



# 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 promised, I am updating you all on our Vestry Retreat that was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. There was energy, compassion, excitement and most importantly a love for the Lord!



Charlie Long was elected Junior Warden! Charlie has all the necessary skills to do an excellent job as our Junior Warden.

Our first discussion, a review of our 2024 budget, was led by Archie Booker. The discussion focused on how we would resolve the final mortgage payments. Craig Church led a discussion of the history of our capital campaigns and presented an option for the remaining payments. After two mortgage payments in 2024, January and February, our debt will be \$35,500. To pay that debt, the vestry approved taking \$16,000 from the Make My Joy Complete account (pledge payments received and a small portion of our surplus from 2023 - this will clear this account), \$4,500 from special gifts (a gift we received from a donor in the community that left it to my discretionary how to use the gift) and requested \$15,000 from the Resurrection Foundation. This request will be made on January 25<sup>th</sup>. These amounts collectively provide the \$35,500 needed to completely eliminate the parish debt! This is amazing! We are retiring our debt one year early, freeing our budget of \$30,000 a year in mortgage payments and glorifying God in the process! I am so thankful to so many of you that made this possible. The vestry decided that we would have a celebration of this momentous occasion at our Pentecost Picnic on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The vestry also decided to prioritize three areas of importance during the 2024 year: building maintenance, our stewardship campaign and fellowship events. We will also work on our by-laws and safety concerns. Of course, there will be other areas to focus on, but these are our priorities.

Fortunately, we had a surplus in 2022 and 2023, so we can begin to address delayed building maintenance using those funds. The priorities are replacing 7 toilets; replacing all the lights in the nave (Please note, we will use LED light bulbs, we are not replacing the fixtures; this is a very expensive project.); and scraping and painting the nave, the hallway that enters the nave, the sacristy, and the bathroom next to the sacristy. If you remember, we have already scraped and painted the narthex and the acolyte room. There are some other small projects that we will work on as well.

Our new columbarium addition is here! The vestry voted to increase the price for the columbarium niche from \$1,364 to \$1,529. In next month's Rafters, we will include more information about the columbarium.

On the subject of stewardship, we will have small gatherings so that you as parishioners can fully understand your gifts, the actual campaign, and the stewardship dinner.

Fellowship event planning will include, but not be limited to, the Oyster Roast and Chili Cook-off (coming up February 10<sup>th</sup>), Lenten suppers, Easter, the Bishop's visit and Graduating Seniors recognition, the Pentecost picnic and celebrating being debt free, celebrating 20 years of our amazing Denise Brown, and much more!

Finally, we are working hard to reestablish our committees! Vestry members will serve as

liaisons, but we need chairs and committee members. The vestry will work to identify committee members, but please reach out to me if you feel called to serve!

The following are the liaisons for each committee:

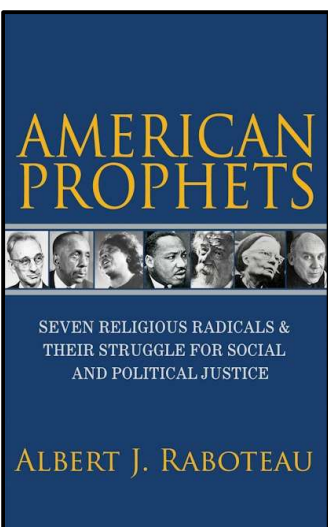
- Stewardship - Deb Maschoff and Beverly Wilson
- Pastoral Care - Jean Shirley
- Mission Partnerships - Diana Carver
- Becoming Beloved Community/Newcomers - Eddie Barbie, Mary Charles Haigler and Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges
- Buildings and Grounds - Charlie Long, Stephen Tucker and Jim Nazzaro
- Fellowship - Salley Cathcart, Diana Carver and Kelly Wiseman
- Finance - Charlie Long and Jim Nazzaro

We have lots to do! We are excited and as always, we welcome your voice, input, and love!

As always, I love you, but most importantly God does!

Love, Mary Balfour+

### Anti-Racism Library Book of the Month:



“In this compelling and provocative book, acclaimed religious scholar Albert Raboteau tells the remarkable stories of Abraham Joshua Heschel, A. J. Muste, Dorothy Day, Howard Thurman, Thomas Merton, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fannie Lou Hamer—inspired individuals who

succeeded in conveying their vision to the broader public through writing, speaking, demonstrating, and organizing.

Raboteau traces how their paths crossed and their lives intertwined, creating a network of

committed activists who significantly changed the attitudes of several generations of Americans about contentious political issues such as war, racism, and poverty. Raboteau examines the influences that shaped their ideas and the surprising connections that linked them together. He discusses their theological and ethical positions, and describes the rhetorical and strategic methods these exemplars of modern prophecy used to persuade their fellow citizens to share their commitment to social change.”  
– Princeton University Press

This and many other books are available to check out from our Anti-Racism Library located in the Gathering Space. We'll be highlighting the contributions of other African-Americans in our Sunday bulletins during Black History Month.

### Resurrection Grief Group

Many of you may not know that there has been a Grief Group at Resurrection since January 2023. The six months before this time were filled with numerous losses for our church family members and their friends. Take a moment to think about those who are missing from our Sunday Worship, Wednesday Night Suppers, or Prime Timers. Many of their family members have been experiencing empty spaces in their hearts and lives. They have lost a part of themselves through the death of a parent, a beloved spouse, a precious child, a family pet, a divorce, a debilitating long-term disease, or another form of separation or heartache.

Fortunately for our church, Mary Balfour sought a way to help in the healing process for the grief-stricken in our midst. Each funeral service where Mary Balfour officiated also took its toll on her. She was feeling the pain of loss with each of us involved. Thankfully she found the *Grief Share Program* which consisted of thirteen sessions with videos highlighting people who have walked the journey of grief and loss. A group of parishioners and other friends who had experienced a loss met each Sunday afternoon for about two months in Emmaus Hall to begin the process.

Workbooks and weekly readings provided

opportunities for reflection. Our time together each week also included sharing our innermost feelings in a highly confidential and safe environment. As we became more confident within the group, everyone seemed to embrace this community of souls bearing our tears, laughter, and personal stories.

Many of us, myself included, did not want to end the program. The connections and comradery were strong among us. The personal moments we had shared through our grief would touch us all. Mary Balfour also felt the need to continue our time together with monthly sessions that included new people who wanted to explore more about how to help each other.

This group continues to come together monthly to share our unique journeys of living with loss. It is open to all, and it is fine to miss when there is a scheduling conflict. I have been blessed by this group as we share treasured memories, the depth of our love for a special person, and ways of coping with changes in our lives that occur after loss.

As Thornton Wilder wrote, "The greatest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude." Through this group of friends, I have been able to lessen my grief and increase my gratitude for the cherished life of my loved one.

~ Noonie Fennell

## **Your Giving Matters!**

Recently our Mission Partnerships Committee met to decide how to allocate all the financial donations that this congregation made over the course of 2023. We are all so fortunate, and sharing good fortune with others is the calling of every child of God. This year, the children of God in this parish shared \$27,174.31! Here is the breakdown of our giving:

Habitat for Humanity - \$1000.00

Greater Greenwood United Ministry - \$4000.00

Food Bank of Greenwood County<sup>1</sup> - \$ 5854.00

Community Initiatives - \$2000.00

Healthy Learners - \$1965.00

Holloway's Grocery - \$750.00

Canterbury Counseling Center - \$500.00

Meg's House - \$2000.00

Pathway House - \$6425.00

Greenwood Humane Society - \$2000.00

Mary Balfour's Discretionary Fund - \$680.31

These donations, however, are just a portion of the generosity you have shown in 2023. Each second Sunday of the year, we've collected in kind donations for many of the organizations listed above. We also gave \$868.21 to Crossroads Pregnancy Center through their Baby Bottle Campaign and our VBS program participants, along with this parish, gave \$1463.48 to Living Waters for the World. Then consider the Giving Tree Christmas presents you gave to the foster children served by Greenwood DSS and the food shared through our Blessing Box!

We are not meant to take pride in our generosity (though I am quite proud of you all), but to pass on the glory to God. For in reality, all that we have began with the creative power and grace of God. I'm reminded of a hymn we sometimes sing during our stewardship campaigns:

All things are thine; no gift have we,  
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;  
And hence with grateful hearts today  
Thine own before thy feet we lay.

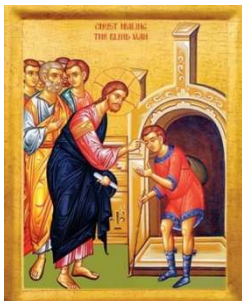
I hope and pray we'll be able to maintain this generous spirit through 2024. There are many opportunities to give even now. Read on for more information!

~ Elizabeth Floyd

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<sup>1</sup> The Soup Kitchen ministry has merged with the Food Bank to become one organization, though continuing to provide the same services.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry



Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist and Healing will be held on Wednesday, February 7, at 12 noon.

# WESLEY COMMONS

Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 11:00 am.

Please join us!

**OYSTER ROAST AND CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, February 10th  
6 to 8 pm**

Tickets are on sale now: \$40



Purchase your tickets for the Oyster Roast and Chili Cook-off on Tithe.ly:

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8323775>

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

# PANCAKES

**6-7 P.M.  
IN EMMAUS HALL  
\$5 PER PERSON  
\$15 PER FAMILY**

Second Sunday  
February 11, 2024

Supporting ...

**Baby Bottle Campaign**

Baby Bottles will be available in the Gathering Space on Sunday, January 28. Fill them with your loose change, bills or even a check. Return them to the Gathering Space by Second Sunday, February 11!

Ash  
Wednesday  
Services  
February 14, 2024  
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

**Stations of the Cross**  
Friday Evenings of Lent  
Begins February 16  
6 PM in the Nave

Please join us for Lenten Wednesdays  
Dinner and Formation  
"In the beginning ..." a study of Genesis led by Mary Balfour

Wednesday evenings:  
February 21, 28; March 6, 13, and 20  
Dinner begins at 6:00  
Program should end by 7:30

**Get your Church of the Resurrection T-shirt!**



Available in red or gray  
 Short-sleeve - \$15  
 Long-sleeve - \$20  
 Sweatshirt - \$25

Proceeds will go into the Mission Partnerships Budget!

Use this QR Code to purchase or go to:



<https://mvpscreenprinting.printavo.com/merch/epgw/>

**PRIMETIMERS**

**FEBRUARY GATHERING**

FEBRUARY 15TH AT  
 11:30 A.M. IN  
 EMMAUS HALL

LUNCH AND A FUNERAL  
 PLANNING SESSION WITH  
 MARY BALFOUR

PLEASE RSVP TO  
 DENISE BROWN AT THE  
 CHURCH



**Altar Arrangements:**

**February 4** – to the glory of God and in memory of our son Britt Bergman and in honor of our two wonderful grandchildren, Phoebe Jane and Baxter Clark, by Audine and Don Bergman.

**February 11**– to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elsie Speer and Albert U. Mitchum by Sandra and Bill Lewis.

**February 18 and 25** – The altar arrangements are given during this season in Lent in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection and in memory of Win Roulhac by Mary Balfour and Murray Dunlap.


**The Presence Candle** in the sanctuary is given in thanksgiving for Resurrection’s faithful choir by Gerald and Donna Brooks.

**Parish Connections**

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson 374-3507 bhallwilson@gmail.com
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Youth Group	Diana Carver 993-4665 Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191

## February 2024 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!

	<b>February 4 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>February 11 The Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>February 18 The First Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>February 25 The Second Sunday in Lent</b>
<b>Vestry of the Month</b>	Stephen Tucker and Salley Cathcart			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marty Cobb (Chair), Sally Surface, Mary Van Ellenberg, Lori Stone, Connie Hammett, Sue Moore			
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Isaiah 40: 21-31</b> <b>Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c</b> <b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>9: 16-23</b> <b>Mark 1: 29-36</b>	<b>2 Kings 2: 1-12</b> <b>Psalm 50: 1-6</b> <b>2 Corinthians</b> <b>4: 3-6</b> <b>Mark 9: 2-9</b>	<b>Genesis 9: 8-17</b> <b>Psalm 25: 1-9</b> <b>1 Peter 3: 18-22</b> <b>Mark 1: 9-15</b>	<b>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16</b> <b>Psalm 22: 22-30</b> <b>Romans 4: 13-25</b> <b>Mark 8: 31-38</b>
<b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Dean Faden	Stephen Tucker	Emily Wallace	Chuck McDonnell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Josie Ryan	Mary Bright	Deryl McGuire	Dick Daffin
<b>E.M.</b>	Tom Rohrer	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin
<b>Usher</b>	Deryl McGuire	Walker Moore	Dean Faden	Stephen Tucker
<b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Summer Booker	Eddie Barber	Andrew Hodges	Mary Charles Haigler
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Ryan Floyd	Jane Merrill	Lucas McMillian	Helen Nazzaro
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Karen Whitfield Trisha Craven	Connie Hammett Norm Fawcett	Cindy Hughes Beverly Wilson	Frank Wideman Laura Beth Brooks
<b>Crucifer</b>	Julia Donaghy	Leslie Juul Merrill	Cannon Wooten	Lila Eisenreich
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Gracey Montag	Rebecca Merrill	Will McMillian	Annie Eisenreich
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Michael and Riley Floyd	Gracey Montag John Cobb Chloe Normandia	Henry McMillian William Wooten	Chloe Normandia
<b>Ushers</b>	Archie and Summer Booker	Diana Carver Tom Cobb	Richard and Salley Cathcart	John Cobb Abney Wallace
<b>Nursery/Volunteer(s)</b>	Mary Bright Sarah Normandia	Mary Bright Delaney Floyd	Mary Bright Nancy Leonard	Mary Bright Sarah Contakos
<b>Hospitality</b>	Diana Carver	Helen and Jim Nazzaro	Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre	Eddie Barber and Chris Locklear
<b>Acolyte Leader</b>	Ken Rogers	Adrian Little	Jennifer Little	Ken Rogers
<b>Blessing Box</b>	Glawe Family	Glawe Family	Glawe Family	Glawe Family
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Marilyn Bennett	Helen Nazzaro	None Needed	None Needed
<b>Laundry Love</b>	Mary Bright	Beverly Wilson	Susie Hinkle	Sandy Moore
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Susu Wallace	Marty Cobb	None Needed	None Needed

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	
3 – John Hasting	19 – David Dougherty	3 – Sandra & Dick Daffin
4 – W. Rowan Allord	19 – Mary Charles Haigler	6 – Meisha & John Cobb
5 – Glenn Donaghy	21 – Marilyn Gobble	6 – Helen & Jim Nazzaro
6 – Emily Wallace	23 – Griffin Jones	14 – Trisha & Bruce Craven
7 – James Padgett, Jr.	24 – Michele Anderson	14 – Emily & Dale Wallace
7 – Elizabeth Snipes-Rochester	25 – John A. Cobb	17 – Libby & Larry Carson
10 – Sarah Contakos	27 – Ryan Floyd	
10 – Samuel McDevitt	27 – Bob Helfrich	
11 – Julia Donaghy	27 – Leslie McDonell	
11 – Whittaker Russell		
12 – Abbie Jules Davis		
12 – Cannon Wooten		
13 – Bill McCabe		
14 – Mirta Lindsey		
16 – Ali Lataille		

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Bill Arnold, Libby Carson, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Steve Driskell, Tony Ernestine, Albert Faden, Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Mirta Lindsey, Paul Lipinoga, Rita Marshall, Deb Maschoff, Marion Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Erich Normandía, Corrine Price, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Carol Wynne, Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Michael Dunlap (Murray Dunlap’s brother), Riley Gillam (Sandy and Chuck Gresham’s niece), Norton Hughes (John Hughes’ brother), Vanita Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges mother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer’s daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright’s brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Alison Miller, Tommy Morgan (Robin Lanford’s brother), JoAnn Lindsey Myers (Mirta Lindsey’s daughter), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel’s niece), Charlie Sheets (John & Susie Hinkle’s son-in-law), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), and Bruce Stanley (Michael Whitfield’s nephew).

**And for these persons:** Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright’s cousin), Vicki Hart (Bob and Jo Ann Brewer’s friend), Melody Johnson (Renee Love’s friend), Nancy May (Cindy Hughes’ friend), Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes’ friend), Gary Roper (Tom Stevens’ friend), Robin Ruhf (Robin Lanford’s 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.

	<b>Pledges (Actual)</b>	<b>Pledges (Budgeted)</b>	<b>Unpledged/Plate (Actual)</b>	<b>Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)</b>	<b>Expenses (Actual)</b>	<b>Expenses (Budgeted)</b>
<b>Month as of 1/19/24</b>	\$37,387	\$36,186	\$1,460	\$1,433	\$12,997	\$34,964
<b>Year as of 1/19/24</b>	\$37,387	\$36,186	\$1,460	\$1,433	\$12,997	\$34,964

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



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