

From the Rafters

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Our Mission

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

FROM THE RECTOR

Resurrection, for this Life and the Next

The Easter feast approaches, and with it comes television shows and magazine articles about Jesus, his trial and death, and his Resurrection. Doubts will be shared and questions asked. Did it really happen? We in the church will celebrate more than question, with glorious hymns, brass music, proclamation, and bright flowers. I would like to suggest that the best questions to ask about the Resurrection are not about its veracity, though I take it to be one of the most fundamental truths of the universe. The question I would ask Christian people is whether the Resurrection matters, to them, in this world and the next.

The Resurrection is a reality to be spoken of on at least three levels. It is what we believed happened to Jesus, on the first day of the week, after the forces of the Empire hung him to death on a cross. Resurrection in the first sense is Christ's rebellion against the forces of violence and domination, against sin and death. It is also something we hope for ourselves in the future, a raising to new life that somehow includes these bodies in which we have been known and loved for as long as we have known ourselves. In between Christ's resurrection in the first century and ours (whenever and however it comes) is the Resurrection life we are meant to have right now.

So here is the question I think matters most these days, regarding that final sense of resurrection, the right now aspects of the resurrection power of God: What difference does the Resurrection make, for today and tomorrow, for the average Monday and the tedious Tuesday? Does it matter now, for the present living of our lives, that Christ has been raised?

I surely think it does, for the Resurrection has the power to reframe our lives and give us a different sense of every thing. If the Resurrection means that death is not the end, then our lives must be measured differently. We are not merely in mad pursuit of optimal life (pleasure, security, power) between here and our last breath. Different paths, greater risks, more

faithful sacrifices can be made if we are going to live beyond the grave. An abiding sense of Resurrection will lead us to treasure the body and the physical elements of life more than otherwise, perhaps resisting the virtualization of relationship, commerce, and culture. Perhaps most significantly, a consciousness filled with Resurrection will be one pervaded with joy, one that can relegate fear, one that senses the unstoppable power of divine life and the good will of God behind the changes and challenges of the world. The Resurrection gives us a certain confidence that otherwise would be naïve.

So it ought to be possible to see people "practicing resurrection," as poet-essayist-critic Wendell Berry has encouraged in his poem "*Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*." (You can google it...or go by MaCaslan's and ask them to order his *New Collected Poems*, from 2012) Some of the evidence of the Resurrection, unlikely to be mentioned in magazine and television offerings of the season, is the palpable, Spirit-driven difference in the lives of Christian disciples, in the first century and the twenty-first. I can certainly think through some of the holy things that happen in our church, through your sacrificial love, that would lead me to believe that the Resurrection is real and has changed us.

Clarence Jordan was one of the great Christians of the American South in the last century, a Georgia Baptist committed to racial justice. He told his Americus neighbors, during the struggle against segregation, that were being asked to choose whether they would follow their grandfathers or Jesus Christ. In one of his Easter proclamations he insisted that the "(t)he proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the *full hearts of his transformed disciples*. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a *spirit-filled fellowship*. Not a rolled-away stone, but a *carried-away church*." (continued)

I like Clarence's ideas, and yet I'll take it all as evidence; the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, the grave vacant, and the lively church, itself the living Body of Christ, living in an abundant love that would be foolish if Christ is not alive. Do your part in the days and years of your life ahead. Practice resurrection and add to the evidence that Christ lives. You might change some minds; you'll certainly have some fun, and your life will manifest the greater significance it was given, long ago, on the first day of the week. *Nicholas*



- We've reached the end of our campaign period, with pledges totaling \$553,000!
- We didn't hear "yea" or "nay" from about 25 households in our parish family. We plan on reaching out one more time!
- We forgot to thank Cecily Hughes in this space last month for her work on the Kick-Off celebration on Epiphany. It was beautiful and delicious!
- Marshall and Ogletree's organ installation crew is likely to be in Greenwood around April 5. You'll be hearing our new organ soon!
- We made our first payment against principal with campaign proceeds last week, reducing our mortgage by \$85,000.
- Your generosity is deeply appreciated!



Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31

Come celebrate the mystery of Christ's resurrection at our annual Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to the race for treat-filled eggs, we'll provide crafts, snacks, and a viewing of the children's short movie: *God Is*. Join us in Emmaus Hall at 11:00 AM.

Dare to be Different! August 6-9



Come "tesser" with us this summer during vacation bible school! Our program is based upon Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*. We'll journey through interstellar space, visit

uncharted planets, and meet saints of all kinds to discover how our uniqueness should be celebrated and channeled toward overcoming the darkness of our own world.

Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. We'll need actors and actresses, musicians, artists, and craftsmen/women to contribute their unique gifts to the program. Let Elizabeth Floyd know if you can help in any way, before or during the program.

**Holy Communion
At Wesley Commons
Maundy Thursday, March 29,
11 AM**



Bring a friend; all are welcome and all baptized persons are invited to receive. Lunch together usually follows.

Brass Music for Easter

Once again, we will be blessed to have Emerald City Brass join us for our Easter Day services. This tradition, started over a decade ago, through your generosity, greatly enriches our Easter Day liturgies. Our very own John Cooper plays with the brass quintet and coordinates their festive work with us that day. This year, at the conclusion of the prelude, Richard Strauss' *Solemn Entry* will be featured. This majestic arrangement for brass and organ will add beautifully to our Easter services.

Emerald City Brass will also join with our choir on the offertory anthem, *With a Voice of Singing*, arranged by Martin Shaw.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT RESURRECTION

March 25 Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

- 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
9:30-10:00 AM Sunday School and Adult Forum
10:00 AM Gather in the Marion Avenue Community Park; visit with the donkey
10:30 AM Palm Procession down Marion Avenue (with bagpiper), Dramatic Passion, and Holy Eucharist

March 28 Wednesday in Holy Week

- 12:35 PM Lenten Pilgrimage at Morris Chapel Baptist Church

March 29 Maundy Thursday

- 11 AM Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist, with foot washing (*Nursery*)

March 30 Good Friday

- 12 Noon The Way of the Cross, a neighborhood prayer procession. Gather at the flagpole, Greenwood County Library. Silence and Meditations before and after the service
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Day (*Children's Worship and Nursery*)

March 31 Holy Saturday

- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt at Resurrection (see article above)
9:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter, Edgewood Cemetery Mausoleum, by First Baptist Church

Scripture - Water - Fire - Communion

The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Eve, Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 PM at the Mausoleum at Edgewood Cemetery by First Baptist Church

We'll keep vigil with some of the saints who have gone before, reading the story of salvation.

The service (about an hour) culminates with the proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ and the renewal of our baptismal promises, on our way to sharing the Lord's Supper.

Some folding chairs will be available. Please bring your own if you are able.

A shared service of Immanuel Lutheran and Resurrection Episcopal churches.

April 1 Easter Day

- 9:00 AM Festival Eucharist, Children's Worship, and Adult Choir

No Sunday School or Adult Formation

- 11:00 AM Festival Eucharist and Holy Baptism, Adult Choir

Emerald City Brass at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. **Nursery** at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

The Adult Forum After Easter

April 8: The Good Book (Luke-Acts) Club continues

April 15, 22, and 29: MLK Jr.: Epistles and Prophets

This video series offered by Trinity Church on Wall Street invites reflection on Christian faith, race, and American life, in the month that marks 50 years since the death of Dr. King in Memphis. The Speakers are New York City journalist Errol Louis, New York University professor and poet Fred Moten, and Trinity's Vicar, Phil Jackson. Hear their challenging examinations of three civil-rights era letters from Dr. King, James Baldwin, and Thomas Merton.

Discussion will follow.

May 6, 13, and 20: Back to the Good Book Club (Luke-Acts)

Those Who Serve in our Holy Week Services:

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday – 7PM

Readings: Exodus 12:1-14/Psalm 116:1, 10-17/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-17, 31b-35

1st Reader: Robby Crowder

2nd Reader: Lucas McMillan

1st E.M.: Gerald Brooks

2nd E.M.: Norm Fawcett

Ushers: Bob and Jo Ann Brewer

Nursery Attendant: Mary Bright, Jasmine Gary

Children's Worship: TBD

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12/Psalm 22/ Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/John 18:1-19:42

12 Noon – Stations of the Cross

Crucifer: Whittaker Russell

Usher: Paul Criswell

6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Day

Lay Ministers: Domer Ridings, Chris Jayne

Ushers: Rita and Peter Marshall

Nursery Attendant: Mary Bright, Jasmine Gary

Children's Worship: TBD

Saturday, March 31 – Easter Vigil – 9 PM

At Edgewood Cemetery Mausoleum (by First Baptist Church)

1st Lesson: Chuck McDonnell

2nd Lesson: Bette Ricker

1st EM: Adrian Little

2nd EM: Rebecca Long

Crucifer: Emma Jones

Book Bearer: Griffin Jones

Greeters: Abney and Susu Wallace

Ushers: Adrian Little and Allen Hughes

Those Who Service in Our Easter Services:

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 / Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 / 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 / John 20:1-18

9:00 AM – Festival Eucharist

1st Lesson: Domer Ridings

1st E.M./Prayers: Lou Wynne

2nd E.M.: Adrian Little

Crucifer: Margaret Ann Hughes

Book Bearer: Drew Hodges

Torchbearers: Catie Robertson, Katherine Wells

Ushers: Craig and Beth Church

Greeters: Camilla Cathcart and Tom Cobb

Nursery: Patrick and Katie Craven

Nursery Attendant: Mary Bright, Jasmine Gary

Children's Worship: Elizabeth Floyd, TBD

11:00 AM – Festival Eucharist/Holy Baptism

1st Lesson: Annabel Wood

1st E.M.: Gerald Brooks

2nd E.M.: Trisha Craven

Crucifer: Dorothy Anna Russell

Book Bearer: Leslie Juul Merrill

Torchbearers: Rebecca Merrill, William Beasley

Ushers: Al Merrill and Patrick Kinney

Greeters: Adrian and Jennifer Little

Nursery: Barbara Cameron

Nursery Attendant: Mary Bright, Jasmine Gary



KANUGA

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 23-27, 2018

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Ages: 5-11 years old

Fees: You'll see three options online: \$225, \$100, or \$0, depending on ability to pay. 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 <https://www.kanuga.org/camps-outdoor-education/local-day-camps/>

A Letter of Thanks to Resurrection

We have received Resurrection's check for \$1800, representing yet another gift in your long, long history of generously supporting our Greenwood Soup

Kitchen. We are grateful that you remember us in such a significant way each year, and we are thankful for your continuing thoughts and prayers.

We wrote to you last year indicating that after seven or eight years of steady increases, we were finally starting to see progress in the number of people visiting our Soup Kitchen. During 2017, we served 28,327 hot meals, a 10% improvement as compared to 2016.

These trends are very encouraging and we are thankful that the stronger economy is resulting in more of our neighbors being able to feed and care for themselves.

In September of 2017 the Greenwood Soup Kitchen celebrated 30 years of continuous service to our Greenwood Community. We continue to be 100% volunteer organization, with over 120 kind souls giving of their time and talents to ensure everyone in Greenwood is offered a daily, hot meal. Over the past 30 years we have often said among ourselves, "Remember, our objective is to serve no One", meaning, at that point, there would be no Need! Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to meet this objective. While the number of guests we are serving may be improving from the record high levels experienced over the past years of economic turmoil, the need is still great. We hope that the next year will continue to bring more relief to those who have been hurting so badly but, in the meantime, it is good to know that we have friends like you who continue to help in such a significant way.

We appreciate your kindness! *Norm Fawcett, Chairman*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and:

April 1 – Easter: Open to all parishioners

April 8: in loving memory of Ann Hayden and Charlie Weesner by Ann and Bill Arnold; and in memory of Albert U. Mitchum, Sr. by Sandra and William Lewis.

April 15: in memory of Geraldine and Domer Ridings, Jr., and Joe and Virginia Robinson by Domer and Jackie Ridings.

April 22: in memory of Jim Jefferies by Mrs. Cynthia Jefferies.

April 29: in thanksgiving for Christine Jayne's grandchildren: Ginger Nance, Kate DiZio, Christine Navarro, Jennifer and Stephanie Himes, Nathaniel and Adam Himes, and great-grandchildren Andrew Navarro and Elijah Ham by Christine Jayne.

The Presence Candle in the sanctuary burns this month in memory of Anna Woodiwiss and is given by Ashley and Mary Woodiwiss and Anna's siblings.

GGUM Update

Wow! 2018 has started off with a bang for Greater Greenwood United Ministry. Due to the financial generosity of your church and our other local churches partners, personal donations, two successful fundraisers, and the intervention and accountability programs in place to help clients move from a state of chronic crisis, the Crisis Ministry has been able to increase our level of financial assistance toward rent evictions and utility disconnections. This is making a considerable impact on the lives of these clients and their families. We continue to off "a Hand up, and not a hand out" to those in crisis. In 2017, the Crisis Ministry assisted 1,124 individuals with various services and paid well over \$40,000 toward rent evictions and utility disconnections.

Our Free Medical Clinic continues to serve as a primary care medical home for those who cannot afford health insurance and do not qualify for Medicaid. We serve as a safety net for so many individuals in our community who otherwise would not be able to receive primary medical care. Self Regional Healthcare continues to be a major partner of our medical clinic. In 2017, the value of services offered through the Free Medical Clinic and Dental Care Ministry was over \$679,700! These services are a true blessing to so many.

Enclosed in this letter is your Annual Giving Statement from FY2017. We continue to be blessed by this critical partnership. Many of our churches have increased their level of giving and, as I stated above, we are now able to make a bigger impact on the lives of the clients that we serve through our Crisis Ministry.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed below. Please contact me to visit your church and give an update of our programs and services to your congregation.

Again, thank you for your faithful support of the Ministry. Please continue to pray for program expansion and growth as God would lead us forward. God Bless you, *Rosemary C. Bell, Executive Director*

20th Annual Medicine Chase 5 K, 1 Mile Walk and Children's Run

To benefit the free clinic at United Ministry

Saturday, April 21, 2018


Uptown Greenwood Fountain

Find registration information at

<http://www.greatergreenwoodunitedministry.org/>

April 2018 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!

	April 1: Easter ***See back page for services	April 8: The Second Sunday of Easter	April 15: The Third Sunday of Easter	April 22: The Fourth Sunday of Easter	April 29: The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Vestry of the Month	Lou Wynne and Adrian Little				
Altar Guild	Noonie Fennell (Chair), Edie Brooks, Mary Van Ellenberg, Marilyn Gobble, Sandra Lewis, Sue Moore				
Readings		Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st E.M.		Chuck McDonnell	Chris Jayne	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell
2nd E.M.		Domer Ridings	Lou Wynne	Deryl McGuire	Chris Jayne
Ushers		Deryl McGuire Bruce Craven	Domer Ridings Walker Moore	Lou and Carol Wynne	John Scurry Don Bergman
Coffee Hosts	TBA	Lou and Carol Wynne	Chris Jayne	Mary and Bill Bright	Chris Jayne
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson		Beverly Wilson	Jon Newlon	Jane Merrill	Ashley Woodiwiss
2nd Lesson		Bette Ricker	Genevive Crowder	Annabel Wood	Robby Crowder
1st E.M./Prayers		Connie Hammett	Sara Kummer	Trisha Craven	Norm Fawcett
2nd E.M.		Dick Daffin	Frank Wideman	Gerald Brooks	Connie Hammett
1st Crucifer		Genevive Crowder	Whittaker Russell	Virginia Glenn Donaghy	Lila Putnam
Book Bearer		Eric Gonzales	Peter Russell	George Hyatt	Katherine McDevitt
Torchbearers		Jasmine Gary Liliana Harrison	Sam McDevitt Madden Craven	Rebecca Merrill Makaela Wood	Delaney Floyd Will McMillan
Ushers		Emmett Brooks Abney Wallace	David Dougherty Frank Wideman	Adrian Little Tom Cobb	Rita and Peter Marshall
Greeters		John and Marty Cobb	Emmett and Edie Brooks	John and Mary Ann Cooper	Alecia Compton Noonie Fennell
Nursery		Stephen and Reva Davis	John and Kim Russell	John and Kelly Woseman	Hugh and Shannon Jones
Nursery Attendant		Mary Bright Jasmine Gary	Kaylee Jo Fowler	Kaylee Jo Fowler	Mary Bright Jasmine Gary
Coffee Hosts		Noonie and Joe Fennell	Tom Cobb	Renee Love Sandra Daffin	Sara Kummer Anne Wells
Children's Worship		Elizabeth Floyd Noonie Fennell	Camilla Cathcart Sandra Lewis	Lander Adams Cecily Hughes	Elizabeth Floyd Patricia Hartung
Eucharistic Visitors	None	The Cravens (Nan Hines)	None	Salley Hyatt (Grace Smith) Mary Woodiwiss (Nancy Miller)	None

Resurrection Family News

BIRTHDAYS

02 – Katie Cooper
 04 – Sandra Daffin
 06 – Connie Hammett
 06 – Cecily Hughes
 08 – Sandra Lewis
 09 – Marty Cobb
 11 – Owen Willis
 12 – Jerry Kent
 13 – St. Claire Donaghy
 13 – Annabel Grace Wood
 15 – Archie Booker, Jr.
 18 – Lander Adams
 18 – Robin Lanford

21 – Sandy Singletary
 22 - Lainey Davis
 22 – Shannon Jones
 23 – Nicholas Beasley
 24 – Justin McCabe
 25 – Domer Ridings
 27 – Anne Crowe
 27 – Catie Robertson
 30 – Doris Clay
 30 – Mary Woodiwiss

ANNIVERSARIES

02 – Gerald and Donna Brooks
 20 – Glenn and St. Claire Donaghy
 21 – Whitfield and Lori Brooks
 26 – Aaron and Anne Crowe
 27 – Mike and Cathy Robertson
 30 – Stephen and Taylor Tucker

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: Bill Bright, Carl Brock, Bill Arnold, Craig Church, Doris and Evan Clay, Carol Dean, Joe Ferguson, Beverly Joosten, Sandra Kern, Nancy Miller, George Rush, Dottie Russell, Mason Shirley, Charles Toll, Elizabeth Van Meter, Jim Anderson (Sara Kummer’s brother), Joe Aytes (Patricia Craven’s brother), Larry Boots (Beth Wood’s father), Jim Chambers (Domer Ridings’ brother-in-law), Spencer Craven (Bruce Craven’s brother), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell sister), Bubba Fennell (Joe Fennell’s brother), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett’s mother), Anna Cay Hawes (wife of former rector Peter Hawes), Frances LaRoche (Sara Kummer’s cousin), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mother), Jimmy Loftis (Amy Alley’s father), Linda Love (Renee Love’s mother), Martha and Earl McCombs (Mary Ann Cooper’s parents), Braden Newton (Burl and Bette Ricker’s Great grandson), Roland Snelling, Jr. (Donna Brooks’ brother), Elsie Speer (Sandra Lewis’ mother), Bill Waggener (Elizabeth Schuler’s son-in-law), Jack Wallace (Susu and Abney Wallace’s grandson), Amelia Glawe Wheelus (Anne Marie and Troy Glawe’s daughter), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman’s sister), The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert’s care givers), Trina Hoffert, Craig Loner, Maxine Davis, Lilly Mueller, Laura Sears

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

For those expecting babies:

For those to be baptized: Walker Whitehead, Frank Eakin, Owen Harte

In the hope of the Resurrection, we remember Tony Sink, grandson of Beverly Joosten, who has died.

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

Including the Church in your will ensures its life into the future and offers your witness to generations to come.

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

(As of March 20, 2018)

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Last Month	\$18,302	\$37,750	\$985	\$3,183	\$2,780	\$30,025
Year to Date	\$100,356	\$94,375	\$5,522	\$12,730	\$78,834	\$109,911



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