

The Ridge Runner

APRIL 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:

Easter. What a loaded word, because of all the expectations, questions, and doubts that come with this word which attempts to describe not only a liturgical season but a whole new reality. We have a hard time dealing with the concept of death and rightly so. It is our final and most imposing enemy because it separates us from the people who have nurtured and sustained us. It separates us from the whole dynamic called personal love. Just ask someone who has had a dear relative die; there is no time limit on grief, no time limit on how much the individual is missed, no time limit on how much we wish to see that loved one again.

God in Jesus understands our grief and the ultimate pain called death. After all, he wept at the grave of his friend, Lazarus, as he experienced his own grief and witnessed the grief of the people gathered around the tomb. Grief is an overwhelming emotion which brings home the truth that we wish to hide from: death is very real and it tries to imprison us and overwhelm us. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, boldly proclaims that Christ's resurrection is our resurrection and that the final enemy, death, was defeated by Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. We may fear many things in our life time but death is not one of those things that we Christians have to fear. Through our baptisms we have died with Christ and have been risen with Christ. We are truly free from all spiritual enemies. We are free from our worst enemy-death.

So as you sit around the Easter table with your friends, or as you walk through the communities of Edgefield, Trenton, Johnston, and Ridge Spring, know that the wonderful people that you see and greet will always be there for you. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ and nothing can separate us from those we love in Christ. Really celebrate this Sunday of the Resurrection.

Faithfully,

David Thompson

Liturgical Notes for April

There are many special services in April; we will be observing Holy Week and Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. I want to draw our attention to Good Friday, which in years' past, was widely observed but is less so today. Many of you, may remember, the traditional three-hour service that was observed from Noon until 3 p.m. with the rector/vicar preaching on the last words of Christ and the congregation singing hymns and saying prayers in between the series of sermons. This has faded away, especially with the addition of the Good Friday Liturgy in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, which draws upon early Christian observances of Good Friday.

The Good Friday Liturgy (Some experts say that the word "Good" is an antiquated meaning or way of saying "Holy Friday." [Slate.com/blogs] Holy Friday or Good Friday is also called Passion Friday, Great Friday, and Sacred Friday in other cultures.

In our Liturgy, the service is divided into the following sections:

Liturgy of the Word: includes the Passion from the Gospel of John and a sermon.

The Solemn Collects: draws upon ancient prayers from the early and medieval churches.

The veneration of the Cross: allows for special devotions. This part of the service has its roots in the 4th century when pilgrims at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem venerated sections of Christ's cross. [http://feastssaintsmedievalchurch.blogspot.com]

Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament consecrated at the Maundy Thursday service.

I hope you will be able to observe this day at 12 noon, in Edgefield, or at another congregation that offers a service at a convenient time for you.

APRIL READINGS

April 2 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent Edgefield

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
Gospel John 11:1-45

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday Trenton

Liturgy of the Palm: Matthew 21:1-11
Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 13 ~ Maundy Thursday Trenton

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116:1, 10-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 ~ Good Friday Edgefield

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel John 18:1-19:42

April 16 ~ Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day Ridge Spring

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel John 20:1-18

April 23 ~ Second Sunday of Easter Edgefield

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel John 20:19-31

April 30 ~ Third Sunday of Easter Trenton

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel Luke 24:13-35



*On the Grounds
Covered Dish
Sunday, April 30, 2017
Trenton
bring a chair*



*Following the service
Easter Morning
in Ridge Spring
Bring your Baskets!*



Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! In February, we raised \$695 in the collection plate and \$45 to purchase pet food. 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 Johnston, Saluda and Ridge Spring food banks. We divide the donations of food and money between the 2 large food banks on a 2-1 ratio, and distribute food to the small Ridge Spring food bank once a month. Thanks to Ric Vann and Jerrold Watson for helping transport the food to the food banks and to Tom Long Insurance for the food collection boxes at their offices. Bring your food donations (non perishable items, no glass please) to church each Sunday! The food banks can also distribute items such as toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap) and don't forget spices! We also make a point of including pet food (dog & cat) to help people keep their pet animals,



**Food Bank
Donations**

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)

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Camp Gravatt

It is that time of year again, for our Outreach to begin for Camp Gravatt! Last year, we sent 8 children to camp—4 of them have already contacted me about going back. Please see or call me if you know of someone who would like to attend Camp Gravatt but who needs financial help.

Sarah Schwarz
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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 Edgefield 10:00 am	3	4	5 7:00 am Morning Prayer	6	7	8
9 Trenton 10:00 am Palm Sunday	10	11	12 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 PM Mission Council	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY Trenton 6:30pm	14 Edgefield 12:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY	15
16 Ridge Spring 10:00 am Children's Sermon Easter SUNDAY	17 RR Deadline for May & June	18 6:30 pm DOK Meeting	19 7:00 am Morning Prayer	20	21	22
23 Edgefield 10:00 am	24	25	26 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	27	28	29
30 Trenton 10:00 am Picnic on the Grounds						

Sunday School SCHEDULE

The Sunday Morning (9am) discussion with the vicar will continue! We will continue our study of the Book of Common Prayer — it's history, content and how it aides our spiritual lives.

Please join us!

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for February 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 3,001.00	\$ 1,735.85	\$ 1,265.15
Pledge	\$ 7,937.00	\$ 7,607.55	\$ 329.45
Total	\$ 10,938.00	\$ 9,343.40	\$ 1,594.60

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Edith Amos
 Fran Beals
 Ron Bell
 Rosemary Broom
 Helen Carpenter
 June Covar
 Susan Craig
 Ann Day
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Carolyn Fike
 Jarrett Holmes
 Joel Jolly
 Roy Kirkland
 Paula LaCombe
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Glen McCloskey
 Sarah Mills
 Bennie Moon
 Freddy Padgett
 Kenneth Ray
 Haigh Reiniger
 Mary Anne Roth
 Liz Schizer
 Tommy Stone
 Vannette Wells

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lieutenant Junior Grade Kevin Ginn USN
 Captain Joshua Summer Army
 Nickolas Gibson

Deaths

Shirley Gilliken

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

*To have someone added or removed from the
 Intercessory Prayer List
 Email: easbull@gmail.com*

APRIL WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

April 2 in Edgefield ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger
 Altar.....JoAnn Amos, Liz Kornaus
 Usher.....Dick Glass, Jim Hawk
 Greeters.....Dick Glass, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Beth Byrd

April 9 in Trenton ~ Palm Sunday

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Connie Boggs
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar....LeeAnn Pendarvis, Kathie Stallworth, Cindy Vann
 Usher.....Richard Pendarvis, Jerry Stallworth
 Greeters.....Joannah Holmes, David Long
 Hospitality.....Liz Posey

April 13 in Trenton ~ Maundy Thursday

Acolyte.....Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Mary Derrick, Peggy Moss, Liz Posey
 Usher.....Scott Derrick
 Greeters.....Dick Glass

April 15 in Edgefield ~ Good Friday

Eucharistic Minister.....TBD
 Lector.....TBD
 Intercessor.....TBD
 Altar.....JoAnn Amos, Liz Kornaus

April 16 in Ridge Spring ~ Easter

Acolyte.....Joannah Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Sarah Schwarz
 Usher.....Jack Schwarz, Ric Vann
 Greeters.....Sarah and Jack Schwarz
 Hospitality.....Pooh Alexander and Sarah Schwarz

April 23 in Edgefield ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Virginia Brooks Bledsoe
 Eucharistic Minister.....Monti McDaniel
 Lector.....Scotty Scott
 Intercessor.....Valerie Holmes
 Altar.....JoAnn Amos, Liz Kornaus
 Usher.....Dick Glass, Jim Hawk
 Greeters.....Kathie Stallworth, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Ann Byrd

April 30 in Trenton ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Caro Cassels, Leisa Long, Zelma Shore
 Usher.....Cal Cassels, Tom Long
 Greeters.....Charles Bledsoe, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Picnic on the Grounds

Pancake Super Thank You!

The Pancake Supper, which was held on February 28, 2017 at Trinity Church in Edgefield, was absolutely the most successful EVER! We served over 145 people and made \$866 for our auxiliary funds.

Thanks to each of you who helped with the decorations, serving, cooking and cleaning up. It could not have been done without our church congregation! We truly appreciated the generous donation from Lisa and Tom Long for the pancake mix, paper supplies (Cindy Vann for cups), and drinks (Jean and Chris Covar for the good coffee) and all other necessary supper amenities.

A special thanks to Phillips and Jennie Boatwright and Francis and Gerline Counts for their joint donation of the delicious Cones' sausage .

Not only is this event a fun outreach to our communities - it is just the best time ever, for all who attend. We all go home stuffed and pleased with the way our church pulls this event off.

We each have our assignments (from years gone by) and we are definitely a "well oiled machine!"

-Submitted by Beth Byrd



Salkehatchie is a week-long mission which repairs homes for low-income families in Edgefield County. It is sponsored by the SC United Methodist Conference. They are seeking youth (14 years and up), young adults,

and adults who are interested in volunteering for this ministry. Skill level does not matter. The mission camp will be held from June 10 through the 17th and the participants will stay at JET Middle School. The cost is \$230 which goes toward the purchase of building supplies. If you are interested in attending the JET Camp as a adult volunteer or as a youth participant, contact local leader Deborah Henderson at 803-480-0678 or debhen@hughes.net.

York Place

The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina is to resume Mission and Ministry at York Place! More information to follow in the coming months. York Place was always a charity mission of the Church of the Ridge.

Please be in prayer for all of those in leadership roles during this transition. (York Place is here to help children with emotional and learning disabilities and their families.)



JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

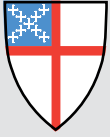
- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

PUZZLE

> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

peep hope resurrection given of
 birth living Christ mercy great Jesus

In his [] [] he has [] us new [] into a [] through the [] [] from the []

1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



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