

The Ridge Runner

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The newsletter for the Episcopal Church of the Ridge
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The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

On the Events of the Primates 2016 Meeting

15 January 2016

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of you have by now seen the various media reports about the Anglican Primates' Meeting that have taken place this week in Canterbury, England. The most visible result of the meeting was a Communiqué from Primates 2016 temporarily suspending The Episcopal Church from representation on ecumenical and interfaith bodies, being appointed or elected to internal standing committees, or voting in any decisions on issues pertaining to doctrine or polity.

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, called the Primates of the 38 Provinces of the Anglican Communion together - plus a non-voting guest from the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) - specifically to discuss tensions within the Communion around homosexual and women's ordination and same-sex marriage.

The Communiqué reflects deep pain that already exists in the Communion; it also causes deep pain among those of us who have acknowledged and/or embraced LGBT persons as full participants in the sacramental life of the Church.

It is critical to note, however, that the Communiqué is a communiqué. The Primates' Meeting, while serving as what we call an "instrument of unity" within the Communion, has no authority in and of itself to say who is in or who is out of the Anglican Communion, or to discipline constituent provinces. The other instruments of unity are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Anglican Consultative Council and the Lambeth Conference of all bishops in the Communion.

The deepest desire expressed by the Meeting and its Communiqué was that we continue to "walk together in Christ." In fact, the vast majority of connections remain intact between the Episcopal Church and many of the provinces, dioceses and congregations who dissent from the General Convention 2015's decisions on marriage-through mission partnerships, companion diocese relationships, friendships and, especially, shared faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Schism has not occurred. A reiteration of our common desire to stay in relationship is in fact explicit in the Communiqué.

In this Diocese, we have persisted in dialogue and relationship, maintaining respect for one another in the presence of sometimes strong disagreements among us. And we have succeeded remarkably well, opening doors for new understandings of multiple perspectives, traditional and progressive, and the recognition that it is more important that we stand together around the table of Christ, to be transformed by his Body and Blood, than it is to win this or that doctrinal battle. But that we are all welcome at that table is non-negotiable. Following the Primates' Meeting, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said this:

"Our commitment to be an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture, but on our belief that the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross are a sign of the very love of God reaching out to us all. While I understand that many disagree with us, our decision regarding marriage is based on the belief that the words of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians are true for the church today: All who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female, for all are one in Christ."

As in every age of human existence, we have much work to do together, as the very need for the Primates' Meeting confirms. And that work entails, as Archbishop Welby defines reconciliation, "learning to disagree well." That work is the work of mercy and forgiveness extended to one another, laying our burdens at the feet of Christ and rejoicing in the love, grace and mercy God has abundantly showered upon all people.

Blessings to each and every one of you in the name of Jesus,

The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop
The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Church at Gravatt January 31, 2016

On January 31, our morning service will be held at Gravatt. We will have morning prayer with a covered dish meal following in Stewart Hall. The church will provide the meat and beverages, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

UPDATE OF SEARCH FOR NEW VICAR

The Mission Council of The Church of the Ridge is in the beginning stages of our search for a new Vicar. We decided on a traditional search and are currently working on updating our parish profile. A meeting has been scheduled with Frank Ballard, of the Diocese, and the Mission Council for Feb 17th. Our website is currently being updated - please take a look and let us know if you have any pictures to contribute.

Respectfully Submitted: Kelly Vann

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for December 2015

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 1,769.20	\$ 1,554.80
Pledge	\$ 7,120.00	\$ 8,434.60	-\$ 1,314.40
Total	\$ 10,444.00	\$ 10,203.80	\$ 240.40

Receipts for January – December 2015

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 31,295.33	\$ 22,999.60	\$ 8,295.73
Pledge	\$113,513.00	\$109,649.65	\$ 3,863.35
Total	\$144,808.33	\$132,649.25	\$ 12,159.08

Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! *In December we raised \$380 in the collection plate for a 4th quarter total of \$1148.00. A total of \$5289.00 for 2015.* The collection plate donations are sent to the food banks quarterly to purchase food to distribute to their participants. The collection plate donations are sent to the food banks quarterly to purchase food to distribute to their participants. We have continued distributing food (for both humans & pets) to both Johnston and Saluda food banks. Last year we added a new food bank, which serves 30-40 families in the Ridge Spring area, Helping Hands Ministry. We divide both the food and monetary donations between the 2 large food banks on a 2-1 ratio, and distribute food to our 'new' food bank once a month. Thanks to Ric Vann and Jerrold Watson for helping transport the food to the food banks and to Linda's Hair-styling in Edgefield and Tom Long Insurance for the food collection boxes at their businesses. 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! (Make check out to Church of the Ridge with 'food bank' in the subject line)

Mary Lou Seymour 275-0841 or
libetymls1@gmail.com



**Food Bank
Donations**

Save your excess 2016 calendars! As we have in past years, this year the Church of the Ridge will have a collection drive through early February, to collect those "junk mail" calendars everybody receives but does not need. It turns out somebody does need them: merchant sailors from across the globe, whose ships visit Charleston! The Episcopal-run Seafarer's Mission gladly accepts our excess calendars each year, and distributes them from their center in Mount Pleasant. Those sailors from across the world who visit here in South Carolina leave our state with a free calendar, on which they can "count the days" until they return home. Those calendars we collect, we deliver to the Seafarer's Mission.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

February 7 in Edgefield Last Sunday after Epiphany ~ Transformation of Our Lord

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Connie Boggs
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Jo Ann Amos, Liz Kornaus
 Usher.....Dick Glass, Jim Hawk
 Greeters.....Dick Glass, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Cathryn Brice
 Alms Counter.....Dick Glass
 Readings.....Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Gospel Luke 9:28-36

February 10 in Trenton 6:30pm Ash Wednesday

Readings.....Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 103
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 14 in Trenton First Sunday in Lent

AcolyteEliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Monti McDaniel
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Ann Day, Monti McDaniel
 Usher.....Danny Day, Allison McDaniel
 Greeters.....Liz Kornaus
 Hospitality.....Monti McDaniel
 Alms Counter.....Liz Kornaus
 Readings.....Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8b-13, Gospel Luke 4:1-13

February 21 in Ridge Spring Second Sunday in Lent

Acolyte.....Mary Charles Bledsoe
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Jennie Boatwright
 Usher.....Phillips Boatwright
 Greeters.....Jack and Sarah Schwarz
 Hospitality.....Jennie Boatwright
 Alms Counter.....Sarah Schwarz
 Reading.....Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17-4:1, Gospel Luke 13:31-35

February 28 in Edgefield Third Sunday in Lent

Acolyte.....Lee Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Monti McDaniel
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Jo Ann Amos, Liz Kornaus
 Usher.....Dick Glass, Jim Hawk
 Greeters.....Kathie Stallworth, Kelly Vann
 Hospitality.....Leisa Long
 Alms Counter.....Kathie Stallworth
 Reading.....Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Gospel Luke 13:1-9

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Jane Blume
 Edward Bodie
 Charlie Brown
 Beverly Burch
 Bill Burkhalter
 Gelene Danean Ellsworth
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Richard Gribble
 Maxie Haltiwanger
 Ted Heos
 Carolyn Holson
 Hal Irish
 Carla King
 Tal LeGrand
 Jonny Bob Lester
 Judy Livingston
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Becky Martin
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Sandra McCrory
 Chip McCuen
 Audrey McDaniel
 Gene McDaniel
 Laura Murphy
 Jerry Riggs Sr
 George Somers
 Gerald Stephens
 Mark Stephens
 Debra Styles
 Julie Williams
 Laura Williams

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Keith Boone
 Lt Carl Ellsworth Jr
 Nick Gibson
 Ensign Kevin Ginn
 Lt Col Jon McDaniel
 Max Sullens

Deaths

Taylor Benton
 Elmer Deboir
 Shirley Lott
 Ted Meyer

Beginning the first Sunday in February 2016, all the current names will be removed from the prayer list (including military). *With this in mind, we ask that an e-mail be sent between now and February 2nd with the name of the person(s) that need to be added or remain on the list.* Thank you for your help and understanding in this important part of our ministry.
 Email Emily at easbull@gmail.com.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	4	5	6
7 Edgefield 10:00 am 	8	9  SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper 6—7:30 pm Edgefield	10 7:00 am Morning Prayer Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm Trenton 	11	12	13
14 Trenton 10:00 am 	15 RR Deadline	16	17 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 PM Mission Council	18	19	20
21 Ridge Spring 10:00 am 	22	23 6:30 pm DOK Mtg	24 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	25	26	27
28 Edgefield 10:00 am 	29	<p>Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon— AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group</p>				

Sunday School SCHEDULE

**Lectionary Bible Study
for Adults & Youth**
Every Sunday at all locations
9:00 am

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Abigail Rhoads | 20 Ann Byrd |
| 7 Paige Timmerman | Bill Turner |
| 10 Haigh Reiniger | 22 Buzz Byrd |
| 14 Ryght Jordan | 23 Frank Feltham |
| 18 Will Timmerman | 28 Dave Holmes |

Annual Pancake Supper!



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge will again be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Trinity Parish Hall in Edgefield. Cost is \$4.00 per person and carry-out plates will be available. We are counting on our "regular" cooks, decorators and all other essential volunteers to help make this an even bigger success than last year!

Decorating for the Pancake Supper will take place on Sunday, February 7 at 3 pm. We would love to have new volunteers, if you would like to help in any way, either Sunday or Tuesday, please call Kelly Vann at 706-691-1891.

Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) is the day before Ash Wednesday, and is also called "Shrove Tuesday" or "Pancake Day". It is the final day of Carnival and marks the beginning of fasting during the Christian liturgical season of Lent. People cooked pancakes to use up supplies of fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Church of the Ridge ~ 2016 Committees

Communications: Carolyn Lovell & Sarah Schwarz

Hospitality: Kathie Stallworth & Kelly Vann

Outreach: Jack Schwarz & Sarah Schwarz

Pastoral Care: Kathie Stallworth

Search Committee: Kelly Vann

Stewardship: Dick Glass

Worship: Liz Kornaus

Junior Warden: Jack Schwarz

Church of the Ridge,

I was deeply touched by the generous gift certificate to my favorite store Dillard's.

We have all worked hard to be one united church, the Church of the Ridge. I feel like I should share this with others who have given so much of their time. We are a special group of people with a special mission. thank you again and God bless each of you.

Love, Peggy Ann

The recipients of the Johnston Food Bank are most fortunate to have such faithful donors as you folks. Last month more that 140 local families were served. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Ann Hughes

December 10, 2015

Dear Mr. Watson and parishioners,

Because of you, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year!

Thank you so much for your compassionate support of the children and families that we serve here at Thompson. We rely on your kindness and loyalty to keep our critical programs running and be able to provide the incredible care that so many vulnerable people need. Sincere appreciation for your Thanksgiving Offering donation.

We continue to be so blessed by your part in the Thompson giving family. We hope that you and yours are equally blessed this Holiday season.

Warm Wishes,
Mallory
Mallory Seibel
Development Associate

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Sarah Schwarz.....685-7961
Kathie Stallworth.....279-8463
Kelly Vann.....275-2207
Betsy Willis.....275-3811

SENIOR WARDEN TBD

JUNIOR WARDEN Jack Schwarz

TREASURER Jerrold Watson, 685-7881

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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



True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV pleasant_____

• PRO_____ * The • OF

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the__ • • s_____

from •

_____ 27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.
Proverbs 27:9, NIV



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