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FROM THE RAFTERS

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A Prayer for Fall

O God of creation, you blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who gives us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. AMEN.

Church of the Resurrection,

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Search Committee, as we seek the new Rector.



The Vocation Hub Profile, the document which will be published to describe our Church and our expectations and requirements of the new Rector, is well underway and targeted for completion in mid-October. The Committee has done superb work in developing the profile, while maintaining alignment with the Holy Cow survey and the spirit of the Church of the Resurrection. Please uplift and commend the members of the Committee.

To a person, the Committee is functioning in a cooperative, collaboratively and friendly fashion. It is truly a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with the members, and I hope you will continue to encourage them as you see them from week to week.

Of note, there will be an additional person from the Diocese involved in the process soon. The Rev. Jill Williams has been called to be the new Canon for Diocesan Transitions, and we will be interacting with her soon. The Diocese stated "...Jill will provide searching congregations and clergy with a reassuring presence, while expertly guiding them through the transition process." We look forward to her insight and counsel.



Dan Hobbs
Search Committee, Chair

Search Committee Members: Graham Dunham, Vice-Chair, Marilyn Bennett, Summer Booker, Dean Faden, Elizabeth Floyd and Andrew Hodges

A Prayer for a Rector Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift and source of all wisdom, you know the needs of your Church in every place. Look graciously upon our parish as we journey through this time of transition. We lift up the members of our Rector Search Committee. Bless them with discernment to hear your still, small voice; wisdom to evaluate and reflect deeply; patience and endurance to wait upon your perfect timing; and mutual trust, respect, and unity in all their deliberations. Empower each member to use their unique gifts, to share their thoughts honestly, and to surrender personal preferences in pursuit of your will. Prepare the heart of the shepherd you are already calling to lead us—a faithful pastor who will love your people, care for our community, and boldly equip us for the work of ministry. Keep our whole parish family united in hope and love during this season of waiting, that we may continually walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



2027 Stewardship Update

(as of September 22, 2026)

Pledge Cards

156 mailed

77 returned

Goal: \$460,000
Received: \$319,402

69.5% of our goal has been met.

Thanks to all who came to the Stewardship Gathering on September 13. It was a joyous time of food and fellowship. Many blessings on those who planned, prepared food, set up and cleaned up. If you have not yet pledged, you may fill out a card or go to Realm/Connect and pledge through the Giving menu item.

Financials ending September 19, 2026

Ushers	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month	\$15,720	\$37,000	\$242	\$1,458	\$7,684	\$37,023
Year	\$317,388	\$333,000	\$18,438	\$13,122	\$245,029	\$351,995

A Prayer for Stewardship

Eternal God, we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes. Help us make your priorities our priorities and to put our faith into action. Help us plan to “give back” the talents, treasures and time with which we have been blessed. Help us plan to serve our church, our community, and our world with your gifts. May we serve you and pray with a joyful spirit of mind and heart.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

Bach Went to Jail?



Step into a liturgical church on any given Sunday morning, and you may very well hear something by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

As a church music director for most of his career, Bach wrote much of the music for his choirs and churches, including over 400 chorales (many of which are sung as hymns today), some 200 cantatas (including one for every Sunday during the three-year liturgical cycle), and hundreds of solo and chamber works for voice, organ, harpsichord, strings, and other instruments. In fact, Bach was so prolific, his music so influential, and his

compositions so deeply theological that he is often called the “Fifth Evangelist.”

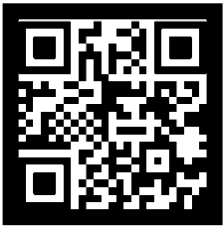
Bach is mainly associated with the city of Leipzig, where he was music director at St. Thomas’s Church for the last 27 years of his life, but he bounced around a bit before landing there in 1723. This restlessness got him in trouble with one of his bosses, Duke Wilhelm Ernst of Saxe-Weimar. Bach arrived in Weimar in 1708. He worked as court organist until being promoted to Konzertmeister (director of the orchestra) in 1714. When the old Kapellmeister (director of music) died in 1716, Bach expected to be promoted to the top post, but he was passed over for the previous Kapellmeister’s supposedly incompetent son. Furious, Bach demanded to be allowed to resign. His request was denied, but he had already accepted a job at the court of Prince Leopold of Anhalt-Köthen. Word got out that Bach was planning to leave against his boss’s wishes; he mouthed off a bit too much, and he was thrown in the “justice room” in the castle’s Bastille. After a month, Bach was released from jail and the duke’s service with a dishonorable discharge...and he happily went to take up his job in Köthen.

I’m currently working on a project to publish all of the compositions by Heinrich Grimm, who lived and worked in the same region about a century before Bach. This past summer, my archival work took me to Weimar, and our bed-and-breakfast overlooked the castle and Bach’s prison. The Bastille is a rather evocative blue and yellow building, set above the castle’s gatehouse. Unfortunately, the castle was closed for extensive renovations, so I didn’t get to view Bach’s cell, but I imagined him simmering and composing a few hymns and fugues back in November 1717.

It turns out Bach wasn’t the only bad boy of Baroque music: George Frederic Handel once fought a duel over who got to play harpsichord for an opera. But that’s another story...

Dr. Benjamin Dobbs
Furman University



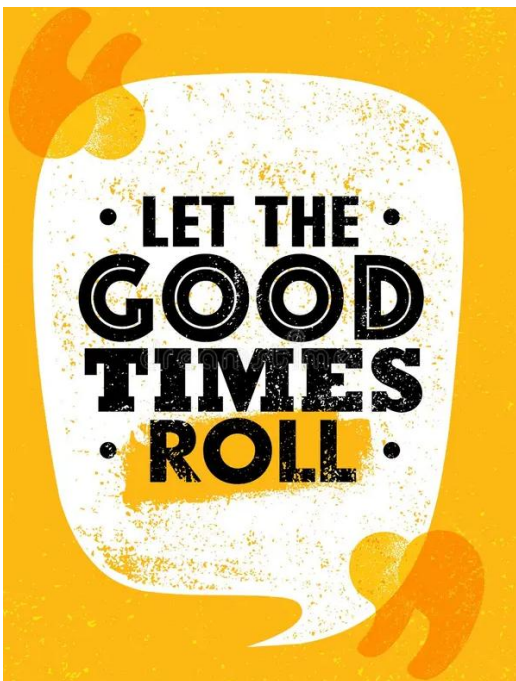


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Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due each Tuesday. Please e-mail information to Dr. Will Cleveland at will@episcopalgreenwood.org



***Information for the November Rafter is due by Friday, October 23. Also, beginning in December, the Rafter will be sent only via e-mail. If you still wish to receive a hard copy, please let Denise Brown know.**



Prime Timers is changing our name to Good Timers! Anyone who wishes to join our daytime fellowship gatherings is welcome. If you wish to have your name added to the monthly postcard list, please let Denise know at 864-223-5426. Meetings are usually held in Emmaus Hall with lunch at 11:30 and a short program afterward.

***Note that this Fall not all meetings are on Thursday.**

Fall meeting schedule

Thursday, October 15 - 11:30 a.m.

Lynn Isenhower: Mission Trips to Guatemala

Thursday, November 19, -11:30 a.m.

Lakelands Master Gardeners: Garden Myths

Saturday, December 12 - 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Christmas Drop-In at the home of Dean Faden

Hymn Festival at Resurrection

Thursday, October 22 - 7 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of congregational singing, choir anthems, handbell music, and a full brass ensemble.

Admission is FREE and there will be a FREE reception following the program in Emmaus Hall.





October Altar Flower Arrangements

October 4 - Given by Richard and Salley Cathcart to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lindsay Hightower Cathcart and Jane Wells Hightower.

October 11 - Given by Archer and Summer Booker in memory of Cliff and Sally Betts.

October 18 - Given by Albert and Jane Merrill to the glory of God and in memory of their fathers, John R. Hawthorne and Leonard Juul Merrill, and in thanksgiving for their mothers, Leslie Lusk Hawthorne and Carolyn Pratt Johnston Merrill.

October 25 - Given by Susie and John Hinkel in memory of their parents: Carl G. and Margaret A. Pry and Ernest S. and Mollie R. Hinkel

The **October Presence Candle** in the Nave
is given by Karen Whitfield in loving memory of
Michael D. Whitfield, Sr.



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

Bob Brewer, Paul Criswell, Joe Ferguson,
Rita Marshall, James Poore, Domer Ridings,
Mason Shirley, Nancy VanWaldick, Bryan Biggart,
Linda Criswell, Dennis and Gwenda Dobbs,
Hailey Greene, Robyn Griffin, Dave Meadows,
Pat Miller, JoAnn Lindsey Myers, Carol Ann Pry,

Hayley Rillon, Jerry Ross, Nannette Earnest, Scott Hines, Dick Hull, Sue Woodward, and our
neighbors at Macedonia Church



October Birthdays

10/1 - Patricia Davis and Jane Merrill
10/2 - Marilyn Bennett, Phil Ellenberg, and Sandra Kern
10/3 - Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
10/7 - Amy Alley, Jan Puzar, and Sherri Ward
10/8 - Lisa Wideman
10/9 - Susan Wash

10/11 - Mary Bright
10/12 - Carmen Kinney
10/13 - Judy Park
10/14 - Jackie Ridings and Shana Southard-Dobbs
10/16 - Walker Whitehead
10/17 - Keith Kampert
10/18 - Henry McMillan
10/19 - Maggie Berry and Tom Rohrer
10/20 - Joel Cleland
10/22 - Bob Brewer
10/23 - Benjamin Dobbs and John Hinkel
10/25 - Nan Hines
10/27 - Erich Normandia
10/28 - Craig Church
10/29 - Walker Moore

October Anniversaries

10/11 - Patrick and Katie Craven
10/23 - Adrian and Jennifer Little
10/26 - Gerald and Grace Normandt



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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.

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