



# 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,

Let's go visiting friends!!! I find myself several times a week visiting our homebound parishioners. We also have a wonderful team of folks that visit them and take Eucharist. I take Eucharist on the odd months and the Eucharist Visitors go on the even months. I discovered that much of these visits are about chatting. Many of our home bound parishioners are lonely and just want to chat! I wonder if this is something you feel called to do. Just go visiting!!! It is as easy as that, no skills required. If you are interested, please reach out to me. I would love to pair you with someone who cannot come to church but would love to see a member of our parish. Maybe a friendship will begin, maybe you will see God in each other. As 1 Thessalonians verse 11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."



Before my time at Resurrection, an important ministry was praying with folks in the acolyte room after receiving communion. This is a ministry I would love to see us begin again. I would like to offer training, ease your fears, and give you the tools for this important ministry. I am not going to set up training time - yet. I am going pray that you will feel called to this ministry and reach out to me!!! If enough people reach out, we will schedule a training. Please don't be

intimidated by this, think of it as a time spent with God and being in relationship with others.

On May 19th there will be one service at 10:30 and it will be outside! This is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate being debt free and gather for lunch. The church will provide the meat and you will receive a postcard of what side dish to bring. Let's gather our entire church family to celebrate together!!! Be sure and wear RED!

I continue to be awed and inspired by you all. I am humbled to be your servant.

Love, Mary Balfour+



**Celebrate Pentecost  
at the Church of the  
Resurrection!**

**Sunday,  
May 19, 2024**

**One service at 10:30  
in the Prayer Garden  
(or the nave if it's  
raining)**

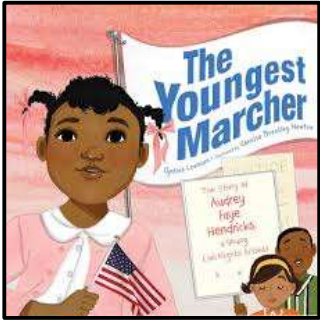
**Parish picnic follows  
the service!**

A - G, bring a veggie dish  
H - R, bring a starch  
S - Z, bring a dessert

**Bring a chair and a cup!**

## Becoming Beloved Community

### Book of the Month:



*The Youngest Marcher* tells the true story of Audrey Faye Hicks who was one of the youngest participants in the Children's Crusade in Birmingham in May 1963. The book recounts

her experience, from the perspective of the 9-year-old girl that she was during the Crusade, and ends with her joy at seeing segregation come to an end as the result of her brave effort.

As we celebrate the not-so-young children who are graduating high school this month, let's remember how powerful their youthful leadership can be. Children's minds don't bear the false stereotypes that fuel discrimination; they bear love and an innate, pure understanding of what is morally right. Children have many lessons to teach us.

Feel free to borrow *The Youngest Marcher* from the Anti-Racism Library. Perhaps read it to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews and encourage them to hold onto the innocent truths of their young hearts.

### Celebrating our Graduates

Please congratulate these fine young people who are graduating from high school this May. Each of them has contributed their time and talents with our church and with their community and has achieved remarkable academic success. We are proud to be sending them out to love and serve the Lord in the wider world!

#### Rhett Harrison Allord



Rhett is the son of Shane and Julie Allord. He is graduating from Ninety Six High School and will attend the University of South Carolina to

study Supply Chain/Finance at the Darla Moore School of Business. Rhett is a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society and placed second in Lander's Benjamin Mays High School Essay Contest. He is committed to volunteering. Before moving to Greenwood, Rhett served at the Kenneth Young Center and Feed My Starving Children program in Illinois. Currently, he serves as an acolyte and CO3R tutor. Rhett is an active member of Resurrection's youth group. He plays on the golf team at Ninety Six High School and also enjoys soccer.

#### Jacob Andrew Davis



Jacob is the son of Stephen and Reva Davis. He is graduating from Emerald High School and plans to attend Clemson University. Jacob is an enthusiastic athlete. He has played football for four years,

volleyball for two years, and basketball and baseball for one year. Jacob also received the Bronze Academic Award and PAWS certificate from Clemson. As a member of Resurrection, Jacob has served as an acolyte and participated in our youth group.

#### Julia St. Claire Donaghy



Julia is the daughter of Glenn and St. Claire Donaghy. She is graduating from Cambridge Academy and will attend Elon University to

study journalism and environmental science. She is a scholar, athlete, leader and thespian. She served as the president of the SGA at Cambridge, is a member of the National Honor Society, a member and the historian for the Beta Club, a member of the swim team and its captain for the past three years, a member of the soccer team, and a performer in several school musicals. On top of these many accomplishments, Julia has

served Church of the Resurrection as an acolyte and a VBS volunteer.

### **Lila Malone Eisenreich**



Lila is the daughter of David and Katie Eisenreich. She is graduating in the top 5% of her class at Greenwood High School and will attend

Wofford College in the fall. She has served her school in the SGA, captain of the varsity soccer team, and member of the Early Bird Choir. At Resurrection, Lila has served as an acolyte and member of the youth group.

### **Griffin Mims Jones**



Griffin is the son of Hugh and Shannon Jones. He is graduating from Greenwood High School and will attend the University of South Carolina to study sports management and business. Griffin

has been a linebacker on the Greenwood High football team for the past four years. At Resurrection, Griffin has served as an acolyte and all-round volunteer and has been a member of our youth group.

### **Leslie Juul Merrill**



Leslie is the daughter of Jane and Albert Merrill. She is graduating from Greenwood High School in the top 5 in her class. Leslie is an AP Scholar with

Honor, the Distinguished Young Woman of Greenwood City for the class of 2024, Captain of the Greenwood High School Mock Trial Team and

an active member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society. Outside of school, Leslie tutors students ranging from kindergarten to tenth grade. She plays club soccer and serves on the Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee. This summer Leslie will work at Camp Gravatt. She was accepted to Villanova University and will begin her studies in Computer Engineering this fall. After getting her degree in Computer Engineering, Leslie plans to attend law school to pursue a career in patent law.

### **Cannon Apple Wooten**



Cannon (Jr.) is the son of Allison and Cannon Wooten (Sr.). He is graduating from Emerald High School in the top 10% of his class and will attend Piedmont Technical College to study engineering design

technology and welding. Cannon is a member of the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society and received the Life Scholarship and Greenwood Promise scholarship. He is a gifted athlete having played on Emerald High's football team and clay shooting team. Cannon loves hunting, fishing and working hard on his family's farm!

### **Rogation is coming to a garden near you!**

Are you wondering just what "Rogation" is? The etymology of the word reveals much. Rogation is derived from the Latin root, *rogare*, which means "ask for". In our religious context, rogation means to ask for God's blessing, particularly upon the gardens and grounds of a parish.

Rogation has an ancient history, dating back to the year 598 or perhaps even earlier. The Catholic church initiated the tradition likely to supplant a pagan ritual of processing from Rome to a place outside the city where animals would be sacrificed in exchange for the gods' protection of their gardens from blight. The Roman Catholic procession omitted the animal sacrifice and instead processed to St. Peter's Basilica for the

celebration of mass. The tradition evolved into a procession around the boundaries of a parish during which congregants occasionally stopped and marked the grounds with a cross, prayer or bible reading. They checked on the farms in the area and prayed for a healthy harvest.

Rogation observance began long before industrialization when humanity was utterly dependent upon agricultural success year to year; hence, the need for God's mercy and protection from crop failure. In our modern, industrialized culture, agricultural success is nonetheless essential to life. We still need food to eat. But we don't witness the work and risks of agriculture in such a direct way. It is easy to rest in the convenience of our neighborhood Publix which never fails to provide. But we should not forget entirely the necessity of a full harvest, and Rogationtide offers us suburbanites an opportunity to be grateful for farms and farmers, for agriculture and for the conservation of the natural world.

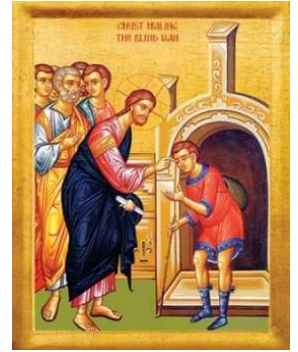
In modern rogation processions, the celebrant asks God to bless a garden, field or farm at planting time that it might yield a full harvest. These processions take place on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the sixth week of Easter, ending just before Ascension Day. The Sixth Sunday of Easter has been added as Rogation Sunday and celebrated with a special collect and proper applying the theme of fruitful harvest and stewardship of creation (see BCP 207-208, 258-259). This year those dates are May 5 through 8.

Perhaps you have a garden, or even a small farm, for which you would like to seek God's mercy and blessing? Here is a prayer you may use at home. It comes from a blessing liturgy that was written for rogation day celebrations in the Episcopal Church:

Holy One: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Creator, Word, and Spirit. Amen.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist and Healing will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 12 noon.



## WESLEY COMMONS

Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:00 am.



Volunteers Needed! Please contact Mary Bright (344-4605) or Martha Champaigne (205-587-3806) if you can help with the Yard Sale. They need assistance with setting out the items on Saturday morning.

## Dare to be Different

VBS 2024

June 10 - 14

9:00 am to Noon

Church of the Resurrection  
Greenwood, SC

*Second Sunday*  
*May 12, 2024*  
**Supporting ...**  
 give  
**Greenwood's Soup  
 Kitchen and Food Bank**

Dry goods of all sorts, but remember that many members of our community have dietary restrictions such as diabetics, and those suffering from gluten allergies.

Cash donations can be made using this QR Code:



Canned Mixed Vegetables  
 Canned Corn Niblets  
 Diced Tomatoes  
 Diced Potatoes  
 Chicken Broth  
 Beef Broth  
 Grape Jelly  
 Treet/Spam Canned Meat  
 Canned Tuna Fish  
 Paper Towels  
 Sandwich Cookies  
 Canned Beef Stew  
 Sweetened Powder Iced Tea Mix  
 Canned Fruit Cocktail  
 Canned Pork and Beans  
 Saltine Crackers  
 Mayonnaise  
 Sweet Relish

**Altar Arrangements:**

**May 5** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Clay by Evan Clay, and in celebration of the anniversary of Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre.

**May 12** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Lucas Burns; her grandmothers, Natalie Bettis Lucas and Maude C. Burns; and her Godmothers, Virginia Turner Self and Virginia McGowan Burns; his mother, Mary Elizabeth Padgett; Jane Jeter, Virginia Preston Self, and Jane Meter; and in thanksgiving for their two granddaughters, Anna Ravenel Burns Padgett and Elizabeth Simons Lucas Padgett by Anna and James Padgett, Jr.

**May 19** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Anderson Sefton, Ethel Sefton Stevens, Marcia Stevens Wiggs, Ethel Stevens Williams, and Margaret Werner by Mr. Tom Stevens.

**May 26** – The altar arrangements are given in thanksgiving for our acolytes, their parents and the acolyte leaders.


**The Presence Candle for the month of May** is given to the glory of God and in memory of Charlotte Perosino, in honor of Claudette McKinney, and in recognition of all mothers from George and Sarah McKinney.

**Parish Connections:**

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson 374-3507 bhallwilson@gmail.com
Acolytes	Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191 marybalfour@episcopalgreenwood.org
Christian Formation	Elizabeth Floyd 223-5426 elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org
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Youth Group	Diana Carver 993-4665 Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191

## May 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>May 5</b> <b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 12</b> <b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter:</b> <b>The Sunday after Ascension Day</b>	<b>May 19</b> <b>The Day of Pentecost:</b> <b>Whitsunday</b> <b>(One Service 10:30 AM ONLY)</b>	<b>May 26</b> <b>The First Sunday after Pentecost:</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>
<b>Vestry of the Month</b>	May 5, 19, 26: Mary Charles Haigler and Dawn Puderbaugh May 12: Stephen Tucker and Kelly Wiseman			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susu Wallace (Chair), Marilyn Gobble, Mary Van Ellenburg, Sue Moore, and Beverly Wilson			
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Acts 10: 44-48</b> <b>Psalm 98</b> 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17	<b>Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26</b> <b>Psalm 1</b> 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17:6-19	<b>Acts 2: 1-21</b> <b>Psalm 104: 25-35, 37</b> <b>Romans 8: 22-27</b> John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15	<b>Isaiah 6: 1-8</b> <b>Psalm 29</b> <b>Romans 8: 12-17</b> John 3: 1-17
<b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Josie Ryan	Stephen Tucker	None Needed	Deryl McGuire
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Dean Faden	Dick Daffin	None Needed	Chuck McDonnell
<b>E.M.</b>	Mary Bright	Dick Daffin	None Needed	Chuck McDonnell
<b>Usher</b>	Walker Moore	Ken Rogers	None Needed	Stephen Tucker
<b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Celia Mescall	Catie Robertson	Shana Southard-Dobbs	Lori Stone
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Mary Charles Haigler	Lucas McMillan	Ashley Woodiwiss	Jon Newlon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Beverly Wilson Karen Whitfield	Frank Wideman Cindy Hughes	Trisha Craven Laura Beth Brooks	Connie Hammett Norm Fawcett
<b>Crucifer</b>	Lila Eisenreich	Julia Donaghy	Karen Whitfield	TBA
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Annie Eisenreich	Catie Robertson	Carolyn Hasting	TBA
<b>Torchbearers</b>	John Cobb and Maggie Rochester	Michael and Riley Floyd	Margaret Ann Hasting Maggie Rochester	TBA
<b>Acolyte Leader</b>	Ken Rogers	Ken Rogers	Jennifer Little	Adrian Little
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hobbs Allen Hughes	Ross Ann Steifle Tom Cobb	Diana Carver Gracey Montag	Archie and Summer Booker
<b>Nursery/Volunteer(s)</b>	Mary Bright Sarah Normandia	Mary Bright Delaney Floyd	None	Mary Bright Sarah Contakos
<b>Hospitality</b>	Eddie Barber and Chris Locklear	The Floyd Family	Fellowship Committee	Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre
<b>Blessing Box</b>	Ben Dobbs and Shana Southard-Dobbs	Ben Dobbs and Shana Southard-Dobbs	Ben Dobbs and Shana Southard-Dobbs	Ben Dobbs and Shana Southard-Dobbs
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Ginger Long	Carla Hobbs	Marilyn Bennett	Barbara Cameron
<b>Laundry Love</b>	Celie Mescall	Paul Criswell	Mary Bright	Carla Hobbs
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Libby Cary	Carla Hobbs	Sandy Gresham	Marty Cobb

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
1 – Chuck Gresham	21 – Patrick Craven	2 – Ross Ann & Gregg Steifle	
1 – Hope Scurry	21 – Charlie Long	2 – Beverly & Barry Wilson	
7 – Reva Davis	22 – Josie Ryan	3 – Michele & Andy Anderson	
8 – Rhett Allord	23 – Lila Eisenreich	8 – Malone & Kevin Whitehead	
8 – Rebecca Merrill	24 – Margaret Ann Hughes	17 – Sarah & Erich Normandia	
11 – Dave Eisenreich	26 – Tom Stevens	18 – Sarah & George McKinney	
14 – Will Craven	26 – Allison Wooten	24 – Susu & Abney Wallace	
17 – Chuck McDonnell	28 – Bruce Craven	26 – Libby & Henry Cary	
19 – Perrin Roper	28 – Dale Wallace	29 – Susie & John Hinkle	
20 – Camilla Cathcart	29 – Stewart Russell	29 – Jo Ann & Bob Brewer	

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Bill Arnold, JoAnn Brewer, Paul Criswell, Roger Dean, St. Claire Donaghy, Steve Driskell, Albert Faden, Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Mirta Lindsey, Rita Marshall, Marion Mescall, Deb Maschoff, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, Erich Normandia, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Carol Wynne, Jimmy Arthur (Shannon Jones' father), Bryan Biggert (Karen Whitfield's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Michael Dunlap (Murray Dunlap's brother), Riley Gillam (Sandy & Chuck Gresham's niece), Vanita Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges' mother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann & Bob Brewer's daughter), Tammy Kelly (Michael Whitfield's niece), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), 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), Bruce Stanley (Michael Whitfield's nephew), and David Walker (Hope Scurry's brother).

**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), Desmond Melville (Dean Faden's friend), and Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes' friend).

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)
<b>Month as of 4/19/24</b>	\$34,494	\$36,188	\$1,445	\$1,458	\$8,364	\$37,060
<b>Year as of 4/19/24</b>	\$151,205	\$144,748	\$10,194	\$5,782	\$134,048	\$147,472

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



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