



# From the Rafters

## Our Mission

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

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### Into the Light

Out of darkness and into the light. That is how I feel right now. I can see some light and it feels better. But the darkness was real and still is real. Mary Balfour gave Walker Moore and me a book of daily reflections for Lent.



The author used light as the focus of her daily reflections. How could she know the dark days were ahead? She says she began her writings for this Lent on the summer solstice. She was aware of the light slipping away, of the days growing dimmer. She described her soul feeling dimmed, diminished and longing for the Light that set her aflame at her Baptism. "Let there be light," God said. He offered his Son to be the Light of the human race. A light to shine in the darkness. God spoke to her on that summer solstice, I know. God knew what we needed.

We last gathered together in person on Wednesday evening, March 11, to begin the movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, as our Lenten program together. At any other time, this would probably seem like yesterday as time generally flies by (at least for me). But today, this seems like ages ago. To prepare for writing this, I looked back at my emails from that week and the weeks leading up to it. This was the week it all changed here. I sent an email on March 12 to several parishioners who were to have coffee hour the remaining Sundays in March reminding them that we should fast from coffee hour to protect one another from becoming ill. There was an online newsletter sent to all parishioners reminding everyone that we had hand sanitizer in the back of the church. As a

physician, even this sounded ok at the time. Oh, how in the dark we really were at that time. I had been following the disease since the beginning of the year when I was seeing reports from China. In reality, I did not think that we would be affected, as that had been the case with SARS and MERS. But a global pandemic, I have always feared.

I became concerned with the reports from the infamous cruise ship and then when the first cases were reported in Washington state. By this time there was growing concern in Italy, and my fear as a physician rose. It was becoming too close and the news was becoming too alarming. The mathematicians, statisticians, epidemiologists, anyone who could crunch the data could produce a graph that told the tale. Yet as we are often so caught up in the "busyness" of our daily lives we did not all see it. Salley Hyatt and Josie Ryan saw it for sure. Our leaders began to see it and before the middle of March, we all began to see it too. Those early days felt very dark to me. We were navigating without a map. We had to figure out a way to go on in a safe way. It was scary. We did not know what was before us. Despite this, with the use of the technology we often shun, we found a way. ZOOM, Facebook Live, FaceTime, You Tube and countless other platforms have become where we now connect.

It is not natural, but there has been comfort. For me, that comfort has been because there is routine in these offerings. For us at Resurrection, 8 pm is a new time for us to gather. I have never paid attention to this time of day, but every day now I look toward the clock as the sun is setting. Some days, I am right on it and can tune in live. Other days, I am 7 minutes late and say, "Oh no, it has already started!" I give myself some grace and go back to watch later. It is still a comfort. It sounds

strange, but in some of these encounters, I feel closer and have learned more about my fellow parishioners. I love seeing folks from near and far, folks who do not go to our church, folks who used to go to our church tuning in. We are apart, yet we are together.

It has been inspiring to see the work of God's people during this time. One of my favorite hymns is "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." As a child, I could relate to it. Maybe I could be a saint too. I recall my mother cross stitched a sampler of that song that I loved to look at. Well my friends, we have numerous saints in our midst. We have mask makers, note writers, health care workers, teachers, personal shoppers for our more vulnerable parishioners, people calling and texting to check on others, help going out from Mary Balfour's discretionary fund to those in need, prayer warriors, teens at cash registers on the front lines, and countless other acts of service that are being performed. This is what we are called to do. We are treating our neighbors as ourselves. As your senior warden, I want to assure you that the work of the church is still being done. Mary Balfour, Elizabeth, Donna and Denise are working tirelessly to make our worship and formation offerings the best they can be with the constraints that are necessary for our health. Your vestry is meeting via ZOOM, committees are active, plans are in the works for an exciting Stewardship campaign, the youth are meeting virtually on a regular basis. It is different, yes, but still ongoing.

I miss each and every one of you and look forward to the day we can gather again in person. I cannot predict what things will look like over the next few weeks or months. But I do feel better now than I did 5 weeks ago. The light is brighter. We are a people made in the image of God. A God that sent his Son to be a Light to the world. A light to shine in the darkness, a light that darkness cannot overcome!

~ Cecily Hughes

## Pandemic Faith

In these troubled, distressing times, our faith has come to matter more than anything. While our political leaders -and even our medical mentors, disagree on what is happening and how to correct our path, there has never been a more salient time to have faith and pray. We might argue about this, and disagree about that, but the words of the Bible do not change, and the feeling in our hearts will be steadfast with belief. In our time of need, faith will carry us.

Facial masks may hide our smiles, and social distancing may prevent a chat, but in the end, our faith connects us, and we will live to pray another day. The truly hard part now is our inability to gather at church. The inability to congregate. We are tested, and tested hard, but we must do our best to meet online, watch our screens to connect, and hold up this moment as a challenge that we will endure, overcome, and prove our resilience. In our time of need, faith will carry us.

Through our faith, as readily seen through our ability to believe the unbelievable, we can use this moment to prove the naysayers wrong. By gathering on our screens and remaining connected, we give hope to everyone. Our show of connection, in fact, gives us something to hold on to when so much has been lost. In our time of need, faith will carry us.

A valuable lesson I learned following my car wreck and will happily watch as you learn it as well: *When it is all said and done, no matter the obstacle, we believers will have faith, and we will prevail. **In our time of need, faith will carry us.***

~ Murray Dunlap



## Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

My Dad has taught me a lot about being a priest. He is a trusted guidance in my life. I have looked to him a great deal over the past couple of weeks. Because, just like you, I am unsure, afraid and ready for this to be done!



One of the things my Dad reminded me of was the beautiful blessing that is my absolute favorite! I call it Daddy's Blessing, although someone gave it to him many years ago.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you,  
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you grace not to sell yourself short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them;  
May God take your lips and speak through them,  
May God take your hands and work through them,  
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.  
Amen.

The world is now too dangerous for anything by truth and too small for anything but love! You have shown that love, over and over, now more than ever. When you are unsure, when you are scared, remember that you are loved!

I love each of you so much and miss you more than I can tell you. But more importantly God loves you!

Love,

Mary Balfour +

## Postulancy Update

Hello Church of the Resurrection family, I hope you are well and staying safe. Amidst the craziness of the pandemic we find ourselves in, I made a choice to begin my formation for Holy Orders at Virginia Theological Seminary! The tour was wonderful, I had great conversations with students and faculty, and I had a very strong admissions interview. Classes, whether on campus or not, will start in August. Thank you for your prayers and I look forward to this next adventure.

~ Mitchell Felton



## Well done, Class of 2020!

Church of the Resurrection proudly announces the graduation of the following hard-working students and members of our parish:



**Wells Anderson**  
Graduating from Emerald High School, destined for the Citadel.

**David DiBenedetto**  
Graduating from Christ Church Episcopal School, destined for the University of Georgia to study finance.





**Margaret Ann Hughes**

Graduating from Greenwood High School, destined for Wofford University.

## Fun and Faith!



Many of Resurrection's youth have been gathering in a virtual space each Sunday evening at 5 PM. They've enjoyed some fun adaptations of youth group games (Easter Bingo, Pictionary, etc...) as well as discussions of faith and prayer. If your child hasn't been participating, now is the time for them to start. Check for messages on GroupMe where Mary Balfour is sending out information about each EYC meeting.

**Emma Jones**

Graduating from Greenwood High School, destined for Tri-County Technical College and then to Clemson University.



## Worship and Formation for May:

Evening Devotions on Facebook: Our evenings together on Facebook live will continue in May, but only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visit Resurrection's Facebook page at 8 PM to join different families and individuals taking turns leading compline, reading a spiritual reflection or children's book, or sharing a litany of prayers relevant to our time. If you would like to lead an evening devotion, just email Mary Balfour: [marybalfour@greenwoodepiscopal.org](mailto:marybalfour@greenwoodepiscopal.org).

Sunday worship: Our Sunday worship services will continue to be broadcast on Facebook Live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. We send an email each Saturday with links to the bulletin and other details for each service. You don't need a Facebook account to participate in our worship service. The email will contain a link, and just clicking on it at 10:30 AM on Sunday will take you straight to the streaming service.

Wednesday School - Adult and Youth Formation: "Feeding our Faith" will continue into May. On Sunday afternoon at 3 PM, we'll send out an email with information about the following Wednesday's lesson. Join us through Zoom each Wednesday evening at 8 PM for a thoughtful discussion on different themes present in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Children's Formation: Children are welcome to participate in our Facebook Live worship service, but they can also watch recorded sessions from our Young Children & Worship program. Our



**Dorothy Anna Russell**

Graduating from Greenwood High School, destined for Grinnell College (Iowa) where she will join the swim team.

**Jack Wiseman**

Graduating from Emerald High School, destined for Auburn University to study engineering.



Please join us in congratulating these wonderful young people. They will not be able to enjoy their last weeks of high school with their friends and classmates, but we pray their schools will work out a way to provide them with a much-deserved graduation ceremony. Until then, we will celebrate their accomplishments with praise and prayers for their bright futures! Join us for a special **Seniors Sunday worship service on Sunday, May 10, at 10:30 AM through Facebook Live.**

Saturday email includes a link to the recorded session, and each session has a response activity that children can do with their families at home. We will continue sending along additional formation materials as they are available, including Illustrated Ministry materials and lectionary cartoons. We encourage every family to keep practicing their faith at home, and we invite you to share what your family is doing with others.



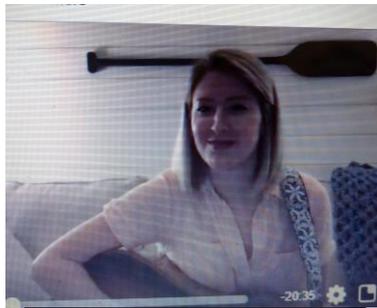
John, Kim, Dorothy Anna, Peter and Whitaker Russell.

**Let's stay connected!!**

You probably miss seeing the faces of your church friends a lot these days, and some of you aren't able to watch Facebook Live to see them. So we thought we'd share screenshots of a few familiar, loving faces from our evening devotions. We're sorry they are a little blurry.



Anna, Sam, George and Salley Hyatt



Laura Beth Brooks (left), Catherine and Donna Brooks (below).



Archie and Summer Booker



Janie and Margaret Ann Hughes



Hugh and Shannon Jones



Erich, Sarah and Chloe Normandia



Ben Dobbs and Shana Southard-Dobbs



Lucas, Lisa and Will McMillan. Henry was feeling a little shy that evening.



Sarah (Fennell) Hasting, Joe and Noonie Fennell



Barry and Beverly Wilson

**Altar Arrangements:**

**May 3:** In memory of Arch and Cass Booker by the families of Archer Booker, Jr. and Hollie Booker Millner.

**May 10/Mother's Day:** In memory of her mother, Elizabeth Lucas Burns; her grandmothers, Natalie Bettis Lucas and Maude C. Burns; and her Godmothers, Virginia Turner Self and Virginia McGowan Burns; his mother, Mary Elizabeth Padgett; Jane Jeter, Virginia Preston Self, and Jane Meter; and in thanksgiving for our two granddaughters, Anna Ravenel Burns Padgett and Elizabeth Simons Lucas Padgett by Anna and James Padgett, Jr.

**May 17:** in memory of Mary Anderson Sefton, Ethel Sefton Stevens, Marcia Stevens Wiggs, and Ethel Stevens Williams by Mr. Tom Stevens.

**May 24:** in thanksgiving for our parents: Martha Dunlap and Mary Jo and Polk Van Zandt by Mary Balfour and Murray Dunlap

**May 31:** In memory of Carroll and Anita Brooks by Karen and Mike Whitfield.

**The Presence Candle** is given in honor of Claudette McKinney, in memory of Charlotte Perosino, and thanksgiving for all mothers! By Sarah and George McKinney.

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## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

### **Birthdays**

01 – Anna Hyatt  
 01 – Hope Scurry  
 02 – Jane Sanders  
 03 – Cathy Robertson  
 03 – Katherine Wells  
 07 – Reva Davis  
 07 – Stefan Hartung  
 08 – Rebecca Merrill  
 11 – Karen Bright  
 11 – Yates Johnson  
 12 – John Maschoff  
 14 – Will Craven  
 14 – Walker Moore, III  
 17 – Chuck McDonnell  
 18 – George Rush

19 – Steve Cameron  
 19 – Will McMillan  
 19 – Perrin Roper  
 28 – Camilla Cathcart  
 21 – Patrick Craven  
 21 – Charles Long, Jr.  
 23 – Lila Eisenreich  
 23 – Drew Hodges  
 24 – Margaret Ann Hughes  
 25 – Bob DiBenedetto  
 26 – Tom Stevens  
 26 – Allison Wooten  
 27 – Sarah Grigg  
 28 – Bruce Craven  
 29 – Mary Helen Dixon

29 – Stewart Russell  
 31 – Lori Kent

### **Anniversaries**

02 – Barry & Beverly Wilson  
 03 – Andy & Michele Anderson  
 08 – Kevin & Malone Whitehead  
 17 – Tripp & Laura Padgett  
 17 – Erick & Sarah Normandia  
 18 – George & Sarah McKinney  
 24 – Abney & Susu Wallace  
 26 – Henry & Libby Cary  
 29 – John & Susie Hinkel  
 29 – Bob & JoAnn Brewer

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Doris and Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Nan Hines, Chris Jayne, Nicholas Kent, John Nazzaro, Dick Reeves, George Rush, Elsie Speer, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne’s brother), Winnie Bolle (Fr. Stephen Bolle’s stepmother), Trey Booker (Archie and Summer Booker’s son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Joe Daggett (Beth Wood’s nephew), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett’s mother), Kotay (Deryl McGuire’s son in law), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Jennifer Love (Renee Love’s sister), Linda Love (Renee Love’s mother), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright’s nephew), Chip Parker (Nan Hines’ son), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Mary Gibson Van Zandt, Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman’s sister)

**And for these persons:** The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert’s caregivers), Jody Conley (friend of the Cary Family), Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), Joan O'Donnell, (friend of Jeanne Brown), Brenda Weems

**Those in our nation’s service:** Will Carroll, Aaron Crowe, Reid Furman, Cameron Roberts, Grant Roberts, Trip Wash, Noah Woodiwiss

- We remember in Resurrection hope, Jim Willer, father of Lisa Anderson, who died March 15.
- We remember in Resurrection hope, Ann Bowen, who died April 18.
- We remember in Resurrection hope, Martha McCombs, Mother of Mary Ann Cooper, who died April 22.

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at [denise@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto: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 that follow.

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

	<b>Pledges (Actual)</b>	<b>Pledges (Budgeted)</b>	<b>Unpledged/Plate (Actual)</b>	<b>Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)</b>	<b>Expenses (Actual)</b>	<b>Expenses (Budgeted)</b>
<b>Last Month</b>	<b>\$61,360</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>	<b>\$2,180</b>	<b>\$1,675</b>	<b>\$4,479</b>	<b>\$29,368</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$155,680</b>	<b>\$115,200</b>	<b>\$8,499</b>	<b>\$6,650</b>	<b>\$98,685</b>	<b>\$130,471</b>



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