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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:

Thank you for your warm welcome! As I become familiar with you and the three churches which comprise the one congregation, The Church of the Ridge, I look forward to getting to know all of you and to working with you to continue enriching the spirituality and vitality of your congregation. I am part-time, working three days each week: Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays. So I ask for your patience as I visit and work with you. With a limited work week, it will take me longer to meet all the ministry requests.

I have learned a great deal about life, faith, and ministry from each congregation with which I worked, so I am eager to learn from you as we share our insights about how God is calling us forward in faith. Quite frankly, I had no intention, when I retired, to work at a church full or part-time. I had served in the ordained ministry for thirty-nine years and felt that it was time for me to slow down and look for other types of interests and/or employment. But when I began to supply at the Church of the Ridge my mind changed. God has something else in store for me.

Perhaps, I relate to the Church of the Ridge because I grew up in the countryside of Western Maryland not far from my grandfather's farm. Our house was surrounded by fields and across the road was a huge dairy farm. We drove seven miles into town to worship at the very strange Episcopal Church. None of my friends were Episcopalians; rather Baptists, Holiness Churches, and Methodists dominated the religious landscape. In fact, none of my father's family quite knew what to do with us in this regard. They saw our being Episcopalians as the foreign and dismaying influence of my father marrying an immigrant and not a true American!

I share this because I was reared as belonging and not belonging; as being at one with the culture and yet having a unique view of it all as my mother certainly spoke her mind about all things! Strangely, this prepared me for the ordained ministry because Christianity forces our faith to look at culture both from within and from without: How is God calling us to work with the culture and how is God calling us to work against the cultural norms? This is especially true as time forces us more and more to enter fully into the post-Christian world. I certainly don't have all the answers about how we should proceed but I am excited to work with you as we together explore what it is God is calling us to do and to be.

Life is an exciting and demanding journey, and I am happy to be with you on this leg of our spiritual pilgrimage.

Faithfully,

David Thompson

Daughters of the King

Dear Parishioners,

The Daughters of The King are here to serve God by praying for you, the priest, and the greater community. Our "request prayer list" is confidential, and you can ask us for prayers by filling out a form in the pew and placing it in the collection plate or speaking to us individually. Prayer is powerful and worthwhile. Each request is prayed in earnest and with humility, and faith. Knowing that we are praying on a daily basis for you, your loved ones and/or someone you know will, hopefully, bring you peace and a feeling of support.

There is so much going on in the world and our daily life that leave us at our wit's end and with such a feeling of frustration that we want to throw up our hands in despair. We try as Daughters to not throw up our hands in despair but rather in prayer.

We are also here to serve the church and the greater community. Several ways we do that is by packing food at the Johnston food bank, mentoring at Merriwether Elementary, packing the food backpacks for the needy children at Douglas Elementary, writing monthly notes to shut-ins, parishioners who are alone, and other members of the congregation, and hosting parties at Women in Unity several times a year.

We would like to expand our efforts in these ministries. We need more hands on board in order to do that. You do not have to be a member of DOK to pack food, fill backpacks, mentor, help at Women in Unity, write notes, or pray for that matter! Male and female help is needed. Please be in touch with one of us if you feel God calling you to be a part of one of these ministries.

We are looking forward to welcoming two new members, Sarah Schwarz and Carol Rhoads, at a short installation service on September 18 at the regular worship service. We hope and pray you will be there to support them in this new chapter in their lives.

If you would like to become a member of DOK, please speak to the vicar or one of the Daughters. Our names are listed below.

Blessings to each of you,

Lady Hodges	Valerie Holmes
Leisa Long	Carolyn Lovell
Monti McDaniel	Carol Rhoads
Sarah Schwarz	Mary Lou Seymour
Kathie Stallworth	

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for July 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 2,211.00	-\$ 398.00
Pledge	\$ 8,122.00	\$ 9,172.00	-\$ 1,050.00
Total	\$ 9,935.00	\$ 11,383.00	-\$ 1,448.00

2016 Convention Delegates:

1. Alli Bledsoe
2. Carolyn Lovell
3. Monti McDaniel
4. Sarah Schwarz
5. Scotty Scott
6. *vacant*

On the Calendar...

September 14, 2016

Sarah Schwarz & Joanne Amos will attend a workshop given by The Commission for Congregations on the SHIFT program. This program is to help the church with the Three Big Moves for the 21st century.

September 25, 2016

The 2016 Convention Delegates will meet with the other members of our Convocation for one last meeting before the 94th Convention. This meeting will be held at St. Augustine of Canterbury's in Aiken



September




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	3
4 Edgefield 10:00 am	5  LABOR DAY	6	7 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	8	9	10
11 Trenton 10:00 am DOK Installation & Family Bible Dedication Mission Council After church	12	13	14 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	15 RR Deadline	16	17
18 Ridge Spring 10:00 am	19	20 6:30 pm DOK Mtg	21 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	22  First Day of Autumn	23	24
25 Ridge Spring 10:00 am 2:00 pm Convoca- tion Meeting St. Augustine, Aiken	26	27	28 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	29	30	
← David Thompson on Vacation →						

Sunday School SCHEDULE

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ann Day | 18 Curtis Holmes |
| 7 William Bull | Tom Long |
| 8 Edward Bodie | 27 Meredith Hagan |
| 11 Bob Hodges | Vann Jordan |
| 12 Maynard Watson | 28 Lily Carroll |
| 16 Gigi Derrick | Summers Perdarvis |
| 17 Scott Derrick | 29 Hollis Holmes |

Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! In July we raised \$387 in the collection plate. The collection plate donations are sent to the food banks quarterly to purchase food to distribute to their participants. We have continued distributing food 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

275-0841 or
libetymls1@gmail.com



Food Bank Donations

Dear Church of the Ridge,

Thank you for letting me go to Camp Gravatt, AGAIN! My favorite part of camp was swimming. The best thing I did at camp was dying my shirt. I would love to go again next year.

Sincerely,
 Jack Kornaus

Dear Church of the Ridge,

I would like to thank you so much for sponsoring me for the Elementary I session at Camp Gravatt. I would not have been able to attend if it were not for your support and generosity. I am so ready to go back next year!! I was a bit nervous as I went to Camp Gravatt by myself not knowing anyone there. Everyone was so super nice and friendly. The counselors were great!!! I really liked the devotion at night because I loved hearing how everyone's day went and how much fun they had. I hope my sister and I can go together next year.

Thank you again for your support!
 Sincerely,
 Elena Rose Medlin



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 58-43, 57-73, 73-88, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not _____, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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



☺ “If you lack knowledge, go to school. If you lack wisdom, get on your knees! Knowledge is not wisdom. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge.” –Vance Havner

☺ “I always wondered why somebody doesn’t do something. Then I realized I am somebody.” –Lily Tomlin

☺ One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school. These things offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before. Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord’s mercies “are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:23a). With God’s help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.

☺ God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, “The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.”



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