



# 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,

As we move in to the second month of 2021, I want to thank you for your wonderful patience as we continue to worship outside in the cold, your commitment to continuing to build the kingdom of God and your love for Jesus!



We have several exciting events happening in February. We start with a youth ice skating trip on February 7th. It is our hope that our youth can enjoy this time in fellowship and fun together. Please encourage your child to participate!

Our Mardi Gras fundraiser will be on February 13th. The food will be to-go and the auction will be online. This is one of our major fundraisers to help non-profits in our community. We will supply you with lots of information on how you can participate, so please support this important event!

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 pm. Seventeen people will be in the church and the rest of us will be in the courtyard. Please join us as we begin the 40 days of a Holy Lent.

Our Lenten series this year will be very special! It will occur on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. The theme this year is My Faith Journey. I have asked several members of our parish to share their stories of faith with you. Some of the participants are new to our parish, some have worshipped for a long time at Resurrection. All of their stories are important. I pray that you will

make Wednesday nights in Lent a priority. We all might learn something new!

As we continue to navigate the waters of uncertainty, remember that those waters are the same waters you were washed in at your baptism. You are safe with your fellow parishioners, you are safe with me and most importantly you are safe with God!

I love each and every one of you,  
Mary Balfour+

### From Your New Senior Warden

Greetings to each of our blessed Church of the Resurrection members! I want you all to know how humbled and grateful I am to be your Senior Warden for



2021! Thank you so much Mary Balfour for your leadership, love, and support you have shown each of us from the moment you arrived and for your steadfast faith in helping us during this pandemic. Our Vestry is an amazing group of committed people, and I am so full of appreciation for each member and how God is working in their lives to lead us forward into this new year. I cannot let this opportunity slip by without recognizing and thanking Cecily Hughes for her amazing leadership over this past year. Both Cecily and Mary Balfour have encouraged me and educated me for this undertaking.

I have asked the Lord for guidance, His confidence, His wisdom, and His inspiration as I take on this new role. I pray that I will draw always on the spiritual gifts I have been blessed

with and that I will grow in new ways to serve Him, our Rector, our Vestry, and you.

Sometimes growth is uncomfortable or scary, is it not? However, I know that the Lord is by my side, and that knowledge gives me peace and calmness. If He has called me to do a job, then He will provide and enable me to do the work set before me. It is not really about me at all but about my glorifying Him at every turn.

Becoming a part of this church community has meant so much to Archie and me. We have been married for 36 years but in those 36 years, we witnessed Archie's sister, Hollie, marry in this church. We have known the joy Archie's parents, Arch and Cass, experienced inside these sacred walls as we visited with our children many times throughout the years. When their earthly days came to an end, we celebrated their lives well lived here in this church. Being a part of this congregation and getting to know you has been the highlight of my 4 years in Greenwood. I felt like I had come home to a safe place – a place where I can worship, be vulnerable, listen for God's calling on my life, and learn more about how to love every person.

As we move into February, typically one of the hardest months of the year from my experience, many of us are facing new challenges or dealing with existing hardships, grief, suffering, fear, health problems, or crippling anxiety. The holidays are officially over and many of us struggle to find something to look forward to. A global pandemic and a period of political upheaval tests our nerves. I truly believe God is making the way for each of us during these troubling times. The world may be divided but we are united in our faith and our hope in God. We can focus on the things that bring us together, not the things that threaten to tear us apart.

YOUR Vestry is hard at work already for YOU in 2021! Committees have already been organized, and meetings are underway. We accomplished a lot in 2020 but we have more work to do. We have established specific goals for 2021:

increasing Vestry visibility, continued work for “Becoming Beloved Community” (anti-racism committee), long-term planning for our outside areas, more community engagement, missional partnerships, and establishing a 2030 vision for COR. Continuing to move forward with stewardship planning and pastoral care are also critical throughout this coming year.

There are so many opportunities for everyone to be involved in our church, and we encourage each of you to share your spiritual gifts with us. From time to time, we may be calling on you for assistance. We want everyone who can be involved to have the opportunity to help. No job is too small to be important. If you are unable to attend church in person, we still have ways you can serve – either from the safety of your home or helping with a service project at church where you can work by yourself. If we can help plug you in, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Balfour or me. We are here for you, and your Vestry is here for you. May God bless each of you on this day and every day! Thanks be to God!

~ Summer Booker

## **Formation Moment: The Prayers of the People**

One of the many things that makes the Episcopal liturgy special is our practice of intercession, the Prayers of the People. It is a sacred time when we present our thanksgivings and concerns to God as a collective voice.

We have space for improvisation, though within a sanctified structure. There are seven forms for the Prayers, including the prayers suggested in Rite I, provided in the Book of Common Prayer. Each form is unique, but they share a common organization. On page 383 of the BCP the organization is listed:

The Universal Church, its members, and its



mission

The Nation and all in authority

The welfare of the world

The concerns of the local community

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

The departed

The Prayers of the People are an essential part of our Eucharistic liturgy, but as chief liturgist, the Celebrant chooses which form a parish will use. Our rector, Mary Balfour, loves each form, and so we use each form, rotating month to month. We do so to enliven our worship and appreciate the full beauty of our liturgy.

The Prayers of the People have been a part of protestant worship for hundreds of years. Though clerical committees revised the Prayers alongside revisions to the BCP, we are still reciting the prayerful sentiments that Christians have shared since 1549. In fact, the Prayers we still read today during our 8:30 service (Rite I) are the very same words read, albeit then by the Celebrant, in 1789 from the first American edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Reciting our beloved Prayers connects us geographically and historically to all saints, living and dead, in the corporate Body of Christ.

Our Prayers are not statements of politics, nor do they reflect partisanship. They unite us – red, blue and all the colors in between – as a people who choose to practice liturgical worship. The Prayers are intentionally universal, so as to gather the concerns all Christians share and seek God’s attention to them. It is perhaps through the universal character of our liturgical prayer that our Episcopal Church remains united despite centuries of secular strife and division. We do incorporate additional intercessions from the BCP and other sanctioned resources in times of crisis or change, but those prayers reflect the simple fact that, notwithstanding our place in the Body of Christ, we live and work in a secular world that is broken. These less historical prayers help us navigate the current world communally as people of faith. Likely we will see some new revisions to the BCP in the coming years as Episcopalians

collectively seek to recognize the genderless nature of God and the inclusive power of God’s grace. As always, however, Episcopalians shall remain united in our humble access to the holy and mutual love for all God’s creation.

~ Elizabeth Floyd

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The lady in my story is Elsie Speer....

### **Fences**

Listen to the wisdom....listen to the words, the language. Put it all together and hear the story.

She willingly answered my guiding questions about her life....age, where she grew up, siblings and life's memories. She told me when she was born and we found out she is one day older than I. Born on a large farm and number eight in a family of eleven children.

Her early years were filled with memories of being cared for by her older siblings. Memories of later years were about helping to cook and can food for later use. It was a large farm, she told me. She remembered that her dad grew corn and peanuts. I asked her if they boiled peanuts to eat. With a smile she said, “Oh, yes.”

She remembered, as a child, going into the cotton fields to help pick cotton. Tobacco was a major “cash crop” in her childhood and she told me how her dad would bring the tobacco in from the field, tie it and hang it in the barn to dry.

It quickly became apparent I was sitting next to Southern history. This lady had lived through all we have been exposed to in movies, on TV and in the history books.

Sitting next to a quiet lady at a church supper and asking a couple of introductory questions had opened a flood of first hand history. She was as excited to tell the history as I was to hear about her life. Too often we dismiss the person next to us with the thought we do not want to invade their privacy, appear to be forward or bold when, in fact, they may be ready and willing to share.

Jesus asks us to love each other. However, I sometimes find it difficult, to love the unknown. I feel as if Jesus is saying to me, “Talk to your brother, sister...show them love...my love.” Everyone has a story to tell. It is a story about who they are, their life, their being. They all have lived through good and bad, ups and downs, joys and sorrows, hopes fulfilled and dreams lost.

When I drive down a street and see a fence around a house or yard I often will ask, “Are they fencing in or are they fencing out?” Too often I think they are fencing themselves in. But, you know what? Every fence has a gate. It may have lock on it, have a “Keep Out” sign attached or tell you about a bad dog inside but it is a gate. People do not walk around with a “physical” fence around themselves but they do “fence” themselves. Getting to know these people, getting them to open the gate, can be a challenge....and I love a challenge.

In a world of fear, real or imagined, we tend to isolate ourselves, fence ourselves away from others...we seek a safe place. The love of Jesus is a safe place but He tells us to take that love out to world. We are not to put a fence around His, our love. Fear breeds selfishness and the antidote is love.

Now, more than ever this world is in need of love to break down the walls of selfishness, mistrust and fear. Now, is the time take apart the fences, reach out and meet your neighbor, hear their story, share the love of Jesus.

By Bill Arnold

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Remember, one day soon we will hold hands...

Whatever you are doing today do it with the confidence of a 4-year-old in a Batman T-shirt.

**Love God, love your neighbor -  
Change the world**

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## SPREADING THE LOVE!

Wouldn't you like to put a smile 😊 on a face by helping to spread our LOVE!! Contact Karen Whitfield soon at [kbw0317@yahoo.com](mailto:kbw0317@yahoo.com) to deliver a small gift of love on Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 14!

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:35



## Lenten Giving


The Mission Partnership Committee will be distributing Lenten “mite” boxes again this year. The proceeds will be sent to Camp Gravatt and Conference Center. Many adults and youth of our parish have enjoyed retreats, summer camps and conferences at the facility in Aiken. Right now, Gravatt is in need of our support. So, take one of the Lenten boxes for your change, or write a check with Gravatt in the memo line.



Also, if you shop online through Amazon, there is a feature called Amazon Smile – [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). From that website, you can designate Gravatt as your charity, and with each Amazon purchase you make, a contribution will be sent to Camp Gravatt. Lastly, you can donate directly to Camp Gravatt by visiting their website at <http://www.campgravatt.org/donate>. There's a button to push and you're set up!

~ Jan Puzar





BEADS & BLING  
*It's a Mardi Gras Thing*  
 Episcopal Church of the Resurrection  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH FROM 6:30-7:30PM  
 TAKE OUT ONLY  
**\$30 MEAL TICKET**

**Don't Forget to Buy Your Tickets!**

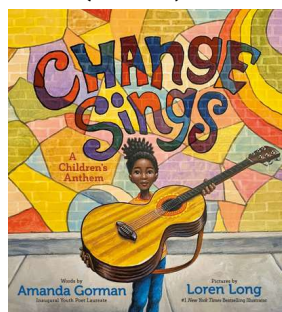
Beads & Bling is **next Saturday – February 13!** You can purchase tickets at church this Sunday or from our church website. Even if you have your tickets already, visit our website to see some of the amazing items we have to auction that evening! The auction will be virtual. Each item being auctioned will be posted on Facebook, and bids may be placed in the form of comments below the photo of an item. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can place bids by calling or texting Mary Balfour (615) 900-6191 or Elizabeth Floyd (205) 807-7293. All bidding will take place starting at 8:00 PM on February 13, except... This Sunday, February 7, if you come to church for worship, you'll get a chance to walk through our auction display in the Gathering Space and perhaps place the opening bid!

**Our Anti-Racism Library is Growing! Be a part of it!**

On good weather Sundays you'll find a beautiful library of books for children, teens and adults teaching the gospel message of love, compassion and reconciliation. We have several titles remaining on our wish list, and we would love for you to contribute toward their purchase. You can find the updated wish list on our parish website. Here are just a few that might be of interest:

**Change Sings by Amanda Gorman (\$17.46)**

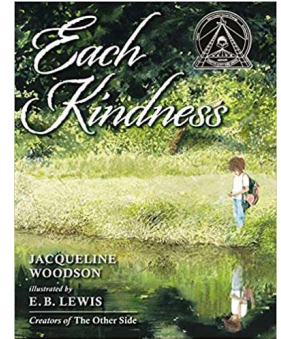
(Release date – September 21, preorder available now)  
 "In this stirring, much-anticipated picture book by inaugural Youth Poet Laureate and activist Amanda Gorman, anything is possible when our voices join together. As a young girl leads a cast of



characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes—big or small—in the world, in their communities, and in most importantly, in themselves."

**Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson (\$16.54)**

Winner of a Coretta Scott King Honor and the Jane Addams Peace Award, a story that encourages young readers never to miss an opportunity to show someone kindness.

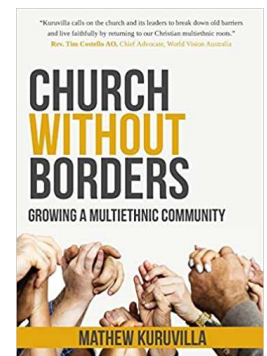


**Raising White Kids by Jennifer Harvey (\$17.46)**

"... Raising White Kids is for families, churches, educators, and communities who want to equip their children to be active and able participants in a society that is becoming one of the most racially diverse in the world while remaining full of racial tensions."

**Church Without Borders by Mathew Kuruvilla (\$13.80)**

"What would the church look like if we modelled the diversity of heaven in our local communities? Mathew Kuruvilla, Senior Pastor of Parkside Baptist Church, shares some of his experiences building a multiethnic church community and challenges the church to become a place of asylum for everyone. Church without Borders theologically engages with the need for multiethnic churches, offering practical suggestions to help build and nurture faith communities of people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds."



**The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead (\$14.67)**

“In this Pulitzer Prize-winning, New York Times bestselling follow-up to *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead brilliantly dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.”



**The Presence Candle** in the sanctuary burns in thanksgiving for my loving husband, Bill Arnold, who celebrated his forty-second year as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by Ann Arnold.

*Second Sunday*  
February 14, 2021

Please donate oranges, mandarins, tangerines, apples, granola bars and individual-serving packages of applesauce, chips, pretzels or nuts.

**THE SOUP KITCHEN**

Bring them to church on Sunday morning, February 14.

**Altar Arrangements:**

**February 7** – in memory of David Lindsey, Crystal Smith, and Maria and Ernesto Ramos by Mrs. Mirta Lindsey and Mrs. Mary Alice Lindsey Poore.

**February 14** – in loving memory of Elsie Osbourne Speer and Albert U. Mitchum, Sr. by Sandra and William Lewis.

**Ash Wednesday through Lent:** The altar arrangements are given during the season of Lent in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.

**Parish Connections...**

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooks@nctv.com
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson 374-3507 bhallwilson@gmail.com
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## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

### **Birthdays**

02 – Mitchell Felton  
 03 – John Hasting  
 05 – Glenn Donaghy  
 07 – Aaron Crowe  
 07 – James Padgett, Jr.  
 09 – Walter Irwin  
 10 – Samuel McDevitt  
 11 – Julia Donaghy  
 11 – Whittaker Russell  
 12 – Abbie Jules Davis  
 12 – Cannon Wooten

13 – Bill McCabe  
 14 – Mirta Lindsey  
 16 – Ali Lataille  
 19 – David Dougherty  
 21 – Marilyn Gobble  
 23 – Griffin Jones  
 24 – Michele Anderson  
 25 – John A. Cobb  
 27 – Ryan Floyd  
 27 – Leslie McDonnell

### **Anniversaries**

03 – Sandra & Dick Daffin  
 06 – Meisha & John Cobb  
 06 – Helen & Jim Nazzaro  
 14 – Trisha & Bruce Craven  
 17 – Libby & Larry Carson

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** the Alley family, Denise Brown, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Howard Hammett, Nan Hines, Chris Jayne, Nicholas Kent, the Lewis family, Rebecca Long, John Maschoff, Nancy Miller, Erich Normandia, Teedie Radford, Domer Ridings, Bridge Simpkins, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Jerry Carver (Diana Carver's dad), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood's nephew), Carolyn Devore (Dyan Webb's sister), Pat DeYoung, 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), Marion Lovvorn (Cousin of Mary Balfour), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Wallace Pouncey (John Maschoff's uncle), Marsha Powe (Friend of Mary Balfour), 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.

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.

***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>	\$21,448	\$31,000	\$2,012	\$1,433	\$27,832	\$31,352
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$21,448	\$31,000	\$2,012	\$1,433	\$27,832	\$31,352



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