

APRIL 2018

# The Ridge Runner

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



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

## *From the Vicar:*

Dear Parishioners:

We all know I-20. It is just one part of the nation's road system and its singular purpose is to move people and goods quickly. The key word for the interstate is "efficient." The interstate is reflective of our cultural desire to get there AND GET IT DONE; we are a people of calendars and checklists. We often get as much satisfaction by crossing a completed project off our to-do list as the event itself. Our growing cynicism with our government and other institutions is fueled by our knowledge that they are inefficient and wasteful. Inefficiency has been added to that list of deadly sins: Greed, Lust, Sloth, Gluttony, Wrath, Envy, and Pride. Inefficiency tops the list; it is the most offensive of them all!

While striving for efficiency, we wonder why our spiritual lives seem to wither and we complain that we don't know where God has gone. We don't find God because we don't look, we don't listen, and we don't stop. Spirituality thrives on inefficiency. "What? You can't be right!" Our spiritual health depends upon our ability to dally, wander, and wonder. If we look at our Biblical family history, we see that our ancestors were caught unprepared by the presence of God. They were inefficient; God was inefficient. Once our ancestors encountered God, there were moments of denial, rejection, questioning, waiting, and gradually accepting that God's presence was changing them and how they lived their lives. Our encounters with God never happen on Spiritual Super highways that quickly speed us into the future but rather happen on the secondary highways where we can meander, stop, look, listen, reflect, rest. Our reaching out to God and God touching us is a reality that flows and changes over time, place, and experience. We can't fast track our way into God's presence. We can't fast track ourselves into a meaningful spiritual life. Spirituality takes time; time that we can't afford to waste and we can't afford to speed up. After all, time isn't ours to control; God is in charge of it.

During the Fifty Days of Easter, look around you for God's presence. You might find God in the scars of a hand, or behind locked doors, or as you share a meal with friends. God is always doing the unexpected in his own time and way. One thing I've learned is you can't rush God. God takes God's time and seems to be very unconcerned with what concerns us the most: efficiency. God excels at inefficiency!

Faithfully,

*David Thompson*

## Daughters of the King

A number of members of the parish gathered in March at Edgefield Clay Studio to make pottery covers for our blessing boxes which will be distributed again after Easter. We had hoped to make two each to share with the congregation, however, we were slow potters and only made one each. We hope to do another workshop soon to make more so please join us. We had lots of fun.

The women of the church hosted a covered dish supper for the staff and residents of the swing bed unit at Edgefield Hospital. This was a lot of fun for all and a loving outreach. Carolyn Lovell was able to join in the



## BUDGET REPORT

### Receipts for February 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 2,358.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 588.00
Pledge	\$ 11,495.00	\$ 8,676.92	\$ 2,818.08
Total	\$ 13,853.00	\$ 10,446.92	\$ 3,406.08

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a huge success & enjoyed by all. The proceeds of \$746 are dispersed evenly between the 3 church altar guilds. Many thanks to all who were able to work and attend the event.



Covered Dish  
Sunday, April 29, 2018  
Ridge Spring



Easter Egg Hunt  
Following the Easter service in  
Trenton.  
Bring your Baskets!

## Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! *In February we raised \$413 in the collection plate.* In 2017, we started a new ministry to the Edgefield Seniors Citizen Council of pet food for their Meals on Wheels program. All pet food brought to Trinity (Edgefield) will then be taken to the Senior Citizens Council. 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 monetary donations between the 2 large food banks on a 2-1 ratio, since we have 2 churches in Edgefield County and one in Saluda, 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 Father David, Helen Feltham and Liz Posey for helping transport to Edgefield Senior Center.* 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, 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



Food Bank  
Donations

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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# April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Trenton</b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 am Morning Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
		5:30 pm Choir				
<b>8</b> <b>Ridge Spring</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 am Morning Prayer  7:00 pm Mission Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Ridge Runner Deadline <b>MAY &amp; JUNE</b>	<b>14</b>
		5:30 pm Choir				
<b>15</b> <b>Edgefield</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 am Morning Prayer	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
		5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm DOK				
<b>22</b> <b>Trenton</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 am Morning Prayer	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
		5:30 pm Choir			Episcopal Night @ the Ballpark	
<b>29</b> Ridge Spring 10:00 am  COVERED DISH	<b>30</b>	<b>Occurring Regularly in Edgefield</b>  Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group				

## Sunday School SCHEDULE

Children's Sunday School is held in Trenton and Edgefield.

Adult Sunday School resumes on Sunday, April 8th at 9 am. We will continue discussing The Parables, chapter 9 "Asking My Father".



## April BIRTHDAYS

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 3 Lynn Melton   | 15 Leisa Long       |
| David Thompson  | Caroline Mims       |
| 5 Helen Feltham | 19 Jason Amos       |
| 6 Betsy Willis  | Buzz Brice          |
| 7 Joseph Yonce  | 27 Anna McNinch     |
| 8 Eva Holmes    | Joel Moss           |
| Huck Moss       | Larry Vann          |
| 10 Sonny Yonce  | 28 Christina Holmes |

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

## Friends and Family

Art Amos  
Lessie Bailey  
Fran Beals  
Jennie Boatwright  
Rosemary Broom  
Helen Carpenter  
Daphne Cook  
June Covar  
Marshall Crocker  
Susan Craig  
Mary Grace Feltham  
Deborah Holmes  
Ola Jolly  
Josh Kennedy  
Mayrant Lojewski  
Joel Long  
Carolyn Lovell  
Willie Mae Matheny  
Greg McDaniel  
Sarah Mills  
Sara Francis Moyer  
Laura & Charles Murphy  
Betty Padgett  
Margie Prince  
Hadley Reahard  
Jan Smith  
Tommy Stone  
Beth Thornton  
Vannette Wells  
Jordie Yandle

## Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Junior Grade Kevin Ginn USN  
Nickolas Gibson  
Richard Phillips

## Deaths

Lois Keesley  
John A Timmerman

## Our All-in-All

What the hand is to the lute,  
What the breath is to the flute,  
What is fragrance to the smell?  
What the spring is to the well,  
What the flower is to the bee,  
That is Jesus Christ to me.

What's the mother to the child?  
What the guide in pathless wild?  
What is oil to troubled wave?  
What is ransom to the slave?  
What is water to the sea?  
That is Jesus Christ to me.

—C.H. Spurgeon

## APRIL WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

### April 1 in Trenton Easter Sunday

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus  
Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus  
Lector.....Jerrold Watson  
Intercessor.....Dick Glass  
Altar.....LeeAnn Pendarvis, Kathie Stallworth, Cindy Vann  
Usher.....Richard Pendarvis, Jerry Stallworth  
Greeters.....Sarah Schwarz, Kathie Stallworth  
Hospitality.....Poo Alexander  
Readings.....Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

### April 8 in Ridge Spring Second Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Ric Vann  
Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson  
Lector.....Jerry Stallworth  
Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss  
Altar.....Poo Alexander  
Usher.....Tigger Alexander  
Greeters.....Ray Melton, Larry Vann  
Hospitality.....Sarah Schwarz  
Readings.....Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

### April 15 in Edgefield Third Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes  
Eucharistic Minister.....Barney Lamar  
Lector.....Haigh Reiniger  
Intercessor.....Dick Glass  
Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims  
Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims  
Greeters.....Dick Glass, David Long  
Hospitality.....Faris Connor  
Reading.....Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

### April 22 in Trenton Forth Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes  
Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann  
Lector.....Connie Boggs  
Intercessor.....Kelly Vann  
Altar.....Ann Day, Penny Summer  
Usher.....Danny Day, Jay Summer  
Greeters.....Joannah Thelen, Ric Vann  
Hospitality.....Cindy Vann  
Reading.....Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

### April 29 in Ridge Spring Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Joannah Thelen  
Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton  
Lector.....Scotty Scott  
Intercessor.....Larry Vann  
Altar.....Gerline Counts  
Usher.....Francis Counts  
Greeters.....Jay Summer, Larry Vann  
Hospitality.....Covered Dish  
Reading.....Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30  
1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!



The Episcopal Night at the Ballpark will happen Friday, April 27 at the new SRP Credit Union ballpark in North Augusta. Our Bishop will throw out the first pitch. The Choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's has agreed to lead a group of singers from throughout our churches to sing the national anthem. Bart Black is his name. His contact information is: 803.279.4622 or [music@saintbart.org](mailto:music@saintbart.org). Please contact him if people are interested in singing. Tickets are \$8. We have 50 seats and can have 50 more if the need arises. We need a count of people (and their money) two weeks out, which is April 13. Please let Father David know if you plan to attend.



January 31, 2018

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Dear Mr. Watson,

On behalf of Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your commitment to making this event a success.

It was the vision of Cumbee Center and Child Advocacy Center of Aiken to inform, educate, and provide a networking forum for our community in a pleasant, comfortable environment. Your generous contribution of \$ 250.00 has really helped to make our vision a reality by helping to offset the cost of holding the Conference in an environment as beautiful and professional as North Augusta Municipal Center.

As we continue to grow as an organization, please know that partnerships with our sponsors are vital to the success of this organization. You are truly appreciated. Thanks again.

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN #57-0697237

Sincerely,

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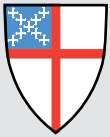
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## THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Take Five

Do you have time? How often do we hear this question? How do we answer? We all have the same twenty-four hours in the day. How are you spending yours?

The "Take Five" challenge;

1. Take five minutes to begin your day in prayer.
2. Write down five things you are thankful for each day.
3. Write down five ways you can make a difference each day.
4. Write down five things you will do for yourself each day.
5. Take five minutes to end the day with prayer.

From a recent article in the Augusta Chronicle.



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