly Hall Wilson	Adrian Little	Gerald Brooks
2nd E.M.	Frank Wideman	Adrian Little	Connie Hammett	Ann Arnold	Sara Kummer
1st Crucifer	Dorothy Anna Russell	Robert Crowder	Genevive Crowder	Catherine Brooks	Lila Putnam
Book Bearer	Whittaker Russell	Emma Jones	George Hyatt	Ryan Anderson	Gray Putnam
Torchbearers	Madden Craven Peter Russell	Griffin Jones Jacob Davis	Katherine Wells Leslie Juul Merrill	Drew Hodges William Beasley	Katherine McDevitt Madden Craven
Ushers	Adrian Little David Dougherty	John Cobb Tom Cobb	Bob and JoAnn Brewer	Allen Hughes Frank Wideman	Alan Treeter Patrick Kinney
Greeters	Jon and Nancy Newlon	Susu and Abney Wallace	Stefan and Trish Hartung	George and Sarah McKinney	Elizabeth Schuler Frank Wideman
Nursery	Hugh and Shannon Jones	Stephen and Reva Davis	Noonie Fennell	John and Kelly Wiseman	Josie Ryan
Nursery Attendant	Haven Bailey	Haven Bailey	Kaylee Fowler	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hosts	Jimmy and Michelle Powers	Tom Cobb	Noonie and Joe Fennell	Lucas and Lisa McMillan	Joanne and Tom Hochheimer
Children's Worship	Jane Merrill Patricia Hartung Lisa McMillan	Brooks Kuykendall Sandra Lewis Elizabeth Beasley	Camilla Cathcart Beth Wood Ryan Floyd	Elizabeth Floyd Tim Wood Cathy Robertson	Mary Woodiwiss Patricia Bolen Lisa McMillan
Eucharistic Visitors	None	None	None	Deryl McGuire (Nan Hines) George Rush (Sterling House) Mary Woodiwiss (Nancy Miller)	None



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