

The Ridge Runner

APRIL 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:

Richard Rhor in his book Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent suggests that this sentence be used for meditation/prayer: "Loving God, allow me to be a sheep at least once in a while, and never let me forget that most of my life I have been a goat." (pg. 28, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Kindle Edition). I must confess that I did more laughing than praying when I contemplated this sentence and its full implications. No matter how much we try, we fall short of the mark and act like goats. Goats have a bad reputation in the Bible perhaps due to the fact that they can destroy the fragile desert ecology with their natural desire to eat everything and anything in sight: grass, trees, shrubs. Certainly, Jesus did not highly value goats because he tells us on the Day of Judgment, he will separate the sheep from the goats. Guess where the goats go! Goat BBQ anyone?

So, my fellow goats, this is why I am so thankful for Easter. In spite of the fact that I may be very bad for my personal spiritual ecology –that is I do the very thing that I know I should not do- the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Day proclaims that Jesus accepts me – goat breath and all. If Jesus can accept me and give me the gift of the Resurrection, he will also give to my brother and sister goats that same gift no matter how bad we stink or how far we wander from our spiritual homes. So, this Easter instead of an Easter Egg Hunt, lets hunt for goats! Where can you and I find one? Just look in the mirror! Thank God for Jesus and the Gift of the Resurrection!

Wishing you a Blessed Easter Season,

David Thompson, Vicar



This year Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will all be observed at *Our Saviour in Trenton*. The Palm Sunday service will be at 10 a.m., the Maundy Thursday Service will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Good Friday Service at Noon. Next year the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held at Trinity in Edgefield.

Lent on 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.** with a 45 minute discussion of
Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy -Jill Levine.

You are invited to join the rich fellowship!

April 3 - Ridge Spring
 April 10 - Ridge Spring

BUDGET REPORT



Receipts for February 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 2,942.00	\$ 1,916.67	\$ 1,025.33
Pledge	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 9,766.67	-\$ 3,136.67
Total	\$ 9,572.00	\$ 11,683.34	-\$ 2,111.34

Food Bank \$1,567.00 for January
 \$212.00 for February

Camp Gravatt

It is that time of year again, for our Outreach to begin planning to send campers to Camp Gravatt! Our Fred Byrd Scholarships are available. Please see or call me if you know of someone who would like to attend Camp Gravatt but who needs help.



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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

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Thank you!

*Episcopal Church of the Ridge
 Daughters of the King*

Our hearts smiled as we opened the envelope to see the generous contribution to the backpack ministry.

This money is not only needed to help continue funding the ministry but it is deeply appreciated by us. With your help, this school year, we have been able to add fresh fruit at least once a month to the children's bags. Another small service but reports from our teachers say they love it (especially the Halos)!

Again, thanks for all you do and give.

Thanks for helping the kids!

Sincerely,

Lynn Carlson, treasurer



4:00 pm
 Saturday, April 13th

Tying of the Palms

Under 40 Adults Group

At the home of
 Jamie & David Long



April
2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Lenten Program Ridge Spring	4	5	6
7 Edgefield 10:00 am FIFTH SUNDAY LENT	8	9	10 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Lenten Program Ridge Spring	11	12 Ridge Runner Deadline May/ June Issue	13 GIRL SCOUTS EDGEFIELD 4:00 pm Tying of the Palms Under 40 Adults
← Master's Week/ Spring Break →						
14 Trenton 10:00 am PALM SUNDAY	15	16 6:30 pm DOK	17 5:30 pm Choir	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 pm Trenton	19 GOOD FRIDAY 12 Noon Trenton	20
21 Ridge Spring 10:00 am EASTER SUNDAY	22 6:00 pm Mission Council Trenton	23	24 5:30 pm Choir	25	26	27
28 Edgefield 10:00 am 2nd Sunday of Easter	29	30	Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group			

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Beginning on April 28th, this group will begin discussing the book, Barking to the Choir, written by Fr. Gregory Boyle about his gang-intervention ministry in Los Angeles. You will sometimes agree with his techniques and sometimes shake your fist, but you will come away with a deeper knowledge of gangs and the power of the Christian Gospel.



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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Fran Beals
 Suzanne Bloom
 John Bryden
 Helen Carpenter
 Cal Cassels
 Kyle Patrick Cassidy
 Daphne Cook
 Izzy Cooper
 June Covar
 Miranda DiMarco
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Lib Gage
 Jim Hawk
 Eva Holmes
 Easton Ivy
 Josh Kennedy
 Roy Kirkland
 Bobby Livingston
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Sarah Mills
 Emma Lane Mims
 Laura & Charles Murphy
 Betty Padgett
 Margie Prince
 Hadley Reahard
 Betty Rushin
 Jan Smith
 Francis Talbert
 Vannette Wells
 Allison White
 Reg Williams
 Jordie Yandle

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Kevin Ginn USN
 Richard Phillips



Easter Egg Hunt

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

A nursery will be provided during
 the service for small children.

APRIL WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

April 7 in Edgefield ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Jean Covar, Lady Hodges
 Usher.....Chris Covar, Bob Hodges
 Greeters.....Andrew Driver, David Long
 Hospitality.....TBA
 Readings.....Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

April 14 in Trenton ~ Palm Sunday

Acolyte.....Joannah Thelen
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Barney Lamar
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Kathie Stallworth, Penny Summer
 Usher.....Jerry Stallworth, Jay Summer
 Greeters.....Poo Alexander, Jay Summer
 Hospitality.....TBA
 Readings.....Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
 Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11 or Luke 22:1-49 or Luke 23:1-49

April 18 in Trenton ~ Maundy Thursday

Acolyte.....Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....M. Derrick, P. Moss, L. Posey
 Usher.....Scott Derrick
 Reading-Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10),11-14, Psalm 116:1,10-17
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17,31b-35

April 19 in Trenton ~ Good Friday

Acolyte.....TBD
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton
 Lector.....Barney Lamar
 Intercessor.....TBD
 Altar.....M. Derrick, P. Moss, L. Posey
 Reading.....Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

April 21 in Ridge Spring

Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Sarah Schwarz
 Usher.....Jack Schwarz
 Greeters.....Bailey Pendarvis, Ric Vann
 Hospitality.....Ladies of Church
 Reading.....Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

April 28 in Edgefield ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acolyte.....Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Richard Bryden
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Jean Covar, Lady Hodges
 Usher.....Chris Covar, Bob Hodges
 Greeters.....Bailey Pendarvis, Ric Vann
 Hospitality.....TBA
 Reading.....Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150
 Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Daughters Of The King

The Daughters of the King hosted a wonderful spirit filled prayer luncheon in January for eighty one ladies. This was led by Father David and Louise Dent. She is an inspirational speaker who walks the walk everyday with the students and faculty at J.D. Lever Elementary School in Aiken. Father David read a wonderful letter from Bishop Michael Curry to DOK praying for a successful luncheon and fund raiser for the food banks. We were so grateful for the support of local restaurants for the soup they provided and our congregation who also provided food and attended. We collected \$996 and hundreds of pounds of food. The congregation contributed four hundred dollars more to the food banks the next day at church. We are so blessed to be members of such a generous congregation. Thank you!

In February we hosted a Valentine party for the children at Women in Unity. Banshee, the therapy dog, attended much to the delight of the children. Susie told them the story of Saint Valentine, Penny provided love coloring sheets, and we iced heart shaped cakes before enjoying pizzas and other snacks along with their cakes.

We bought four outdoor picnic tables with benches for use at Women in Unity. This was made possible by your generous donations to DOK at Souper Bowl Sunday. Ray and Lynn picked them up at Costco and delivered them to WIU along with Lady. Essie was beyond excited and thankful.

We sent \$1000 to Mt. Calvary to help defray the cost of the food backpack program. We continue to pack food once a month and deliver it to Douglas Elementary. This also came from money from Souper Bowl Sunday.

We spoke to the Guidance Counselor at Douglas as to her needs. We have three hundred dollars to buy underwear, backpacks and school supplies for needy children there. This will be accomplished in the next few days. Again your wonderful support makes this possible.

We continue to pray daily for each of you and those on our prayer list. The amazing power of prayer is manifested each day for those we pray for and in ourselves. We know you pray for us, also. Thank you for this and your physical and monetary support.

Blessings,
The Daughters of The King



Picnic tables donated
by the DOK to the
Women in Unity.

Graciously put
together by Ray &
Lynn Melton!

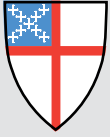
Essie, director of
WIU, is all smiles!



Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

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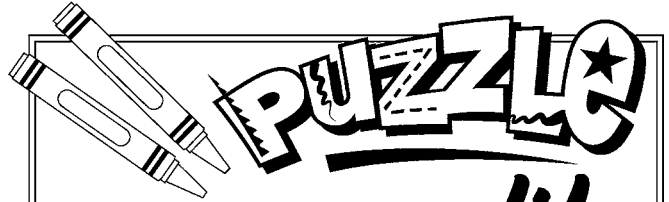
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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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



Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm on a sponge, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linen, silver coins, cross, crown of thorns, dice, bread, perfume, bread, sponge, silver coins



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