

From the Rafters

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Our Mission

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

Statistics and Summer Sundays

During our bishop's recent visit, he met with the Vestry and spoke about patterns of worship attendance, observed around the denomination and throughout the mainline churches. He has noticed what many have; that average numbers of worshipers are falling in many places. Churches have used a simple statistic called Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) as a metric for a long time. (Ours recently went from 159 to 161, from 2015 to 2016, so we are holding our own). The bishop said many people were wondering about that statistic's relevance, as many people who feel strongly connected to Christ and the church find worshiping even twice a month a high and worthy goal. Every Sunday, in the same pew, just isn't happening as often anymore.

There are many reasons why. Travel soccer and other sports keep families on the road. More people work on Sunday as more and more places are open for business and ever-greater productivity is sought by corporations, who will gladly send you home with a nice laptop and a mobile data plan to keep you busy. We live in a lovely spot that offers abundant recreation and, as Carolina people often say, the beach and the mountains are both just a couple of hours away. Overworked, over scheduled people do laundry on Sunday morning or retreat at home from the busyness of life and eschew the interaction worship might offer. We are an affluent society, in which many have myriad choices of how to spend their time. It is also possible that the tide of faith is ebbing or that traditional liturgy is reaching fewer people.

So perhaps, many people are asking, we should consider some other metric than ASA, some other way of measuring spiritual growth and faithfulness to Christ. Can we measure lives touched? Is there a metric for transformed human beings? Is there a way to quantify the increase in moral excellence or in the common good that ministry of the church fosters? Perhaps what we do, what the Spirit does among us, is not readily quantifiable. Maybe only a qualitative and affective sense of the well-being of our ministry has ever really been possible. We'll know that we really believe this when we stop recording and reporting and worrying about attendance numbers!

Aside from metrics, it is worth asking what place

worship takes in our lives. Can we be the church, the church at its best, without a lively commitment to gathering on the first day of the week, for Word and Sacrament? The book of Hebrews invites "us [to] consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews sees worship as a *provocative* gathering, a time to come together and see if we are moved to some new faithfulness, by the Spirit's work through worship and worshipers. Is it likely that any of the other things we might do on Sunday morning will provoke us to greater virtue and love? Some might, but many other Sunday morning activities are restorative without being challenging.

Still, hassling people about coming to church makes me uncomfortable. I think you should come but also know my own ego is tied up in the hassling and in the size of the crowd that assembles, for a half-empty church does not feel good to preachers (or other worshipers). We don't gather for me to feel better about the state of our life together, to be sure. God has much more important work to do through our worship when we gather! No, we gather Sunday by Sunday because worship is the first fitting response to the wondrous work God has done in Christ. We gather to be the church, to learn from each other, to deepen our relationships with God and one another, to be provoked to greater holiness and good deeds by each other and by the ministry we make together.

There are two related things I would ask of you. First, tell me, Donna Brooks, and other members of the staff and the Vestry what you feel and think about our worship. Bless me with a sermon idea, some constructive criticism, some hints about what resonates and what falls flat. What works in preaching for you? Do you hear the Gospel clearly articulated? Donna would love to hear about your reaction to our increasingly excellent music program. When we dip into the gospel music tradition, are you thrilled? Do you like it when we print the hymn or anthem lyrics? If you aren't a hymn singer, what could we go to get a hymnal in your hands? If our worship is not

compelling, we want to make it so. Your considered feedback could help greatly.

The next few months are typically those in which our Sunday congregations slim. So second, I would ask you to be here, when you are in Greenwood this summer. There will be plenty of Sundays that you are traveling, as there will be for me. I'll be out of town in July to marry Shannon McCabe, to preach at a chapel in the mountains, and in June and August for vacation Sundays. I'd love to come home to learn that my absence was hardly noticed, that you all gathered in good numbers and good spirit for Word and Sacrament. If we can resist the snooze button and have our leisurely breakfasts on Saturdays, we can combine the strength of our presence and spiritual power to create an assembly of Christ's love and presence each Sunday. From that we go into the world, provoked and fortified to be his disciples. However we measure it, that is the life we seek, in worship and works. *Nicholas*



For the Feast of Pentecost Sunday, June 4

In the Marion Avenue Community Park at Resurrection, after 10:30 service.

Dress casually for the warm weather and bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

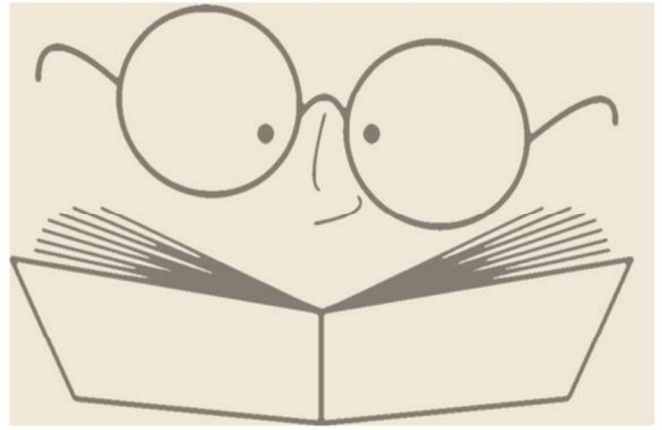
Entrée and beverages provided. Lawn chairs would be a help.

We'll be picnicking with Macedonia Baptist Church. You can drop off your dishes in the kitchen on your way to church.



**A Westside Community Clean-up Day
Saturday, June 17
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church (on Marion Avenue) at 8:30 AM to get your group and street assignments. It's a good chance to meet and serve with our neighbors! Gloves and helpful tools welcome.



Resurrection's Summer Scholars Series is an opportunity to learn from and get to know some of our Resurrection professors. Drawing from Lander, Erskine, and Furman, Resurrection is a community of teachers and learners.

Date and time	Location	Presenter and topic
Sunday, June 18 at 9:30 AM	Emmaus Hall, with coffee cake	Daniel Harrison, Lander, "Sea Level Rise in Charleston."
Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 PM	Emmaus Hall, with dessert	Shana Southard-Dobbs, "Understanding Individual Differences in Response to Psychological Trauma"
Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 PM	Emmaus Hall, with dessert	Benjamin Dobbs, "Music Education and the Liberal Arts in Early Reformation Germany."
Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 PM	501 North Street, beer and wine	Ashley Woodiwiss, "On Political Heroes."
Other presenters will include:	C. Renee Love, Sandy Singletary, and Lloyd Willis	Times and topics and treats, all to be announced!

Christian Formation



VBS & Camp Clef Notes, July 24 - 27

The theme for Resurrection's summer camps is water! During VBS, we'll study Water All Around the World, a mission-oriented program that teaches children about God's use of water as a means of creation, salvation, healing and health. Participants will learn about children in parts of the world where clean water is scarce and will have an opportunity to help them. As always, we'll play games, do crafts, sing and dance, hoping to cap off the week with a trip to the Splash Pad. VBS runs from 9 AM to noon and is intended for ages 4 to 11. Nursery care will be provided for children of volunteers and younger siblings. Older children should bring a sack lunch and make plans to stay for our afternoon music program, Wade in the Water, where they will learn about the importance of water as a spiritual theme in music. Camp Clef Notes runs from 12:30 to 2:45 and is intended for rising 1st graders and up.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Elizabeth Floyd (elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org) if you can help in some way. Registration forms and a sign-up sheet are available in the Gathering Space.

Join us for Children's Worship!

Our Sunday worship service for children has long served our younger members as a means of hearing and responding to God's word. Typically, eight to ten children come together for a Bible story, prayer and offering that speaks to their natural imagination and creativity. The program depends upon the service of two to three volunteers each Sunday, and we are in need of new faces. Consider whether you could give

one Sunday per month (perhaps less often) to this ministry as storyteller or greeter. A short description of these roles follows:

Greeter: Children's Worship greeters lead the children out of the Nave and guide them to the children's worship room. They take attendance, serve as models of worshipful behavior, and otherwise assist the storyteller. At the conclusion of the service, greeters lead the children back into the Nave to rejoin their families for communion.

Storyteller: Children's Worship storytellers use manipulative figures and backdrops to tell liturgically appropriate Bible stories. A detailed script for each story is provided; preparation is minimal and memorization is not necessary. The storyteller invites the children to wonder about the story, then leads them in an offering and prayer.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our Children's Worship ministry, contact Elizabeth Floyd at elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org or call the church office, 223-5426.



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 10-14, 2017

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. Friends, grandchildren, everyone welcome!



Sunday, May 14 included the Bishop's nearly-annual visitation, holy soaking, and Confirmation. From left to right in the picture above are Rita Marshall, Jeff Lanford, Robin Lanford, Isabel Kinney, Bishop Andrew Waldo, Sandy Singletary, and Whittaker Russell.

Another Great Sunday: Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition was Sunday, May 21. We enjoyed the refreshing influence of our youth on the Sunday service, with instrumental music led by guitar, banjo, and mandolin. Janie Hughes was the youth preacher, offering a sermon co-written with Isabel Kinney. We also give thanks for the accomplishments of those graduating from high school: Mary Margaret Adams, Catherine Brooks, Maria Gonzalez, Janie Hughes, Isabel Kinney, Angus Roper, and Gabriel Woodiwiss. And for those who have completed a degree in higher education: Nate Adams (Auburn University), Sam Anderson (Vanderbilt University), Kaylee Jo Fowler (Lander University), Thomas McDonnell (Presbyterian College), and Jon Brooks Newlon (New England School of Law).

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and:
June 4: in memory of Anita Brooks, Myrtle Fisher, Shirley Brooks and Thomas Barry Brooks by Mr. Carroll Brooks.
June 11: in memory of E. Loudon Brooks, Sr., Myrtle Feller Brooks, Edward Mims Mobley, Sr., Saline Clark Mobley, and Myrtle Brooks Fisher by Dr. Mims and Mary Jane Mobley.
June 18 – Father’s Day: In memory of my father, Jack Criswell; and in memory and thanksgiving for all fathers by Dr. Paul Criswell
June 25: in memory of G.E. Hammett, Mitchell Hammett and Alice Hammett by Ms. Connie Hammett.
The Presence Candle is given in thanksgiving for my children, Joe and Mason Shirley, by Jean Shirley.

Read *The Story* as an Introduction to the Bible

The Story is 31 chapters of Bible, some chapters drawing on multiple books of the Bible, arranged to demonstrate the overall narrative arc of the Scriptures. Its editors call it “the Bible as one continuing story of God and God’s people.” Reading it will give you a sense of the purpose and direction of the Bible, without taking you through some of the deeper waters in which you might initially lose your way. Reading *The Story* might be a Bible 101 for some, a way into a book that has been difficult for you in the past. Copies are available in the Gathering Space beginning June 4, for \$12. Devise your own reading schedule or use this one, meeting with Nicholas to discuss sections along the way. A cut-and-paste experience of Scripture like this will be interesting and worth discussing, as we discern the preferences of the editors, along with the message of the Bible.

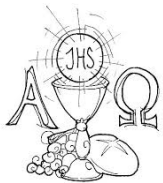
Chapters	Discussion Gatherings
1-4	Read on your own
5-7	Sunday, July 9, 9:30 AM
8-10	Read on your own
11-13	Sunday, July 30, 9:30 AM
14-17	Read on your own
18-20	Sunday, August 20, 9:30 AM
21-24	Read on your own
25-28	Wed., September 6, 7:00 PM
29-31	Wed., September 20, 7:00 PM

From A Historical Sketch of the Church of the Resurrection, by the Rev. Allen Webster Joslin.

In 1894, Resurrection leaders bought the lot situated on Court Street and fronting on Main from Mrs. Susan C. Hill for six hundred dollars. Of the amount paid, friends in Greenwood contributed one-hundred and seventy-nine dollars. The next step was to raise funds for the Chapel. Services had been held all the while by Mr. Bratton in first one hall, and then another, until the offer of the Methodist Church was accepted with afforded a welcome place of worship until the chapel was built. By autumn 1895, two hundred dollars had been secured. After consulting Mr. Silas McBee, a distinguished architect, it was decided to adopt as a model the Chapel of the Holy Comforter at Fairmont School in Monteagle, Tennessee...The Chapel was completed on August 1896...(and) on Sunday, October 7, 1896, the Right Reverend Ellison Capers, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina (and former

Confederate general) consecrated the Chapel of the Resurrection...

On October 1, 1899, the Reverend W.P. Whitsell became the first resident ministry of the Episcopal Church in Greenwood. The Guild of the Resurrection was organized by Mr. Whitsell during the first month of his ministry here. This group was responsible for painting the pews and installing the first electric lights...With the Chapel built and consecrated and a resident minister in charge, the next step was to build a rectory. This was accomplished in the early part of 1901, with the house located on the western end of the church lot. The Guild, which was later re-organized under the name of St. Agnes' Guild, has always been a great factor in the life of the Parish. This group paid off a large debt, incurred in moving the Chapel to a different position on the lot to provide suitable accommodation for the rectory, and also contributed a great deal to the building of the comfortable rectory, and to beautifying the Chapel. *To be continued.*



Holy Communion
At Wesley Commons
Tuesday, June 20, 11 AM
Private Dining Room

Bring a friend; all are welcome and all baptized persons are invited to receive.

Lunch together usually follows.

Please Keep our Capital Campaign Efforts in Mind

This year marks the end of the five-year payment period that some of us choose for our support of the *Forward in Faith* capital campaign. Your giving has meant so much to the health and well-being of our church in its mission and ministry. If you need



information on your pledge and giving history, please call the Parish Office.


Over the summer, we will be surveying and interviewing in the congregation about our next campaign, to further our discernment and determine the scope of our goals. Parish leaders will be thankful for your sharing of your convictions and opinions when asked. We anticipate calling the next *Make My Joy Complete*, an exhortation of St. Paul that speaks to the work left before us.

Parish Connections...

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooks@nctv.com
Altar Guild	Noonie Fennell 223-7769 cfennell@nctv.com
Acolytes	Norm and Roxy Fawcett 227-3421 fawcett@nctv.com
Children's Ministries	Elizabeth Floyd 223-5426 elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org
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Readers/ E.M.s	Denise Brown 223-5426 denise@episcopalgreenwood.org
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Columbarium	Joe Fennell 223-7769 jdfennell@nctv.com
COR3 Tutoring	Chris Jayne 227-1900 chjayne@gmail.com
Marion Ave. Community Park	Leader Sought; call or email Nicholas 223-5426 Nicholas.beasley@episcopalgreenwood.org
Ushers	Adrian Little 223-0027 a.p.little@live.com

June 2017 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!

	June 4: The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday	June 11: The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday	June 18: The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 6	June 25: The Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 7
Vestry of the Month	Hugh Jones and Dyan Webb June 4: Joe Fennell for Hugh Jones			
Altar Guild	Connie Hammett (Chair), Peggy Adams, Karen Bright, Edie Brooks, Libby Cary, Noonie Fennell, Anne Magruder			
Readings	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st E.M.	Chris Jayne	Mary Bright	Chris Jayne	Chuck McDonnell
2nd E.M.	Chuck McDonnell	Deryl McGuire	Lou Wynne	Mary Bright
Ushers	Jim and Mary Bright	Don Bergman John Scurry	Paul Criswell Walker Moore	Bruce Craven John Scurry
Coffee Hosts	Deryl McGuire	Chris Jayne	Michelle and Jimmy Powers	Abby Cleland
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Robby Crowder	Lucas McMillan	Trent Payne	Frank Wideman
2nd Lesson	Jane Merrill	Jon Newlon	Bette Ricker	Beverly Wilson
1st E.M./Prayers	Gerald Brooks	Norm Fawcett	Connie Hammett	Gerald Brooks
2nd E.M.	Trisha Craven	Dick Daffin	Adrian Little	Dick Daffin
1st Crucifer	Genevive Crowder	Emma Jones	Margaret Ann Hughes	Wells Anderson
Book Bearer	Drew Hodges	Lainey Davis	George Hyatt	Ryan Anderson
Torchbearers	Rebecca Merrill Leslie Juul Merrill	Griffin Jones Jacob Davis	William Beasley Madden Craven	Jacob Davis Catie Robertson
Ushers	Allen Hughes Frank Wideman	John Cobb Tom Cobb	Bob and Jo Ann Brewer	David Dougherty Adrian Little
Greeters	Buster and Edie Brooks	Henry and Libby Cary	Camilla Cathcart Tom Cobb	John and Marty Cobb
Nursery	Patrick and Katie Craven	John and Kelly Wiseman	Sandra Daffin	Lucas and Lisa McMillan
Nursery Attendant	Mary Bright Jasmine Gary	Kaylee Jo Fowler	Mary Bright Jasmine Gary	Kaylee Jo Fowler
Coffee Hosts	Parrish Picnic	Reva and Stephen Davis	Sara Kummer Anne Wells	Trisha and Bruce Craven
Children's Worship	Lander Adams Bennett Noonie Fennell Elizabeth Beasley	Camilla Cathcart Lisa McMillan Patricia Hartung	Elizabeth Floyd Sandra Lewis Cecily Hughes	Mary Woodiwiss Elizabeth Beasley
Eucharistic Visitors	None	The Craven (Nan Hines) Rebecca Long (Maria-Paz Lopez) Mary Woodiwiss (Nancy Miller)	None	Shirley Walker (Brookdale Greenwood) Mary Woodiwiss (Nancy Miller)

Resurrection Family News

BIRTHDAYS

01 – Ashlea Darracott
 03 – Henry Cary
 03 – George Collins
 05 – Joe Shirley, III
 06 – Sophia Fancher
 06 – Lonnie Gillespie
 06 – Ragan Gillespie
 08 – Ellen de Guzman
 08- Phil McClary
 09 – Deryl McGuire
 11 – Lisa Anderson
 11 – Peter Russell
 13 – Neal Bolen Kuykendall
 13 – Nancy Newlon
 14 – Anna DiBenedetto
 14 – Dean Faden
 14 – John Hughes
 14 – Sarah Colby Normandia
 16 – Mary Adams
 17 – Elliott Kinney
 18 – John Cobb

18 – Isabel Kinney
 18 – Hailey Willis
 19 – Donna Brooks
 20 – Jeffrey Lanford
 24 – Skip Adams
 24 – Madden Craven
 24 – Salley Hyatt
 25 – Bradley Anderson
 26 – Jo Ann Brewer
 26 – Bailey Shedd
 26 – Jean Shirley
 27 – Libby Cary
 28 – Sam Hyatt
 28 – Leslie Juul Merrill
 29 – Dessa Wideman
 30 – Dan Bacon
 30 – Mims Mobley, Jr.
 30 – Grant Touchstone

ANNIVERSARIES

01 – John & Cindy Hughes
 02 – Phil & Dale McClary
 03 – H.B. Free & Jeanne Selander
 06 – Joe & Jeannie Kocik, Jr.
 08 – Carl & Barbara Brock
 08 – David & Cynthia Dougherty
 08 – Bill & Sandra Lewis
 10 – Craig & Beth Church
 11 – Austin & Margot Trousdale
 17 – Bart & Deryl McGuire
 19 – Lucas & Lisa McMillan
 21 – Andrew & Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
 26 – Mark & Lander Bennett
 27 – Allen & Cecily Hughes
 27 – Welborn and Ericka Adams

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: Don and Audine Bergman, Marsha Brodie, Ginny Colby Cambreleng, Doris and Evan Clay, Carol Dean, Joe Ferguson, Buck Free, Maria-Paz Lopez, Ann and Bob McIlvain, Nancy Miller, Charles Toll, Elizabeth and Elgin Van Meter, Larry Boots (Beth Wood's father), Jim and Becky Chambers (Domer Ridings sister and brother-in-law), Spencer Craven (Bruce Craven's brother), Henry Delaney (Mary Woodiwiss great nephew), Bubba Fennell (Joe Fennell's brother), Amelia Glawe (Anne Marie and Troy Glawe's daughter), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett's mother), Anna Cay Hawes (wife of former rector Peter Hawes), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mother), William Love (Renee Love's father), Martha and Earl McCombs (Mary Ann Cooper's parents), Braden Newton (Burl and Bette Ricker's Great grandson), Roy Osborn (Sandra Lewis' unvle), Roland and Doris Snelling (Donna Brooks' parents), Elsie Speer (Sandra Lewis' mother), Jack Wallace (Susu and Abney Wallace's grandson), Antoinette Blattler, (Deryl McGuire's cousin), The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert's care givers), Maxine Davis, Terry Jones, Craig Loner, Lilly Mueller, Laura Sears, Bob Tiller, Hazel Tisdale

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

- We extend sympathy to Amy Alley and Eric Gonzalez, on the death of her mother, Rebecca Loftis on May 13.
- We extend sympathy to Sue Moore, on the death of her mother, Sudie Mann Wilson on May 26.

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

We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Last Month	\$25,602	\$30,299	\$3,079	\$4,125	\$21,950	\$40,174
Year to Date	\$141,061	\$150,773	\$23,699	\$20,625	\$166,639	\$192,251



Is your church in your will? Including the Church in your will ensures its life into the future and offers your witness to generations to come. You can make a great and lasting difference with a legacy gift.



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Mr. John Harte
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