

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,

By now, you have received our stewardship letters encouraging you to give to our parish, but more importantly to God. I am very grateful to the stewardship committee for their hard



work

and creative thinking. I pray that you will consider glorifying God by giving for the first time, the one hundredth time, or anywhere in between to our church family. Murray and I increase our pledge every year; we want to give all that we can to God, and I pray that you do that as well! Our goal is \$440,000 and I know with God's help we can achieve this goal!

This is our final Did You Know series. I hope you have enjoyed learning more about our parish family. I certainly have! Not only learned but pondered what ministries you can be a part of to glorify God!

- One of our parishioners recently informed me that our parish hosted NAACP meetings in the 60's. Can you imagine the courage!!!

- Several ministries in Greenwood started at the Church of the Resurrection including: the Soup Kitchen that provides meals 7 days a week; the Church of the Resurrection Tutoring Program that helps children with tutoring two days a week; and others!

- I would guess that a member of our parish has served on every non-profit board in our area.

- Four former Rectors of our parish have been

elected and ordained Bishops in the Episcopal

Church. We currently have a seminarian, Mitchell Felton. You helped formed them, support them, prayed for them and loved them!

- Donna Brooks has served Resurrection for almost thirty-nine years, Denise Brown has served for almost eighteen years, Elizabeth Floyd has served for over eight years. These women have outlasted many priests and have diligently and passionately served you and God!

What's not to love about our amazing parish??? I cannot think of a better way of honoring our church family and God then by giving financially.

Warmth

Tulips of healing Embroidered in golden light Just back from the Netherlands You were crowned with thorns Now heal

The Tulips you sent are stunning We keep them in an eastern window Morning sun

We find ourselves at the beginning of a new day I do not know what our travels may bring

But enjoy the warmth You are home

By Murray Dunlap

Love, Mary Balfour+



From Your Senior Warden

I have been reminded over the years that the older one gets, the faster time passes one by. 2022 is not an anomaly when it comes to the passing of



time. I

have just realized that Christmas is only 165 days away. Wow! When one reflects on the planned activities we have had the opportunity to experience in the 1st half of 2022, you might have another Wow moment! But wait, we still have 169 days left in 2022! From what Mary Balfour has shared with the vestry, the staff has laid out a plan for the remainder of this calendar year. So buckle-up and enjoy the ride as we finish out 2022!

There is much to be excited about at Church of the Resurrection. We are thriving and I can't help but feel that our church family will continue to thrive. Folks, this stuff just doesn't happen. Under Mary Balfour's leadership, the entire staff has raised the bar and developed unique ways to glorify God and in doing so, we are doing our part to make Greenwood a better place to live, worship, and raise a family. If you will, take a moment and tell our staff how much you appreciate their hard work.

So, let me conclude by asking, are you looking forward to 2023? I am excited about our past accomplishments and look forward to what is yet to come. That said, stay tuned!

Respectfully,

David L. Dougherty

Stewardship the Old-Fashioned Way

Ever wonder where the word "stewardship" comes from? We hear it a good bit this time of year. It is stewardship season after all. The dictionary definition of stewardship is easy, and I doubt any of you need to look it up. But the etymology is interesting and might be helpful as you think about the nature of your own life. Bear with me, and I'll explain.

From etymology online:

Old English stiward, stigweard "house guardian, housekeeper," from stig "hall, pen for cattle, part of a house" (see sty (n.1)) + weard "guard" (from Proto-Germanic *wardaz "guard," from PIE root *wer- (3) "perceive, watch out for").

In Hebrew, the word that means steward looks like this: מֶלְצֵר. Please don't ask me to pronounce it (`al bayith?). In Greek, the word that means steward is oikonomos. I had trouble finding the proper Aramaic word that meant steward. Linguistics aside, in bible times, the concept of a steward referred to a household manager, a servant who was responsible for managing the property of its owner. Jesus used a steward in a few of his parables. In those instances, again it had a narrow meaning - household manager. Paul expanded the meaning a little more when he used it metaphorically to include all the mysteries of God. On the whole, however, financial stewardship to support the church simply wasn't developed in Old Testament times, and there is little biblical basis for our modern concept of financial stewardship found even in the New Testament. Even the word "steward" or "stewardship" seems not to have appeared until the Middle Ages, as we see in the etymology quoted above, and again the meaning is narrow household management.

Fast forward a few hundred years, and we see the concept of stewardship finally applied to religious life. State-sponsorship of religious institutions ended, and money was needed to fund missions as well as to sustain church properties and employees. By necessity, the stewardship campaigns began in the late 1800s.

Now our postmodern usage expands stewardship even further. For example, we practice stewardship of natural resources, and as David Dougherty referenced in his stewardship letter, we can practice civic stewardship, such as his admirable servanthood in crisis response organizations. One author even applied the concept of steward to the role of a mature disciple, one who has reached a level of expertise in Christian education and then passes on his/her learning to others: "Stewards emerge from the ranks of disciples, just as leaders emerge from the among groups of followers."¹ We can live as stewards in many different ways, all of them important.

I'd like you to consider stewardship in yet another context, one which has an easy-to-find biblical foundation: stewardship of relationships. I see this application as stewardship the old-fashioned way. When we look back to the lives of the first Christians, those who heard Jesus' message most directly, we see the people of The Way devoted to one another:

They *devoted* themselves to the apostles' teaching and *fellowship*, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

Acts 2: 42, 44-47

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

Ephesians 4:2

13 Bear with one another

Colossians 3:13

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, *serve one another* with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

I could go on with these verses, but I won't. My point is made. Our spiritual ancestors who directly received the gospel from Jesus' own mouth devoted themselves to living in community, serving one another and putting each other's needs ahead of individual needs. In the original sense of the word, they were good and faithful stewards of their own household, the household of God.

Our highly technological society makes it very easy to become self-focused and individualistic. I see it everywhere – Is my job/career fulfilling to me? Is my spouse good to me? Is my teacher/professor accommodating my individual learning style? Is my body healthy enough? Do I need to take off for a mental health day? Do I have enough stuff to make me happy? Marketing targets our individual consumer needs in ways I don't need to repeat for you here. How mightily easy it is to forget we are part of a community!

Our personal needs are not so important that we can afford to forget that we are part of something bigger, and we have a duty to a community. Mary Balfour put it best in her sermon last Sunday. We must be martyrs. We must deny ourselves enough that we are able to love and serve others first. Doing so connects us

to the early Christians who knew well they needed each other to survive in this crazy world. Let us be good stewards of our relationships with one another so that when we die, we can say honestly, "I lived a good life, and I loved all these people!"



> Elizabeth Floyd

¹ Bob Sitze, *Stewardshift: An Economia for Congregational Change*, (Church Publishing, 2016), 25.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry





Preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EFM groups move

the fullness of God's Kingdom. Our Education for Ministry class seeks new members for its 2022-2023 cohort. EfM is a small group seminar designed for lay people who are interested in discernment of their place as servants in God's kingdom. EfM also provides a deeper understanding of the bible from a scholarly point of view, our Christian history and theology. We welcome you to join this fun and supportive community! Contact Chuck McDonnell if you are curious: 864.321.9226 / mcdonnell.chuck@gmail.com.



DINNER AND BINGO! AUGUST 24TH 6 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL!



at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection **RSVP** to Kelly Wiseman by August 21st. kjwiseman91@gmail.com or 864-323-2787

CO3R Tutoring needs you!

Our tutoring program, C03R, will resume very soon. We have received interest from over 30 students. Please help! We urgently need volunteer tutors, and we welcome tutors who are older teens through senior adults. Contact Elizabeth at (205) 807-7293.



Sessions are held after-school at the church for one or more days a week at your preference.



Are you a good speller? Come join the Resurrection Rabble-rousers!

The Spelling Bee supports Healthy Learners, an organization that ministers to the health needs of children in our community.

The Bee has two nights this year! One virtual (Sept. 20) and one live (Sept. 27), at the spelling team's preference.

Contact Jan Puzar at 344-7842.



Altar Arrangements:

August 7 – To the glory of God and in memory of Carl Brock, Thomas Perry, Pauline Hammond Jennings, and Lilian Moller Brock by Barbara Brock.

August 14 – To the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Rush, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. George D. Rush, Jr. by George D. Rush III.

August 21 – To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our daughters Allison and Catherine, their husbands, Cannon and Josh, and our grandsons, Cannon and William, by Sandra and Bill Lewis. August 28 – To the glory of God and in memory of Virginia Diggs King, Charles Bray King and in honor of Amy King Graham by Mary Lynn Landgraf-Budd.

The presence candle in the sanctuary burns in loving memory of Sarah V. Bright "Life Fully Lived" by Bill, Karen, and Caitlin Bright.

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August 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!

| | August 7 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14 | August 14 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15 | August 21 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16 | August 28 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17 | | | |
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| Vestry of the Month | Gerald Brooks and Mary Charles Haigler | | | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Susu Wallace (Chair), Mary Van Ellenberg, Connie Hammett, Sandra Lewis, Marilyn Bennett | | | | | | |
| Readings | Isaiah 11: 1, 10-20 Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40 | Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56 | Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17 | Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14 | | | |
| | | 8:30 Holy Eucharist, | Rite I | | | | |
| 1 st Lesson and Psalm | Tom Barchi | Mary Bright | Chuck McDonnell | Stephen Tucker | | | |
| 2 nd Lesson and Prayers of the People | Tom Rohrer | Stephen Tucker | Chuck McDonnell | Lou Wynne | | | |
| E.M. | Tom Rohrer | Gerald Normandt | Deryl McGuire | Lou Wynne | | | |
| Usher | Lou wynne | Walker Moore | John Scurry | Paul Criswell | | | |
| | 1 | 10:30 Holy Eucharist, I | Rite II | | | | |
| 1 st Lesson | Eddie Barber | Ryan Floyd | Alecia Compton | Summer Booker | | | |
| 2 nd Lesson and Prayers of the People | Mary Charles Haigler | Celie Mescall | Jane Merrill | John Maschoff | | | |
| Eucharistic | Trisha Craven | Connie Hammett | Norm Fawcett | Norm Fawcett | | | |
| Ministers | Norm Fawcett | Adrian Little | Beverly Wilson | Trisha Craven | | | |
| Crucifer | Leslie Juul Merrill | Cannon Wooten | Julia Donaghy | Lila Eisenriech | | | |
| Book Bearer | Rebecca Merrill | Will McMillan | Delaney Floyd | yd Delaney Floyd | | | |
| Torchbearers | Chloe Normandia and Riley Floyd | None | Michael and Riley Floyd | ley None | | | |
| Ushers | Archie and Summer Booker | Diana Carver Ken Headley-Downs | Richard Cathcart Dan Hobbs | John Cobb Abney Wallace | | | |
| Nursery | None | Mary Bright | Mary Bright | Mary Bright | | | |
| Nursery Volunteer(s) | Sarah Contakos | Marty Cobb | Nancy Leonard | Lucas and Lisa McMillan | | | |
| Coffee Hosts | Beverly Wilson | Robert Headley- Downs | Kelly Wiseman | Kelly Wiseman Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre | | | |
| Blessing Box | Adrian and Jennifer Little | Adrian and Jennifer Little | Adrian and Jennifer Little | Adrian and Jennifer Little | | | |
| Flower Guild | Carla Hobbs | Helen Nazzaro | Ginger Long | Marilyn Bennett | | | |
| Youth Dinner | Robertson Family | Eisenreich Family | McMillan Family | No Youth Group | | | |

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

| BIRTHDAYS | | ANNIVERSARIES |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 – Denise A. Brown | 13 – Alan Treeter | 4 – Lisa & Frank Wideman |
| 3 – Elizabeth Floyd | 16 – Peggy Adams | 11 – Noonie & Joe Fennell |
| 3 – Walt Patterson III | 19 – Jeanne Selander | 12 – Marty & John Cobb |
| 4 – B. Adams | 20 – Jason Haigler | 13 – Jackie & Domer Ridings |
| 4 – Mary Balfour Dunlap | 24 – Edie Brooks | 18 – Anna & James Padgett |
| 4 – Summer Yonce | 24 – David Joosten | 19 – Abby & Joel Cleland |
| 5 – Janie Hughes | 24 – Jordan McCabe | 21 – Perrin & Lee Roper |
| 7 – Hugh Jones | 25 – Thomas McDonnell | 30 – Barbara & Dick Reeves |
| 8 – Joe Fennell | 27 – Zach Robertson | |
| 10 – Diane Lawson | 29 – Whitney Brock | |
| 10 – Ashlee Riley | 31 – Paul Lataille | |

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Audine Bergman, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Ellen de Guzman, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, John Hughes, Chris Jayne, Nicholas Kent, Adrian Little, Bart McGuire, Nancy Miller, Mary Jane Mobley, Bette Murray, Erich Normandía, Teedie Radford, Bette Ricker, Domer Ridings, George Rush, Eddie and Jane Sanders, Bridge Simpkins, Ross Ann Steifle, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Martha Anderson (daughter of Mary Joe and Charlie Ferguson), 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), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright's brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Anne Rogers (Ken Rogers' mother), Mason Shirley, Jerry Stallworth (Cecily Hughes' father), Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer's niece), Johnnie Wall (Julie Rieger's uncle), and Susie Bright Woodward (Jim and Bill Bright's sister).

And for these persons: Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers), Denise & Eatham Johnson (friends of Robert Headley-Downs), and Ruth and Judith (Mims and Mary Jane Mobley's friends).

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at <u>denise@episcopalgreenwood.org</u> or call 223-5426.

| | Pledges (Actual) | Pledges (Budgeted) | Unpledged/Plate (Actual) | Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted) | Expenses (Actual) | Expenses (Budgeted) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Month as of 7/29/2022 | \$23,959 | \$33,750 | \$2,099 | \$1,433 | \$31,992 | \$32,960 |
| Year as of 7/29/2022 | \$266,132 | \$237,208 | \$18,893 | \$10,083 | \$259,118 | \$256,139 |

We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!



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