

The Ridge Runner

MARCH 2019

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



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

From the Vicar :

Dear Parishioners:

If you stopped your neighbors and asked them if they observe the season of Lent, they would most likely look at you with a puzzled expression. They may or may not have heard of Lent; but even if they had heard of it, the likelihood is that they do not observe it. It's not necessary. It's a church requirement from the past and is not necessary in today's social-media world.

But I would like to suggest that Lent is still an important season and the one season that every Christian should observe. It is the time when we examine our relationship with Jesus with realistic eyes and a realistic heart. Lent is not just about extra Bible readings, or special services or Wednesday night study sessions; it's about our knowing, in our very souls, that we are part of something far bigger than our religious practices. Lent is about our wrestling with God; of our knowing that we are tempted, just like Jesus, to worship something other than the God who created us. Lent is a mirror that we hold up to ourselves, so that we may begin to see ourselves as God sees us, in order that we may renew our embrace of the very God who loves what He sees in that mirror held before our faces. Lent is a very Godly season for people who, like all the faithful throughout time, need to reorient themselves toward the Maker and Redeemer of all. Lent is not so much about cleaning house, as it is about embracing our God and putting God first.

Give up chocolate if you want, read the Bible more, do good works for others, but please remember that this season is not about you and me, but rather about God. Hold before your heart and mind this very simple question: "What is it that God wants me to do today?". A simple question with life-changing consequences.

Faithfully,

David Thompson, Vicar

Giving up guilt

Rev. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest who ministers to high-risk youth in Los Angeles, once quipped, "I ... don't do guilt. I gave it up for Lent years ago." Many Christians give up something for Lent but usually not guilt! Rather, Lent is seen as a time to somberly examine our sinful nature.

Having witnessed sin's tragic effects through addiction, violence and gang warfare, Father Boyle realizes that dwelling on guilt doesn't lead to hope or healing. Instead, he helps young people discover their God-given strengths and their ability to make life-affirming choices. His nonprofit Homeboy Industries provides positive alternatives for teenagers, who are reminded not of their guilt but of their identity as God's beloved children.

On Good Friday Jesus conquered sin and death so we *don't* have to wallow in guilt. Giving our lives to God frees us to live in the joy of forgiveness.

Lent at The Ridge: Entering the Passion of Jesus

Each Wednesday a light supper is served at **6:00 p.m.**
 Program begins at **6:30 p.m.** and will end around 7:15 p.m.
 The programs will be held at these locations.



March 13 - Edgefield
 March 20 - Edgefield
 March 27 - Edgefield
 April 3 - Ridge Spring
 April 10 - Ridge Spring

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for January 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 1,705.00	\$ 1,916.67	-\$ 211.67
Pledge	\$ 7,527.00	\$ 9,766.67	-\$ 2,239.67
Total	\$ 9,232.00	\$ 11,683.34	-\$ 2,451.34

Food Bank \$927.00 for January

Annual Pancake Supper!

The Episcopal Church of the Ridge will again be hosting the *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* on March 5 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Trinity Parish Hall in Edgefield. Cost is \$6.00 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, March 3 following the service in Trenton. (We will drive to Edgefield.) We would love to have new volunteers, if you would like to help in any way, either Sunday or Tuesday, please call Poo Alexander at 803-685-5211 or Ric Vann at 803-215-0406.

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.

Outreach Ministry

Sunday Collections:

- Food Bank Items
- Non-perishable items (no glass)
- Spices
- Toiletries
- Pet Food

Fourth Sunday Collections:

- Personal Items for children in Foster Care

Mary Lou Seymour
 803-334-1219 or
libetymls1@gmail.com



We need volunteers for our weekly refreshments!

Please see or call Poo Alexander to sign up.
 704-516-6550

Burning of the Palms

Please bring the palms that you saved from last year's Palm Sunday Liturgy to church on Sunday, March 3.

The palms will be burned at the end of the service, the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, and ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Ocurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group</p>					1	2 GIRL SCOUTS EDGEFIELD
3 Trenton 10:00 am Last Sunday after the Epiphany	4	5 SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper 6-7:30 pm Edgefield	6 7:00 am Morning Prayer ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM TRENTON	7	8	9
10 Ridge Spring LENT	11 Mission Council following church	12	13 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Lenten Program Edgefield	14	15 Ridge Runner Deadline April Issue	16
17 Edgefield LENT	18	19 6:30 pm DOK	20 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Lenten Program Edgefield	21	22	23
24 Trenton THIRD SUNDAY LENT	25	26	27 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Lenten Program Edgefield	28	29	30 GIRL SCOUTS EDGEFIELD BOX FORT CONSTRUCTION
31 Ridge Spring LENT	 Covered Dish Lunch March 31, 2019 Ridge Spring Covered Dish Lunch Immediately Following the Service Bring a dish to share!					

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Beginning on January 6th, we will look at the Holy Bible and explore its history and its centrality to the Christian Faith. This will be accomplished through watching DVDs and discussions. We meet each Sunday at 9 a.m. for 40 minutes in the parish hall. All are welcome to come to any or all sessions.



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| 1 Joann Amos | 20 Ethel Feltham |
| 5 Danny Day | Debra Watson |
| Ellie Grace Yonce | 24 Kelly Vann |
| 8 Debbie Layman | 25 Anna Hagan |
| Scotty Scott | 27 Eliza Holmes |
| 12 Tigger Alexander | 28 Louise Derrick |
| 13 Mayrant Lojewski | 29 Andrew Driver VI |
| Buddy Miller | 30 Brooke Hagan |
| 15 Mary Lou Seymour | Cindy Vann |

SOUPER BOWL FUN

We ran 2 boards -- The Father David board and The Bishop's board -- with 2 different sets of 4 prizes for each board.

The prizes on The Father David board were:

\$25 cash for the 1st quarter score (courtesy of the DOK) **Faris Connor**

\$100 gift certificate to the Green Boundary Club for the halftime score (courtesy of Scott & Mary Derrick and Larry & Cindy Vann) **Valerie Holmes**

A private tour, tasting, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails for 4 at the 2nd City Distilling Co. in Augusta for the 3rd quarter score (courtesy of David Long by way of Ric Vann) **Jennie Boatwright**

For the final score the winner gets a dinner for 4 with all the courses and wine, prepared by Moneta Celebrity Chef, Jack Schwarz (assisted by Sarah and Poo). **Jennie Boatwright**

The prizes on The Bishops board were:

\$25 cash for the 1st quarter score (courtesy of the DOK) **Tigger Alexander**

\$150 gift certificate to the Willcox Inn for the halftime score (courtesy of Poo and Tigger Alexander) **Ann Byrd**

\$100 gift certificate to the Edgefield Grill for the 3rd quarter score **Tigger Alexander**

\$200 cash for the final score (courtesy of the DOK). **Tigger Alexander**



THE Episcopal CHURCH

January 23, 2019

Daughters of the King
Attn: Kathie Stallworth
Trinity Episcopal Church
Edgefield, SC
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Dear Daughters of the King,

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ in the Episcopal Church, I bring you greetings on the occasion of your January prayer luncheon. Thank you all for shepherding your community and providing comfort and hope to so many.

In the first century, Jesus of Nazareth began a movement. It was a movement whose goal was to change the world into something closer to God's dream and desire for it, what the Bible often calls the "Reign" or the "Kingdom of God." It was a movement of people who committed their very lives to following the teachings, the way, and the Spirit of Jesus, living and loving the way Jesus did and does, giving and forgiving, serving and sacrificing for the good of others and the wellbeing of the world, just like Jesus.

I offer this prayer for you all:

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants who gather at this luncheon. May they continue to enrich this community and bring gladness to those in need of food and kindness; bless, preserve, and guide them all in the continued use of your gifts. Give them your spirit of love and togetherness and provide them with a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. By your Holy Spirit, be present in their outreach, that they may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

May God continue to bless you as you bless the world. I remain

Your brother in Christ,

+ *Michael B. Curry*

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
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DOK Valentines Party at
Women in Unity after
school program.



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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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



Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

Day 1 (light) _____ Day 2 (waters) _____ Day 3 (land and plants) _____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) _____
 Day 5 (birds and water animals) _____ Day 6 (land animals and people) _____ Day 7 (God rested) _____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10,
 Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2



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