



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,

Easter!!!! Welcome Happy Morning! Alleluia, He has Risen!!! It is Eastertide, Resurrection in Jesus Christ, the essence of who we are as believers of Jesus Christ. How thankful I am for Jesus' life, death, and resurrection – all for us!!!



Be sure and experience Holy Week with us – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter morning, and the entire Eastertide – 50 days of celebration!!! All the details for these services are detailed in this issue. I encourage you to participate; it will deepen your faith and your relationship with Jesus.

Another important addition to our church family is Catherine Brooks Sexton as our Parish Nurse! What is a parish nurse? A registered nurse (RN) who provides health care in a pastoral setting. The program was founded in 1983 by the Rev. Granger Westberg, a Lutheran pastor and chaplain at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois. It has now spread to many denominations, including the Episcopal Church. Parish nurses seek to provide care and promote wellness for the whole person, considering both the physical and spiritual needs of the patient. They recognize that illnesses and symptoms may result from adverse circumstances in the patient's life. They identify and assess the health needs of people in a parish or other setting of pastoral ministry and seek to enhance wholeness of body, mind, and spirit. Parish nurses often provide blood pressure screenings. They may be available for office hours to consult concerning health problems and possibilities for healthier living. Parish nurses provide information and

advice for better health. They may visit people who are homebound or hospitalized and serve as advocates in the parish for the needs of those who are sick or elderly. The Parish Nurse program is a healthcare ministry of the church, which encourages an individual's physical, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being in the context of their relationship with God, family, and neighbor. Through the Parish Nurse program, the parish seeks to develop creative ways of addressing needs and identifying resources to nurture health, wellness, and healing of members of the parish as well as members of our community. Upon request, Catherine is available to you! Please reach out to her and thank you, Catherine, for taking on this special ministry!

Catherine.b.sexton@gmail.com or 864-554-5486

Please be sure to pray for our travelers who are going to Scotland and England (including me) April 16-26th. We look forward to sharing all about our experience with you all!

Keep on loving each other, keep on sharing God's love, keep on living in to the Gospel!

Love,
Mary Balfour +

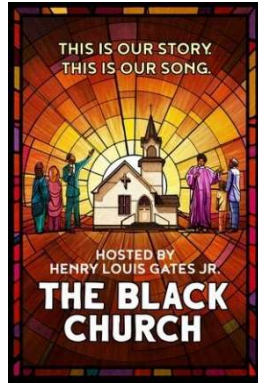
A Carnival of Green by Murray Dunlap

Today is nature
Today is full
Allow the greens to paint your soul
Allow the leaves to move in harmony
Allow the flowers to exist with pride
Wipe soil from your fingers
Wash your promise, squeaky clean
Love your home
Paint your soul
Nature is freedom, loose and cool
We are all green
-invented by God

Anti-Racism Library Video of the Month:

The Black Church

Not a book this month, but a DVD, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* “is a moving four-hour, two-part series from executive producer, host and writer Henry Louis Gates, Jr. ... [It] traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in



America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power.”

“The documentary reveals how Black people have worshipped and, through their spiritual journeys, improvised ways to bring their faith traditions from Africa to the New World, while translating them into a form of Christianity that was not only truly their own, but a redemptive force for a nation whose original sin was found in their ancestors’ enslavement across the Middle Passage.”

This DVD, and three others produced by Dr. Gates, are available for all parishioners to borrow from our Anti-Racism Library located in the Gathering Space.

The Glory of God is Revealed in Nature

I’ve probably stolen that line from someone important, and I’m sorry for that. But it ought to be an idiom because it’s that true. Psalm 19 is just one example of our religious ancestors’ acknowledgement of it. In previous *Rafters* articles – usually during the month of April – I’ve shared with you all what I’ve learned about the importance of caring for nature. To me, conservation of our natural resources is *fundamental* to authentic Christian discipleship. I write to you again this month to encourage your full participation in this form of discipleship. Acting alone, we may not be able to change the linear, macro-economic systems that lead to

environmental degradation. But together, as children of the Creator, we can reduce the demand for products that contribute to that degradation and increase the demand for a cyclical, sustainable economy. For example:

1. Stop buying / using Styrofoam. According to the SC Department of Natural Resources, polystyrene foam never decomposes. If you go to a restaurant, bring your own bin to take home leftovers.
2. Stop buying / using bottled water. America’s tap water is safe. Taste isn’t as important as the health of God’s creation.
3. Stop using plastic shopping bags and produce bags. Bring your own to the store. Publix and other grocery stores still have paper bags; you only have to ask the bagger to use them instead. I am happy to make you a crocheted produce bag; just ask me.
4. Pick up trash. If you enjoy walking, bring a bag along to pick up what you pass by. Join Keep Greenwood County Beautiful’s efforts. www.keepgcb.org. Anne Marie Glawe is on the board of that organization, and she would be happy to get you involved.
5. Consider the packaging of what you are buying. Must you really buy individually wrapped goods and snacks? Instead, buy larger containers and separate your goods into reusable bags/bins later.
6. Reduce, reuse, recycle. It seems simple, but give it a little thought. Reduce? That means reduce consumption and demand. It can be accomplished by the other ideas in this article. Reuse? Before you throw it away, consider how you might repurpose it, especially sturdy containers. Recycle everything possible. Greenwood Recycling will accept hard plastic bottles and jugs, paper, cardboard and aluminum cans. Publix has receptacles for Styrofoam, soft plastic packaging and paper. More information on residential recycling will be available on a table in the Gathering Space starting April 2.


7. If your budget can handle it, for your next vehicle, buy a hybrid or electric car or at least go smaller and more fuel efficient.

8. If your budget can handle it, buy goods from companies with sustainable practices.

9. Encourage your political representatives to make environmental sustainability a higher priority. This isn't a Democratic thing. It's not a liberal thing. It's a Christian thing. God gave us all we need to live and live abundantly. We are all guilty of sinful extravagance when we abuse and exploit God's blessings.

~ Elizabeth Floyd¹

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry



*Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us
whole.*

*Services of Holy
Eucharist and
Healing
12:00 in the Nave*

*Wednesday,
April 5, 2023*

WESLEY COMMONS



Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons

**Tuesday, April 11
11:00 AM**

Please join us!



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 2
8:30 - Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 - Liturgy of the Palms and Procession, Dramatic Passion and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Mundy Thursday, April 6
6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist with foot-washing and stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7
12 noon - Good Friday Liturgy
6 PM - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8
10:00 AM - Holy Saturday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 9
8:30 - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Ladies' Bible Study

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING
5:30 TO 7 PM | STARTING APRIL 13

This past fall and winter, a dedicated group of Resurrection ladies met on Thursday evenings to study the book of James. We learned, prayed, meditated, and grew in faith alongside one another! Come be a part of this special group of ladies (of all ages) who study God's Word together. This spring, we'll study the Bible alongside *Growing Slow: Lessons on Un-Hurrying Your Heart from an Accidental Farm Girl*, a book by Jennifer Dukes Lee. You'll especially love this study if you love to garden, or if you love to connect with God through nature. If you're interested, contact Laura Beth Brooks at 864-992-9658 or laura.brooks212@gmail.com and she'll give you the details and get a book to you!

Second Sunday

April 16, 2023



Supporting ...

Greenwood Soup Kitchen 

Canned Veg-All (Mixed Vegetables)	Canned Fruit Cocktail
Canned Corn Niblets	Treet/Spam - reg. size
Diced Tomatoes	Saltine Crackers - large
Diced Potatoes	Mayonnaise
Beef Stew	Sweet Relish
Sweetened Powdered Iced Tea Mix	Canned Tuna Fish - 12 oz. can or larger
Canned Pork and Beans	Paper towels - large rolls
	Sandwich Cookies - lg. pkg

Unless otherwise specified, please provide the largest size available. Store brands are OK!

¹ If you'd like to learn more about the macro-economics I mentioned, consider reading *A Life on our Planet* by David Attenborough. It is decidedly not a polemic against big business or human negligence. Attenborough is both

realistic and optimistic about our capacity to sustain a growing, capitalistic economy and a healthy planet.



Spring Mini-Camps at Gravatt!



April 21-23

April 29-30

Grades 6th - 8th

Current 5th Graders

Deadline to Register for each camp is **Monday, April 10**

<https://www.edusc.org/formation/>

Cost is covered by the church! Just contact Mary Balfour!

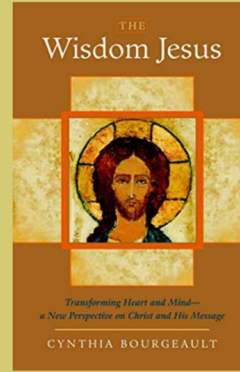


New Beginnings provides middle schoolers with a weekend of fun and focus on the tough questions that this age tends to ask about their faith!



The Bridge Retreat provides a classic Camp Gravatt experience designed to bridge that gap from elementary to middle school!

Sunday Morning Formation



A study of *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault

Sundays at 9:30 in Emmaus Hall

April 23, 30
May 7, 14 and 21

Cynthia Bourgeault is a modern day mystic, Episcopal priest, writer, and internationally acclaimed retreat leader. Her book, *The Wisdom Jesus*, invites readers to see Jesus "foremost as a teacher of the path of inner transformation", belonging "to a stream of living wisdom." In our formation time, we'll share our thoughts on Rev. Bourgeault's book and forms of contemplative prayer.

Primetimers' Labyrinth Walk + Lunch

Thursday, April 13th

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



RSVP to Lisa Anderson, 554-6407

Resurrection Roots



If you're too old for C.O.R.Y. and too young for Primetimers, this group is for you!

Meet at Good Times Brewing
Thursday, May 4, at 7 PM

Brand new to our parish, this group is designed for parishioners and friends ages 21-59. Grow in your faith, find friends, and have some fun! Here's a sneak peak of this summer:
Launching an Instagram Page
Holding a fun Progressive Dinner
Volunteering in the community on Saturdays
Interacting with C.O.R.Y. to mentor youth on Sunday evenings

Want more information or want to get involved in organizing some of our plans for 2023? Contact Laura Beth Brooks at 864-992-9658 or laura.brooks212@gmail.com

DESSERT AT THE DUNLAP'S TO CELEBRATE EASTER!
SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
AT 6:30 P.M.
104 JANEWAY
RSVP TO MARY BALFOUR
615-900-6191 OR
MARYBALFOUR@EPISCOPALGREENWOOD.ORG



**C.O.R.Y.
SUMMER EVENTS
DON'T MISS IT!**

APRIL 2 - LAST WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

MAY 7 - TACO TRUCK WITH FIRST PRES, MAIN STREET
METHODIST AND FIRST BAPTIST
6-8 P.M. AT FIRST PRES

MAY 14 - SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY AND YOUTH
SUNDAY - 10:30

JUNE 24 - GRAB A BAG AND KEEP GREENWOOD
COUNTY BEAUTIFUL!
10-1 AT THE CHURCH, LUNCH PROVIDED

JUNE 25 - SOUP KITCHEN AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, 9AM - 12 NOON

JULY 19 - WATER KICKBALL WITH SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST
(TIME TBD)

AUGUST 20 - LAKE DAY AT THE GRESHAMS
2 TO 6 PM

SEPTEMBER 10 - YOUTH GROUP RESUMES

Altar Arrangements:

April 2 (Palm Sunday) – The Palms are given by Mary Jo Tolbert in memory of Joe Lincoln Tolbert, Jr. and Miss Margaret Allen Gaillard.

April 9 (Easter Day) – All Parishioners

April 16 – The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Geraldine and Domer Ridings, Jr. and Joe and Virginia Robinson by Domer and Jackie Ridings.

April 23 - The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Gerald and Donna Brooks by Laura Beth Brooks.

April 30 - The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Willie Belle and C. Don Carson and Betsy and Lionel Flack by Larry and Libby Carson.


The Presence Candle is given to the glory of God and in memory of Anna Woodiwiss by Ashley and Mary Woodiwiss and her family.

Parish Connections

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
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Youth Group	Diana Carver 993-4665 Christine Crowder 941-6899

April 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!

	April 2 The Sunday of the Pasion: Palm Sunday	April 9 The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday	April 16 The Second Sunday of Easter	April 23 The Third Sunday of Easter	April 30 The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vestry of the Month	Salley Cathcart and Stephen Tucker				
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson (Chair), Marilyn Gobble, Donna Holtzclaw, Anne Magruder, Noonie Fennell				
Readings	Matthew 21: 1-11 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31	Acts: 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10:1-10
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Tom Barchi	Josie Ryan	Stephen Tucker	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Mary Bright	Dick Daffin	Lou Wynne	Deryl McGuire	Chuck McDonnell
E.M.	Sarah Contakos	Dick Daffin	Lou Wynne	Gerald Normandt	Tom Rohrer
Usher	John Scurry	Ken Rogers	Walker Moore	Paul Criswell	Stephen Tucker
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson	Catie Robertson	Summer Booker	Drew Hodges	Ryan Floyd	Lucas McMillan
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Ashley Woodiwiss	Jane Merrill	Mary Charles Haigler	Andrew Hodges	John Maschoff
Eucharistic Ministers	Trisha Craven Norm Fawcett	Cindy Hughes Frank Wideman	Adrian Little Laura Beth Brooks	Connie Hammett Frank Wideman	Beverly Wilson Trisha Craven
Crucifer	Julia Donaghy	Leslie Juul Merrill	Cannon Wooten	Lila Eisenreich	Delaney Floyd
Book Bearer	Catie Robertson	Rebecca Merrill	Catie Robertson	Anne Eisenreich	Will McMillian
Torchbearers	Gracey Montag and Riley Floyd	Maggie Rochester- Snipes and Chloe Normandia	N/A	Riley Floyd and Michael Floyd	Henry McMillan and Michael Floyd
Acolyte Leader	Ken Rogers	Ken Rogers	Adrian Little	Adrian Little	Adrian Little
Ushers	Richard and Salley Cathcart	John Cobb Tom Cobb	Rebecca and Albert Merrill	David Dougherty Allen Hughes	Abney Wallace Dan Hobbs
Nursery/Volunteer(s)	Mary Bright	Mary Bright Lucas McMillan	Mary Bright	Mary Bright Kim Russell	Mary Bright Patricia Mellette
Hospitality	Nancy and Jon Newlon	Mary Balfour Dunlap and Ginger Long	Nancy and Jon Newlon	The Floyd Family	Marilyn Bennett and Billy Dupree
Blessing Box	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan
Flower Guild	None Needed	Carla Hobbs and Barbara Cameron	Barbara Cameron	Ginger Long	Marilyn Bennett
Youth Dinner	Donna Holtzclaw and Michelle Anderson	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6 PM

Reader: Chuck McDonnell
EM: Frank Wideman
Crucifer: Griffin Jones
Usher: Ken Rogers

Good Friday, April 7 at Noon

1st Lesson & Psalm: Summer Booker
2nd Lesson & Solemn Collects:
John Maschoff
Usher: John Scurry

Good Friday, April 7 at 6 PM

1st Lesson & Psalm: Connie Hammett
2nd Lesson & Solemn Collects:
Matt Anderson
Usher: Diana Carver

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Maggie Snipes-Rochester	15 – Archie Booker	2 – Donna & Gerald Brooks
1 – Callie Turner	18 – Lander Adams	7 – Ken & Robert Headley-Downs
4 – Sandra Daffin	18 – Robert Headley-Downs	20 – St. Claire & Glenn Donaghy
6 – Connie Hammett	18 – Robin Lanford	21 – Lori & Whitfield Brooks
6 – Cecily Hughes	21 – Sandy Singletary	26 – Anne & Aaron Crowe
7 – Al Hipp	22 – Lainey Davis	27 – Cathy & Mike Robertson
7 – Camilla Newlon	22 – Shannon Jones	30 – Taylor & Stephen Tucker
8 – Sandra Lewis	25 – Domer Ridings	
9 – Marty Cobb	27 – Anne Crowe	
11 – Owen Willis	27 – Catie Robertson	
12 – Jerry Kent	30 – Charlotte Lataille	
13 – St. Claire Donaghy	30 – Elizabeth Lataille	
	30 – Mary Woodiwiss	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Eddie Barber, Audine Bergman, Karen Bright, Jim Bright, Larry Carson, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Bob de Guzman, Albert Faden, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Mary Jane Mobley, Bette Murray, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Greg and Ross Ann Steifle, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Ardy Edgerton (Corrine Price's daughter in law), Riley Gillam (Sandy and Chuck Gresham's niece), 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), Jeff Norton (Karen Bright's niece's husband), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Mason Shirley, Doris Snelling (Donna Brooks' mother), and Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer's niece).

And for these persons: Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers), Melody Johnson (Renee Love's 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 3/24/23	\$21,845	\$34,530	\$928	\$1,458	\$26,709	\$35,670
Year as of 3/24/23	\$99,811	\$104,590	\$4,319	\$4,325	\$116,030	\$120,086



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Mary Charles Haigler
Charlie Long
Deb Maschoff
Albert Merrill
Stephen Tucker
Adrian Little, Vestry Clerk
John Scurry, Treasurer

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Donna Brooks, Director of Music Ministry
Denise A. Brown, Administrative Assistant
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