

From the Rafters

Our Mission

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

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Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

I have some very exciting news to share with you! For months, the Building and Grounds committee have been working on a very special project for our outside space. A generous donor gave us the funds for this project. I



am so happy to announce that we will have a labyrinth on our church property. The labyrinth will be between the prayer garden and the playground. The vestry approved this project at our last meeting, and we hope to get started this summer.

Some of you may be asking, what is a labyrinth? A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation



and prayer tools. Many Episcopal churches have labyrinths. Our hope is that the labyrinth will

be a way to enrich your relationship with God. We also hope that others in our community will take advantage of this spiritual tool.

The Buildings and Grounds committee is dreaming and praying about other ideas for our back lot space. As those dreams become more of a reality, I will share those with you. Please know that lots of care, attention and prayers are being put into these projects, all to glorify God!

I will be on vacation from June 27-July 10th. If you need me, please call my cell phone. 615-900-6191.

As always, I am here for you! I love you all so much and pray for you daily!

~ Mary Balfour+

Junior Warden's Report

I have been asked to update the parish on maintenance or projects that have been completed or are in progress during the first six months of the year.



- An additional basketball goal was installed in the lower parking lot. This was made possible through a gift from a parishioner. Many thanks to Albert Merrill and Allen Hughes for the installation.
- 2. A new handrail has been installed on the steps by the children's playground.
- It was requested that the doors at the front of the church be painted red; this was accomplished this spring with the help of Joe Fennell.
- 4. A meeting was held with the insurance carrier of the church. Changes made were to include liability coverage for additional property that was gifted to the church and the removal of the insurance coverage that was held on Resurrection House that was removed in the fall of 2020.
- 5. It was determined that the Termite coverage for the church had lapsed during

- the change over of our ministers.
 Additional quotes were requested, and
 Smiths Termite of Abbeville was given the
 contract.
- 6. The church issued a one-year contract with TruGreen of Augusta to provide weed and fire ant control not only for the church proper lawns but to also include the back lot. With all the work that is forecasted to be done on the back lot, it was felt that we needed to determine what would be needed to complement the additions being planned for this property. After only 4 treatments, it appears that we have a strong stand of Bermuda grass growing.
- 7. Due to the lack of replacement parts, the automatic faucets are being replaced in the new bathrooms of the social hall. Three bathrooms have been completed with the fourth waiting on parts.
- 8. One of the biggest items taken on was the replacement of the lights in the front of the church and in the breeze way between the church and Bishops Hall. All of the lights have been changed to LED lights. If you have not driven by the church at night, it is worth the trip. I have been told that it looks great.

~ Bill McCabe, Junior Warden

Selecting Music for Worship

In last month's Rafters, we explored the role of music in our worship services. This month we will look at how we select the hymns and music for our services.



How do we pair music with our liturgy? Who has the authority to decide what we are going to sing?

According to Church Law, Title II, Canon 6, Of the

Music of the Church reads-

It shall be the duty of every Minister to see that music is used as an offering for the glory of God and a help to the people in their worship in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer and as authorized by the Rubric or by the General Convention of this Church. To this end the Minister shall have final authority in the administration of matters pertaining to music. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Minister shall seek assistance from persons skilled in music. Together they shall see that music is appropriate to the context in which it is used.

So, what does this mean? The rector, Mary Balfour, has final authority, and she has asked me, as a musician, to help or assist her with the selection of music and how we use it in our services.

Hymns and music are a major part of our services. They make up about 40% of the worship service. In the cases of sung services, such as Evensong, music makes up even a larger portion.

Hymns are often remembered even more than other parts of the service. They are often referred to as the "take home package" for the congregation.

How do we decide which hymns we sing any given week? We don't want to just fall back on the repetitive use of the most familiar and well-liked hymns. There are actually guidelines on how hymns are selected.

According to A Manual for Clergy and Church Musicians, published by the Episcopal Church, there are four principles for choosing hymns.

- The thematic or liturgical principle. The choice of hymns is based on the relationship of its text to the lections, theme of the day, and the particular place it will occupy in the rite.
- 2. The seasonal principle. At places in the service for which there is no particularly appropriate hymn, it is suitable to use a seasonal hymn.
- 3. The teaching principle. Hymns which the congregation are currently learning should

- be used frequently at services whenever the text is suitable.
- 4. The "use in course" principle. Most of the lectionary is based on the use of psalms and lessons "in course" (that is, read sequentially). This is to assure that fitting passages won't be overlooked in a given period of time. When hymns cannot be chosen according to the first three principles, the gaps within the service should be filled according to the "use in course" principle. Records should be kept as to which hymns are used.

Most of our effort in selecting hymns uses the first principle, the thematic or liturgical principle. My basic role in music selection is to ensure that the lectionary and the music agree. There's not just one way, or an exact formula, as to how I do this. Fortunately, there are a multitude of resources available to assist with this job. Not just books, but now there are many digital resources, as well.

As the Director of Music for an Episcopal church, I, along with most other Episcopal musicians, often rely on *The Episcopal Musician's Handbook*. This handbook includes all the lectionary readings, including the Psalms, and a suggested list of hymns that complement those readings. The list of suggested hymns comes from our three Episcopal hymnals: *Hymnal* 1982; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; and *Lift Every Voice and Sing.*

This handbook is an invaluable resource and I use it a lot, but sometimes you have to look beyond their suggestions. I will often read, and reread, the lectionary for that day to see if some phrase or theme resonates within me. I also talk with Mary Balfour to see what she plans to preach on in her sermon. She has frequently had a suggestion of a hymn she wanted us to sing to go with her sermon. Or if I know the theme of her sermon, I can suggest a hymn that I think will go with it.

It is my desire for everyone in the pews to be engaged with the hymns. This parish, like so many Episcopal churches, is a mixed bag of cradle Episcopalians, former Baptists like me, Methodists, Catholics, and everything in between. I know that each one of us comes with our own library of hymns. I hope we often sing hymns that are meaningful to you.

I have a challenge for every member of the parish. During the next liturgy, I challenge each of you to identify the parallels between the scriptures we read, the prayers we pray, and the hymns we sing.

If you ever have any questions or thoughts about our music, I would love to hear from you.

Donna Brooks
Director of Music Ministry

EfM Needs Your Help!

Around 2000, Anne Hayden and Charlie Weesner initiated an Education for Ministry (EfM) group at Church of the Resurrection.

Although neither are with us today, they and fellow graduates (Add Penfield, Lesa and John Beckett, also deceased), Ann Arnold, Margie Compton, Domer Ridings, Rebecca Long, Deryl McGuire, Chris Jayne, Leslie and me have helped Resurrection leave a large footprint on ministry - in the Americas (a longstanding partnership with Father Lafontant and the Cange community in Haiti), in the Greenwood community (Soup Kitchen, CO3R, GGUM, the homeless shelter, St. Nicholas Speech and Hearing...), and in parish life and worship (Vestry, EMs, DOK, choir, home Eucharist and visitors...). A few others have completed the course after moving from Greenwood. Some have had their participation interrupted, or ended, by illness, relocation, or death. Roughly 30 others have completed at least one year of the program. Numerous others have found the courage to begin.

EfM is a deliberate, four-year program sponsored by the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) that seeks to assist Christians in discerning God's call in their life, and in preparing and equipping them to minister in God's church. It is a carefully orchestrated process, developed meticulously over several decades, that goes well beyond ministry. By helping participants learn to see and understand their own spiritual journeys, by providing them critical thinking tools for confronting social, political, and cultural issues through a spiritual, scripture-based lens, through developing a Christian Rule of Life, and in reading great Christian texts, growth is an expected outcome.

EfM is non-denominational. We have enjoyed participation from our Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, ARP, non-denominational, and Catholic church brothers and sisters. As such, EfM remains an opportunity for evangelism.

Now, we need your help! The course requires a minimum of six people (and allows a maximum of twelve). Right now, we have four people who have completed the first two years and who would like to finish the program. We are two people short. Could you please give prayerful consideration to joining them?

EfM is a four-year discipleship program. It is for anyone willing to draw nearer to God, to be more loving of their neighbors, and to become more involved with their church family. The cost is \$385 per year (there is one half scholarship available) and well worth it! You'll be welcomed into a community of people who, like you, seek a greater understanding of the Christian faith and discipleship. EfM meets once a week for about 1 ½ hours to discuss our readings of the Bible, texts that explain its historical and cultural context, and other books about church history, Christian discipleship and theology. EfM is an exciting, and sometimes daunting, task. The challenges of completing four, thirty-six-week courses requires an enormous commitment. The cost of discipleship is built on commitment. For every personal challenge, however, the possibility of great reward exists. Those who have completed the program feel, almost to a person, that they have gone through a unique, life-changing experience.

If you would like to hear witness or testimony to the program, visit with any of the people mentioned at the beginning of this article (or perhaps the dozen or so more who have completed a year in the program and are quite active in the ministry of Resurrection). If interested, let me know.

Prayerfully submitted, Chuck McDonnell (864.321.9226) mcdonnell.chuck@gmail.com

Blessing Box

You likely have noticed this lovely, small pantry box located on the Marion Avenue side of the back lot. We received this box from the family of Maria Paz Lopez in honor of her life and love of our church. Along with non-perishable food, we try to fill the Blessing Box with items that someone may need but that cannot be



accessed quickly from another charity in our community, such as travel-sized toiletries and personal hygiene supplies. Our Blessing Box empties almost daily, which suggests that it is vital to people in our community. We want to keep it filled, and we need a group of people who are willing to commit to that. We hope to have 12 volunteers – one person per month to take responsibility for filling the box once a week. Please email Elizabeth Floyd if you would like to be a member of our Blessing Box team, elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org.

Tutoring Program Advisory Committee



Our afterschool tutoring program, CO₃R, was a surprising success last year, in light of all the challenges that COVID-19 presented. Our volunteers served 8 elementary school students

twice a week. For the next school year, we are looking for ways we might expand this ministry. We believe that if a small group of people put their imagination and experience together to guide the future of this program, it will grow and

bless our community even more. Please consider joining the CO₃R Advisory Council. This Council will work to develop a vision for the program and guide the more immediate planning choices. Contact Elizabeth Floyd ASAP if you are interested in being a part of the Council, elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org. She promises the meetings will be purposeful and limited.



We will accept donations to the students of our adopted schools: Mays Elementary and Rice Elementary

New underwear

sizes 4T to Juniors XL (12-14)

New socks

for shoe sizes 8 (child) to 6 (adult/youth)

New or lightly used pull-on shorts

sizes 4T to Juniors XL (12-14)

New or lightly used t-shirts

sizes 4T to Juniors XL (12-14)

Please leave your donations on the designated table at the rear of the Nave.

SCHOOL

Altar Arrangements:

July 11 - To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Jerold, James, and Jeffrey Himes and her dearest daughters-in-law Patty, Tracy, and Diana by Chris Jayne.

July 18 – To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children, Susan, Abney, Brandt and Andrew by Abney and Susu Wallace.

July 25 - To the glory of God and in memory of Samuel Carl Wood, Annabel and Clyde Thomas, Ray and Doris Boots, Larry and Brian Boots, Carl and Gertrude Wood, and George and Doris Schrop by Beth and Tim Wood.

The Presence Candle in the sanctuary burns in loving memory of his parents, Jack and Kathleen Criswell, and for all those who need healing by Dr. Paul Criswell.

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July 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!

~	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25				
	The Sixth Sunday	The Seventh	The Eighth	The Ninth Sunday				
AND A	after Pentecost	Sunday after	Sunday after	after Pentecost				
	Proper 9	Pentecost	Pentecost	Proper 12				
	Facebook Live	Proper 10	Proper 11					
	Only – 10 AM							
Vestry of the		Dean Faden and Gerald Brooks						
Month								
Altar Guild	Noonie Fennell (Chair), Marilyn Gobble, Sue Moore, Cathy Robertson, Sarah McKinney							
Readings	2 Samuel	2 Samuel	2 Samuel	2 Samuel				
	5:1-5, 9-10	6:1-5, 12b-19	7:1-14a	11:1-15				
	Psalm 48	Psalm 24	Psalm 89:20-37	Psalm 14				
	2 Corinthians	Ephesians	Ephesians	Ephesians				
	12:2-10	1:3-14	2:11-22	3:14-21				
	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark	John 6:1-21				
			6:30-34, 53-56					
	8:3	0 AM Holy Euchari						
1st Lesson		Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright				
and Psalm								
2 nd Lesson		Deryl McGuire	Lou Wynne	Deryl McGuire				
and Prayers								
of the People								
Usher		Paul Criswell	John Scurry	Pat McGehee				
	10	AM Holy Eucharist	t, Rite II					
1st Lesson		Jane Merrill	Ryan Floyd	Frank Wideman				
and Psalm								
2nd Lesson		Connie Hammett	Norm Fawcett	Beverly Wilson				
and Prayers				•				
of the People								
1st Cross		Lainey Davis	Jacob Davis	Ryan Anderson				
Torches		Henry McMillan	Aiden Willis	Delaney Floyd				
		Will McMillan	Chloe Normandia	Abbie Jules Davis				
Ushers		Archie & Summer	Allen Hughes	Tom Cobb				
		Booker	Patrick McKinney	David Dougherty				
Coffee Hour		Marilyn Bennett	Lisa and Lucas	Nancy and Jon				
			McMillan	Newlon				
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RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

Birthdays

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01 – James Park	11 – Ginger Long	26 – Laura Bachinski
02 – Mary Margaret Adams	12 – Lou Wynne	26 – Tripp Padgett
o3 – Evan Clay	15 – Ella Shedd	27 – Audine Bergman
03 – Lisa McMillan	16 – Gerald Brooks	27 – Abby Cleland
04 – Mason Hartung	16 – Jeannie Kocik	28 – Daniel Woodiwiss
04 – Samantha Hartung	16 – Hollie Long	
04 – Sarah McKinney	16 – Dyan Webb	<u>Anniversaries</u>
o6 – Allen Hughes	17 – Chris Jayne	o9 – Mary Jane and Mims
07 – Larry Carson	17 – John Scurry	Mobley
og – Kathleen Hughes	18 – Lori Brooks	10 – Roxy and Norm Fawcett
10 – Margaret Conrad	18 – Taylor Tucker	11 – Catherine and Brice Sexton
10 – Mary Jo Tolbert	21 – Sarah Hasting	30 – Audine and Don Bergman
11 – Summer Booker	21 – Lindsey Sides	_
11 – Katie Craven	22 – Rebecca Long	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Eddie Barber, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, John Hughes, Chris Jayne, Joe, Joanne, Nicholas Kent, Bill Lewis, Rebecca Long, Nancy Miller, Erich Normandía, Teedie Radford, Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, George Rush, Bridge Simpkins, Carol Wynne, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Lue Vonia Brooks (Bridge Simpkins' sister), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Diane de Guzman (step-daughter of Ellen de Guzman), Carolyn Devore (Dyan Webb's sister), Pat DeYoung, Taylor Grist (Robert Headley-Downs cousin), Phyllis Jenkins, 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), Carol Myers (Leslie McDonnell, Gerald Brooks, and Laura Shealy's aunt), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Wallace Pouncey (John Maschoff's uncle), Mason Shirley, 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	\$22,663	\$31,000	\$2,114	\$1,433	\$25,428	\$33,760
Year to Date	\$214,447	\$186,000	\$12,599	\$8,650	\$199,561	\$210,498



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