



# From the Rafters

## Our Mission

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

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### A message from your junior warden, Walker Moore

“Walker”

“Yes”

“I need you”

“But I am not fit, not ready, not capable, too busy...”



And so it went for many years, trying to avoid commitment. Me, making excuses as to why I would not say “yes.” Who was I saying “no” to, the church? maybe GOD!?! After all, he had given me so many blessings in this life: a wonderful upbringing, a good career, a great marriage, two smart and well-adjusted children, two perfect grandchildren and I was still saying “no.” In retrospect I think I was just saying I don’t want to get involved. What an unrealized blessing it was to say: “yes, I will become more involved; yes, I will work on Stewardship; yes, I will accept running for Vestry; yes I will accept the position of Junior Warden if elected.” Sure, it takes a little more work than I am usually saddled with, but the rewards have far outweighed the effort applied. You may ask “what rewards?” So, I will try to encompass a few in this short epistle.

First, I have come to a deeper knowledge and better understanding of what it means to have faith. I started with a men’s Bible study here in our community hosted by the Presbyterians. Our discussions are lively and provoking, and to be honest, I am very happy being an Episcopalian. Those discussions only whetted my appetite, and I wanted a “deeper dive” into the scriptures so I found some online Bible studies to help. (I will be happy to provide that reference, but understand that the Book of Revelation was a series of 52 one-

hour lectures.) I can also now say that I have read *Genesis* from beginning to end, but only the help of Dennis Prager’s *The Rational Bible*, a great source for helping me to understand the beginnings of our world and our Judeo-Christian religion. I still have a lot to learn and to quote Robert Frost, I still have “miles to go before I sleep.” Another study, or just daily reflection, was provided by Mary Balfour for me to read during each day in Lent. Cecily referenced this in last month’s *Rafters*, and while the author started writing at the start of the annual diminishing daylight, the Lenten season leads us to ever increasing light that bursts forth on Easter with the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. From these readings I found one passage that struck me more than others, and caused me to reflect even more deeply. It was just a question: “Have I made an image of God so small that I can send him a ‘done for the day’ with a click?” “Are there times when I find myself checking God off my list of “to-dos?” To be honest there are times that I do seemingly put the check mark beside God in the course of my day, but it is much less frequent. I can not be perfect, but I do strive to become better.

Another benefit, and probably the greatest benefit in this part of my involvement so far, is getting to know more people in the Church and to see how their willingness and talents have and are greatly providing for and are enhancing COR. We are blessed with a wonderful array of talent, and I believe there is still some great untapped talents still out there. I don’t think there is any committee chair who would not welcome additional hands to make the individual work less daunting.

With all of this said, I am still anticipating with great joy a time when we will all worship together again in the Church. While the joy of seeing everyone will be great, there is the caution – and

maybe the hardest part – to not be so overjoyed in seeing one another again in our church setting, we forget the unfortunate but necessary cautionary rules of “social distancing.” It will be hard to not shake hands or give hugs, or have that sense of touch that can so often convey so much more than words. Suffice it to say that there will still be great joy in being able to worship, together, in person, again.

In His name,  
Walker

### Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

One of the many things I have noticed during this time of quarantine is that we are all looking for new ways to fill our time in meaningful ways. You all have been so wonderful about checking on each other - making phone calls, writing notes, sending messages of encouragement. I am beyond grateful!



Over the coming weeks and months, you will hear so much more from your Vestry and me about how we can support each other, how we can learn from each other, and how we can grow the Kingdom of God! I am excited to share some of our ideas with you. I want your thoughts, ideas and suggestions! We have a lot of work to do and that is a good thing!

One particularly thing that has been helpful thing to me during this time is listening to a podcast that the Presiding Bishop's office has offered. The podcast is called the Way of Love. Each week Bishop Curry interviews a faith leader. If you subscribe to the podcast, it will show up each and every Monday for your listening pleasure.

For those of you that use a computer, Google “The Way of Love Podcast” and you will find it. For those of you that do not use a computer, please call the church and we will gladly mail you the transcript. I hope that you will find this to be a

helpful tool for your relationship with God and your neighbor! As Bishop Curry says, “The way of Jesus is the way of love and the way of love can change the world.”

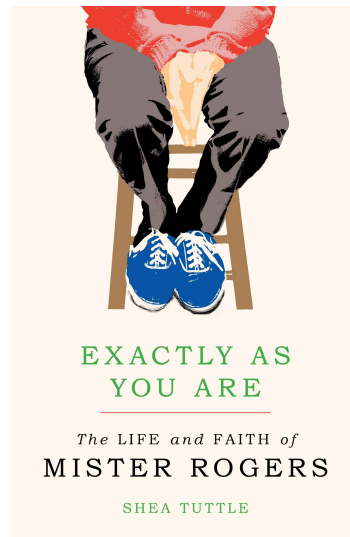
Remember you are loved so deeply!

Love,

Mary Balfour +

### Resurrection's Summer Book Read:

Our formation program, Lenten Learning with Mr. Rogers, was going well and showing so much promise just as COVID-19 struck our country. We won't let the opportunity pass to study Mr. Rogers' timeless and timely wisdom. Over the summer, pick up a copy of *Exactly As You Are: The Life and Faith of Mr. Rogers* by Shea Tuttle.



Enjoy reading it, and when we resume formation programs in the fall, we will hold a discussion forum on this book and finish watching the film, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

### Summer Camp for Kids?

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete our survey regarding whether to provide a VBS-like formation camp for young children. We would love to hold a camp in the late summer, but only if there is interest. The link to this very short survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JL5LRMG>

You can also find it on our parish website and in the weekly email newsletter.

### Worship During the Pandemic

Although we've had some technological hiccups, Facebook Live has proven to be an effective platform for worship these past few months. We especially appreciate the loving



comments and virtual hugs shared by viewers.  
Keep it up!



We will continue worshipping online using Morning Prayer Rite II during the weeks ahead. Our bishop, alongside a committee of clergy and healthcare professionals, is working hard to support parishes as they slowly reopen. Live church worship presents some additional risks not found in other settings, which we must consider very carefully when looking to our future. We hope to have a plan in place soon, but for now we will wait with prayerful patience, remembering that we are distancing from each other *because* we love each other.

### Pentecost Sunday Surprise at Resurrection

In case you missed our worship service on Pentecost Sunday, Mary Balfour entered the Nave to a beautiful surprise. Several members of our parish made posters, and some beautiful ladies laid them out in the pews along with balloons and treats for her. The posters were covered with smiling faces, photos, messages of love and scripture that lifted her spirits on what began as a somewhat gloomy morning. We thank Lisa Anderson, Karen Brooks, Reva Davis, Cecily Hughes and Perrin Roper for this precious gift. Each member of the parish staff has a cup overflowing with your love and kindness. Thank you!



### Altar Arrangements:

**June 7:** In memory of E. Loudon Brooks, Sr., Myrtle Fellers Brooks, Edward Mims Mobley, Sr., Saline Clark Mobley, and Myrtle Brooks Fisher by Dr. Mims and Mary Jane Mobley.

**June 14/Father's Day:** In memory of my parents, Jack and Kathleen Criswell and grandparents, E.J. and Lenore Dargitz and Paul Criswell and Irene Criswell Kincaid by son and grandson, Dr. Paul Criswell. And in memory of Elgin Van Meter given by Elizabeth, Ann, Carol, and Jan.

**June 21:** in memory of G. E. Hammett, Mitchell Hammett and Alice Hammett by Ms. Connie Hammett.

**June 28:** Open Date

**The Presence Candle** is given in loving memory of Richard Jayne by Christine Jayne.

### Parish Connections...

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## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

### **Birthdays**

03 – Henry Cary 06 – Lonnie Gillespie 06 – Ragan Gillespie 08 – Ellen de Guzman 08 – Phil McClary 09 – Deryl McGuire 11 – Lisa Anderson 11 – Peter Russell 13 – Nancy Newlon 14 – Anna DiBenedetto 14 – Dean Faden 14 – John Hughes 14 – Sarah Colby Normandia 17 – Elliott Kinney 18 – John Cobb, Jr. 18 – Isabel Kinney	18 – Hailey Willis 19 – Donna Brooks 20 – Jeffrey Lanford 21 – Selma Jones 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 30 – Dan Bacon 30 – Mims Mobley, Jr. 30 – Grant Touchstone
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### **Anniversaries**

01 – John & Cindy Hughes  
 02 – Phil & Dale McClary  
 06 – Joe & Jeannie Kocik  
 08 – David & Cynthia Dougherty  
 08 – Bill & Sandra Lewis  
 10 – Craig & Beth Church  
 17 – Deryl McGuire  
 19 – Lucas & Lisa McMillan  
 21 – Andrew & Dawn Puderbaugh  
 Hodges  
 27 – Allen & Cecily Hughes  
 27 – Welborn & Ericka Adams

**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, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, Chris Jayne, Nicholas Kent, 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), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood's nephew), Leslie Dunlap (Mary Balfour and Murray's sister-in-law), 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), Lee Van Zandt (Mary Balfour's cousin), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman's sister)

**And for these persons:** Marcus Arbery (Ahmaud Arbery's father), The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert's caregivers), Jody Conley (friend of the Cary Family), Wanda Cooper-Jones (Ahmaud Arbery's mother), Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), Joan O'Donnell, (friend of Jeanne Brown), Tamika Palmer, Brenda Weems

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

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>\$28,724</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>	<b>\$2,155</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$32,488</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$178,499</b>	<b>\$144,000</b>	<b>\$10,154</b>	<b>\$8,300</b>	<b>\$120,042</b>	<b>\$162,959</b>



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