

Church of the Resurrection From the Rafters

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Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

Change can feel difficult and uncertain, and I want to acknowledge those feelings. We have certainly felt change over the past weeks: Deacon Al being reassigned, Donna Brooks retiring, and Adrian Little retiring as Clerk of the Vestry. I will miss all three of them and their incredible ministries - and the way they have loved us so well! These feelings that we all are having reflect the depth of our love as a church family. When people who walked with us through celebrations and sorrows move on to new callings, we feel their absence keenly. This grief is holy; it speaks to genuine relationships that make us more than just an "organization."

In Isaiah 43:18, God says, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old." This isn't dismissing precious memories but inviting us to release our grip on the past so we can receive what God has prepared ahead. Sometimes our love for how things used to be can blind us to new possibilities. We can celebrate part of our family leaving and all their contributions while holding memories with open hands, trusting God's story for our church continues. The in-between time, when old has ended but new isn't visible, feels uncomfortable. We wonder about finding the right people, maintaining beloved ministries, whether things will work out.

We are invited to partner with God in welcoming the new thing springing forth. This might mean embracing new ministry approaches, stepping into unexpected roles, or supporting incoming staff. Our unity during transition witnesses to our faith - showing our foundation isn't based on an individual, but Jesus himself. This is our opportunity to demonstrate that church is the people of God, empowered by the Spirit. Beverly and Barry Wilson will lead our music program until we can find a permanent Director of Music. Sarah Hasting will be our clerk until we can approach someone to carry out this duty for a three-year term. I am working with the Vestry on all these opportunities for our future and more. Together with God's help we will embrace the change and know that we are safe in the arms of Jesus.

Love, Mary Balfour



OCTOBER MISSION PARTNERSHIPS BENEFITTING THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREENWOOD

THESE ITEMS ARE NEEDED AND USED ON A DAILY BASIS:

PET FOOD- 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
DOG HARNESSES (ALL SIZES)
LEASHES AND COLLARS (ALL SIZES)

COPIER PAPER
HIGHLIGHTERS
SHARPIES
WHITE-OUT TAPE
MASKING TAPE
SCOTCH TAPE
PUPPY PADS
ANY SIZE METAL BOWLS
PET CARRIERS OR CRATES
TOWELS, FLEECE BLANKETS
CAT AND DOG TOYS
BAGS FOR ANIMALS

WHITE RICE (FOR FILLING SOCKS AND MAKING "WARMING"

BAGS FOR ANIMALS)

*PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE GATHERING SPACE
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER*



Blessing of the Animals

In conjunction with
the 10:30am service
on Sunday, October 5



Join us for the Church of the Resurrection Playground Dedication

Sunday, October 12th
immediately following
the 10:30am service



**Thanksgiving Day
Race To Be Thankful**
presented by Church of the
Resurrection

Volunteers needed in the following areas:

****Sponsorships:**

Help solicit sponsorships from now until
September 28th
contact Kim at 344-8009 if you can help!

****Race Day Help:**

- Pick up coffee at McDonalds and bring to Gatewood Clubhouse
- Set up tables prior to race
- Work registration and t-shirt table prior to and during race
- Race path pointers

contact Elizabeth at 205-807-7293 if you're interested in volunteering!

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP

WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 5PM-6:30PM
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 5PM-6:30PM
AT RESURRECTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 5PM-6:30PM
at the Floyd's home (108 Hidden Lake Court)



Monthly Events

HOLY EUCHARIST
AT WESLEY COMMONS

Tuesday, October 14th
11am

All are welcome, even if you are
not a resident of the community!

Monthly Healing Service

Church of the Resurrection
Wednesday, October 1st
12pm

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY
9:30AM
IN THE LIBRARY
STUDYING:

THE ENIGMATIC PARABLES OF A CONTROVERSIAL RABBI

by
Jesus

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CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

MEN'S GROUP

BBQ

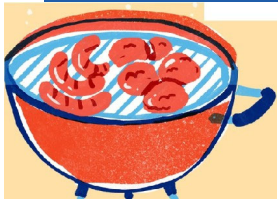
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11am
4PM-1PM

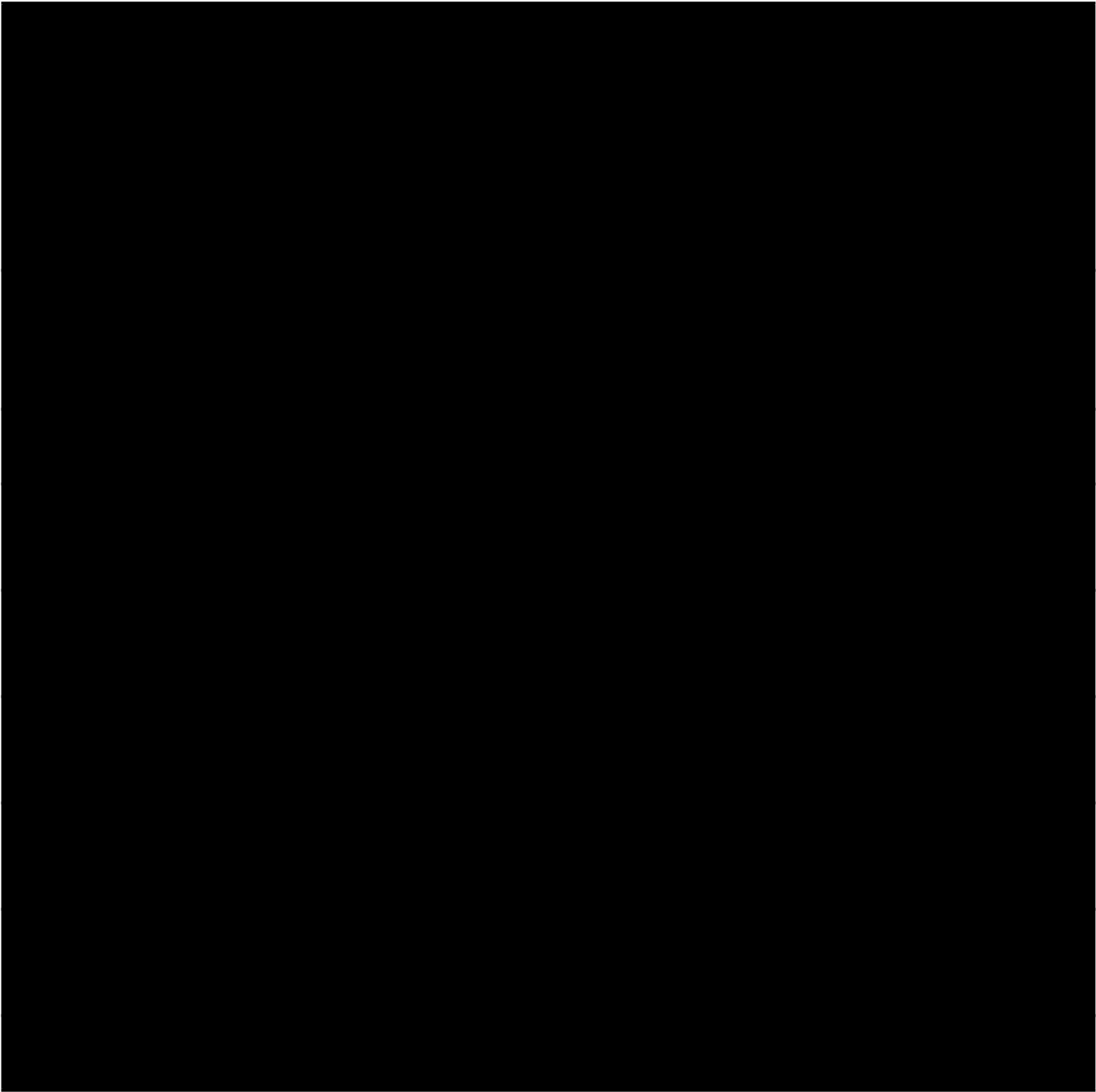
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

PARTICIPANTS
NEEDED!!

ON the 1st of RY EU: QYDJ 11:0.
PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!! MRfit.OYD(Ji)LANDER.EDU



**October
2025
Ministry
Schedule**



Financials ending September 22, 2025

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 9/22/2025	\$20,397	\$37,500	\$520	\$1,459	\$9,436	\$37,339
Year as of 9/22/2025	\$314,674	\$337,500	\$17,994	\$13,125	\$314,974	\$356,705

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES YOU

October Birthdays

- 1- Patricia Davis, Jane Merrill
- 2- Marilyn Bennett, Phil Ellenburg, Sandra Kern
- 3- Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
- 7- Amy Alley, Janis Puzar, Sherri Ward
- 8- Lisa Wideman
- 9- Susan Wash
- 11- Mary Bright
- 12- Carmen Kinney
- 13- John Park
- 14- Jackie Ridings, Shana Southard-Dobbs
- 16- Walker Whitehead
- 17- Keith Kampert
- 18- Henry McMillan
- 19- Maggie Berry, Tom Rohrer
- 20- Terri Bacon, Joel Cleland, Jr.
- 22- Bob Brewer
- 23- Benjamin Dobbs, John Hinkel
- 25- Nan Hines
- 26- Laura Beth Brooks
- 27- Erich Normandia
- 28- Craig Church
- 29- G. Walker Moore
- 30- Caroline Newton, Anna Lee Padgett

October Anniversaries

- 1- Katie and Patrick Craven
- 23- Jennifer and Adrian Little
- 26- Grace and Gerald Normandt

October 2025

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:

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The **altar arrangements** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Cynthia Dougherty and in recognition of a life well lived by David Dougherty & children (October 5); to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cliff and Sally Betts by Summer Booker (October 12); to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers, John R. Hawthorne and Leonard Juul Merrill, and in thanksgiving for our mothers, Leslie Lusk Hawthorne and Carolyn Pratt Johnston Merrill by Albert and Jane Merrill (October 19); in memory of our parents, Ernest S. and Mollie R. Hinkel, Carl G. and Margaret A. Pry and their children by Susie and John Hinkel (October 26).

The presence candle for the month of October is given in memory of our parents, Martha and Leon Brandt and Nancy Gilder and Dick Wallace by Susu and Abney Wallace.

From the Rafters

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VESTRY MEMBERS

Salley Cathcart , Senior Warden
Charlie Long, Junior Warden
Michele Anderson
Diana Carver
Dick Daffin
Ryan Floyd
Sarah Hasting
Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
Jean E. Shirley
Stephen Tucker
Kelly Wiseman
Beverly Wilson
Archie Booker, Treasurer

CLERGY AND STAFF

Mary Balfour Dunlap, Rector
Barry and Beverly Wilson, Interim Choir Directors
Denise A. Brown, Administrative Assistant
Cate Hamilton, Director of Tutoring Program
Mary Allyn Hedges, Communications Coordinator
Cox Accounting, Financial Contractor
Mary Bright, Nursery Attendant
Delaney Floyd, Nursery Attendant