



From the Rafters

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Our Mission

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

Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

This is the time of year when we reflect on the year before and ponder what God is calling us to do in the coming year. When I think about 2020, of course there were many challenges: we could not gather in the ways we would have liked to; many suffered and continue to suffer through loss, loneliness, not being seen or heard; and just overall grief of life changing so much. We also had so much joy! Just to name a few, our stewardship campaign raised over \$30,000 more than the year before, and we were blessed with a strong vestry and staff that are committed to serving you and God. We did important work in recognizing our sisters and brothers of color, new members joined our community and so much more! We have so much for which to be grateful. God is good!



As we look to 2021, the pandemic is still here and we may not be able to gather as we would like, but God's work continues. We will continue to worship Jesus and build God's kingdom. I know that our outreach ministries will continue to flourish, we have made progress for long range planning for our outside spaces, and we will put together a plan for what Church of the Resurrection will look like in 2030. The vestry and staff will continue to work hard to serve you as faithful members of the Gospel.

When you think about what is ahead, my only

request is that you be a part of it. When we offer an outreach opportunity, a formation learning occasion, a chance to gather for music and liturgy, come and be a part of God's kingdom. When new members come to our parish, I always tell them we will love you well if you just come and see. That is not only true for new members, it is true for all of us. Make being a part of the Church of the Resurrection a priority in your life in 2021. Read the newsletter, Facebook posts and weekly emails and see what you can attend. Urge your children and youth to participate in offerings. Make being a disciple of Jesus a priority in 2021. Jesus is waiting for you; all you need to do is love Him, love others and show up!

I love each and everyone of you,

Mary Balfour +

Congregational Meeting

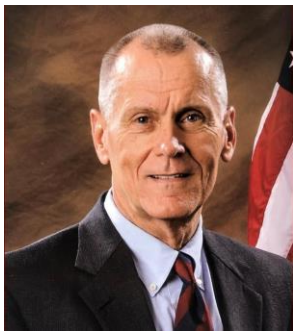


Annual Meeting – January 10, 2021

Immediately following the 10:30 worship service on January 10, we

will hold an abbreviated Annual Meeting to select new vestry members and discuss our plans for the new year. The meeting will be held in person for those already gathered for worship, and those worshipping at home can participate through Zoom. A link to the meeting will be provided by email on Thursday evening and again on Saturday morning. Below you will find short bios of each proposed new member of the vestry. Please take some time to prayerfully consider each of them.

Gerald Brooks



Gerald Brooks is a Greenwood native and lifelong member of the Church of the Resurrection. He recently retired as Chief of Police for the City of Greenwood after a 44-year career in law enforcement. Gerald

currently serves Resurrection as a Eucharistic Minister and Lay Reader. He has previously served as an acolyte, crucifer, usher, Sunday School teacher, Confirmation Class instructor, Search Committee chairman, and Vestry member (two terms).

Gerald is married to Donna, our Organist/Choir Director, and they have three grown children - Whitfield, Laura Beth, and Catherine. Gerald and Donna make their home on Lake Greenwood.

Dean Faden



I grew up in the Episcopal church in South Carolina, first at Grace Church in Anderson and then the Church of the Holy

Comforter in Sumter. My husband, Albert, and I moved to Greenwood in 1994 from Karlsruhe, Germany (where we met and married). I taught for 10 years in the U.S. Department of Defense school system in Germany while Albert had finished one career as a member of a NATO command staff and then another assisting in the integration of the former East German military forces into the West German military. He then worked with another organization to establish a social infrastructure in the former East Germany. Albert couldn't wait to live in the U.S., and I couldn't wait to come "home" and be a part of a community. Resurrection became our touchstone as we settled into Greenwood and has remained our spiritual base to this day. Over the years I have actively worked within the church and am

honored to serve again on the vestry. I look forward to having another opportunity to give back to the parish and parishioners that have given us so much.

Albert Merrill



Albert was born and raised in Albany, NY, but baptized into the Episcopal faith at St. Paul's church in Selma, AL. He attended Vanderbilt University, obtaining a BE in

Mechanical Engineering in 1992. After that he lived near Baltimore, MD, for 5 years doing environmental work for the US Army. In Maryland, Albert attended Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Bel Air, where he led the youth group. Albert moved to Greenwood in 1997, taking a job in process engineering at Capsugel. Albert traveled the world working for Capsugel, and it was friends from there who introduced him to his wife, Jane, who joined him at Resurrection. They were married in 2003. Albert and Jane worked with the youth at Resurrection for a brief time before Jane went to law school. Daughter Leslie joined them in 2006 and Rebecca in 2008. In 2013 Albert joined Ascend Performance Materials where he works as the quality manager, and Jane started her own law practice. Jane has previously served on the vestry and sings with the choir. Albert and Rebecca are frequent ushers, and both girls are acolytes.

Karen Whitfield



I am Karen B. Whitfield, daughter of Carroll and Anita Brooks, and I am what is often called a "cradle Episcopalian." I am married to Michael D. Whitfield and we collectively have four children, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I have one brother, Barry, who

lives with his wife Joy, in Kansas. They have three children and ten grandchildren who also live in Kansas.

I spent my childhood in Greenville, SC and attended Saint James Episcopal Church during the time that Bishop Pinkney was rector. When we moved to Columbia, we attended Saint Michael's and All Angels. I received my nursing degree from the University of South Carolina and I also have a bachelor's degree in history from Columbia College.

My career in nursing spanned forty plus years. Most of those years were as an operating room nurse, and the others I was with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Department of Surgery as their clinical nurse coordinator. I retired in June of this year from Self Regional where I had returned to the operating room.

Michael and I enjoy skiing, scuba diving, motorcycle riding and traveling. We also are quite content to be at home working in our yard, reading, watching a good movie or being with friends and family.

I look forward to serving the Church of the Resurrection in any way that I can. I feel blessed to have such a strong, loving church family.

We've adopted schools!

Resurrection has adopted two elementary schools for the purpose of providing clothes: Mays Elementary and Rice Elementary. Guidance counselors often assist homeless and needy children without seasonally appropriate clothing, and these two schools in particular serve many such children. We donated clothes and shoes just before Christmas, and now we are asking the congregation to help us build up a clothes pantry for resupplying the schools as needed. This month's Second Sunday Give will support our clothes pantry, but you are encouraged to donate year-round as you wish. Clothes should be new or lightly used and should fit children ages 5 to 11. A temporary receptacle for donated items can be found in our parish nursery. If you have any

questions, please contact our coordinator, Sandra Lewis.



*Second
Sunday*

January 10, 2021

Please donate new or lightly used clothes or shoes for elementary-aged children. (Youth sizes 5T to 14, shoe sizes youth 9 to adult 7). You may bring them to church on Sunday for worship or drop them off that afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30 pm. They will be given to our adopted schools, Mays and Rice Elementary.



*Beads and Bling: It's a
Mardi Gras Thing!*

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Take-out Dinner + Online Auction

*Could you donate
toward our auction or
otherwise help solicit
donations from area
businesses?*

*Contact
Sandra Lewis
sandrablewis2@gmail.com*

Beads & Bling: It's a Mardi Gras Thing!

It's already that time of year again! Lent will arrive early, and so must our annual Mardi Gras fundraiser. We may not be able to celebrate together indoors, but we can still enjoy great food and hold an auction to support our outreach ministries. Our Cajun chefs will make a delicious gumbo, salad, bread and king cake, and coordinators are already preparing an online auction. *We ask all those who have talents, vacation homes or other gifts to donate toward the silent auction to contact our auction coordinator, Sandra Lewis at (864) 341-6720, sandramlewis2@gmail.com.* Auction items will be on display in the Gathering Space a couple Sundays before the auction for people to browse through in small, socially-distanced groups. They can also be viewed on a dedicated space on our website. On Saturday, February 13, the items will be placed for auction on Facebook; bidding will take place through comments on each item's post. Tickets will go on sale soon. Ticket options are: Meal only = \$30 per plate; Meal plus adult beverages (bottle of wine or six-pack of beer) = \$40 per plate. Cash donations are also accepted and appreciated. All proceeds will support Resurrection's Mission Partnerships.



**God's Work
Our Hands**

ARE YOU LOOKING
FOR A NEW MINISTRY
IN THE NEW YEAR?

LET MARY BALFOUR KNOW IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN:
ALTAR GUILD
FLOWER GUILD
BEING A READER
BEING A USHER
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY
(PASTORAL CARE)
OR OTHER MINISTRIES!
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Christmas Eve at Resurrection: A few scenes you might have missed. It was a beautiful, albeit wet, evening.



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Tentative Spring 2021 Dates
for Youth Activities**

February 6-7: High school
March 19-21: Happening #84
April 10-11: Middle school
May 15-16: 5th Grade Bridge Retreat



Altar Arrangements:

January 3 – in thanksgiving for Edie and Buster Brooks on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren and for our church family by Jon and Nancy Newlon.

January 10 – in memory of Mary and Edward K. Sanders, James and Julia Graham by Jane and Edward Sanders, Jr.

January 17 – in memory of Thomas Elliot Webb by Ms. Dyan Webb.

January 24 – to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Hayden and Charlie Weesner by Ann and Bill Arnold.

January 31 – in memory of Richard R. Jayne by Christine Jayne.

The Presence Candle in the sanctuary burns in loving memory of her grandparents, John Morpott Piercy, Sr. and Anita Dorcey Mason Piercy, John Burl Eskridge and Mary Elizabeth Eskridge by Jean Shirley.

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January 2021 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!

	January 3: The Second Sunday after Christmas Day	January 10: The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord Jesus	January 17: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany	January 24: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	January 31: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Vestry of the Month	Summer Booker and Susu Wallace				
Altar Guild	Noonie Fennell (chair), Marty Cobb, Marilyn Gobble, Sandra Lewis, Anne Magruder and Beverly Wilson.				
Readings	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84:1-8 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2:1-12	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Deryl McGuire	Lou Wynne	Murray Dunlap	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell
2nd Lesson and Prayers	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Murray Dunlap	Deryl McGuire	Lou Wynne
Ushers	Lou Wynn	John Scurry	John Scurry	Lou Wynne	Paul Criswell
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Eddie Barber	Ryan Floyd	Mitchell Felton	Ashley Woodiwiss	Shana Southard- Dobbs
2nd Lesson and Prayers	Summer Booker	Lucas McMillan	Annabel Wood	Jane Merrill	Connie Hammett
Ushers	Archie and Summer Booker	John Cobb and Tom Cobb	David Dougherty and Murray Dunlap	Al Merrill and Rebecca Merrill	Walker Moore and Abney Wallace

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

Birthdays

01 – Wells Anderson	16 – Jack Alvarez
02 – John Russell	20 – Teedie Radford
08 – Barbara Cameron	22 – Isra Crowe
09 – Anna Padgett	23 – Matt Anderson
10 – Francis Irwin	23 – Sam Anderson
11 – Albert Merrill	23 – Adrian Little
12 – Beth Church	23 – Lila Putnam
12 – Paul Gillespie	26 – Alan MacTaggart
12 – Troy Glawe	27 – Graham Adams
12 – Malone Whitehead	27 – Delaney Floyd
13 – Albert Faden	27 – Shirley Walker
13 – Rita Marshall	29 – Jasmine Gary
14 – Dottie Russell	31 – Barbara Reeves

Anniversaries

06 – Bob & Catherine DiBenedetto
 07 – Skip & Judy Adams
 11 – Cannon & Allison Wooten
 13 – Eddie & Jane Sanders
 15 – Troy & Anne Marie Glawe
 15 – Patrick & Carmen Kinney
 16 – Ryan & Elizabeth Floyd
 16 – David & Denise Brown

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Denise Brown, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Cynthia Dougherty, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Howard Hammett, Nan Hines, Chris Jayne, Nicholas Kent, Rebecca Long, John Maschoff, Nancy Miller, Erich Normandía, Domer Ridings, Bridge Simpkins, Elsie Speer, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Jerry Carver (Diana Carver's dad), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood), Carolyn Devore (Dyan Webb's sister), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett's mother), Ted Hawthorne (Jane Merrill's uncle), Caroline Rieger James (Julie Rieger's daughter), 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), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Wallace Pouncey (John Maschoff's uncle), Mason Shirley, Brad Thomas (Libby & Henry Cary family), Lee Van Zandt (Mary Balfour's cousin) and Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman's sister).

And for these persons: Carol Cauthen (Laura Shealy's friend), Kay Elmore (friend of Sandra Lewis and Anne Marie Glawe), Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), Linda Price (friend of the Brewers), and Brenda Weems.

- **We remember in Resurrection hope, Jean Starke, who died on December 24, 2020.**
- **We remember in Resurrection hope, Doug Anderson, who died on December 15, 2020.**

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	\$27,169	\$32,000	\$11,142	\$1,825	\$38,458	\$33,378
Year to Date	\$353,449	\$350,000	\$30,391	\$20,100	\$335,536	\$389,873



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Walker Moore, Junior Warden
Summer Booker
Jo Ann Brewer
Reva Long Davis
David Dougherty
Rick Green
Bill McCabe
Perrin Roper
Shana Southard-Dobbs
Susu Wallace
Lou Wynne

Adrian Little, Vestry Clerk
John Scurry, Treasurer
Abney Wallace, Assistant Treasurer

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Donna Brooks, Organist/Choir Director
Denise Brown, Administrative Assistant
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and Outreach
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