



# 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,

As we approach the last few months of the year, it is important to update you on our financial situation. To date we have met our budget goals. We made necessary improvements on the building, created interesting formation resources, provided lodging for the Parish Retreat, hosted a wonderful Harvest Dinner, helped many people in need and the list goes on and on. It is imperative for all of us to complete our pledges for the 2021 year.



In 2017, the Church of the Resurrection embarked on our second capital campaign, Make My Joy Complete. That campaign was designed to reduce our mortgage and replace our organ. To date we have received 109 pledges, totaling \$553,000. Seventy-nine of those pledges are paid in full while thirty have a balance. To date we have collected \$527,148 of our goal, with \$66,700 remaining. We anticipate approximately fifty percent of the outstanding balances will result in subsequent payments as most parishioners complete their pledge. This would bring total payments to slightly more than \$560,000. As in any capital campaign, a few pledges will not be fulfilled. We anticipate this amount to be approximately fifty percent of the outstanding balances or \$33,350. Unfulfilled pledges are a result of parishioners who move or leave the church, pass away, develop health issues, and/or experience financial difficulties. The church compensates for unfulfilled pledge payments by receiving additional donations from three sources: (1) parishioners whose total payments

exceed their pledge; (2) donations from parishioners who did not make a pledge (fifteen individuals or families fall into this category); (3) pledges from new parishioners. Thank you so much to all of you who have given to this campaign and to Craig Church who has diligently kept us on track!

Our stewardship campaign for the 2022 year is off to a great start! To date we have received a pledge card from seventy-eight families for a total of \$286,438 towards our \$410,000 goal. There are fifty-two pledge cards outstanding. We need \$148,002 to reach our goal. It is my prayer that you all will pledge to the Church of the Resurrection for the 2022 year. It is vital to reach this goal so that we can do God's work!! Please send in your pledge card as soon as possible. The Finance Committee will be meeting in October to prepare the 2022 budget to present to the Vestry.

I know that financial updates are not always comfortable, but it is important for you to have this information. If you have any questions or concerns, as you know, my door is always open.

My prayers and love are with you all always!

Love,

Mary Balfour+

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10





## Christian Formation: Friends in Faith

Our Friends in Faith small groups are off to a great start! We have five adult groups that have begun, along with

active groups for children and youth. If you haven't joined a group already, do it now! You won't regret time spent with a loving, supportive community of fellow believers and seekers.

**Zoomers** = Meeting virtually each Wednesday evening at 7 PM on Zoom.

**Lakers** = Meeting at the Stoney Point Clubhouse near the homeowners' pool on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

**Early Birds** = Meeting each Sunday morning at 9:30 in Emmaus Hall. You don't have to worship at the early service to be a part of this group!

**Primetimers** = Meeting each Sunday morning following the 10:30 service in Emmaus Hall. You don't have to be in the prime of your life; all are welcome to join!

**Parents** = Meeting each Sunday evening at 5:30 in Emmaus Hall.

**Empty Nesters, etc...** = People who love their friends in faith. Meeting time and date TBD soon!

**Wesley Commons** = Participants are residents of the Wesley Commons community, but all are welcome. Meeting time and date TBD soon!

**Friends in Faith for Kids** = We're meeting each Sunday evening at 5:30 in Classroom 1 and sometimes outside! Nursery care for ages 3 and under is available upon request.



**EYC Youth Group** = Meeting each Sunday evening at 5:30. Moorea Knights leads the middle school youth who meet in the youth room. Mary Balfour leads the high school youth who meet in the parish courtyard.

We had a wonderful gathering of youth from several Greenwood churches for our first ever inter-



denominational youth games! Kids from First Presbyterian, Main Street Methodist, First Baptist and Resurrection had a blast on the back lot, enjoying recreation, food and a meaningful devotion time. Perhaps the greatest success of the evening was the massive amount of food donated by the youth for the Greenwood Food Bank! Youth leaders from each church are already planning the next inter-denominational event! Here are some pictures from the evening:



## Did the Christian church really usurp pagan festivals?

Halloween is coming soon. I hope you have your costumes and giant bags of candy ready. It is time to celebrate all things supernatural and terrifying. I wager you know someone who refuses to celebrate Halloween for the very point that (that person believes) it is connected to devil worship. There is a somewhat common assumption that Halloween originated as a pagan holiday where the souls of the dead were appeased by bonfires and sacrifices. No wonder some Christians refuse to observe it. They may not be aware, however, of its connection to a Christian feast day, the festival of All Saints. Or they may assume that the Catholic church designated November 1 as All Saints Day as a way of overshadowing pagan rituals held on the previous evening. There indeed may be reason to think that the date for several festivals of the liturgical calendar were “stolen” from the pagans.

On May 13, 609, Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Roman Pantheon as the church of Saint Maria Rotonda. Though historical research doesn't yield perfect certainty, that dedication day either previously, or thereafter, was commemorated annually as a feast for all martyrs. About one hundred years later, the feast day was expanded to include the commemoration of saints and moved to November 1 by Pope Gregory III when he dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's, Rome, to honor all saints. In medieval Europe, the feast was known as All Hallows, and the evening before, of course, All Hallows Eve.

Some historical research indicates that ancient cultures in Ireland marked the end of summer / beginning of winter with a festival on the day our current calendar designates November 1. This festival, known as Samhain, may have included ritual practices honoring the dead when pagans built bonfires and wore disguises to hide from evil spirits. Sound familiar? But there is no definitive evidence proving that Catholic popes intended to coopt a pagan holiday when the church chose November 1 for its All Saints festival.

Many festivals of ancient cultures coincided with celestial events, the autumnal and vernal equinoxes, the winter and summer solstices. We know that Jesus likely was not born in the winter month of December, for it would have been far too cold in Mesopotamia for shepherds to be outside minding their flocks by night. Christians chose to commemorate Jesus' birth on that date for three possible reasons. One historical writing suggested the date because it fell nine months after the date on which the author believed Mary conceived Jesus – March 25. Other historical records suggest that December 25 was chosen by Constantine when he converted to Christianity. At that time pagan Romans would celebrate the birth of Sol Invictus (Unconquered Sun) on the winter solstice – then December 25 – because it was when the hours of daylight began to lengthen. Other Romans honored the birth of Mithra, their god of light, on December 25, and it followed their festival of Saturnalia during which the pagan Romans exchanged gifts and held elaborate feasts. Perhaps Constantine was taking advantage of current cultural practices when he marked December 25 as the day for celebrating Christ's birth. The Eastern church, however, continued celebrating Christmas on January 6 (our Feast of the Epiphany) until several hundred years later.

Even the date of Easter is not without some speculation that it was connected to pagan rites. The word Easter, a few believe, is derived from the name “Eostre” of the pagan goddess of spring and fertility. The date for celebrating the resurrection, however, was most certainly a matter of controversy between the Eastern and Western churches. The gospels tell that Jesus' crucifixion occurred upon the Jewish celebration of Passover, which was the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the first full moon of spring, or 14 Nisan in the Jewish calendar. Thus, “the third day” would fall on 16 Nisan. The Eastern church insisted on that date, regardless of whether it was a Sunday, while the Western church insisted on waiting until the first Sunday following 14 Nisan. The Council of Nicaea (325 CE) ended the controversy by choosing the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Here again, we have a Christian



(and Jewish) festival connected to celestial events, a practice also common to paganism.

Perhaps the lesson to be learned is that the Christian church cannot lay claim to any authentic festival *date*. We observe our liturgical calendar traditions because they enrich our faith experience, not for the sake of historical integrity. I do hope that you will celebrate on October 31. It is a Sunday this year. You should be celebrating the Holy Eucharist with your church family that morning. I also hope you enjoy an evening of fanciful spirits and spooky treats!

~ Elizabeth Floyd

### Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

*Second Sunday*  
*October 3, 2021*



We will accept jackets, sweaters, coats, hats and gloves for children ages 4 to 11

Donated items will be delivered to Saluda Primary School

Please choose items for Fall and Winter

Please place your donations on the designated table at the rear of the Nave

### Resurrections' 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Race to be Thankful

It's that time again! Register now for our annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk through the gentle rolling hills of the Gatewood subdivision. It has an awesome race website all its own:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Greenwood/ThanksgivingDayRaceToBeThankful>



Parish Retreat  
October 9-10, 2021



Come for Saturday only and enjoy some recreation, a cook-out and Compline

Or come for Sunday morning worship




**HICKORY KNOB**  
STATE PARK  
RESORT

Join your church family for a weekend of leisurely fun!


If you act quickly, you may have a room in the Lodge for the night!



Contact Elizabeth Floyd  
elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org



Bring your pets by for a blessing!



Monday, October 4  
5:00 to 6:30

Drive-thru Blessings under the Porte Cochere!

WESLEY COMMONS



Holy Eucharist  
at  
Wesley Commons

Tuesday, October 12  
11:00 AM

Please join us!



### Altar Arrangements:

**October 3** – To the glory of God and in memory of Carroll and Anita Brooks, E. Loudon and Myrtle Brooks, and Palmer H. and Maude R. Brown by Karen and Mike Whitfield.

**October 10** – To the glory of God and in memory of Henry and Caroline Thayer, and Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Thayer, Sr. by Nancy and Larkin Jennings.

**October 17** - To the glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, John R. Hawthorne and Leonard Juul Merrill, and in thanksgiving for our mothers, Leslie Lusk Hawthorne and Carolyn Pratt Johnston Merrill by Albert and Jane Merrill.

**October 24** – To the glory of God and in memory of Ailen L. Byers, Deaver O. Byers, Myrtle Feller Brooks, and E. Loudon Brooks by Edie and Emmett Brooks.

**October 31** – To the glory of God and in memory of Grady R. and Sylvia Pry, Barbara G. Pry, Margaret A. Now and Parents, Carl G. and Margaret A. Pry and Ernest S. and Mollie G. Hinkel by John and Susie Hinkel.


**The Presence Candle** in the sanctuary burns in memory of Carrie and Braxton Wallace by Susu and Abney Wallace.

### Parish Connections...

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## October 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!

	<b>October 3: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22</b>	<b>October 10: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23</b>	<b>October 17: The Twenty- first Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24</b>	<b>October 24: The Twenty- second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25</b>	<b>October 31: The Twenty- third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 26</b>
<b>Vestry of the Month</b>	Shana Southard-Dobbs and Karen Whitfield				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Connie Hammett (Chair), Peggy Adams, Cathy Robertson, Beverly Wilson, Sue Moore, Marilyn Bennett				
<b>Blessing Box</b>	The Haigler Family				
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16</b>	<b>Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31</b>	<b>Jobs 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45</b>	<b>Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, 19- 22 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52</b>	<b>Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34</b>
<b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Mary Bright	Tom Barchi	Chuck McDonnell	Stephen Tucker	Chuck McDonnell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Domer Ridings	Chuck McDonnell	Lou Wynne	Mary Bright	Domer Ridings
<b>Usher</b>	John Scurry	Walker Moore	Paul Criswell	Murray Dunlap	Lou Wynne
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Mary Bright				
<b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Mary Haigler	Hickory Knob Retreat	Ashley Woodiwiss	Eddie Barber	Frank Wideman
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Jon Newlon	Hickory Knob Retreat	Andrew Hodges	Beverly Wilson	Ryan Floyd
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Cross</b>	Griffin Jones	Hickory Knob Retreat	Jacob Davis	TBD	Griffin Jones
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cross</b>	Will McMillan	Hickory Knob Retreat	Catie Robertson	Abbie Jules Davis	Rebecca Merrill
<b>Torchbearers</b>	None	Hickory Knob Retreat	None	Chloe Normandia Riley Floyd	None
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Cobb Allen Hughes	Hickory Knob Retreat	Bob Brewer and Richard Cathcart	David Dougherty and Emmett Brooks	Summer & Archie Booker
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Edward Gibson	Hickory Knob Retreat	TBD	Beverly & Barry Wilson	Summer Booker

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

### **Birthdays**

01 – Jane Merrill  
 02 – Marilyn Bennett  
 02 – Phil Ellenberg  
 02 – Sandra Kern  
 03 – Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges  
 07 – Jan Puzar  
 08 – Lisa Wideman  
 09 – Susan Wash  
 09 – John Wiseman  
 10 – Emma Kate Lataille  
 11 – Matthew Bachinski  
 11 – Mary Bright  
 12 – Carmen Kinney  
 13 – Nancy Miller  
 13 – John Park

13 – Julie Rieger  
 14 – Shana Southard-Dobbs  
 16 – Robert Crowder III  
 16 – Walker Whitehead  
 16 – Aiden Willis  
 18 – Henry McMillan  
 19 – Claire Gillespie  
 19 – Michael Whitfield  
 20 – Terri Bacon  
 20 – Joel Cleland  
 22 – Bob Brewer  
 23 – Ben Dobbs  
 23 – John Hinkel  
 24 – Lattie Gillespie  
 25 – Nan Hines

26 – Laura Beth Brooks  
 26 – Helen Nazzaro  
 28 – Craig Church  
 28 – Mike Robertson  
 29 – Walker Moore  
 30 – Anna Burns Padgett  
 30 – Caroline Newlon  
 30 – Anna Lee Padgett

### **Anniversaries**

11 – Katie & Patrick Craven  
 17 – Ann & Bill Arnold  
 23 – Jennifer & Adrian Little

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Marsha Brodie, Jo Ann Brewer, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Anne Marie Glawe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, John Hughes, Chris Jayne, Joe, Joanne, Nicholas Kent, Rebecca Long, Bart McGuire, Nancy Miller, Erich Normandía, Corrine Price, Teedie Radford, Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Eddie Sanders, Bridge Simpkins, Carol Wynne, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Lue Vonja Brooks (Bridge Simpkins' sister), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Diane de Guzman (step-daughter of Ellen de Guzman), Tanner Griffin (John and Cindy Hughes grandson), Taylor Grist (Robert Headley-Downs cousin), Matt Hall and family, Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett's mother), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright's brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Jennifer Love (Renee Love's sister), Linda Love (Renee Love's mother), Suzanne McEacheron (Eddie Barber's aunt), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Donnie Pouncy (John Maschoff's aunt), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Mason Shirley, Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman's sister) and Jack McGinn (Marilyn Bennett's brother in law).

**And for these persons:** Brenda, Bill Ambrose (Joe Fennell's friend), Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers), Phyllis Jenkins, Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), Julie McCord (Jeanne Brown's cousin), Dr. Giles Schanen, and Gene Taylor.

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>Month as of 9/24/21</b>	<b>\$11,614</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>	<b>\$1,137</b>	<b>\$1,458</b>	<b>\$23,995</b>	<b>\$34,036</b>
<b>Year as of 9/24/21</b>	<b>\$283,192</b>	<b>\$279,000</b>	<b>\$18,642</b>	<b>\$12,975</b>	<b>\$298,465</b>	<b>\$310,911</b>



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