



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 here is the update on our new columbarium. If you have not had a chance to view it, please do! It really doesn't feel like an addition, it works



beautifully all together. The granite is not the exact shade of the original columbarium, but that granite was not available. I believe we got close, and I am so pleased with the results. I hope you are too. A huge thank you to Karen Whitfield, Dean Faden and Charlie Long who have worked so hard on this project!

The vestry voted to increase the price for a columbarium niche from \$1,364 to \$1,529. Here is the breakdown of what is included:

\$1,000 – for a space in the Columbarium

\$45 – for the urn

\$25 – for the urn engraving

\$500 – for engraving of the granite

With our addition, we now 86 spaces. 56 have been sold, 54 in the original columbarium and 1 in the new addition. If you are interested in purchasing a space in the columbarium, please reach out to Dean Faden.

The final piece of our outdoor altar will be completed by Easter! We are finishing some landscaping, and I am so thankful to Tom Rohrer and Phil Ellenberg for their hard work on this project!

During the month of March, we will have Lenten Dinners on Wednesday nights at 6:00 and Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 6:00.

During Holy Week, we will celebrate Palm Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 on March 24th and Maundy Thursday on March 28th at 6:00. The Daughters of the King will host a Quiet Day on March 28th from 10-6. Our Good Friday service will be on March 28th at noon. Holy Saturday will be March 30th at 10:30. And finally, we will celebrate Easter on March 31st at 8:30 and 10:30! Be a part of it; walk humbly with your Lord and be present with your church family!

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

Love, Mary Balfour+

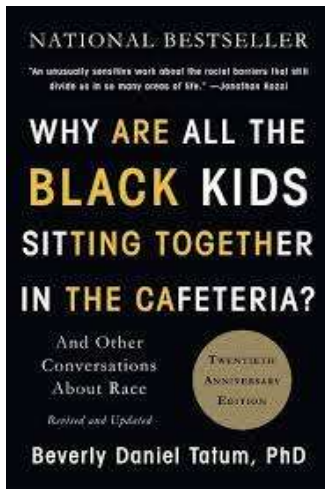


A happy moment!
We paid off our mortgage ahead of schedule!

Anti-Racism Library Book of the Month:

In her revised edition of *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president emerita of Spelman College, “explores decades of research on the psychology of racism, with an emphasis on the psychology of racial identity in Black, White, and

other ethnic and cultural identities. [She] helps readers gain a better understanding of historic and modern racism and the implications it has on individuals today. [Her book] also contains important messages for people who work with diverse groups of adults and particularly of youth."



This and many other books are available to check out from our Anti-Racism Library located in the Gathering Space.

Observing a Holy Lent

If you've been in church the last couple weeks, you can't help but to have noticed that the service looks, feels, and sounds different. And that's because we find ourselves squarely in the middle of Lent, the season of preparation for Easter. I have heard some of you say that you're not fond of Lent, that you find it long and depressing. In the forty years since I became an Episcopalian, I have developed quite a fondness for Lent and find that taking the time to observe a quieter, somber, more contemplative period of weeks truly does make my Easter joy just that much more meaningful.

But what are some of the ways we're "doing church" a little differently during these 40 days? The first change you may have noticed is the color we use for the altar hangings. Purple is the liturgical color we use in Lent to symbolize the pain and suffering Jesus endured in the days leading up to his crucifixion. The color of these hangings will change to Red for Palm Sunday in recognition of Christ's Passion. Then the hangings will be removed altogether at the end of the Maundy Thursday service, and the altar will remain bare until it is dressed in White for our Easter celebration. White symbolizes purity and holiness and represents seasons of joy like Christmas and Easter.

We've replaced the beautiful altar floral arrangements with plain vases of sticks and are

using simple clay vessels to serve communion. These replacements allow us to involve even more of our senses in our Lenten fasting.

Our mouths and ears continue the fast in what we choose and what we do not choose for music during the worship service. We omit singing the joyful Gloria and replace it with a more somber, prayerful Kyrie, which means "Lord, Have Mercy." We are not using the celebratory "Alleluia, Christ Our Passover" as a sung Fraction Anthem at the breaking of the bread and, instead, are singing the Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) praying for God's mercy on us.

We are asking for silence before the service to offer you a period of prayer and quiet reflection. Prelude and postlude music will not be played; likewise, the organ or any other instrument will be silent unless accompanying singing.

The tone of the congregational hymns as well as choir anthems also reflects the nature of the Lenten season. The hymns and anthems we sing focus on our repentance, God's mercy, and the life and death of Jesus Christ. If we will allow them to, the hymns can help with our spiritual development, deepening our connection to God, making it stronger and more personal.

In just a few short weeks, the lovely flowers will return, our favorite joyous hymns will be sung again, and our beautiful communion set will once again serve up the body and blood of our Savior. I hope each of us will have taken the time to open our hearts and minds to walk this reflective journey of Lent and, as we all celebrate Easter together, the celebration will be the most joyous we've ever experienced!

~ Donna Brooks

Dear Resurrection Friends:

The new year is young, and some of us have freshly penned goals. I know we help each other all year long, and I love our "Resurrection family" connections.

Each year, I try to look for "creative giving opportunities," chances to share kindness in unexpected ways with people who cross my path. I realize that we are all engaging in acts of

service all year long, and I'm not asking you to do "more" – not really; instead, this is a creative spin on some of what we are already doing with our service work.

Some beautiful things we are doing . . .

I am not a Bible verse quoter, but I love these words:

"For when you saw me hungry, you fed me. When you found me thirsty, you gave me drink. When I had no place to stay, you invited me in, and when I was poorly clothed, you covered me. When I was sick, you tenderly cared for me, and when I was in prison you visited me."

- Matthew 25:35-37

If space in this column allowed, I could make a long list of "church family" who have shared kindness with me. When I recently had the flu, Shannon offered to bring me soup. And when I needed a new heating and air-conditioning unit, Andy helped me resolve everything. Leslie's thoughtful outreach notes are always uplifting, like the good conversations I have in the yard with my neighbors, the Russells.

A while back, the church had a Grief Group, and I met several people walking a journey similar to my own. I especially appreciated how Jan and Noonie stood with me on the anniversary of a tragedy, helping to plant seeds for something good to come out of something devastating.

Sometimes nothing can be done to "heal a hurt," and all we can do is stand in spiritual solidarity with our loved ones, like last year, when my sweet dog Barclay was gravely ill, and Mary Balfour met me at the vet's office to offer support, a gesture of kindness I will always remember.

We do so much for each other all year long, and we are an amazingly inspiring community. Being part of a church community also allows us access to social equity (the knowledge available in our social networks) but perhaps even more needed, access to kindness and compassion. We are some of the lucky ones.

But what could I do. . . ?

Another facet of the Matthew verse is about recognizing the "family" who are on the margins, the people we may not see routinely or even know: "When you cared for one of the least of these, my little ones, my true brothers and sisters, you demonstrated love for me" - Matthew 25:40.

Sometimes I wonder: "What could I do? I don't have the means to do what 'the world' might consider 'great' acts of service, so what could I do to help make someone's life even a little better?"

We can probably do more than we realize if we are thoughtful and creative. Our creative giving might take the form of helping people, animals, the environment, or even an organization.

We could make a donation to a scholarship or to an organization whose goals align with our values. We can even share the gift of time and energy through volunteering. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." Further, he said, "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

Some creative giving opportunities I have enjoyed. . . .

After seeing a post on social media about how the Greenwood Humane Society needed pet food, I started sending pet food to the Human Society through Amazon. Pet food can be purchased for as little as \$6 a bag.

On another day, I was at the grocery store, and the shopper ahead of me was having to choose which items to put back; she didn't have enough money. She chose three items that she could "live without," but I told the cashier to put those items on my purchase. The shopper could have been my children's grandmother or one of my aunts; she was embarrassed that she did not have adequate funds, and I told her that it was my pleasure to help. On another day, I could be the one in need of help, and our roles could be reversed. By the end of the interaction, the shopper seemed more a friend than stranger, and isn't everyone, really, extended spiritual family?

I recently learned that over 800 blankets were needed by senior citizens in Greenwood area nursing homes. The Greenwood non-profit “Snowflakes for Seniors” tries to ensure that each senior citizen in a local nursing home receives a Christmas present. During the holiday season, you may have seen these senior Snowflake trees throughout our community. Each ornament represents a person, and each person has a wish list of three items they hope to receive for Christmas. Reading those humble lists will make even the most stoic weep. People request items like warm socks, bath wash, a cozy blanket, a John Wayne DVD. I learned from Claudia, the founder of “Snowflakes for Seniors,” that we can even donate gently used blankets, so I plan to clean out some linen closets to share my blankets.

As another creative giving opportunity, I have started carrying food gift cards with me, so that if I see someone who is asking for money, I can give them a gift card to McDonald’s or other restaurant, where they can buy a warm meal.

One of my favorite creative giving moments was when I had the good fortune to encounter two dogs outside a store, waiting for their owner. The dogs were guarding all their owner’s worldly possessions with the pride of guarding the Hope Diamond. I could see the man’s dirty gloves on the pavement, and one of the dogs was wearing the man’s raincoat. I had just been to the grocery store, so I left my bag of dog food beside the dogs. I didn’t know the dogs or the owner, but I knew they would all understand my actions: in heart we are all more similar than different. Zig Zigler would say, “You can have everything you want in life as long as you help enough other people get what they want.”

Some people want the most humble things, like a warm blanket or a few groceries or a meal.

Look for giving moments. . .

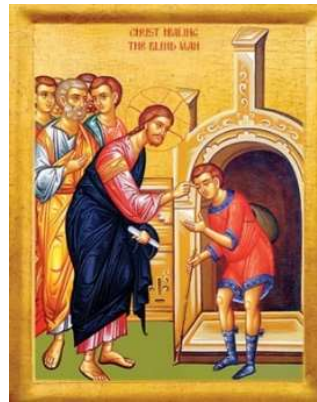
To skim through social media, I think many of us are getting some of what we want in life. We readily share our “me this” and “me that” stories, our happiest times and greatest successes; and there is nothing wrong with sharing these accolades. Like everyone else, I am proud of my

loved one’s accomplishments or adventures, and I like to highlight others’ golden moments through affirming words and pictures.

But I feel like true contentment will be found not in our “me this” moments, but in the giving moments, where we share our talents in the service of others.

~ Renee Love

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry



Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist and Healing will be held on Wednesday, March 6, at 12 noon.



Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 11:00 am.

Lenten Giving

Please consider giving money, mite boxes or in-kind items such as:

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| Bags - tote, book, duffle or diaper | Toiletries |
| Books - ages 3 to 17 | Ear buds |
| Journals and supplies | Water Bottles |
| Coloring supplies | Snacks - indiv. size |
| Stuffed Animals | Socks |
| Blankets | Slippers |
| Pajamas | Fidget Toys |
| Sweatshirts | Pens/Pencils |



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



JOIN US FOR CHURCH YARD
WORK DAY!

Saturday
March 9
9:00 AM

A.O.K. Soup Sale



ON SALE AFTER
EACH WORSHIP
SERVICE ON
MARCH 3 AND 10

8\$ PER
QUART

Proceeds support
Tranquility Point in
Greenwood
www.tranquilitypoint.org



***Is God calling you to ministry in The
Episcopal Church, or do you know
someone you believe may be so called?***

Bishop Daniel Richards and The Commission on Ministry invite all that are interested to attend the Diocesan Day of Discernment which will explore both lay and ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church. This is an informational meeting, and no commitment is required. However, the Diocesan Day of Discernment is the first required step in the official discernment process for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Diocesan Day of Discernment

Saturday, March 23, 2024

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Trinity Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201*

Registration is required.

For more information and to register, go to:
<https://edusc.org>



**March Primetimers
Gathering**
**Let's Keep Moving with
Christine Graves**

Lunch and Program at 11:30 a.m. on
 Thursday, March 21st. Wear
 comfortable clothes and sneakers
 RSVP to Denise Brown

D.O.K. Quiet Day
Good Friday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 with break for noonday service

**Our Nave will
be open to all
for silent
prayer**

Save-the-Date
Parish Yard Sale
Saturday, May 4

Start looking through your attic and set aside what you might want to donate. Dates for receiving donations will come soon. Proceeds will support our Mission Partnerships!

Parish Yard Sale Drop-off: You may bring items to donate to the Parish Yard Sale on **Saturday, March 9** from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The yard sale organizers will be present at the church to receive them, but please mark your items with the price to sale.

Altar Arrangements:

March 3, 10, 17 – The altar arrangements are given in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.

March 24 (Palm Sunday) – Palms given in memory of Joe Lincoln Tolbert, Jr. and Miss Margaret Allen Gaillard by Mary Jo Tolbert.

March 31 (Easter Sunday) – Donations from parishioners

The Presence Candle -- To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children Whitfield and Lori Brooks, Laura Beth Brooks, and Catherine and Brice Sexton by Donna and Gerald Brooks.

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RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
3 – Reid Conrad	18 – Roxy Fawcett
3 – Burl Ricker	18 – Paige Ouzts
4 – Julia Ball	19 – Jon Newlon
4 – George Hyatt	20 – Margaret Ann Hasting
5 – Whitfield Brooks	22 – Celie Mescall
6 – Renee Love	22 – Bette Ricker
7 – Morgan Allord	22 – Lisa Treeter
9 – Andy Anderson	25 – Gerald Normandt
9 – Eddie Barber	27 – Sandy Moore
9 – Tom Hochheimer	28 – Tom Barchi
10 – Anne Marie Glawe	29 – Don Bergman
10 – Kim Russell	30 – Joanne Hochheimer
15 – Patrick Kinney	31 – Sue Moore
16 – Beverly Wilson	
17 – Trisha Craven	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, JoAnn Brewer, Libby Carson, Paul Criswell, Roger Dean, Steve Driskell, Albert Faden, Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Mirta Lindsey, Paul Lipinoga, Rita Marshall, Deb Maschoff, Marion Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, 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), 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 Hinkel’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), Melody Johnson (Renee Love’s friend), Sally Kauffmann (Beverly Wilson’s friend), Nancy May (Cindy Hughes’ friend), Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes’ 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 or call 223-5426.

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 2/23/24	\$29,066	\$36,186	\$1,231	\$1,433	\$23,476	\$38,810
Year as of 2/23/24	\$66,453	\$72,372	\$2,691	\$2,866	\$55,970	\$73,836

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



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