

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,

As you know, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and your Vestry have worked hard over the past few years to complete the labyrinth. These dedicated groups are now ready for our next project in the outdoor space,



permanent altar! The altar will be made of granite, will mirror our nave altar in terms of design and will be located next to the prayer garden. I am so thrilled about this project, because, as you know, I love it when we can worship God outside!!! Now, we will have a permanent and physical reminder of our relationship with the Lord.

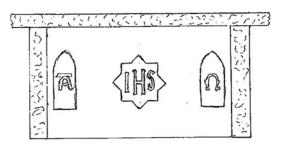
The Vestry has always expressed a desire to honor Noonie and Joe Fennell, and they feel the perfect way is to have the altar be given in thanksgiving for them. As you know, Noonie and Joe have been dedicated followers and servants of God at our parish for many years. I can't think of a better way to honor them and express our love to them. Our hope is that the altar will be finished in the coming months so we can use it soon! I pray you all will be as excited and proud of this project as the vestry and I are!

Finally, please do not forget to turn in your pledge card for the 2023 year as soon as possible!!! We still have a little over \$100,000 to reach our goal. This is well within our reach and would be a wonderful way to glorify God.

Love,

Mary Balfour+

Here is a drawing of what our outdoor altar will look like. The surfaces will be polished granite and the edges will be rocked, similar to the bench in the courtyard given in memory of Bill Suber. The symbols will match those on the front of the indoor altar in our nave.



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Ghosts

Smoking tendrils of pain The lingering breath of the moon Debilitating illness Worn leather Smoke The very sound that carried us And we danced in that sound, moving hands in rhythm with our heartbeat A languid sound that mattered not -but allowed for the presence of something new The muted echo of ghosts entering our lives The past is gone By Murray Dunlap



Congratulations and Gratitude

Our own Resurrection
Rabble Rousers helped
raise \$790 to support
the work of Healthy
Learners! The team – Terri

Bacon, Jan Puzar, Shana Southard-Dobbs and Barry Wilson – made us very proud in the annual adult spelling bee last week. We thank them for sharing their linguistic gifts and time, and we thank you for your generosity!

Annual Parish Retreat – October 29-30!



We look forward to our weekend at Camp Fellowship! If you haven't been there before, Camp Fellowship is a

beautiful recreation center located in Waterloo along Lake Greenwood. There are trails, games, and water-based activities as well as a relaxing outdoor seating area that overlooks the lake. We have plans for a few sit-down activities on site for the afternoon of October 29, as well as a hike for those interested in a little exercise. On Saturday evening at 5:30, we'll gather for a cook-out and celebrate Evening Prayer. Please bring your own food and drinks. You're welcome to spend the night at the Conference Center (motel-type room), in one of the cabins or tent camp. You also may leave and return Sunday morning for breakfast at 9:00 and worship (Rite II) at 10:30. Watch for a bulletin insert to indicate your preferences and plans. We hope all of you will be able to attend!

Formation Moment: How the Cross Became our Symbol

We see them everywhere. A cross is the universal sign of Christianity and has been for centuries. In current times, a cross may be worn by even non-religious people as simply an article of fashion.

Christians know, of course, the deep significance of the cross. For well over three hundred years, though, the cross was *not* the symbol of believers. The crucifixion and the cross were central to early Christian theology; you see that in Paul's letters. But the symbolic use of a cross or crucifix emerged very gradually and not until at least three hundred years after the crucifixion.

Earlier symbols of Christianity included the simple drawing of a fish or Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Historians and archaeologists found an interesting symbol of fish on a ship's anchor, the anchor serving as a symbol of



From the catacombs of Priscilla, circa 100-400 A.D.

safety and hope of salvation.

Legend has it that in the mid-4th century, the Roman Emperor Constantine experienced a vision of a cross emblazoned in the sky with the words, "In this sign, conquer." Constantine obeyed that vision and had a cross placed on the helmets, shields and standards of his army. Their success at the battle of Milvian Bridge, according to Constantine, was due to the patronage of the Christian god. And so that symbol came to represent not just Christianity but its institutionalization within the Roman political and imperial world. It was even on the coins of Constantine and other rulers of the time period.



A Christogram is a monogram of Christ using the Greek letters, Chi Rho.

Constantine's reign brought toleration of Christianity within the Roman empire. But I learned recently that the "cross" Constantine used was not actually a cross at all. It was a Christogram, an imperial emblem with a religious subtext.¹

Credit may be due to Constantine's mother, Helena, who "found" the cross on which Jesus was crucified in Jerusalem. Her visit to Jerusalem set an example for other Christians to make a pilgrimage there and to take home souvenirs of a sort, such as a sliver of the "true cross" or a vassal of oil that had been poured over it. It is at this point in history that the cross took on a larger role in Christian art, but still it was not the sort of cross that we know today.

Fourth century Christian art depicts the Christogram wrapped with a wreath over a gemmed cross, such as was found engraved in Christian sarcophaguses from the mid-4th century.



On the sarcophagus engraving below, Jesus holds the cross like a scepter.



The cross imagery, then, shifts from a Christogram to an actual cross, but still not a crucifixion. It is a mark of victory.

Later imagery of the 6th through 8th century shows Jesus on the cross, but not suffering or even sagging down from the crossbeam. In these images, Jesus is robust and robed, sometimes even wearing a crown.

So it seems that Christians of this time period did not emphasize Jesus' humiliation or suffering.



Above image is from the illuminated Rabbula gospel, 586 A.D.

They emphasized his victory over evil and death. It was not until the Middle Ages that depictions of a cross included a suffering Jesus. Christians of the 13th and 14th centuries seem to be the first to have adopted the symbol of the crucifix.

Roman Catholics have held on to the crucifix. Its symbolic emphasis is on Jesus' sacrifice as the means of his glorification. Protestants have removed Jesus from the cross, making our theological focus the resurrection. Variations of the cross appeared over subsequent years. Some are associated with saints and others with entire cultures. Yet we all now share this symbol of our belief in God in the Christian tradition.

The cross can been seen in many places throughout our church building; it is carried in our worship procession and is displayed in the window above our altar. Yet on our indoor altar, and our soon-to-be outdoor altar, are different symbols, consisting of Greek letters.



The A meaning alpha and Ω meaning omega, are an obvious reference to the Revelation to John,

the University of Notre Dame. You can watch her presentation here: https://youtu.be/yeNUZ7zbPB8.

¹ I learned most of what I am writing from watching a presentation by Dr. Robin M. Jensen, professor of theology at

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." The central focus is "IHS." That is also a Christogram. It is an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus, IH Σ OY Σ . The Σ is changed to its Latin equivalent, S, in later Christian symbology. Like the crucifix, use of the symbol "IHS" by Christians did not become commonplace until the Middle Ages.

Perhaps a most meaningful version of the cross symbol is when it forms a tree of life. The symbol



This is a close-up of the mosaic on the apse of San Clemente Basilica, Rome, circa 1130s**.**

is transformative, as was Jesus' message. The tree

of life from the garden of Eden merges with the cross. The device that dealt death now brings forth life. Through the most amazing act of sacrificial love, we are given a chance to reclaim our identity as God's people. Out of destruction comes new life.

~ Elizabeth Floyd

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for <u>Ministry</u>

Holy Eucharist and Healing -Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at noon.

Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons -Tuesday, October 11, at 11:00 am.



Bring your pets to worship with you and receive a blessing

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:00 in the Prayer Garden



Supporting ...

Resurrection Clothes Closet for Mays and Rice Elementary School

Please bring new socks, underwear, sweatpants and shirts in a variety of sizes appropriate for elementary school children. Consider also donating new or gently used knit hats and gloves.

Sunday Morning Formation

Emmaus Hall 9:30 - 10:15



Our book study on Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans will continue through October 23.







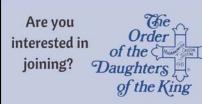
Thanksgiving Day Race to be Thankful 5K Run / Walk Organized by the Episcopal **Church of the Resurrection**

November 24, 2022 at 8:00 AM **Gatewood Subdivision** Race starts at the clubhouse: 114 Club Drive, 29646 Register now using the QR code below!

Cost to participate is \$22.50 (includes t-shirt) 100 % of the proceeds are donated to local charities!







A 9-week discernment class will be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 in the parish library beginning January 8 through March 5.

For more information about the DOK, contact Summer Booker at 512-417-5897 or summer.b.booker@gmail.com.



ALTAR FLOWERS WE HAVE SEVERAL OPPORTUNTIES FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE TOWARDS ALTAR FLOWERS. PLEASE EMAIL BEVERLY WILSON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED! BHALLWILSON@GMAIL.COM



Altar Arrangements:

October 2 – 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 9– 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 16 – To the glory of God and in 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 23 – To the glory of God and in memory Ailen L. Byers, Deaver O. Byers, Myrtle Feller Brooks, and E. Loudon Brooks by Edie and Emmett Brooks.

October 30 - To the glory of God and in memory of Ernest S. and Mollie R. Hinkel, Ruth M. Hinkel, Carl G. and Margaret A. Pry and their children by Susie and John Hinkel.

The presence candle in the sanctuary burns in memory of Carrie and Braxton Wallace, Abney's grandparents, by Susu and Abney Wallace.

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October 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!

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30	
50	The Seventeenth	The Eighteenth	The Nineteenth	The Twentieth	The Twenty-first	
	Sunday after	Sunday after	Sunday after	Sunday after	Sunday after	
	Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost	
			Proper 24			
Vester of the Month	Proper 22	Proper 23		Proper 25	Proper 26	
Vestry of the Month	Karen Whitfield and Jo Ann Brewer					
Altar Guild	Cathy Robertson (Chair), Noonie Fennell (Mentor), Mary Van Ellenberg,					
	Susu Wallace, Sue Moore, Marilyn Bennett, Marty Cobb					
Readings	Lamentations	Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Joel 2: 23-32	Habakkuk	
	1: 1-6	29: 1, 4-7	31: 27-34	Psalm 65	1: 1-4; 2: 1-4	
	Psalm 137	Psalm 66: 1-11	Psalm	2 Timothy	Psalm	
	2 Timothy	2 Timothy	119: 97-104	4: 6-8, 16-18	119: 137-144	
	1: 1-14	2: 8-15	2 Timothy	Luke 18: 9-14	2 Thessalonians	
	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17: 11-19	3:14 - 4:5		1: 1-4, 11-12	
			Luke 18: 1-8		Luke 19: 1-10	
		8:30 Holy Euch	arist, Rite I			
1 st Lesson and Psalm	Tom Barchi	Josie Ryan	Stephen Tucker	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	
2 nd Lesson and	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Mary Bright	Deryl McGuire	Chuck McDonnell	
Prayers of the People			, 0	,		
E.M.	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Mary Bright	Deryl McGuire	Deryl McGuire	
Usher	Stephen Tucker	Walker Moore	John Scurry	Ken Rogers	Walker Moore	
		10:30 Holy Euch		0		
1 st Lesson	Ryan Floyd	Summer Booker	Eddie Barber	Mary Charles	Andrew Hodges	
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2 nd Lesson and	Matt Anderson	Lucas McMillan	Jane Merrill	Celie Mescall	Jon Newlon	
Prayers of the People		20005	5 dire ricerini			
Eucharistic Ministers	Laura Beth	Norm Fawcett	Cindy Hughes	Frank Wideman	Trisha Craven	
	Brooks	Connie Hammett	Adrian Little	Beverly Wilson		
	Trisha Craven			20101		
Crucifer	Lila Eisenreich	Julia Donaghy	Cannon Wooten	Leslie Merrill	None	
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Book Bearer	Annie Eisenreich	Catie Robertson	Delaney Floyd	Rebecca Merrill	None	
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Torchbearers	None	Maggie	Riley and Michael	Maggie	None	
		Rochester and	Floyd	Rochester and	Parish Retreat	
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Ushers	Archie and	Diana Carver	Richard and	John Cobb	None	
	Summer Booker	Ken Headley-	Salley Cathcart	Abney Wallace	None	
		Downs				
Nursery/Volunteer(s)	Sarah Contakos	Mary Bright	Mary Bright	Mary Bright	None	
			Lucas & Lisa	Kim Russell	Parish Retreat	
			McMillan			
Hospitality	Sandy and Chuck	Robert Headley-	Carla and Dan	Kim and John	Fellowship	
	Gresham	Downs	Hobbs	Russell	Committee	
Acolyte Leader	Taylor Tucker	Adrian Little	Adrian Little	Ken Rogers	None	
Blessing Box	The Haigler	The Haigler	The Haigler	The Haigler	The Haigler	
	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	
Flower Guild	Carla Hobbs	Marilyn Bennett	Helen Nazzaro	Barbara	Mary Balfour	
				Cameron	Dunlap	
Youth Dinner	Lisa and Rich Wyn	Mary Bright	Mary Jo and Polk	Ceclie Mescall	Anonymous	

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Patricia Davis	16 – Aiden Willis	11 – Katie & Patrick Craven
1 – Jane Merrill	18 – Henry McMillan	23 – Jennifer & Adrian Little
2 – Marilyn Bennett	19 — Claire Gillespie	
2 – Phil Ellenberg	19 – Tom Rohrer	
2 – Sandra Kern	19 – Michael Whitfield	
3 – Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges	20 – Joel Cleland	
7 – Amy Alley	22 – Bob Brewer	
7 – Jan Puzar	23 – Ben Dobbs	
8 – Lisa Wideman	23 – John Hinkel	
9 – Susan Wash	24 – Lattie Gillespie	
9 – John Wiseman	25 – Nan Hines	
10 – Emma Kate Lataille	26 – Laura Beth Brooks	
11 – Matthew Bachinski	26 – Helen Nazzaro	
12 — Carmen Kinney	27 – Erich Normandia	
13 – Nancy Miller	28 – Craig Church	
13 – John Park	28 – Mike Robertson	
14 – Shana Southard-Dobbs	29 – Walker Moore	
16 – Robert Crowder III	30 – Caroline Newlon	
16 – Walker Whitehead	30 – Anna Burns Padgett	
	30 – Anna Lee Padgett	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Audine Bergman, Barbara Brock, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Ellen de Guzman, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, 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, Laura Brooks Shealy, Bridge Simpkins, Ross Ann Steifle, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Martha Anderson (daughter of Mary Joe and Charlie Ferguson), Tom Barber (Eddie Barber's dad), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Ardy Edgerton (Corrine Price's daughter-in-law), Diane de Guzman (step-daughter of Ellen de Guzman), Mike Griffin (Cindy Hughes' son-in-law), 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), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Mason Shirley, Doris Snelling (Donna Brooks' mother), 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 and 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 9/22/22	\$12,841	\$33,750	\$2,970	\$1,458	\$9,065	\$35,760
Year as of 9/22/22	\$319,274	\$304,708	\$26,663	\$12,975	\$305,872	\$329,842

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