



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,

There is a lot going on at our special parish, and it is exciting to be a part of it all!

In the month of February, we will celebrate Black History Month. Our annual Mardi Gras party to support nonprofits in our area is February 18th. Our annual pancake supper will be on February 21st. Ash Wednesday services are on February 22nd at noon and 6 pm, and finally the Rev. John Waller will be our guest preacher on February 26th. So much to do to have fun, celebrate, and increase our love of Jesus Christ!!!!



Many have asked about the online directory. We have lots of new faces! In the coming months we will have a picture day at church to update the online directory. In the meantime, here are a few helpful hints. Jo Ann Brewer graciously takes care of our online directory. You can always reach out to her for help: 864-941-7199 or joannbrewersc@gmail.com. You can update the directory with photos (we need family photos and individual photos). Please update the directory with any new contact information. The directory can be a wonderful asset to our community, so please use it!!!

As always, I thank God for you all every day, your ministry and your love of God. Keep on shining God's light!

Love,
Mary Balfour +

“If it’s a surprise, it’s a God thing.”

From the beginning of my discernment and into my Seminary experience it has always been the

expectation I would return to our diocese and begin ordained ministry. But God had other plans, and I said “yes”. After a time of prayer and discernment and conversations with our Bishop, I will be staying in DC at St. Columba’s! What started out a summer gig has turned into a call to be their Director of Youth Ministries. In this role I will be primarily serving middle and high school kids and their families, along with sharing in preaching, and pastoral care. I am overjoyed for this incredible opportunity and the possibilities of what proclaiming the Christ crucified and risen will look like. As always, I am grateful to the bone, for your love, care, prayers, support and encouragement.

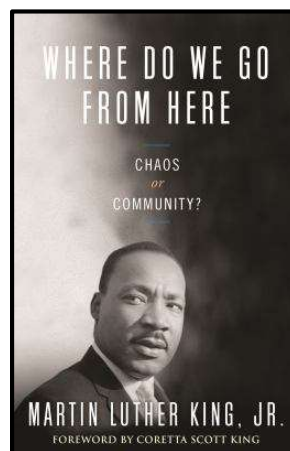
There is no place like Resurrection. Thank you celebrating this with and for me, and let’s faithfully continue to journey #OnwardToOrdination!



Your seminarian,
Mitchell W. Felton

Anti-racism Library Book of the Month:

Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



“In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, which has been unavailable for more than

ten years, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind-for the first time-has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.”

Dr. King's book, and many others, are available for all parishioners to borrow and read from our Anti-Racism Library located in the Gathering Space.

Why Should Churches Celebrate Black History Month?

The answer to this title's question is connected to the origin of February's designation as Black History Month. This origin story begins with Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, an African American historian and university professor. He noticed in his teaching that history books contained little to no information about African Americans, and beginning in 1915, he was inspired to act. Among several accomplishments, Dr. Woodson began leading a celebration of Negro History Day. The day evolved into a week, the second week of February, chosen by Dr. Woodson because it coincides with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. By 1976, the celebration expanded to the entire month of February, and is now recognized world-wide. One of Dr. Woodson's other accomplishments was the formation of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The ASALH continues today as a leader in the celebration of Black History Month, and yet spreads its efforts throughout the year, setting a theme for each year. This year's theme is resistance.

Following ASALH's lead, it is important to remember that celebrating African American history and the contributions of people of color should not be limited to a single month. It should merely culminate in this month.

“Black history is American history, and the many tragedies and triumphs of Black history that are interwoven into the fabric

of the historical context of the American story are worthy of being studied and celebrated by all cultures and people groups.”

> Dr. Harold Lewis, VP of Biblical Diversity, Converge

Whenever the church involves itself in secular holidays, a concern may emerge that such holidays are not our business. We are in the business of celebrating the Gospel. Yet a celebration of Black history is a celebration of the Gospel. God's message of love, grace, dignity and equality applies to all. When Dr. King wrote his famous *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, he was directly responding to a petition by fellow clergymen, including an Episcopalian bishop and priest, that he wait. They implored Dr. King to stop the demonstrations he led and allow the courts and local community to resolve the concerns of African Americans at their own pace. Dr. King's letter includes a moving response to these eight men:

“In spite of my shattered dreams of the past, I came to Birmingham with the hope that the white religious leadership in the community would see the justice of our cause and, with deep moral concern, serve as the channel through which our just grievances could get to the power structure. I had hoped that each of you would understand. But again I have been disappointed. I have heard numerous religious leaders of the South call upon their worshippers to comply with a desegregation decision because it is the law, but I have longed to hear white ministers say follow this decree because integration is morally right and the Negro is your brother.”

Many white Christian churches missed an opportunity during the 1960s to stand with our brothers and sisters of color and, in the way of Jesus, demonstrate moral leadership. Black History Month gives churches another opportunity. We can learn, and we can use what we've learned to exhibit the moral leadership that Dr. King called us to sixty years ago.

So to answer the title's question, churches should celebrate Black History month because it is morally right to acknowledge the contributions of African-Americans to all parts of our culture, including our religious faith. Therefore, each week during February, we will honor the contributions of an African American theologian, shared by email to the parish. In addition, the Rafterers will include a book recommendation from our Anti-Racism library each month of the year. These are but small ways that we might shape Resurrection's future toward the dream of God.

If you're inspired to do even more to stand with the African American community, consider joining our Anti-racism Committee. Just contact Joanne Hochheimer, Eddie Barber or Shana Southard-Dobbs.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

WESLEY COMMONS



**Holy Eucharist at
Wesley Commons**

**Tuesday, February 14
11:00 AM**

Please join us!

Help us create a Wall of Wine!

For the Beads & Bling, it's a Mardi Gras Thing! Silent Auction

Bring a bottle or two to church by February 12



**GREENWOOD
PATHWAY
HOUSE**
Overcoming Homelessness

**Primetimers Tour of
Pathway House and Lunch!**

February 16th at 11:30 a.m

Meet at Pathway House (208 Panola Avenue)
then back to the church for lunch.

RSVP to Lisa Anderson: 864-554-6407



*Beads and Bling:
It's a Mardi Gras Thing!*

Saturday, February 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.

*Oysters + Hors d'Oeuvres
Dinner + Silent Auction
Second Line Competition!*

Tickets are on sale now!
\$35. Tickets can be
purchased after church in
the Gathering Space or
online at the
Tithely website.



Picture Day



Sunday, February 19

Following both services

Dress your best
and bring your
smile!






Photos of every parishioner are
needed for the Online Directory.


*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake
Supper
February 21 at 6 PM*




**Stations of
the Cross**

Friday Evenings
of Lent

6 PM in the Nave

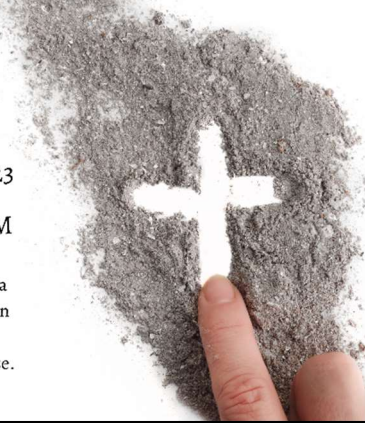


Ash
Wednesday
Services

February 22, 2023

12 noon and 6 PM

The sacrifice of God is a
troubled spirit; a broken
and contrite heart, O
God, you will not despise.
Psalm 51:18



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY
LENTEN PILGRIMAGE


**FEBRUARY 22ND: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 1ST: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 8TH: ST. MARK UMC CHURCH
RIVERS STREET CAMPUS
MARCH 15TH: SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 22ND: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 29TH: MAIN STREET UMC CHURCH
APRIL 5TH: MORRIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Lunch Seatings are before and after
Worship. 12 and 1 p.m. \$2 for lunch
Worship will be from 12:30-1 p.m.



**The Gospels
A Lenten Series**

with the
Rev. Tony Hopkins




The Book of Kells, Folio 27v
The Four Evangelists
Trinity College Dublin

Wednesday Evenings of Lent

6 PM in Emmaus Hall

Dinner \$5/person

Childcare available upon request. Contact
elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org.



Ash Wednesday, February 22, 12 Noon & 6 PM

Readings: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 103;
2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Those who serve at 12 Noon

1st Lesson & Psalm: Chuck McDonnell
2nd Lesson: Celie Mescall
Usher: Walker Moore

Those who serve at 6 PM

1st Lesson & Psalm: Ashley Woodiwiss
2nd Lesson: Shana Southard-Dobbs
Usher: Tom Cobb

Altar Arrangements:

February 5 – Given in memory of their son Britt Bergman and in honor of their two wonderful grandchildren, Phoebe Jane and Baxter Clark by Audine and Don Bergman.

February 12 – Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elsie Speer and Albert U. Mitchum by Sandra and William Lewis.

February 19 – Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Whitfield Brooks, Lori Brooks, Catherine Brooks Sexton, and Brice Sexton by Laura Beth Brooks.

February 26 – The altar arrangements during this season of Lent are given in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.


The Presence Candle is given 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.

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February 2023 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!

	February 5 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 12 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 19 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	February 26 The First Sunday in Lent
Vestry of the Month	Gerald Brooks and Charlie Long			
Altar Guild	Cathy Robertson (Chair), Anne Magruder, Connie Hammett, Karen Whitfield, Sarah McKinney			
Readings	Isaiah 58: 1-23 Psalm 112: 1-10 1 Cor. 2: 1-16 Matthew 5: 13-20	Deut. 30: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 1 Cor. 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37	Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Tom Barchi	Josie Ryan	Stephen Tucker	Mary Bright
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Deryl McGuire	Lou Wynne
E.M.	Sarah Contakos	Chuck McDonnell	Gerald Nomandt	Tom Rohrer
Usher	John Scurry	Walker Moore	Ken Rogers	Stephen Tucker
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Matt Anderson	Eddie Barber	Summer Booker	Mary Charles Haigler
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Andrew Hodges	John Maschoff	Lucas McMillan	Jane Merrill
Eucharistic Ministers	Laura Beth Brooks Norm Fawcett	Connie Hammett Cindy Hughes	Adrian Little Frank Wideman	Beverly Hall Trisha Craven
Crucifer	Julia Donaghy	Delaney Floyd	Lila Eisenreich	Leslie Juul Merrill
Book Bearer	Catie Robertson	Will McMillan	Annie Eisenreich	Rebecca Merrill
Torchbearers	Chloe Normandia Riley Floyd	Henry McMillan Michael Floyd	None	Maggie Rochester Henry McMillan
Acolyte Leader	Adrian Little	Ken Rogers	Ken Rogers	Adrian Little
Ushers	Archie & Summer Booker	Diana Carver Gracie Montag	Richard & Salley Cathcart	John Cobb Abney Wallace
Nursery/Volunteer(s)	Mary Bright Marty Cobb	Mary Bright	Mary Bright Nancy Leonard	Mary Bright Rebecca Long
Hospitality	Floyd Family	Nancy & Jon Newlon	Russell Family	Marilyn Bennett & Bill DuPre
Blessing Box	Hope Scurry	Hope Scurry	Hope Scurry	Hope Scurry
Flower Guild	Barbara Cameron	Marilyn Bennett	Helen Nazzaro	Barbara Cameron
Youth Dinner	TBA	TBA	Sarah Contakos	TBA

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
2 – Mitchell Felton	14 – Mirta Lindsey
5 – Glenn Donaghy	16 – Ali Lataille
7 – James Padgett Jr.	19 – David Dougherty
7 – Elizabeth Snipes-Rochester	19 – Mary Charles Haigler
10 – Sam McDevitt	21 – Marilyn Gobble
11 – Julia Donaghy	23 – Griffin Jones
11 – Whittaker Russell	24 – Michele Anderson
12 – Abbie Jules Davis	25 – John A. Cobb
12 – Cannon Wooten (Dad)	27 – Ryan Floyd
13 – Bill McCabe	27 – Leslie McDonnell

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Audine Bergman, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Ellen de Guzman, Albert Faden, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Bart McGuire, Mary Jane Mobley, Bette Murray, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, George Rush, Eddie and Jane Sanders, Greg and Ross Ann Steifle, Mary Jo Tolbert, Taylor and Stephen Tucker, Beverly and Barry Wilson, Carol Wynne, Martha Anderson (Mary Joe Ferguson’s daughter), 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), Riley Gillam (Sandy and Chuck Gresham’s niece), Mike Griffin (Cindy Hughes’ son-in-law), Tanner Griffin (John and Cindy Hughes’ grandson), Joan Grist (Ken Headley-Downs’ cousin), 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), Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), and Jeff Whitfield (Michael Whitfield's brother).

And for these persons: Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers), Denise and Eatham Johnson (friends of Robert Headley-Downs), A.J. Lawson (John Hughes’ friend), Faith Shirley (John Hughes’ friend), and Bill Stoefel (Ken and Robert Headley-Downs’ friend).

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 generosity, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 1/25/23	\$19,563	\$35,530	\$1,835	\$1,433	\$28,944	\$34,120
Year as of 1/25/23	\$19,563	\$35,530	\$1,835	\$1,433	\$28,944	\$34,120



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Charlie Long
Deb Maschoff
Albert Merrill
Stephen Tucker

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John Scurry, Treasurer

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