

Church of the Resurrection From the Rafters



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Dear Resurrection Family,

Thank you again so much for the exceptionally warm welcome to the parish! I hope everyone is having a wonderful and safe summer and you are staying cool, despite the distinct South Carolina humidity.

In addition to serving as the Director of Music, I am now delighted to serve as the Communications Director. Mary Allyn Hedges stepped down from the position in June. Many thanks to Mary Allyn for her service to Resurrection and for her continuous help during this transition.

Please note the weekly parish e-mail is now officially a mini newsletter. Information for the weekly newsletter and Sunday announcements is due by Wednesday each week. **Materials for the September Rafters are due by Friday, August 21.**

Canon Janey and I are enthusiastically planning special services and music concerts for the fall. Dates for these events will be available in the September Rafters. The Parish Choir will return singing for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service on August 9, and The Resurrection Ringers will resume in September.

As you may recall, the Episcopal Church is very special to me, as this is the place where I first began my work as a church musician in high school and eventually became a member. I am excited to become an official member of Resurrection this fall and look forward to continuing meeting everyone.

Peace,
Dr. Will





Rector Search Committee

Salley Cathcart, Senior Warden

We are so excited about our upcoming search process. Many thanks to our committee members: Dean Faden, Marilyn Bennett, Summer Booker, Graham Duncan, Andrew Hodges, Elizabeth Floyd and Dan Hobbs. We are so pleased to have such a great team working together.

The search committee had their first meeting in July and has another meeting coming up in early August. We will have an official commissioning for this group in September during both the 8:30 and the 10:30 services, so continue to check the weekly email updates for a final date on that.

Please keep this committee in your prayers as they begin the difficult but exciting work of discerning the person God is calling to be our new rector.

One of the committee's first tasks is to design a profile that will be used by candidates to see if our parish is a good fit. The Holy Cow Survey that we completed last April will give them a good framework for that profile so thanks to all who participated. The results were very lengthy and thorough but also very informative. Included below is a summary of the results.

Holy Cow Survey Summary/Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Top Goals discerned in the Survey

- Making necessary changes to attract families with children
- Developing and implementing processes to attract and welcome newcomers
- Creating new opportunities for Formation at every age level
- Creating more opportunities to form deep relationships across the church
- Strengthening our pastoral response to those going through difficulties
- Deepening our connection to God through stronger worship services
- Expanding our outreach ministries to our neighbors in deepest need

Where the parish stands across various responses

While in a healthy and realistic center between high and low energy and high and low satisfaction, the parishioners are strongly in the quadrant of high energy and high satisfaction.

Theological diversity in the parish is high. In the quadrant looking at Progressive/Conservative and Adaptive/Settled, the congregation is again in the healthy center but slightly leaning toward conservative and settled. There are opportunities and strengths in each of these quadrants, and opportunities for growth abound in all of them.

Most parishioners strongly agree with the sense of hospitality at Resurrection, but there is always room to strengthen the connection with those members who are on the margins for a variety of reasons.

Morale is high as Resurrection moves into transition, but there is awareness that the Survey was done before the arrival of both the new Director of Music and the Interim Rector.

The good news is that while growth and change in multiple ways are essential for all churches, Resurrection has a sense of the top priorities by all age groups and the goals listed at the top still align across the congregation.



Episcopal 101

Beginning Sunday, September 13, 2026

Please join us for lively and interactive conversations about ALL things Episcopal!

All are welcome as we move toward Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation at the Bishop's next visitation. If you hope to be confirmed, please be sure to attend, but all of us can learn more about the church we love!

Please join us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Emmaus Hall to learn about the liturgical, structural and faith practices of the Episcopal Church. Laughter and Learning are promised!



August 2026 Ministry Schedule

If you cannot fill the position assigned, please make arrangements for your replacement,
and let Denise Brown know of the change. Thank you!

	August 2 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13	August 9 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14	August 16 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15	August 23 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16	August 30 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17
Vestry of the Month	Sarah Hasting and Diana Carver				
Altar Guild	Karen Whitfield (Chair), Jennifer Little, Noonie Fennell, Marilyn Gobble, and Donna Holtzclaw				
Readings	Genesis 32: 22-31 Psalm 17: 1-7, 16 Romans 9: 1-5 Mtthew 14: 13-21	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Genesis 45: 1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11: 1-2z, 29-32 Mathew 15: 10-28	Exodus 1:8 -2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20	Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Graham Duncan	Stephen Tucker	Graham Duncan	Mary Van Ellenberg	Chuck McDonnell
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Laura Shealy
E.M.	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Tom Rohrer	Mary Bright	Laura Shealy
Usher	Walker Moore	Stephen Tucker	Walker Moore	Phil Ellenberg	Dean Faden
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson	Lucas McMillan	Lori Stone	Summer Booker	Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges	Lucas McMillan
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Summer Booker	Mary Charles Haigler	Celie Mescall	Andrew Hodges	Jane Merrill
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Whitfield Beverly Wilson	Norm Fawcett Karen Whitfield	Connie Hammett Beverly Wilson	Karen Whitfield	Adrian Little Beverly Wilson
Crucifer	None	Carolyn Hasting	Will McMillan	Carolyn Hasting	Will McMillan
Book Bearer	Michael Floyd	Margaret Ann Hasting	Henry McMillan	Margaret Ann Hasting	Henry McMillan
Torchbearers	Riley Floyd	None	None	None	None
Acolyte Leader	Adrian Little	Sarah Hasting	Jennifer Little	Sarah Hasting	Jennifer Little
Ushers	Richard & Salley Cathcart	John Hasting Dan Hobbs	Al & Rebecca Merrill	John Cobb Abney Wallace	Archie & Summer Booker
Nursery/Volunteer(s)	Dorothy Anna Russell Aly Haigler	Mary Bright Aly Haigler	Alecia Compton Mary Bright	Mary Bright Summer Booker	Marty Cobb Mary Bright
Hospitality	Elizabeth Floyd	Libby Carson	Marilyn Bennett	Summer Booker	None
Flower Guild	None	Jeannie Kocik	None	None	Jeannie Kocik
Flower Delivery	Ross Ann Steifle	Susu Wallace	Carla Hobbs	Celie Mescall	Sandy Gresham
Laundry Love	Libby Carson	Celie Mescall	Susie Hinkel	Mary Bright	Carla Hobbs
Prayer Team	Celie Mescall	Sarah Hasting	Salley Cathcart	Breydan Smith	Breydan Smith

Stewardship News



We are all looking forward to the next chapter in the life of the Church of the Resurrection. We are so glad to have our new Music and Communications Director, Dr. Will Cleveland with us and have already discovered a whole new dimension in our worship life. With the search team working diligently to find our next Rector, we need to plan for the future.

As in previous years, we have our Stewardship Pledge drive in order for the Finance Committee to plan the budget for next year. We have set a goal of \$460,000.

Our campaign is “Chorus of Generosity” and we are hoping that, just as a chorus of voices comes together to create something beautiful, you will give of your time, talents, and finances to create the future our church deserves. You will be receiving your pledge card along with a letter in the mail. We will also have pledge cards available in the back of the church and in the gathering space. Included in this month’s Rafter is a calendar reflecting 30 Days of Generosity to suggest ways for you to be generous. Also included will be a Giving Chart to help you decide your level of giving.

Thank you for your faithful gifts in the past and please join our “Chorus of Generosity” to prepare for our future together.

Beverly Wilson, Stewardship Coordinator for the Vestry



Make a joyful noise
to God, all the earth!
+ Psalm 100:1

GIVING CHART

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income on the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give on a weekly basis.

ANNUAL INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361

Financials ending July 25, 2026

Ushers	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of	\$19,452	\$37,000	\$ 884	\$1, 324	\$24,261	\$36,630
Year as of	\$253,605	\$ 259, 000	\$15, 547	\$10, 206	\$213,192	\$274, 308



August Altar Flower Arrangements

8/2 – flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Arnold by Devore and Margaret Compton.

8/9 – flowers are given in loving memory of John Hughes, parents, James and Ruby Benjamin and Shuler and Sallie Hughes by Cindy Hughes.

8/16 – flowers are given in honor of the Puzar and Patterson families in thanksgiving for the many blessings received through God's goodness and for strength to face life's challenges by Jan Puzar.

8/23 – flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our daughters Allison and Catherine, their husbands Cannon and Josh, and our grandsons Cannon and William by Sandra and Bill Lewis.

8/30 – flowers are given in memory of Virginia Diggs King, Charles Bray King, and in honor of Amy King Graham by Mary Lynn Landgraf-Budd.

The **August Presence Candle** in the Nave is given in memory of Sarah V. Bright “Life Fully Lived” by Bill, Karen, and Caitlin Bright.



PRAYER
list...

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

Bob Brewer, Jim Bright, Paul Criswell, Joe Ferguson, Rita Marshall, James Poore, Domer Ridings, Mason Shirley, Nancy VanWaldick, Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Dennis and Gwenda Dobbs (Ben Dobbs' parents), Hailey Greene (Karen Bright's niece), Robyn Griffin (Cindy Hughes' daughter), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Dave Meadows (Beverly Wilson's brother), Pat Miller (Alison Moore's

father), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkle's niece), Hayley Rillon (granddaughter of Cindy Hughes), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle's uncle) and Sue Woodward (Jim Bright's sister).

And for these persons: Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright's cousin), Scott Hines (Ross Ann Steifle's friend), and Dick Hull (Laurie Thompson's friend).

August
happy birthday

Denise Brown – 8/01, Katie Eisenreich – 8/02
Elizabeth Floyd – 8/04, Janie Hughes – 8/05
Hugh Jones – 8/07, George Duncan – 8/10
Diane Lawson – 8/10, Savannah Lanford – 8/12
Bre Duncan – 8/13, Alan Treeter – 8/13
Peggy Adams – 8/16, Colt Berry – 8/17
Jeanne Selander – 8/19, Jason Haigler – 8/20
Sean McKinney – 8/23, David Joosten – 8/24
Thomas McDonnell – 8/25, Shane Allord – 8/27
Gracey Montag – 8/27, Zach Robertson – 8/ 27

Frank Wideman III and Lisa Wideman – 8/04
Marty and John Cobb – 8/12
James and Savanna Kassemi – 8/13
Domer and Jackie Ridings – 8/13
Anna Padgett and James Padgett Jr. – 8/18
Abby Cleland and Joel Cleland Jr. – 8/19
Perrin Roper and W. Lee Roper II – 8/21



**BECOME A
SPONSOR**

We are seeking sponsors for our annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Race, which benefits our missions committee. Typically we will have 150-200 participants and last year raised about \$10, 000. Individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring with any amount are invited to email Kim Russell at Kimjer100@gmail.com. Sponsors will be recognized on race posters, t-shirts, and signs along the race course.

From the Rafters

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Stephen Tucker
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