



# 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,

This month is my four-year anniversary as your Rector. As I reflect on these four years, I am filled with honor to be able to serve God and you.



There have been ups and downs, I have made mistakes (I will make more), we have lived through a pandemic, and the list goes on. I do want you to know that even though I make mistakes, my heart is filled with Jesus and His love for us. I pray every day for you all, I offer support and love to the best of my ability, and we as a staff and the ministry volunteers do our best to provide ways of learning, meaningful worship, and relationships. We fail sometimes, but please know that Jesus is at the center of how we as a church function as the Body of Christ.

I have been overwhelmed with the love and care you have provided us over the deaths of Murray's mother and my grandmother, not to mention the love and prayers you provided when my mother broke her hip. You have truly shown me on a personal level how the Body of Christ functions in love!

The Body of Christ continues to be full at our precious church! This newsletter is filled with exciting opportunities to consider. I am especially excited about our partnership with First Presbyterian. Our youth groups will join for worship, fellowship, study, and a deeper love of God. This feels so right, and I am thrilled that we will be in ministry together!

Even though our Stewardship Campaign has officially ended, we have not heard from some of you, and we are short of our goal. If you have not turned your pledge cards in, please do that as soon as possible. If you feel you can give more, please let us know. Our financial giving is so vital to keep the church functioning, provide help for those in our community and within the church and so much more.

Jesus' words to Come and See have been so important to me this year. Please pray on these words, know that you are loved and that you are beloved!!!!

Love, Mary Balfour +

### God

If there was only one thing I learned after the bottom fell out, it is that you can only count on God. I tried so very many things, all with the best intentions, but a brain injury will make a fool of any man. I used to be smart, and part of me thinks I still am, but then another part of me will put on flip flops for church, slice licorice for dinner, and loves to believe that a dog really can speak English -if you just know how to listen, and you hold your jaw just so.

And with complete clarity, you will admit to none of this, and all of it, at the exact same time. Only God will help your spouse see the truth. There are things I have forgotten that might have given you insight, but know that a recovery of this evidence might, in fact, only come on your knees -and that an indignation of reality can be both expected and counted on.

I stand in pain twenty-four hours a day. This does not mean I am allowed doubt. Instead, I focus on a new surgery we had never thought of, and simply know that upon completion, I will no longer limp. Hallelujah.

It is at this moment that you come back to faith. That you undoubtedly scramble to keep your head above water, but that the raft of your faith can bring you full circle. That the truth of God brings you a constant when the world seems to have gone mad.

So if you are indeed drowning, do look up.

Amen

~ Murray Dunlap

## Anti-Racism Library Book of the Month:

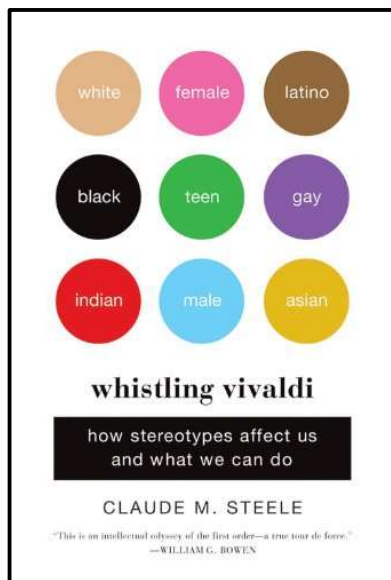
### Whistling Vivaldi

by Claude M. Steele

“The acclaimed social psychologist offers an insider’s look at his research and groundbreaking findings on stereotypes and identity.

Claude M. Steele, who has been called ‘one of the few great social psychologists,’ offers a vivid first-person account of the research that supports his groundbreaking conclusions on stereotypes and identity. He sheds new light on American social phenomena from racial and gender gaps in test scores to the belief in the superior athletic prowess of black men, and lays out a plan for mitigating these ‘stereotype threats’ and reshaping American identities.”

This and many other rich resources for learning about and fostering racial reconciliation can be



found in our Anti-Racism library. Stop by this Sunday to see what is offered!

## The Lonliest Crowd

Lately, I’ve been reflecting a good bit on the value of friendships. I’ve witnessed the formation of my children’s friend groups and their dissolutions as friends moved to different schools or, worse yet, moved several states away. This type of loss is just as painful, if not more painful, for the parent as for the child, I’m convinced. And I’ve experienced my own loss of friendship as Ryan and I moved from Birmingham to Greenwood, leaving behind friends, and feeling the loss of friends moving away from Greenwood. It is true that people float into and out of our lives; it’s all part of the journey. The floating out is nonetheless hard and loneliness is difficult to bear.

The church has often been the place where I made friends. As a child, my best friends were in my youth group; that’s why my parents never had to twist my arm about attending church. I wanted to be nowhere else. Even as an adult, the closest friends I’ve ever had, with just one or two exceptions, I met first at church. Church must be a hot spot for social networking.

Although I’m no expert on the history of church and community connections, my observation is that churches that have thrived are churches where friendships among congregants have formed and are flourishing. We attend church foremost to express our faith in God, but let’s be real, spending time with our church friends is more than just a perk of church attendance. When people visit our church, or any church for that matter, I’d wager that they are looking just as closely at the friendship potential among the congregation as they are at the quality of the worship experience. I even wonder if the lack of friendships is the reason for the overall decline in church membership observed in the last few decades.

I read an online blog<sup>1</sup> recently in which the author addressed the development of a “lonely crowd”

<sup>1</sup> <https://mikefrost.net/the-lonely-crowd-churches-dying-due-to-friendlessness/>

phenomena within churches. Many who do attend church regularly do not feel a friendship-type intimacy in the quick conversations shared during coffee hour or over a bible study. How can we expect any church to survive if it is not a place where authentic friendships are formed and nurtured?

There is no shame in admitting that we attend church largely to meet people of our own age group who share our interests and can relate to our experiences. Friendships are sacred too. In *Leaving Church*, Barbara Brown Taylor expresses this truth: “God is found in right relationships, not right ideas.”<sup>2</sup> In other words, we who seek God will experience God’s presence when we form and nurture friendships with others who seek God.

The value of friendship is evident throughout the Bible. How did the Jewish community survive their time in the wilderness and their exile and oppression at the hands of their conquerors? They strove to follow the commands of God as told them by Moses, not just in the Decalogue, but the many iterations of God’s laws regarding the proper ways to treat one another. The Jewish norms for right relationships became the foundation of their very identity as God’s people. I fully realize that the Jewish legal code included far more than just guidelines for right relationships. Jesus realized that too and set them straight, didn’t he? What was the new rule – the new *mandatum*? Love one another. Wash each other’s feet. Share our bounty with one another, having no expectation of return. Open our homes to one another. Forgive each other. Respect each other’s dignity. Pray together. Eat together. Play together. Spend time with each other. It’s called the ministry of presence. Where two or more people gather together, there God will be also.

These points lead me to this admonition and benediction, which I’ll share as humbly as I can. Be present. Make use of the time you are at church to talk to people, really talk to them. It’s nice to wave, smile and bid each other a hearty, “Good morning! How are you?” But anybody can

do that. Jesus taught, in no uncertain terms, that God expects us to do more than just what anybody can do. “You have heard that it was said ... , But I say to you ... .” You can make time on Sunday morning to attend hospitality hour. You can walk to up to someone. Find out more about their lives outside of church. Share with them your experiences outside of church. Invite them to lunch for more conversation. Make plans to share an evening meal or drinks after work. Throw a party, and invite everyone from church. Beyond Sunday mornings, participate in one of the more socially-focused ministries – Men’s Group, Primetimers, Resurrection Roots. Even in bible studies and service projects, friendships can form and grow. You need only to show up and engage. For in these occasions, right relationships are formed and flourish. Slowly those relationships grow into small groups, and those small groups become part of the larger community. God shows up, and the body of Christ thrives.

~ Elizabeth Floyd

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

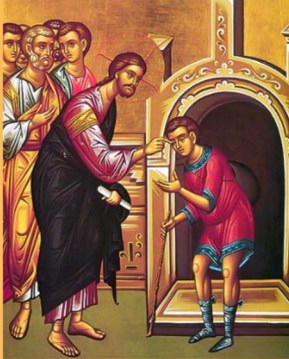


Join your church friends for a ...

# MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring a short film from “The Story of Stuff” in recognition of St. Francis’ Feast Day!

Emmaus Hall Wednesday, October 4, 5:45 - 7:00 pm



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

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

Wednesday,  
October 4, 2023

<sup>2</sup> Barbara Brown Taylor, *Leaving Church: a memoir of faith*, Harper Collins (2006) p. 107.



# Second Sunday

October 8, 2023

## Supporting the Humane Society of Greenwood

### Pet Food

- 9-Lives or Friskies Canned Cat Food
- Purina Dry Kitten Chow
- Pet Ag Kitten Milk Replacer
- Pedigree Canned Dog Food
- Pedigree, Purina Dry Puppy Food
- Dog and cat treats

### Cleaning Products

- Trash bags (all sizes)
- Paper towels
- Sponges
- Hand sanitizer

You may also make a donation through HSOG's Amazon Wishlist using this QR Code:



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### Office Supplies

- Copier paper
- Highlighters
- Sharpies
- White-Out tape
- Masking Tape
- Scotch tape

### Other

- Puppy Pads
- Any size metal bowls
- Pet carriers or crates
- Towels, Fleece blankets
- Dog harnesses (all sizes)
- Leashes and collars (all sizes)
- Cat and dog toys
- White rice (for filling socks and making "warming" bags for animals)

Bring your donations to our Mass on the Grass, Sunday, October 8. There will be a table for donations just inside the double doors to the Gathering Space.

**C.O.R.Y. TRIP TO ...**

# Carowinds

**FRIDAY THE 13TH OF OCTOBER**

**4:30 pm to 12:00 am**

INFORMATION/REGISTER HERE:

**To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis ...**

**Bring your pets and invite your friends!**

## Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 8**

**Mass on the Grass**  
**Both Services**

**WESLEY COMMONS**

## Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons

**Tuesday, October 10**  
**11:00 AM**

**Please join us!**

**the EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA**

## Fall Youth Events

**Converge**  
October 21-22  
at Church of the Advent, Spartanburg  
A one-night lock-in for 6th through 8th grade

**HAPPENING**

**Happening #89**  
November 17-19  
at Camp Gravatt  
Weekend retreat for 10th through 12th grade

Registration will open soon -  
<https://www.edusc.org/formation/>

## Adult Forum Book Study

JOIN US AT 9:30 IN EMMAUS HALL

starting Sunday, October 22



**Altar Arrangements:**

**October 1-** 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 8** – to the glory of God and in memory of Cliff and Sally Betts by Summer Booker.

**October 15** – to the glory of God and in memory of their fathers, John R. Hawthorne and Leonard Juul Merrill, and in thanksgiving for their mothers, Leslie Lusk Hawthorne and Carolyn Pratt Johnston Merrill by Albert and Jane Merrill.

**October 22** – to the glory of God and in memory of Ailene L. Byers, Deaver O. Byers, Myrtle Feller Brooks, and E. Loudon Brooks by Edie and Emmett Brooks.

**October 29** - to the glory of God and in for our children and grandchildren: Joel M. and Loretta Hinkel, Jill C. and Charlie Sheet, Conner J. Hinkel, and Mollie C. Morrow by Susie and John Hinkel.


**The Presence Candle in September** is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carrie and Braxton Wallace, Abney’s grandparents, by Susu and Abney Wallace.

**Parish Connections**

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## October 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!

	October 1 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21	October 8 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22	October 15 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23	October 22 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24	October 29 The Twenty- second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25
<b>Vestry of the Month</b>	Jim Nazzaro and Stephen Tucker				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Whitfield (Chair), Celie Mescall, Mary Van Ellenberg, Peggy Adams, Marilyn Bennett				
<b>Readings</b>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46	Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22	<b>Deuteronomy 34:</b> 1-12 Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46
<b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Stephen Tucker	Dick Daffin	Deryl McGuire
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers</b>	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Stephen Tucker	Dick Daffin	Deryl McGuire
<b>E.M.</b>	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Tom Rohrer	Gerald Normandt	Sara Contakos
<b>Usher</b>	Ken Rogers	Walker Moore	Paul Criswell	John Scurry	Stephen Tucker
<b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Eddie Barber	Mary Charles Haigler	Shana Southard-Dobbs	Jon Newlon	Catie Robertson
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers</b>	Ryan Floyd	Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges	Ashley Woodiwiss	Jane Merrill	Lucas McMillan
<b>EMs</b>	Connie Hammett Trisha Craven	Norm Fawcett Cindy Hughes	Frank Wideman Beverly Wilson	Adrian Little Connie Hammett	Trisha Craven Norm Fawcett
<b>Crucifer</b>	Julia Donaghy	Lila Eisenreich	Cannon Wooten	Leslie Juul Merrill	Rhett Allord
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Catie Robertson	Annie Eisenreich	Will McMillan	Will McMillan	Morgan Allord
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Riley Floyd Michael Floyd	Chloe Normandia Gracey Montag	Henry McMillan William Wooten	Chloe Normandia Maggie Rochester	Riley Floyd Michael Floyd
<b>Ushers</b>	Summer and Archie Booker	Diana Carver Eddie Barber	Salley and Richard Cathcart	Albert and Rebecca Merrill	John Cobb Abney Wallace
<b>Nursery</b>	Allison Wooten Delaney Floyd	Lucas McMillan Mary Bright	Sarah Normandia Mary Bright	Kim Russell Mary Bright	Delaney Floyd Mary Bright
<b>Hospitality</b>	Helen and Jim Nazzaro	John and Cindy Hughes	Libby and Larry Carson	Eddie Barber and Chris Locklear	Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre
<b>Acolyte Leader</b>	Ken Rogers	Jennifer Little	Adrian Little	Ken Rogers	Adrian Little
<b>Blessing Box</b>	Haigler Family	Haigler Family	Haigler Family	Haigler Family	Haigler Family
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Helen Nazzaro	Barbara Cameron	Carla Hobbs	Ginger Long	Marilyn Bennett
<b>Laundry Love</b>	Susie Hinkle	Sandy Moore	Carla Hobbs	Laura Shealy	Paul Criswell

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

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

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Bill Arnold, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Steve Driskell, Albert Faden, Mary Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Rita Marshall, Marion Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Erich Normandia, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Ken Rogers, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Riley Gillam (Sandy and Chuck Gresham’s niece), Joan Grist (Ken Headley-Downs’ cousin), Norton Hughes (John Hughes’ brother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer’s daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright’s brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), JoAnn Lindsey Myers (Mirta Lindsey’s daughter), Carol Myers (Leslie Brooks McDonnell, Gerald Brooks, and Laura Shealy’s aunt), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel’s niece), Wick Scurry (John Scurry’s brother), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), Bruce Stanley (Michael Whitfield’s nephew), and Marion and David Waters (Camilla Cathcart and Richard Cathcart’s aunt and uncle).

**And for these persons:** Madeline Babham (Bev Joosten’s friend), Lester and Cindy Farmer (Kim Russell’s friend), Vicki Hart (Bob and Jo Ann Brewer’s friend), Melody Johnson (Renee Love’s friend), Sam Livingston (Michael and Karen Whitfield’s friend), Gary Roper (Tom Stevens’ friend), and Sandy Wilkie (Ross Ann Steifle’s daughter’s father-in-law).

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at [denise@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto:denise@episcopalgreenwood.org) or call 223-5426.

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 9/22/23	\$20,025	\$34,530	\$1,053	\$1,458	\$15,991	\$36,690
Year as of 9/22/23	\$326,162	\$311,770	\$13,733	\$12,975	\$322,021	\$340,292

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



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

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