

APRIL 2016

The Ridge Runner

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



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

From the Senior Warden ~

** Pastoral Care– Pastoral Care is available from one of our wonderful supply priests. If for any reason, you would like to visit with a priest, please contact Kathie Stallworth at 803-279-8463, and she can make the arrangements with you. For those who are unable to attend church, communion may be brought to your door. Again, please contact Kathie.*

** Nursery– It is critical that we get our nurseries (one at each church) back up and in rotation. Nursery should be available for both infants and toddlers. I will be in touch with members of our congregation very soon. If anyone feels so led, as to head this up, please be in touch with me.*

** Sunday School– Again, there is dire need to get a Sunday School program re-established. Rev. Kellie Wilson, from the Diocesan House, will be with us on Sunday, April 10. During the covered dish meal, Rev. Wilson will speak with us about Sunday School and help in the formation process. Teachers and adult volunteers are needed.*

I ask you all to be in prayer, as we restructure, without the leadership of a vicar. As a congregation, we can come together to do great things in building a Christian community for worship. We have many youth and children among us and babies on the way– we are their foundation! What is your calling? Where are you lead to serve within the church?

Yours in Service,

Sarah



Covered Dish

Sunday, April 10 in Edgefield, we will have a covered dish meal following the morning service. Please plan to stay and bring a side dish or dessert for sharing. The church will provide the meat and beverages.

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for February 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 1,624.00	\$ 1,770.00	-\$ 146.00
Pledge	\$ 7,835.00	\$ 7,338.00	\$ 497.00
Total	\$ 9,459.00	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 351.00

Vicar Search

The Mission Council has decided to do a traditional Vicar Search which means we will be doing all of the interviewing of all potential vicars. We have prepared our Ministry Portfolio as a requirement of the Diocese. Frank Ballard will be coming from the Diocesan office to meet with the MC on April 13, regarding the search. Please keep the members of MC in your prayers.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of The King continue to pray for our church family as a whole, our priest search, and individuals who have requested prayers on their behalf or for others. You may put your prayer requests on the cards in the pews and drop in the collection plate.

We are also putting envelopes in the pews for donations to our Kangaroo Kids Backpack Ministry. They will be labeled DOK. As many of you know we are packing these for children at Douglas Elementary School in conjunction with Mt. Calvary Lutheran and Spann Methodist Churches. Mt. Calvary will be having an indoor yard sale on April 2 to support this ministry. Your support at this sale would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently reading Out of The Salt Shaker and Into The World. This is an excellent book about witnessing as a Christian in our world.

For His Sake and Blessings to each of you,
Kathie Stallworth

Thank you for your donation to Johnston Food Bank.

You folks have been long time supporters of this project. Your interest and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Anne Hughes

Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! In February, we raised \$430 in the collection plate. 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. 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

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Food Bank
Donations

7th Annual Fishing Tournament at Gravatt

Sign up your team for the 7th Annual Gravatt Fishing Tournament, Sunday, June 26, 2016. This event is family friendly so take this opportunity to share the outdoors with youth you care about. Your two-person team can choose to fish from the bank, from a Gravatt canoe or your own canoe, or you may bring your own boat (trolling motors only). This tournament will be catch and release only. Awards will be given in many exciting categories. Register early as spots will fill up fast. All registrations include lunch and tournament t-shirt. Chapel will be available prior to the tournament start for morning prayer.

To learn more and to register, please visit www.campgravatt.org or contact Thomas Coleman at 803.648.1817 or email program@campgravatt.org.

APRIL

WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

April 3 in Ridge Spring Second Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Jennie Boatwright
 Usher.....Phillips Boatwright
 Greeters.....Jack and Sarah Schwarz
 Hospitality.....Jennie Boatwright
 Alms Counter.....Sarah Schwarz
 Readings.....Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29
 Revelation 1:4-8, Gospel John 20:19-31

April 10 in Edgefield Third Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Joannah Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Monti McDaniel
 Lector.....Connie Boggs
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Beth Byrd, Betsy Willis
 Usher.....Buzz Byrd
 Greeters.....Kathie Stallworth, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Covered Dish Dinner
 Alms Counter.....Larry Vann
 Readings.....Acts: 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11-14, Gospel John 21:1-19

April 17 in Trenton Fourth Sunday of Easter

AcolyteJack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Monti McDaniel
 Intercessor.....Valerie Holmes
 Altar.....Valerie Holmes, Carol Rhoads
 Usher.....Buddy Miller, Larry Vann
 Greeters.....Kelly Vann, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Ann Brandsma
 Alms Counter.....Kelly Vann
 Readings.....Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17, Gospel John 10:22-30

April 24 in Ridge Spring Fifth Sunday of Easter

AcolytePreston Bledsoe, Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Scotty Scott
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Sarah Schwarz
 Usher.....Maynard Watson
 Greeters.....Liz Kornaus, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Betsy Willis
 Alms Counter.....Liz Kornaus
 Reading.....Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6, Gospel John 13:31-35

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Edward Bodie
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Dianne Glass
 Maxie Haltiwanger
 Tal LeGrand
 Johnny Bob Lester
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Sandra McCory
 Rebekkah Robeson
 Zelma Shore
 Mark Stephens
 Tommy Stone

Those Awaiting the Birth of Children

Meredith and Greg Hagan
 Jamie and David Long
 Melissa and Bettis Rainsford
 Katie and Josh Yonce

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Ensign Kevin Ginn USN
 Lt Col Jon McDaniel USMC

Deaths

Randy Cumbee
 Gail Revis Pridgen
 George Somers

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to *thy* never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that *thou* art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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

Sunday School SCHEDULE

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Lynn Melton | 17 Andrew Rhoads |
| 5 Helen Feltham | 18 Hunter Pendarvis |
| Daphne Cook | 19 Jason Amos |
| 6 Betsy Willis | Virginia-Brooks Bledsoe |
| 8 Eva Holmes | Buzz Brice |
| Huck Moss | 27 Anna McNinch |
| 10 Bob Norris | Joel Moss |
| Sonny Yonce | Larry Vann |
| 15 Leisa Long | 28 Christina Holmes |



SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



April Fools' Day isn't a religious holiday, though it may date to Pope Gregory XIII and his new calendar. In 1582, he shifted New Year's Day from April to January, and people who didn't believe the change were called April fools.

April Fools' Day may also be connected to the lightheartedness that comes with warmer weather, as well as to medieval Christian festivals that involved pranks, disguises and a temporarily inverted social order.

Yet, in Scripture, such reversal characterizes the Kingdom of God. In 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, St. Paul writes that the gospel seems foolish to people who don't know Christ, that God uses the "foolishness of our proclamation" to offer salvation to all and that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Jesus "foolishly" inverted the social order, saying the last will be first and the first, last.

So if on April 1 — and every day — we live as "fools for Christ," we're precisely what he calls us to be!



All God's blessings go together, like links in a golden chain. If he gives converting grace, he will also give comforting grace. He will send "showers of blessing." Look up today, O parched plant, and open thy leaves and flowers for a heavenly watering.

— Charles H. Spurgeon



PUZZLE

A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

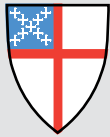
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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The _____ is _____, and _____, the _____, and _____ 24:1, NIV

5 1 18 20 8 20 8 5 12 15 18 4 19
 5 22 5 18 25 20 8 9 14 7 9 14 9 20
 23 15 18 12 4 1 12 12 23 8 15 12 9 22 5
 9 14 9 20 16 19 1 12 13

Answer: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

“His Glory”

God sends rainbows after showers
arching 'cross the freshened skies.
Every rainbow shows God's glory.
Every wonder tells his story.

God sends Jesus down from heaven
offering mercy, hope and life.
On the cross he showed God's glory.
Every blessing tells his story.

God sends me forth into this world
sharing love that offers life.
And I hope to show God's glory
In the way I tell his story.

— MaryAnn Sundby



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