



From the Rafters

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Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.
with your concerns. If you talk

directly to me

Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.” 1 John 4: 18-21.



This piece of scripture lives deep within me. I am always wondering how we as followers of God can truly live out this call of scripture to love our brothers and sisters fully. I am speaking of loving those within our parish, those that might find safety in our courtyard, those that eat their lunch on our picnic tables, the students that participate in our tutoring program, and everyone else we might encounter.

I know that Church of the Resurrection has a long history of loving our neighbors. I am grateful, and I celebrate that fact! There is more than we can do in such a time and place as this. I do not exactly know what that looks like, but I am excited that God is in our midst as we explore the possibilities!

Over the past several weeks I have discovered that people are concerned and worried about some of the ministries and projects we are discussing and dreaming about. Please come

about them among yourselves, incorrect information often spreads accidentally, things get stirred up and sometimes this can become divisive. My door is open, always! Please call me with your concerns, worries or ideas. Let me assure you that all of these plans will be discussed with the entire congregation soon. We need every voice in this congregation. We are the Body of Christ!

I said this to our vestry, but I want you all to understand this as well. I am not a liberal, I am not a conservative, I am a follower of Jesus Christ! All of the ideas that I am wondering and praying about are rooted in the words of Jesus Christ. Please remember that is where my heart is.

I am here for you, reach out, always! I love each and every one of you!

~ Mary Balfour+

Vestry Highlights

Your Vestry is working hard for you! Each month we are highlighting a different committee to keep our parish informed of new developments and opportunities to be involved in ministry.



Have you noticed our beautiful new red doors to the church? It’s a tradition in the Episcopal Church, and the “red” signifies “all are welcome” and the “blood Jesus shed for us.” Thank you to Joe Fennell and Bill McCabe for undertaking this project!

We also have newly upholstered chairs in the reading nook at church. They are beautiful! Thanks to Meisha Cobb for sharing her talents with us!

Thanks also to Jo Ann Brewer and the gardening team for keeping our green spaces and our plants so beautiful!

We are so blessed to continue to welcome newcomers – even during a pandemic! Thank you Susu Wallace and the Newcomer ministry!

As always, the Vestry meeting minutes are available in the church office. Please see Denise Brown if you want to learn more.

Blessings and peace to each of you,

~ Summer Booker, Senior Warden

Newcomers Committee



The Newcomers Committee is “a small committee with a big heart.” That sounds like a car dealership, but it is true. The purpose of this committee is to offer a personal welcome, on behalf of the church, to those who have expressed an interest in becoming a part of Church of the Resurrection. After the Rector shares the contact information for a newcomer, a member of the committee arranges a short visit to deliver a Welcome Box filled with information about the activities of the Parish, as well as objects which symbolize the shared love of Christ. This visit provides an opportunity for the new person to learn more about life at Resurrection, as well as a time to inquire about resources within the Greenwood area. Each of us has been a newcomer at some point in our lives, and we remember how we were welcomed, or not. The committee members, Beth Church, Rita Marshall and Helen Nazarro, well remember their early days at Resurrection and the positive first impressions made. Therefore, they are eager to share this

good experience with others.

Of course, during the pandemic, we were not able to visit as much as we would have liked. As doors slowly begin to open and we can see each other face-to-face, we look forward to visiting those who have contacted Mary Balfour to express interest in becoming a part of this warm Resurrection community.

It is a privilege to be one of the first contacts a newcomer may have with the Parish. Our mission is fulfilled when we can greet you by name on Sunday morning, and you feel a part of the Resurrection family.

~ Susu Wallace

Celebrating Our Graduates!

Please join us on Sunday, May 9, at the 10:00 AM service as we honor our graduates:



Elaina Regan Davis, daughter of Stephen and Reva Davis, is graduating from Emerald High School. She is heading to Clemson to study engineering and robotics.

Elliot Coburn Harris Kinney, son of Patrick and Carmen Kinney, is graduating from Greenwood High School. He is still considering

where he will attend college.



Zachery Sergey Robertson, son of Mike and Cathy Robertson, is graduating from



Greenwood High School. He is heading to Piedmont Technical College to study construction.

Formation Moment: The Journey of Baptism to Confirmation and Beyond



We recently enjoyed a visit from our bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew Waldo, and celebrated with him the confirmation, reception or reaffirmation of several members of our parish. With that lovely celebration fresh in your memory, I thought you all might appreciate learning (or recalling) a little bit about the Episcopal tradition and theology behind the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

A quick look at our Outline of the Faith, BCP 858, will tell you that Holy Baptism is “the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ’s body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.” Baptism is a sacrament, meaning it is an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace symbolized by water and the invocation of the Trinity. Baptism is a sign of the mystery of salvation that was given to all by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Through the sacrament of baptism, we encounter the threefold journey of Christianity: purgation, illumination and union. We begin with purgation. As the catechism teaches, there are requirements of the candidate being baptized. Moving their focus from the external to the internal, the candidate renounces Satan, then renounces the evil and destructive powers of the world, and then renounces his/her own personal sinful desires. Next, the candidate turns toward Jesus, placing his/her “whole trust” in him, and promises to follow and obey him. The candidate, having turned away from darkness and toward the illumination of Christ is then united with Christ in his death and resurrection through the waters of baptism.

The Episcopal Church performs the sacrament of Holy Baptism most often by affusion, pouring water over the candidate’s head. Historically, affusion was used as the mode of baptism only when absolutely necessary, such as in places of water scarcity. The early Christian church baptized by full immersion, and that mode of baptism is affirmed by scripture both before and after the resurrection of Christ. To find affusion commonplace, one must look to Western Christianity in the Victorian era when baptisms were private family events. Churches built during that era had no large baptisteries, but contained small, ornate baptismal fonts, and we inherited that architecture and tradition. Some suggest an even more practical reason for the shift in baptismal mode. Christianity spread to areas where large pools of warm water were not available, and infants were not too keen on being fully immersed. Affusion was gentler and easier to accomplish.

Whatever the mode, the symbolism of baptism runs very deep. In baptism we are united with Jesus in his death. We are symbolically drowned. Baptism by immersion reflects the symbolism better, but the point is the same. To be united with Jesus, we must die with Jesus. Thanks to Jesus, death doesn’t have the final word, though. As Jesus rose, so we rise from the water. We are symbolically resurrected.

The symbolism of the water is not complete without the invocation of the Trinity. The pouring takes place three times, the immersing takes place three times, as the priest affirms the presence of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

At this point in the liturgy, the baptized are “sealed” by the Holy Spirit through the application of chrism oil. Our union with Christ is permanent. We are once, and for all time, a member of the body of Christ, the family of God, the communion of saints, living and dead. With the last beautiful touch, we are illumined by the light of the Paschal candle. Often the priest will light a smaller candle from the Paschal candle and

pass it before the eyes of the newly baptized to fix their gaze upon the light of Christ.

Baptism is a public event. It is a welcoming event. We celebrate the entry of the newly baptized into the family of God; thus, the family of God is a necessary part of every baptism. We join with the baptismal candidates in affirming our baptismal covenant. We pledge our support for the candidates. We pray for them. We receive them into the "household of God." In a very real sense, the congregation becomes the village that raises the newly baptized in a life with Christ at its center.

The sacrament of baptism marks the very beginning of our life in Christ. From that point forward we grow into a mature disciple through our formative experiences with our church family and at home. Though the timeline may vary from diocese to diocese, each Christian reaches a point where the sacrament of Confirmation becomes appropriate. Confirmation is the outward and visible sign of a mature commitment to a life in Christ. As we witnessed last Sunday, at confirmation candidates renew their baptismal covenants with the blessing and affirmation of their church community.

Confirmation is not the end of one's spiritual journey, to be sure, but it marks entry into a new level of spiritual growth, one of deeper awareness and acceptance of the responsibility of all Christians. We are disciples. We commit to a life of faith, of learning, of church participation, of repentance, of witness and of humble service.

~ Elizabeth Floyd



Picture Depot

Do you have some old (or new) pictures from church events? Parish retreats, receptions, baptisms, confirmations, parties, VBS, Easter, Christmas pageants, musical performances, cute kids playing outside? Please share them. We are trying to build up a repository of photos of church life at Resurrection. You can email them

Second Sunday
May 9, 2021



Canned tuna, chicken or salmon
Peanut butter and Jelly
Canned Meals:
(Chunky Soups, Stew, Chili)
Canned fruit:
(in its own juice or water)
Canned foods with pop-top lids
Dried beans:
(pinto, blackeyed, kidney, lima, etc.)
Pasta - please include whole grain
Rice - brown, white, yellow
Low-sugar, whole grain cereals
Grits and Oatmeal - bag or box
Healthy snacks:
(granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)
Bottled water and fruit drinks

**Food Bank's
Greatest
Food Needs**



to elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org. Thanks!



Celebrate Pentecost!!

The Birth of the Christian Church

Sunday, May 23, at 10:00 AM

One service in the Nave and Courtyard
Birthday Reception in the Courtyard

**Wesley
Commons
Eucharist is
Back!**

The Second Tuesday of
the Month at
11 a.m. beginning
May 11th

Altar Arrangements:

May 2 – To the glory of God and in memory of Arch and Cass Booker by the families of Archer Booker, Jr. and Hollie Booker Millner.

May 9 – Mother's Day – To the glory of God and 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 16 – To the glory of God and in memory of Mary Anderson Sefton, Ethel Sefton Stevens, Marcia Stevens Wiggs, and Ethel Stevens Williams by Mr. Tom Stevens.

May 23 – In thanksgiving for our parents, Martha Dunlap and Mary Jo and Polk Van Zandt by Mary Balfour and Murray Dunlap.

May 30 – To the glory of God and in memory of Carroll and Anita Brooks by Karen and Mike Whitfield.

The Presence Candle in the sanctuary burns in honor of Claudette McKinney, in memory of Charlotte Perosino and in thanksgiving for all mothers by Sarah and George McKinney.

Parish Connections...

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooks@nctv.com
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson 374-3507 bhallwilson@gmail.com
Acolytes	Norm and Roxy Fawcett 227-3421 fawcett@nctv.com
Christian	Elizabeth Floyd

FIELD DAY

Soccer Basketball Volleyball
Cheezy Field Games Food Drinks

EYC

Field Day
on the Back Lot
Sunday, May 23rd
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Youth and Youth Families are Invited!


Please RSVP to Mary Balfour (615) 900-6161 by May 20th! We are ordering sandwiches and really need a headcount!

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May 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!

	May 2: The Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 9: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)	May 16: The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day	May 23: The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday	May 30: The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday
Vestry of the Month	Rick Green and Karen Whitfield				
Altar Guild	Marty Cobb (Chair), Peggy Adams, Ellen de Guzman, Jennifer Little, Susu Wallace				
Readings	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Deryl McGuire	Mary Bright	Lou Wynne	Deryl McGuire	Chuck McDonnell
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Lou Wynne	Chuck McDonnell	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Lou Wynne
Usher	Paul Criswell	John Scurry	John Scurry	Paul Criswell	John Scurry
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Eddie Barber	Lucas McMillan	Jane Merrill	Frank Wideman	Ashley Woodiwiss
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Gerald Brooks	Norm Fawcett	Beverly Wilson	Connie Hammett	Trisha Craven

Crucifer	Lainey Davis	Madden Craven	Leslie Juul Merrill	Ryan Anderson	Griffin Jones
Ushers	Archie & Summer Booker	Bob & Jo Ann Brewer	Albert and Rebecca Merrill	Allen Hughes Walker Moore	Tom Cobb David Dougherty

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

Birthdays

01 – Anna Hyatt	19 – Will McMillan
01 – Hope Scurry	19 – Perrin Roper
02 – Jane Sanders	20 – Camilla Cathcart
03 – Cathy Robertson	21 – Patrick Craven
03 – Katherine Wells	21 – Charles Long
07 – Reva Davis	22 – Josie Ryan
07 – Stefan Hartung	23 – Drew Hodges
08 – Rebecca Merrill	24 – Margaret Ann Hughes
11 – Karen Bright	24 – Tim Wood
11 – Yates Johnson	25 – Bob DiBenedetto
12 – John Maschoff	26 – Tom Stevens
14 – Will Craven	26 – Allison Wooten
14 – Walker Moore	27 – Sarah Grigg
17 – Chuck McDonnell	28 – Bruce Craven
18 – George Rush	29 – Stewart Russell
19 – Steve Cameron	31 – Lori Kent

Anniversaries

02 – Beverly & Barry Wilson
03 – Michele & Andy Anderson
08 – Malone & Kevin Whitehead
17 – Sarah & Erich Normandia
18 – Sarah & George McKinney
24 – Susu & Abney Wallace
26 – Libby and Henry Cary
29 – Susie & John Hinkel
29 – Jo Ann & Bob Brewer
31 – Ellen & Bob de Guzman

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, John Hughes, Chris Jayne, Joe, Joanne, Nicholas Kent, Rebecca Long, Nancy Miller, Erich Normandia, Teedie Radford, Domer Ridings, Eddie Sanders, Bridge Simpkins, Tom Stevens, Carol and Lou Wynne, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Lue Vonja Brooks (Bridge Simpkins' sister), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood's nephew), Carolyn Devore (Dyan Webb's sister), Pat DeYoung, Taylor Grist (Robert Headley-Downs cousin), Matt Hall and family, Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett's mother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Jennifer Love (Renee Love's sister), Linda Love (Renee Love's mother), Suzanne McEacheten (Eddie Barber's aunt), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Wallace Pouncey (John Maschoff's uncle), Mason Shirley, Stuart Sutliff (friend of David Dougherty), Lee Van Zandt (Mary Balfour's cousin), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank

Wideman's sister) and Jack McGinn (Marilyn Bennett's brother in law).

And for these persons: Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), Julie McCord (Jeanne Brown's cousin), and Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers).

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	\$18,416	\$31,000	\$2,791	\$1,458	\$22,064	\$33,010
Year to Date	\$156,338	\$124,000	\$7,960	\$5,783	\$130,893	\$143,835



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Shana Southard-Dobbs

Susu Wallace

Karen Whitfield

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