

The Ridge Runner

JANUARY 2017

The newsletter for the Episcopal Church of the Ridge
EDGEFIELD • RIDGE SPRING • TRENTON



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

From the Vicar ~

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany! The New Year is a time when we begin to look forward--beyond the past to the future--to plan for what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. That is why New Year's resolutions are popular and why we begin planning for those very special events that will occur in the new year - birthdays, vacations, anniversaries, etc. We feel a sense of accomplishment when we plan for and then achieve our goals. Your Mission Council is going on a retreat at Gravatt in the middle of January to reflect, pray, and plan. The Council will be discussing and planning for what we want to see happen in the Church of the Ridge. We want to make our congregation stronger-spiritually, financially, and numerically - in 2017. The Council can accomplish all of this if we really believe that we are here to serve Jesus Christ and that all the other details pale in comparison to this love of and service to Christ.

With our recent Presidential Election, we can now see what we have sensed before: people are divided about how the nation should solve its problems. We have seen this in our own denomination as people and congregations have left the Episcopal Church because of differing beliefs about how the Church should embrace new sexual understandings. While this has enabled the differing parties to move ahead instead of continued arguing, it has left the institutional church weaker because the vision that we are united in Christ has been blurred and distorted. It is what we do in the name of Christ that is more important than our differing understanding of sexuality or the creedal statements of the Church.

In the Gospels of Mark and Luke (Mk. 9:38-40/Lk 9:49-50) John runs up to Jesus to tell him that the disciples had seen someone they did not know driving out demons in the name of Jesus. Jesus tells John to leave the person alone. "...No one who works a miracle in my name could soon afterwards speak evil of me." Jesus did not ask the disciples to question the person about his theological perspectives or about his personal life. It was enough for Jesus that the man was ministering in his name; The name of Jesus is to call us into unity not disunity.

As the Mission Council gathers in mid-January to plan for the Church's future, I ask for your prayers. Please pray for God's holy wisdom to be in our midst and that we may focus upon how Christ is calling us into action. Pray that we may be a place where people of differing political beliefs, differing social classes, different nationalities and races may come together because of the one thing that unites us: The Name of Christ.

Faithfully,

David Thompson

Liturgical Notes for January

There are two Principal Feasts (special liturgical days) in January: The Holy Name of Jesus (January 1) and the Epiphany (January 6). The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ is based on the reference from the Gospel of Luke (2:15-21) which says that after eight days had passed Jesus was circumcised and give the name of Jesus which was the name the angel given to before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. When the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ falls on a Sunday, it is to be observed in place of the regular Sunday observance. The Feast of the Epiphany remembers the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child and commemorates God reaching out beyond the Jewish people to the Gentiles. Epiphany means manifestation or theophany or vision of God which emphasizes that in Christ God is revealing Himself to the entire world.

BUDGET REPORT

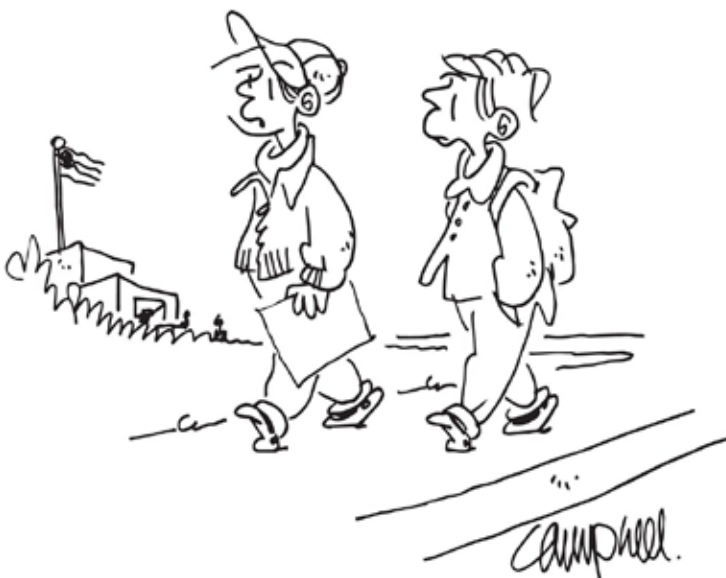
Receipts for November 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 2,304.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 534.00
Pledge	\$ 9,519.00	\$ 7,338.00	\$ 2,181.00
Total	\$ 11,823.00	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 2,715.00



The Trinity Organ Fund Committee proudly announces that the new organ has been installed at Trinity and is fully paid for! Thanks be to God and your generous donations. If you haven't heard the beautiful music which Peggy Ann creates from this glorious organ you are in for a treat and if you have already heard it you know what we are talking about. Praise be to God!!

- Frank Feltham



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."

Daughters of the King

We have been busy in Advent serving others and having a grand time in the process. We packed baskets for some fellow parishioners at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We enjoyed visiting when we delivered them.

On Dec. 16. we hosted a Christmas party for the day care that Women In Unity sponsors. It was the last day of school for these children, and they were energetic and into the Christmas spirit as you can imagine. Banshee, Mary Lou's therapy dog, was there and was wonderful. Lady brought a key board and led singing of Christmas carols. Monti read them "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and the Christmas story from Luke. We served pizza, chips, drinks and cupcakes. They were sent home with a pet treats if they had a pet, provided by Mary Lou, treat bags for themselves provided by Carol and little Christmas books. A good time was held by all.

We continue to pray for our church and the prayer requests that are given to us.

Blessings to each of you,

Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51)

JANUARY WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

January 1 in Ridge Spring Holy Name of Jesus

Acolyte.....Mary Charles Bledsoe
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Gerline Counts
 Usher.....Francis Counts
 Greeters.....Jack Schwarz, Larry Vann
 Alms Counter.....Jack Schwarz
 Readings.....Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8
 Galatians 4:4-7, Gospel Luke 2:15-21

January 8 in Edgefield 1st Sunday After the Epiphany ~ The Bap- tism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Acolyte.....Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Monti McDaniel
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 AltarAnn Byrd, Helen Feltham
 Usher.....Buzz Byrd
 Greeters.....Joannah Holmes, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Betsy Willis
 Alms Counter.....Joannah Holmes
 Readings.....Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43, Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

January 15 in Trenton 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

AcolyteJack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Connie Boggs
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Deborah Holmes, Cindy Vann
 Usher.....Lee Holmes, Larry Vann
 Greeters.....David Long, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Kathie Stallworth
 Alms Counter.....David Long
 Readings.....Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-12
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Gospel John 1:29-42

January 22 in Ridge Spring 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

AcolyteEliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Scotty Scott
 Intercessor.....Monti McDaniel
 Altar.....Sarah Schwarz
 Usher.....Maynard Watson
 Greeters.....Dick Glass, Jack Schwarz
 Hospitality.....Leisa Long
 Alms Counter.....Jack Schwarz
 Reading.....Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 5-13
 Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

January 29 in Edgefield 4th Sunday After the Epiphany

AcolyteVirginia Brooks Bledsoe
 Eucharistic Minister.....Barney Lamar
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Ann Byrd, Helen Feltham
 Usher.....Buzz Byrd
 Greeters.....Charles Bledsoe, Sarah Schwarz
 Hospitality.....Covered Dish
 Alms Counter.....Sarah Schwarz
 Reading.....Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Fran Beals
 Ron Bell
 Edward Bodie
 Anne Burke
 Sandra Cook
 June Covar
 Ann Day
 Mary Grace Feltham
 James "Maine" Gilchrist
 Richard Gribble
 Ted Hoes
 Jarrett Holmes
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Sarah Mills
 Bennie Moon
 Carol Rhoads
 Rebekkah Robinson
 Mary Anne Roth
 Liz Slisher
 Annaka Smith
 Tommy Stone
 Amy Stozier
 Roy Williams

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lieutenant Junior Grade Kevin Ginn USN
 Captain Joshua Summer Army

Deaths

Byron Grant
 Tommy Minnick
 Jay Stuart Smith
 Billy Williams

** On January 1st, the Prayer List will start anew. If you or a loved one would like to continue to be on our Prayer List, please email Emily Bull at easbull@gmail.com. **

January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ridge Spring 10:00 am 	2	3	4 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	5	6  EPIPHANY	7
8 Edgefield 10:00 am Children's Sermon	9	10	11 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	12	13 Mission Council Retreat Gravatt Conference Center	14
15 Trenton 10:00 am 2:00 pm Gravatt Convocation Mtg @ Trenton	16 RR Deadline	17 6:30 pm DOK Mtg	18 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	19	20	21
22 Ridge Spring 10:00 am	23	24	25 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	26	27	28
29 Edgefield d 10:00 am Covered Dish Meal 	30	31	Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group			

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Ever wonder -----Why we are called the Episcopal Church? How are we related to the Anglican Communion? Why do the clergy wear funny clothes on Sunday? Why a Prayer Book? Where does the Bible come in? If you every wondered and questioned anything about the Episcopal Church, you are invited to Searching Sessions about the Episcopal Church. Why this title? Because we will search for our identity as Episcopalians and as Christians or better yet as Christians who happen to be Episcopalians. The sessions begin on October 30 at 9 a.m. right before the church service and will run through the middle of January. We will take a Christmas break! You can come to one or all of the sessions. I hope to see you on Sunday at 9 a.m. David

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Carrie Monday	21 Jerry Stallworth
Bailey Pendarvis	27 Chris Covar
10 Jack Schwarz	Marshall Croker
19 Hudson Jordan	Josh Yonce
20 Carolyn Lovell	30 Courtenay Mims

Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! *In November we raised \$698 in the collection plate.* The collection plate donations are sent to the food banks quarterly to purchase food to distribute to their participants. We have continued distributing food to both Johnston and Saluda food banks. Bring your food donations (non perishable, no glass, please) to church each Sunday! The food banks can also distribute items such as toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, etc.) and don't forget spices! We also make a point of including pet food (dog & cat) to help people keep their pet animals, often their only source of companionship. If you would like to participate in this exciting outreach ministry but are unable to attend church, you may make a donation and mail to our church office address!



Food Bank Donations

(Make check out to Church of the Ridge with 'food bank' in the subject line)
 Mary Lou Seymour
 803-334-1219 or
libetymls1@gmail.com

Dear Men of the Church,

My family and I thank you for your kind gesture in the donation to Baton Rouge Red Cross. Doing this in memory of Marshall, means the world to us.

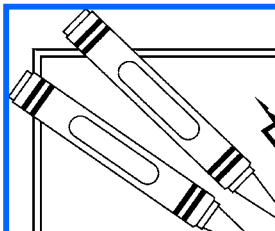
We know that the monies sent during their time of great need was a huge help.

Thank you,
 Winifred James



Covered Dish

Sunday,
 January 29
 Edgefield







PUZZLE

Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
 Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
 Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:  **A**  **E**  **I**  **O**

“ _ _ M TH _ L _ GHT _ F
 TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R
 F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R
 W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ SS.”
 J _ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

MASON JAR nightLIGHT

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



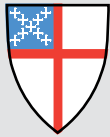
What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

To be a welcoming Christian community of worship,
learning and outreach empowered by the grace of God.



Three Chests

Sometimes called “three arks,” this image represents the gifts the Magi brought to the child Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). Because Scripture lists three gifts, the legend arose that there were three wise men. But the biblical account doesn’t say how many travelers visited the Holy Family.



Angel

Angel, which means “messenger” in both Hebrew and Greek, is a spirit-being God created to perform tasks for him. In the Bible, angels appear in human form (always as men) to deliver divine messages. Angels appear separately to Joseph and Mary, announcing Jesus’ upcoming birth, and “a multitude of the heavenly host” (Luke 2:13) tells shepherds of the Savior’s arrival. Scripture offers little information about angels, though we know some rebelled against God. Among the holy angels, categories include cherubim and seraphim.



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