



From the Rafters

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Our Mission

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

Meet our Interim Rector, Reverend Stephen M. Bolle

We are excited to have the Reverend Stephen M. Bolle join us as interim rector beginning this month. Rev. Bolle and his wife, the Reverend Margaret (“Peggy”) Muncie, have been residents of Greenville, SC, since 2008 when he was called to be interim rector of Christ Church, Greenville. Prior to that move, they had lived on the Upper West Side of Manhattan where Peggy was Director of Spiritual Services at St. Luke’s/Roosevelt Hospital and Stephen was associate rector of St. Michael’s Church.



Interim ministry seems to find Stephen, and it suits him “to a T.” Following the successful completion of his time at Christ Church, he successively served as interim rector of Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, SC, (2 years), interim dean of Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, SC, (22 months), and interim rector of St. Andrew’s, Greenville, twice: 23 months, and a year later for another 12 months ending in October, 2016. After a nice rest, he is more than ready for the next interim opportunity that has come his way.

Stephen is a native of Wisconsin, grew up in a rectory, graduated from Miami University, Oxford, OH, in 1963 with an A.B. and major in Government. He headed to seminary at the Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, CT, graduating in 1967. Ordinations as Deacon and Priest occurred seven months apart in 1967. Peggy and Stephen met in 1969 when Peggy was a student at Hood College, Frederick, MD. She is the first female graduate of the General Theological Seminary, finishing in 1974.

Peggy and Stephen were married in July, 1974, and just celebrated their 44th anniversary. They have two adult daughters, Victoria, Caroline, and, as Peggy says, a ‘third daughter’ in their 7-year-old pug, Priscilla.

Although Fr. Bolle lives in Greenville, he will be with us in Greenwood on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. In addition to celebrating and preaching regularly, he will lead the monthly service of Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons, assist with the weekly healing service on Wednesday mornings, and otherwise tend to our pastoral needs. If you haven’t yet met Fr. Bolle, take a moment to introduce yourself this Sunday and join us in welcoming him to our parish. See Fr. Bolle’s article about adult formation in this issue of the *Rafters*.

Stewardship of the Whole Person

My son Sam said to me recently that when he’s grown and has a family of his own, he wants to find a church like Resurrection where he can take his children. I was thrilled but also shocked! This is the boy I have to drag out of bed on Sundays, who shows up in the kitchen 5 minutes after we need to leave in rumpled clothes and can barely tell me one word of what the sermon was about. I asked him more about it and he said something that shocked me.



About 5 years ago, Sam did something he shouldn’t have at a church event, the church took it with an appropriate amount of seriousness. Sam and his Dad and I sat down with Nicholas and

everyone involved treated it with the seriousness that was deserved but also made sure Sam knew that he was still loved. Sam never spoke much to me about the incident except for the few Sundays following it because he vehemently did not want to go to church. What he revealed to me a few weeks ago was that this incident was pivotal in his understanding about God's love and the church. He said, "I didn't want to go back because I was ashamed and I knew everyone would look at me with judgment. I wouldn't be the old Sam that was loved, I would be treated differently. What I found was that those people treated me exactly the same. They loved me as the Sam they knew, the one who grew up here, I was their child who was allowed to mess up, who was taken aside for it, but was also immediately forgiven and taken right back in." I relate this story (with Sam's permission) because I think the church exhibited perfectly and communicated to Sam, the kind of love God gives to us, not because we deserve it, not because we've earned it, but because we are his and our God is all about compassion and mercy and he calls us to love in the same way.

I know I have felt ashamed in church, not because of anything I did particularly wrong, but because I'm constantly aware of how much I am given and my own inadequacy in giving back. I've started on committees or ministries and fizzled out, I've pledged support that I couldn't (or at least didn't) follow up on like I should. I recently relayed to my daughter, Anna, about a ministry I wanted to be involved in. "Why don't you do it?" she said. "Well, I'm afraid I won't do it properly, I've failed at some things I tried to do before and I don't want to open myself up to messing this up too." Her response hit me like a bullet, "So you think God is calling you to do something but your own ego is keeping you from doing it because you may not do it right and you might feel judged, or worse, judge yourself. Is this about what God wants or is this about you preserving your own sense of control?"

The Church of the Resurrection understands what it means to create servants and I believe so many vestry members, staff, committee leaders, and others listen carefully to God's call when they ask someone to do something. I think this is really

amazing when you consider what's at stake. We have the privilege and responsibility of showing God's love to a broken world. Why wouldn't he always ask the best most stalwart, most dependable servant, "Johnny on the spot", Mr/Ms "Got it all together"? It makes rational sense, right? Not here, I've been continually called WAY out of my comfort zone to serve in a way that seems foreign or scary. God is working on me, and he's working on me through this place. I'm learning to be a steward of God's gifts, not because God needs any great skill I have, and not because I'm the best person for the job, but because I am being given the privilege of living into God's plan. He loves me enough to bless me to serve. Even when it seems like everyone else is so capable and has this all together. God wants EVERY single one of us to do something! The church needs and God is calling every one of us to do something bigger than who we think we are.

If you've ever asked a four-year-old to set the table, you know what I'm talking about. You don't ask them because they do a particularly good job, they don't. You ask them because you want them to struggle with the task a little and you want them to be a part of the family, the community, to do their part and feel the sense of ownership and belonging that only comes through doing and serving.

A few years ago, we had an intern named Kristin, she was starting a ministry team and Nicholas (a true God listener who looks past "best man for the job" to "who is God calling to something deeper right now") put my name in her hat.

She called me one day and told me about her plan for a new ministry that would include, among other things, a prayer team that would pray for people after communion in the old bride's room. My reaction was typical Episcopal frozen chosen, "What, you mean without a prayer book? Just off the cuff prayer?!? Like a Baptist?" I was terrified of the idea but for some reason, I felt deep down that my discomfort was actually God speaking to me that I should do it, and I did. It led to one of the most deeply satisfying parts of my

life which is the ability to pray with or for others in times of need and grief, and thanksgiving, out loud, no notes, God will lead.

By God's amazing grace I've been asked to do a lot of things here. I was in charge of Jerusalem village bible school one year. I've been called to visit people in nursing homes, and bring communion to folks in the church. I've taught Sunday school and taken people meals. A lot of those went really well, but I've done a lot of fumbling, and falling, too. There were visits where you just stare at each other uncomfortably, I've dropped communion wafers on the floor because I wasn't sure which way the lid goes (luckily the elderly lady invoked the 5 second rule before I could), there were awkward Sunday school lessons, and I accidentally killed a chicken once (Jerusalem village). There were many moments of complete inadequacy. But blessings.... Blessings I can not communicate properly. All my mess-ups were covered by God's amazing Grace and mercy and love. Sometimes we just have to show up and trust that God will do the rest. It's powerful.

My point is this: What is God calling you to do that you're afraid of? What is on your heart to give? Will you let your fear of failing or messing up keep you from the blessing of serving or will you jump in and stumble and trust and live into the imperfect service he calls all of us to do.

Since I've been speaking about inadequacy, I have to mention the writing of this piece. Before Nicholas moved to Columbia, he sent out an email to a group of us asking us to write articles for the rafters, I was assigned October: "What I love about Resurrection; why I keep coming back... stewardship". I have to say, I laughed out loud in my office. When I saw stewardship, I immediately thought of our yearly capital campaign and my consistent feeling of inadequacy in giving financially to this church. I think part of my being asked to write this is so that I can admit some things. My pledges haven't been what I wanted them to be over the years and I'm very ashamed to admit that sometimes, I wasn't even able to meet those pledges. I do know that God is continuing to invite me to be part of his bigger

plan, not because he needs money from me, he certainly doesn't. He invites me because he knows that he's allowing me to become who he wants me to be, a servant who lives with open hands. He wants me to experience the joy and freedom of being a giver. A true steward.

I would ask all of you to do what I'm asking God to do for me right now. To lead me into deeper and deeper places of love and trust and giving. To let go of the control we feel with money, and time and doing only those things we feel comfortable with.

Here's why: I think God wants us to be uncomfortable, he wants us to give up some of our need to control so that we can trust in him in a bigger way that offers real peace and closer walk in his service.

I also want us to recognize that although giving financially is part of what we are called to do, it is only part of what God means by stewardship. To be a steward is to manage all that God has given us. It might be as small as a word of encouragement, helping with a church fundraiser, visiting with a friend who needs us, serving on altar guild, tutoring a child, writing a card, or taking a meal. God calls us numerous times every day and gives us an opportunity to be his love in this world. Such a humbling honor and privilege. Let's live into it together!

~ Salley Hyatt

News from the Senior Warden

We welcome Reverend Stephen Bolle who will be serving as our Interim Rector beginning October 1. There are many announcements of upcoming events in this issue of the Rafters where you will be able to greet Fr. Bolle.



Please check out our Church of the Resurrection website at

www.episcopalgreenwood.org. We have added a new “Rector Search” tab, which will be updated monthly with our progress on the search. We also have printed our Vision Statement on the Rector Search page. I encourage you to take a moment to read this beautiful statement of our vision for our congregation.

While you’re on the website, check out the updates Jo Ann Brewer has made to the directory. The Directory is found on the menu under the “Get Connected” tab. The newest addition is under “Groups.” Jo Ann has added pictures of the current members of most of the groups. Just click on the name of the group, and voila, you can see who’s currently participating. Way to go, Jo Ann! You do need a username and password to access the directory. Contact Jo Ann at 854-941-7199 or jbrewer@nctv.com. She can also help you if you wish to add your picture to the directory.

Faithfully,
Jan Puzar

Ministry Fair – Sunday, October 14



Resurrection is blessed to have many vibrant ministries that enrich our life together and serve our community. On Sunday, October 14, representatives of those ministries will be on hand in the Gathering Space after the 10:30 service to speak with anyone interested in joining. Ministry Guides are available on the table at the rear of the nave, in the foyer near the Gathering Space, and on the buffet table. Read through the Guide and consider where God might be calling you. As Salley Hyatt put it so beautifully, “will you jump in and stumble and trust and live into the imperfect service he calls all of us to do?”

Adult Forum with Father Bolle – Sundays at 9:30 in Emmaus Hall

Greetings! I had been at my new desk for about an hour when Elizabeth Floyd came by to ask me

for an article for the *Rafters* about the October Formation Forum that I’m to lead. Welcome to the Church of the Resurrection, Fr. Bolle!

I’d like to start on Sunday, October 7, by telling you some of my ministry story, which has led me to be your interim rector, and also respond to any questions you might want to put to me. On October 14, I’ll do a presentation on “interim ministry” so you’ll have a better idea of what you can expect as we work together the next several months at the Church of the Resurrection. I’d like to hold off on naming further topics for October 21 and 28 to see what might develop in the course of our first two sessions together. You may suggest something that really whets our appetite, and I’d like to be able to take it on. My schedule has me here on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I’ll stay overnight on Tuesday to maximize the time I have available for you. My office door is always open! Feel free to drop in.

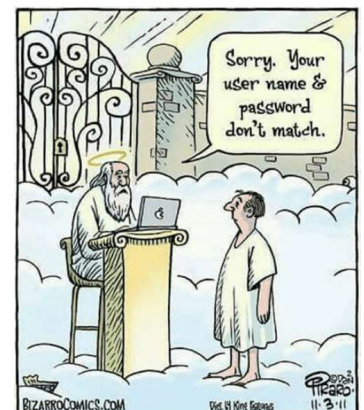
~ Stephen Bolle, Interim Rector

Staying Connected



Our church directory is a very helpful tool for getting to know each other and having the most current information available for communicating. If your information is out of date, you may be missing out on email communications and text messages sent from the church.

Do you know where to find our directory on our website? Did you know we have an App? If you are not sure where to find our directory, go to our website at www.episcopalgreenwood.org. On the homepage, hover over GET CONNECTED to see a drop-down menu. From that menu, click on DIRECTORY. You’ll then be prompted for a user-name and password. If you don’t have that information, contact Tom Cobb



Cartoon by Dan Pizarro

at tomcobb44@nctv.com. You can also download an App for the directory from Google Play or the AppStore. The App will request a privacy code, which is EPISCOPALGREENWOOD. Once the App is loaded, it is very easy to use on your smartphone.

Please make certain that your contact information is correct and up to date. Add or change a headshot for yourself or family. If you have any trouble at all adding or changing your photo or updating information, please contact JoAnn Brewer at jbrewer@nctv.com or 864-941-7199.



EYC is Now in Session...

Check out what's happening during the month of October:

7th – EYC is serving at the Harvest Dinner from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

10th – Middle School Love Does Reading, 7-8:30 pm

14th – All EYC Pumpkin Carving at Resurrection, 4 – 6 pm (B.Y.O. Pumpkin)

17th – High School Love Does Reading, 7-8:30 pm

21st – All EYC Bonfire, time and location TBD

25th – All EYC Haunted Trail Trip to MadWorld

Attractions, leaving Resurrection at 6:30 pm

(message Mitchell Felton for more details)

28th – All EYC Movie Night

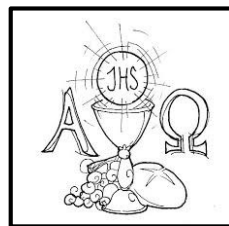
31st – National Spooky Day – no Love Does reading.



Picture Book Theology

One of the best parts of being a parent is re-experiencing my favorite children's storybooks. Dr. Seuss, Jean de Brunhoff, Judy Blume, and Richard Peck still make my heart sing, just as they did when I was eight. I didn't realize until recently, however, the incredible way these classic stories can teach theological lessons in addition to moral ones. I've found myself incorporating children's literature into every children's program I've coordinated over the past 4 ½ years, and I've done

so with the help of two websites I'd recommend to any parent whose child enjoys reading, www.picturebooktheology.org and storypath.upsem.edu. The experts who administer these sites can help parents make intentional selections at the library and use literature as part of a spiritual discipline. Our Children's Worship ministry throughout the fall has and will continue to incorporate storybooks for each Sunday's lectionary readings. Some of those stories will be on display outside the Children's Worship room for parents to borrow. If you have a favorite book you believe might deepen our understanding of a biblical principle or story, send me an email. I would love to curate our Children's Bookshelf with recommendations from our parish. Here's a good one for October: Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris, which is available at the Greenwood County Library. Since October 7 is World Communion Sunday, read this book about the different types of bread enjoyed by children the world over and connect it to our globally shared sacrament of Holy Communion.



Holy Communion at Wesley Commons Tuesday, October 16, 11 AM Private Dining Room

Fr. Bolle will resume this much-loved tradition. Bring a friend; all are welcome and all baptized persons are invited to receive. Lunch together usually follows.

Wednesday Eucharist and Healing, October 3

Our service of Holy Eucharist and Healing will resume its weekly schedule beginning on Wednesday, October 3 at 10:00. The Reverend Dan Bacon will officiate at the October 3rd service, and Fr. Bolle will attend.



Our Adult Choir is now rehearsing on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and/or Sundays at 9:30 am. If you can read music and love to sing, join them. They are looking for sopranos, in particular.



Blessing of the Animals

Saint Francis of Assisi is honored by one of the Lesser Feasts and Fasts of the Episcopal Church. It is becoming a common practice to hold a Blessing of the Animals around his feast day, October 4. In recent years

the weather has not cooperated with our plans, but we hope to hold a blessing liturgy on Sunday, October 14, in the early afternoon. Watch your email and the bulletin for details.

Race to be Thankful

The 2018 Thanksgiving Day 5K Race to Be Thankful will again be held in the Gatewood subdivision on Thanksgiving Day, **November 22, at 8**



am. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers, and we welcome as many as possible. If you or a friend has a place of business and wish to be a sponsor, please contact Kim Russell at Kimjer100@gmail.com, call 943-0274 or text 344-8009. Kim is leading the organization effort. Funds raised by the race will go to support area ministries. Registration is now open! Go to: <https://itsabouttime.run/event-registration/?ee=128>

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and:
October 7: in memory of Carroll and Anita Brooks, E. Loudon and Myrtle Brooks, and Palmer H. and Maude R. Brown by Michael and Karen Whitfield.
October 14: in memory of Henry and Caroline Thayer and Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Thayer, Sr. by Nancy and Larkin Jennings.
October 21: in memory of Ailene L. Byers, Deaver O. Byers, Myrtle Fellers Brooks, and E. Loudon Brooks by Edie and Emmett Brooks.
October 28: in memory of our fathers, John R. Hawthorne and Leonard Juul Merrill, and in thanksgiving for our mothers, Leslie Lusk Hawthorne and Carolyn Pratt Johnston Merrill by Albert and Jane Merrill.
The Presence Candle in the sanctuary is given in memory of Erik Nelson by Susu and Abney Wallace.

Parish Connections...

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Resurrection Family News

BIRTHDAYS

01 – Jane Merrill
 02 – Phil Ellenberg
 02 – Sandra Kern
 02 – Makaela Wood
 03 – Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
 07 – Jan Puar
 08 – Lisa Wideman
 09 – Susan Wash
 09 – John Wiseman
 11 – Matthew Bachinski
 11 – Mary Bright
 12 – John Kapsalis
 12 – Carmen Kinney
 13 – John Park
 13 – Julie Rieger

14 – Shana Southard-Dobbs
 16 – Robert Crowder
 16 – Walker Whitehead
 16 – Aiden Willis
 18 – Henry McMillan
 18 – Nicholas Wells
 19 – Claire Gillespie
 19 – Maggie Smith Berry
 19 – Michael Whitfield
 20 – Terri Bacon
 20 – Joel Cleland
 22 – Bob Brewer
 23 – Benjamin Dobbs
 23 – John Hinkel
 24 – Lattie Gillespie
 25 – Nan Hines

26 – Laura Beth Brooks
 28 – Craig Church
 28 – Mike Robertson
 28 – Anne Wells
 29 – Walker Moore
 30 – Anna Burns Padgett
 30 – Caroline Newlon
 30 – Anna Lee Padgett
 31 – Grace Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

11 – Katie and Patrick Craven
 17 – Ann and Bill Arnold
 23 – Jennifer and Adrian Little

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: Barbara Brock, Doris Clay, Carol Dean, David DiBenedetto, Tom Ellerbe, Chris Jayne, George Rush, Phyllis Kocik, The Family of Elizabeth Schuler, Mason Shirley, Grace Smith, Sissy Tennis, Jim Anderson (Sara Kummer’s brother), Winnie Bolle (Fr. Bolle’s stepmother), Larry Boots (Beth Wood’s father), Jim Chambers (Domer Ridings’ brother-in-law), 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), Pinckney Irwin (Bill Irwin & Elizabeth Beasley’s father), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Jimmy Loftis (Amy Alley’s father), Earl McCombs (Mary Ann Cooper’s father), Elsie Speer (Sandra Lewis’ mother), Sandra Sunderland (Evan & Doris Clay’s daughter), Bill Waggener (The late Elizabeth Schuler’s son-in-law), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman’s sister), Webb Wright (Dyan Webb’s nephew), The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert’s care givers), Trina Hoffert, Craig Loner, Bill Martin (Bruce and Trisha Craven’s friend)

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

We remember in Resurrection hope Elizabeth Schuler, who died September 5.

We remember in Resurrection hope Carl Brock, Husband of Barbara Brock, who died September 30.

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!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Last Month	\$16,748	\$26,425	\$1,500	\$4,243	\$20,422	\$ 30,258
Year to Date	\$285,105	\$275,575	\$20,539	\$39,250	\$299,743	\$330,655



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