



From the Rafters

Our Mission

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

Summer is for Moving

June kicks off a busy season of mobility for many Americans. For most, it is the temporary mobility of visiting family in distant locations, going to the beach, or heading to the mountains. Camping, hiking, and riding rivers are all ways we move in the summer.



Others are undertaking bigger moves, especially those with children of school age. Jobs and other needs call us from state to state these days, and most try to time their moves to the summer.

The season offers a little more leisure to deal with the disruption and the opportunity to be a new kid on the first day of the school year, when everyone is new, in a way.

Our church is likely to have some visitors this summer as a result, people who find their way through our doors in the midst of seeking new connections and roots in Greenwood. They will be looking for many things. Programs for children and youth, inspiring music and preaching, a sense of welcome and a hope

for community. They will want to know that the Holy Spirit is at work in our church and that Christ is revealed among us in loving, supportive

Summer Services Stay the Same!
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM
Give 8:30 a try if you want more day to enjoy; the 10:30 service will have a shorter format in the summer as well.
Wednesday 10 AM Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers, unless Nicholas is out of town, as he will be on 6/15, 6/29, and 7/6.

relationships. Some will understand that discerning such things takes a while and will hang out with us from some weeks. Others will form an instant impression and base their decisions upon it.

Hospitality to strangers is one of the great virtues taught in the Bible, from Abraham's entertainment of God under the oaks of Mamre to Psalm 23's depiction

of a table graciously spread. There are small things we can all do to make Resurrection a more hospitable community. I've shared the old adage before, that growing churches are those in which existing members sit in the front and park in the back. Come a tad earlier on Sundays and explore the back corner of the parking lot and often-capacious front of the church. You'll leave the more sought-after parking places and church seats to those visitors who are often late. Remember that our church building doesn't have the outside aisles that make seating latecomers easier. If you are able to, take your seat nearer the wall, so that others can readily join you in the pew. Arriving early also gives you a chance to talk with others in the Gathering Space or Courtyard, which deepens our communion.

Beyond these simple acts of hospitality are the more radical ones, particularly opening our lives up to the new people who God brings into the life of the church. Inviting them to lunch, into our homes, and to share in our activities is what really incorporates new folk into the Body of Christ. If you have been in this church and community for a while, it is likely that you already have relationships that keep you busy. Try all the same to incorporate new people into them, giving strangers and sojourners a foothold into our community that may prove life giving, for them and for you.

I'd love it if you would do some scouting for us while you travel this summer. Worship in other churches and share what you have learned. The program staff and I are happy to receive ideas from experiences, bulletins, and newsletters that you collect. You can help us make lively plans for ministry for the year ahead with your findings. You don't have to pack your Sunday best to worship in most churches these days. They'll be glad to have you. If the welcome feels lukewarm, bring that experience back as well. Most every church feels it is welcoming, and yet I regularly worship away from here in the summer and find myself ignored at coffee hour.

Those who find us this summer are actually seeking the same things we seek when we come to church. They want to be part of a gathering of Jesus and his disciples in which the good news of the Kingdom is

shared. They want to be welcomed, known, and eventually invited into spiritual friendship. Some of them are surely odd, in manners, dress, or opinions. They are like us in those ways as well! Everyone on earth is in need of the love and support of a wide human family. Christians are those who have been found by the love of Jesus Christ and seated at his table. They are also those who move over to make room and who move toward others to welcome them, that his love be further revealed. *Nicholas+*

VBS & Camp Clef Notes – August 1-4, 9 am to Noon

Registration is now open for our vacation bible school and music camp. These programs will run on the same days, Monday, August 1 through Thursday, August 4. Bible school begins at 9 AM and ends at noon. Camp Clef Notes begins at 12:30 and ends at 2:45. Children attending both programs are invited to bring their lunch and will be allowed time to eat between the two programs. Nursery care is offered in the morning only for younger siblings and children of volunteers.

If your child is interested in attending either or both programs, email Elizabeth Floyd at elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org. She will send you back a registration form. Children should watch the mail at the end of this month for a special “owl delivery.”

Volunteers for both programs are needed. Contact Elizabeth Floyd (elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org) if you would like to help in set design, providing snacks or serving during the week. There is something everyone can do to help.



Holy Communion Tuesday, June 21 at 11 AM Private Dining Room

If Fr. Beasley is away, one of our Lay Eucharistic Visitors will lead us in a communion service from the Reserved Sacrament.

A Gentle Introduction to Islam

Led by Adrian Little

June 12 and 19 at 9:30 in Emmaus Hall

The religion of Islam has come under intense scrutiny over the years, and perhaps now more than ever before. Much of our view of Islam is generated by the news media and often our knowledge is limited to what we see and hear in the fog of news programming. Now might be a good time to learn what Islam is and what it teaches. Adrian Little taught religion in secondary school settings in England and Scotland before coming to Greenwood. Over the course of these two Sundays, he will present a gently non-academic *Introduction to Islam*. Nursery care will be available for young children.

Gabe Woodiwiss and Catherine Brooks, our Summer Youth and Mission Interns

One of our goals for 2016 was the creation of a summer internship program that would allow two Resurrection students to grow in their gifts for ministry and their knowledge of the life of the church. We also hope the interns will allow us to expand our offerings in youth ministry and neighborhood mission over the summer. I'm so pleased that Gabe and Catherine will be serving in that capacity in 2016. Watch this space and others means of communication to see what we all make of this experience!

We Give Thanks for Graduates!

Robert Crowder, who actually graduated last December, is on his way toward a knob year at The Citadel: the Military College of South Carolina. **Grant Touchstone** is graduating this month and is headed to Mississippi State University. **Daniel Woodiwiss**, graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. **Frances Rucker**, Walt Patterson's granddaughter, is graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in mathematics and computer science, and **Ellen Cary Gallman**, daughter of Henry and Libby Cary, recently graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina with a degree of Doctorate in Nursing Practice. Every good wish and many blessings to them as they continue their journeys!



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

5: in memory of Anita Brooks, Myrtle Fisher, Shirley Brooks and Thomas Barry Brooks by Carroll Brooks.

12: in memory of Myrtle Brooks Fisher by Dr. Mims and Mary Jane Mobley.

19: In memory of my father and her grandfather, George R. Smith, Jr. by Julie and Tatum Johnson.

26: in memory of G. E. Hammett, Mitchell Hammett and Alice Hammett by Connie Hammett.



Our Camp Kanuga Day Camp offers creative and educational activities that allow campers to engage with their community and make new friends. All activities are conducted on-site and are designed specifically for younger-aged campers (5-11 years old). Day camps are a great way to introduce children to the summer camp experience.

Dates: July 18-22, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (subject to change)

Day Camp: 5-8 years old

Adventure Day Camp: 9-11 years old

Fees: You'll see three options online. Each camper's actual fee is \$225. But you can pay \$225, \$100, or \$0, depending on ability. We have 40 slots, and Resurrection gets to retain all fees for registrations 31-40.

Activities: Kanuga Day Camp activities include: Morning Jam (singing and dancing), archery, naturalist program, scavenger hunts, team sports, low elements, co-op games, arts and crafts, and more. These age-appropriate activities help young people learn new skills, appreciate God's creation and build Christian community.

What To Bring: Campers will need (1) a sack lunch, (2) a water bottle, and (3) close-toed shoes each day. Snacks and cold water will be provided.

Learn more and register online at <http://www.kanuga.org/>

Remembering the Emanuel Nine

Thursday, June 2,

1:00 PM

Piedmont

Technical College

Library



As the first anniversary of the Emanuel Church

shootings approaches on June 17, the PTC library will host a very special program to commemorate this tragic event. Dr. J. David Gillespie, Dana Professor of Political Science, emeritus, at Presbyterian College and now a Charleston resident, will speak. His book, *Race Murder, Christian Forgiveness, and Revolutionary Change in Charleston South Carolina: A Seminal Moment in American History*, was published this year. His talk will also cover some of the events relating to the case which have occurred in the months since the book was published.

Anglican Heritage Tour in England in 2017



The Reverends Harold and Elizabeth Morgan will lead an Anglican Heritage Pilgrimage to England June 12-23, 2017.

Departing from the Charlotte airport, the Morgans' group will begin their tour in Manchester and York. They'll also visit Cambridge, Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge, Canterbury, and many other famous sites before arriving in London for their last four days. Cost (including air fare, motor coach tour, and some meals and other features) is \$4,998 based on double occupancy. For more information, contact the Morgans at 864-923-2033 or at ofmysoul99@yahoo.com. Many of you will remember some years ago when Harold served our church as interim rector. He is now at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Clinton.

Ministry Opportunity: Ushers Needed

Resurrection is looking to expand its pool of volunteers to act as Ushers at both Sunday services. Duties are light but very important. Ushers serve every six weeks or so and help to make our services warm, orderly, and welcoming. If you would like further information or wish to put your name forward, please contact at Adrian Little at [864-223-0027](tel:864-223-0027) or by e-mail at a.p.little@live.com



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