



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,

Lent is here. During the early years of the Church, Lent was a time of preparation for those who, for whatever reason, where no longer in communion with the Church before reuniting with the community of the faithful. It usually took three to four years! Every year, I look forward to this liturgical season in our church year – now forty days, not including Sundays. For me, it is a time for focused reflection, spending quality time with God, and a renewed commitment to prayer. This year I will be walking our new Labyrinth a lot!!! It is a wonderful Lenten resource.



Lenten Suppers are returning this year. Please join us each Wednesday in Lent: March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th at 5:30 p.m. A light supper will be served (\$5 a person). Our program this year will be Rediscovering our Baptismal Covenant, a deep dive into what we have committed to as Christians, exploring how we will live out these commitments and art activities to help us better process our Baptismal Covenant. Our Lenten Suppers are open to all, and my prayer is that you will make them a part of your Lenten journey.

The Greenwood Lenten Pilgrimage is back this year (without lunch). A flyer with all the times and places is published in this edition of the in the Rafters. I will be preaching at Main Street Methodist Church on March 23rd. I hope you will attend the pilgrimage and worship with your brothers and sisters around Greenwood!

My prayer for you this Lenten season is: “Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed

and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.” Amen (The Book of Occasional Services). I will be praying this prayer for each of you every day during the great 40 days of Lent.

Love,

Mary Balfour+

Resurrection Foundation

“All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.” 1 Chronicles 29:14 (KJV)

The Bible includes many verses about giving. These verses help to remind us that everything that we have is a gift from God and by giving we are sharing our gifts from God with others. I remember learning in Sunday School that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We are fortunate at Church of the Resurrection that we have many ways for you to give your gifts to others. One of these is through giving to the Church of the Resurrection Foundation. The foundation was established in 2009 as a way for people to leave money to the church during their lifetime or after their death. It is a tax-exempt organization. The bylaws allow for the foundation to give money to the church yearly chiefly for outreach and improvements to the church buildings or property.



The vestry approved in the fall of 2021 to expand the foundation board of trustees from 5 to 7 members. The members include your Rector and Senior Warden, Mary Balfour and David Dougherty, Cecily Hughes as Chair, Bruce Craven as Vice Chair, Reid Conrad as Treasurer and Summer Booker, Secretary. A 7th trustee will be

named this quarter. We work with our portfolio manager, Greenwood Capital, to manage the fund. We follow the guidelines outlined in our bylaws for investment, spending and gift acceptance. We meet quarterly for review of the financials. Our fund has consistently performed well, meeting or exceeding benchmark data. The fund balance as of 12/31/21 was \$844,132.08.

In addition to our annual allocation to the vestry, the foundation is currently giving the vestry an additional gift each year to pay off our mortgage. This should be complete by the end of 2025. These gifts are made possible by contributions from current parishioners and our beloved parishioners who have gone before us. This ensures that the ministries and mission of the church continue for years to come. Many people think you have to wait until the time of your death to give or that you have to give tens of thousands of dollars. The foundation is a way to give money to the church of any amount at any time. We all recall the story of Jesus in the temple watching the widow give two coins. She gave out of poverty while the others gave a portion of their riches. Her gift was given in faith and with sacrifice. Every gift, even small ones, will collectively add up.

The Trustees invite you to consider giving. We will be happy to answer any questions you have. We look forward to a parish gathering later this year hosted by the foundation. We will update you as those plans come to fruition.

~ Cecily Hughes, Foundation Chair

A prayer for Resurrection Foundation

The Lord be with you.
Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, in your mercy, you laid the foundations of our earth. You have graciously provided us with your church, built upon the cornerstone of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Impress upon our hearts your will, guidance, and direction as we seek to please you in all matters pertaining to the foundation of this church.

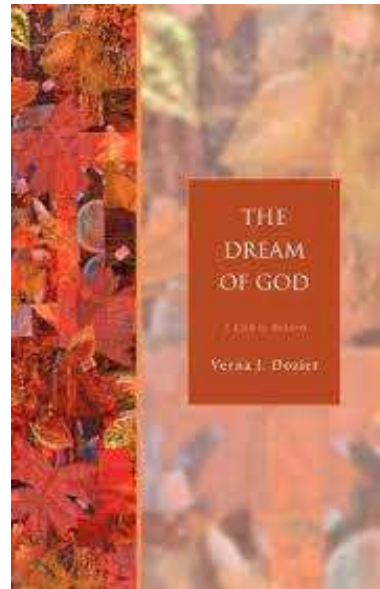
We are most grateful to those merciful souls, who established this legacy of giving at COR. We

thank you for the opportunity to serve this ministry and for those present here today.

We pray for the continual good works of this foundation as we seek to glorify you in all matters pertaining to the decisions we make.

May all efforts be blessed by you. It is in your Son Jesus Christ name we pray. Amen.

- Prayer written by Summer Booker



A Focus for your Lenten Mediations: The Dream of God

I recently had the pleasure of reading a book bearing the bold title, *The Dream of God*. It was written by Verna J. Dozier, and it offers a challenge to the church that I believe we should

consider accepting. I hope you will pick up a copy to read for yourself, as it may be a focus for your meditation during this season of Lent. If nothing else, Dozier's ideas are particularly relevant.

Let me explain why I, personally, so appreciated Ms. Dozier's ideas. I have noticed over the years a disheartening decline in church participation. It is a world-wide, ecumenical phenomena. Even among devoted Christians, regularity of church attendance has dropped as weekend sporting events and travel has increased. I am a part of this phenomena, and I am not pointing fingers at anyone else. But I am concerned. I wonder why. Why are people drifting away from the church? What am I – a church worker – not getting right? That is where Dozier's book comes in. I think she may have the answer.

Dozier separates the institution of the church from its people. She suggests that the institution has gotten in the way of God's dream for his people. Although I think Dozier is too critical of the institution in some respects, she makes a

good point. Evidence shows, in fact, that many people deny religiosity because of their dislike of the institution. They claim to be “spiritual but not religious.”¹ Perhaps our own church isn’t drawing new young adults because so many young adults see the church as just another corrupted institution. So the question then becomes, what can we do about that? Again, Dozier’s book has a suggestion.

Most of you likely have heard of the “fall of man.” It is the story of Adam and Eve and the theology of original sin. Dozier, however, identifies three “falls.” She begins with the fall of Adam and Eve in their choice to eat the forbidden fruit – to abandon the harmony of life in full communion with God. But Dozier continues with identifying a second fall as the Israelites’ choice to anoint a king. In doing so, God’s people became like the other kingdoms of the world, again deviating from God’s dream of a people who trust only in him. Last, Dozier identifies a third fall when Constantine adopted the Christian faith. Constantine’s conversion may seem a success for evangelism. Christianity had reached the pinnacle of society; no less than an emperor had become the sheep returned to the fold. But that is not the reality. As Dozier writes, “Constantine himself was not changed; the church was.” From that point forward, the practice of Christianity became little more than the profession of faith in a doctrine controlled by the wealthy elite instead of mercy, humility and service to others, especially the poor and downtrodden. Although Adam and Eve’s fall is an allegorical story to describe humanity’s separation from God, Dozier connects the latter two falls: “The ancient Hebrews, during the time of their establishment as a nation among other nations, distorted the call by turning it into law. The Christians, during the time of their becoming a structure among other structures of the world, distorted the call by turning it into institution.”

Perhaps Christianity would not have survived had it not become an institution supported by the

state. Yet its survival came at a cost. The Christian faith risked its alteration to fit the purpose of the institution. The dream of God was commandeered.

Is God’s dream faring much better now? The dream of God is for God’s people to respond to grace through ministry in community. You might say it is simply to “listen to Him!” as the voice commands from the Mount of Transfiguration. Were the people of God to minister in community, in spite of the institutionalization of the Christian faith, perhaps the decline in public opinion of Christianity would reverse itself. Perhaps church participation would increase. Perhaps evangelism would be accomplished for us as the world is collectively transformed by witnessing our love for one another.

Dozier offers a path of restoration for the institutional church. She names the first step as a role-reversal: the institution must become “the servant of the people of God” rather than the people of God serving the institution’s needs. In other words, the institution should support the ministry of *each* of its members, not just the clergy. Dozier’s suggestion assumes a point easily missed: we – God’s people – are all ministers. We all have a higher calling. Being a child of God means more than just professing our beliefs on a Sunday morning or writing a check to a local charity. It means serving others as Jesus would serve in each of our daily encounters.

Lent may be a prime opportunity for you to think of what your personal ministry is. How can you play a role in the fulfillment of God’s dream? Learn from the past falls. We are not equal with God, and we will get it wrong sometimes. We must rise above the kingdoms of the world by trusting in God alone, not in a king, president or politician. And we cannot do this alone. We must minister and worship in community. Rest assured that Mary Balfour stands ready to assist you in this form of introspection; she wants nothing more than to see each of us find our own personal ministry. Whether you are a doctor, a

¹ For example, see this data from a recent Pew Research Center poll - <https://www.pewforum.org/2021/12/14/about-three-in-ten-u-s-adults-are-now-religiously-unaffiliated/>

teacher, an accountant, a lawyer or a business owner, you have the ability to be a minister in your daily interactions with other people. I'll leave you with another quote from Dozier's book:

"The people of God are called to a possibility other than the kingdoms of the world. They must be ambassadors – again, St. Paul's word – in every part of life. They witness to another way that governments can relate to one another, that money can be earned and spent, that doctors and caregivers and engineers and lawyers and teachers can serve their constituencies, that wordsmiths and musicians and artists and philosophers can give us new visions of the human condition. That is the ministry of the laity."

~ Elizabeth Floyd

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry



Exploring our Baptismal Covenant

Wednesday evenings in Lent:
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

5:30 Dinner in Emmaus Hall

6:00 Prayer and Learning

All ages are encouraged to attend



ALMS GIVING

For this season of Lent, we will accept donations to Mary Balfour's discretionary fund.

Mary Balfour uses this fund to assist people in crisis - a meal, some clothes or a tank of gas. Please mark your checks as "Lenten giving."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY
LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 9TH: ST. MARK'S, RIVER STREET CAMPUS
MARCH 16TH: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 23RD: MAIN STREET UMC
MARCH 30: MORRIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
APRIL 6TH: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship will be from 12:30-1 p.m.
No Lunch Option This Year





The Diocese of Upper South Carolina is hosting an Episcopal Cursillo weekend, March 17-20, at Camp Gravatt. Mary Balfour is on staff that weekend, and she would love for you to join her there! Contact her for more information.



Big Oaks Rescue Farm rehabilitates animals suffering from abuse and neglect. It was founded in 2007 by the late Joe Mann and is staffed entirely by volunteers. The farm also provides education about animal welfare. For more information about this amazing organization, visit their website: <https://www.bigoaksrescuefarm.org/>

Altar Arrangements:

March 6 - 27 – The altar arrangements are given during this season of Lent in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.


The Presence Candle in the sanctuary burns in thanksgiving for his two granddaughters, Mary Holcombe "Holly" McCabe and Keller Grace Yochum, by Bill McCabe.

Parish Connections...

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
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March 2022 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!

	March 6: The First Sunday in Lent	March 13: The Second Sunday in Lent	March 20: The Third Sunday in Lent	March 27: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Vestry of the Month	Jo Ann Brewer and Eddie Barber			
Altar Guild	Susu Wallace (Chair), Marty Cobb, Mary Van Ellenburg, Connie Hammett, Sarah McKinney			
Readings	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalms 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalms 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalms 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Tom Barchi	Deryl McGuire	Domer Ridings	Mary Bright
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Stephen Tucker	Chuck McDonnell
EM	Dick Daffin	Tom Rohrer	Lou Wynne	Dick Daffin
Ushers	Paul Criswell	John Scurry	Walker Moore	Lou Wynne
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Eddie Barber	Ryan Floyd	John Maschoff	Lucas McMillan
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Mary Charles Haigler	Summer Booker	Trisha Craven	Jon Newlon
EM	Norm Fawcett	Moorea Knights	Connie Hammett	Frank Wideman
1st Cross	Ryan Anderson	Virginia Donaghy	Delaney Floyd	Cannon Wooten
2nd Cross	Will Craven	Julia Donaghy	Catie Robertson	Peter Russell
Torchbearers	Chloe Normandia Aiden Willis	None	Riley Floyd Michael Floyd	None
Ushers	John Cobb Abney Wallace	Bob & Jo Ann Brewer	Richard Cathcart Tom Cobb	Albert Merrill Rebecca Merrill
Nursery	Mary Bright	Mary Bright	None	Mary Bright
Coffee Hosts	Diana Carver	Rita and Pete Marshall	Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre	Haigler Family
Blessing Box Team of the Month	Dick & Sandra Daffin	Dick & Sandra Daffin	Dick & Sandra Daffin	Dick & Sandra Daffin

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
03 – Reid Conrad	17 – Trisha Craven	01 – Deb & John Maschoff
03 – Burl Ricker	17 – Kenneth Headley Downs	17 – Reva & Stephen Davis
03 – Renee Love	18 – David DiBenedetto	24 – Lattie & Lonnie Gillespie
04 – George Hyatt	18 – Paige Ouzts	29 – Jane & Albert Merrill
05 – Whitfield Brooks	19 – Jon Newlon	
05 – Eddie Sanders	20 – Margaret Ann Hasting	
09 – Nate Adams	20 – Pam Rumans	
09 – Andy Anderson	22 – Celie Mescall	
09 – Eddie Barber	22 – Bette Ricker	
09 Tom Hochheimer	22 – Lisa Treeter	
10 – Anne Marie Glawe	27 – Sandy Moore	
10 – Kim Russell	27 – Gaivnion Smith	
13 – Nick Bachinski	30 – Joanne Hochheimer	
15 – Patrick Kinney	31 – Sue Moore	
16 – Beverly Wilson	31 – Colt Putnam	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Ann Arnold, Audine Bergman, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, The Cathcart Family, Carol Dean, Ellen de Guzman, Anne Marie Glawe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, John Hughes, Chris Jayne, Joe, Joanne, Nicholas Kent, Adrian Little, Rebecca Long, Bart McGuire, Nancy Miller, Mary Jane Mobley, the Moore Family, Erich Normandía, Corrine Price, Teedie Radford, Bette Ricker, Domer Ridings, Eddie & Jane Sanders, Bridge Simpkins, Ross Ann Steifle, Nancy Van Waldick, Carol Wynne, Lue Vonja Brooks (Bridge Simpkins' sister), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Ardy Edgerton (Corrine Price's daughter-in-law), 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), Michelle Hirsch (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright's brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Jack McGinn (Marilyn Bennett's brother in law), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Bob Parrott (Salley Cathcart's father), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Mason Shirley, Marie Stone (Jeff Lanford's mother), Johnnie Wall (Julie Rieger's uncle), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman's sister), and Chance Whittington (Elizabeth Floyd's cousin) Susie Bright Woodard (Jim and Bill Bright's sister).

And for these persons: Brenda, Chris, Steve Driskell, Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers), Phyllis Jenkins, Art M., Chuck Taylor, and Gene Taylor.

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)
Month as of 2/25/22	\$42,764	\$33,750	\$2,086	\$1,433	\$48,185	\$49,806
Year as of 2/25/22	\$65,900	\$68,458	\$4,268	\$2,867	\$80,326	\$82,816



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