

The Ridge Runner

OCTOBER 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:

I am sure that if we asked our children or our neighbors or even ourselves to name 5 Christian saints and then to explain why we named these saints, it would most likely be an impossible request. I thought about this the other day when I heard my boys exchanging sports statics and talking about different sports figures and why or why not these players are having a "good" year. ESPN continually talks about the heroes of the world of sports, but we find it unimportant or even embarrassing to talk about the heroes of our faith. All we have to do is remember Christ and the 12 Apostles and our faith will be strong and secure. But I wonder whether this is really enough. ESPN gets it even if the Church doesn't: To love something, to follow something, to be part of something, we need to know the players. We need to find our personal heroes; the very ones with whom we can relate and emulate. We may never be a pro-athlete or a "pro" Christian but we can dream and we can try.

October is a month in which the saints of the Church are at least acknowledged by the secular world. The month begins with the Feast of St. Francis whose image can be found for sale in almost every garden center in the country. These images depict the "lighter" side of St. Francis, the St. Francis who profoundly loved every living creature and calls us to embrace the truth that God loves all creatures. No one can argue about that! But what about the "darker" side of St. Francis? The side while on pilgrimage to Rome Francis encountered beggars and exchanged his rich clothing with one of the beggars and spent the entire day begging. Back in Assis while at church he heard Matthew 10: 7-19 read: Jesus telling his disciples to leave all their belongings and to go into the world. Francis felt that this was a personal call consequently transforming him and his ministry. We are very happy to put his likeness in our gardens but much less likely to give everything away in a radical commitment to Christ.

But perhaps the most misunderstood day on the Church's October calendar is All Hallow's which we know as Halloween. This day falls immediately before All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd. Halloween derives from the Scottish language and means Holy Evening -because it occurs immediately before All Saints' Day followed by All Souls'. This evening was a vigil or a time of preparation for All Saints' and All Souls'. It origins can be traced back to the 8th Century when Pope Gregory III founded an oratory for the relics of martyrs and saints. From that point on, how the Church and its people remembered the saints and the dead - through prayer- evolved so today what we call Halloween has little semblance to the origins of this day.

According to Marry Newland: "It was in Ireland and Scotland and England that All Hallows' Eve became a combination of prayer and merriment.... Begging at the door grew from an ancient English custom of knocking at doors to beg for a "soul cake" in return for which the beggars promised to pray for the dead of the household. Soul cakes, a form of shortbread and sometimes quite fancy, with currants for eyes became more important for the beggars than prayers for the dead.... Florence Berger tells in her *Cooking for Christ* a legend of a zealous cook who vowed she would invent soul cakes to remind them of eternity at every bite. So she cut a hole in the middle and dropped it in hot fat, and lo a doughnut. Circle that it is, it suggests the never-ending of eternity. Truth or legend, it serves a good purpose at Halloween.

The refrains sung at the door varied from "a soul cake, a soul cake, have mercy on all Christian souls for a soul cake," to the later:

Soul, soul, an apple or two,
If you haven't an apple, a pear will do,
One for Peter, two for Paul,
Three for the Man Who made us all.

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....Charades, pantomimes, and little dramas, popular remnants of the miracle and morality plays of the Middle Ages, commonly rehearsed the folk in the reality of life after death and the means to attain it. It is probably from these that the custom of masquerading on Halloween had its beginning. The folly of a life of selfishness would be the message pantomimed by the damned; the torment of waiting, the message of the souls from Purgatory; the delights of the beatific vision, the message of the Heaven-sent. Together they warned the living to heed the means of salvation before it was too late. Doubtless the presence of goblins and witches with cats (ancient symbols of the devil) were remnants of pagan times bespeaking to Christians of spirits loosed from hell to keep track of their own and herd them back at cockcrow.....

The familiar harvest fruits, cornstalks, and pumpkins were seasonal. Although there is an old Irish legend about a miser named Jack who was too stingy to go to Heaven and too clever to go to hell, so that he had to spend eternity roaming the earth with a lighted pumpkin for a lantern, the appearance of jack-o'-lanterns has always seemed much more reasonable than that. These were ages when death was a serious and acceptable meditation. Christian art shows skulls and bones as a commonplace of interior decoration, at least in the cells of the convents and monasteries. Vigils were kept by the graves, and lights and bread left for the dead, all for the twofold purpose of recalling those dead and remembering that one day you would be dead. Surely it was some bright boy, stumbling over a pile of pumpkins by his father's barn, who hit on the notion of carving a grinning death's-head to carry, lighted by a candle, under his arm. If you know small boys, this is the most reasonable of all explanations. " (<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/all-hallow-s-eve.html>)

Probably, I have given you too much information! But it is good for us to know that when the knock comes on the door and you open it revealing children in costumes yelling, "Trick or Treat," that this day has its beginnings in the faith of the Christian Church. Halloween is a way for us to embrace death and then, on All Saints' Day, to thank God for the heroes of the Faith and for our resurrection in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Faithfully,

David Thompson

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for August 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 2,177.00	\$ 1,735.85	\$ 441.15
Pledge	\$ 7,995.00	\$ 7,607.55	\$ 387.45
Total	\$ 10,172.00	\$ 9,343.40	\$ 828.60

August Food Bank \$760.00



Pumpkin Painting for all ages!!

Join us after the Covered Dish meal on Sunday, October 29 to paint a pumpkin. All supplies will be provided.

RSVP to Sarah Schwarz
803-480-4820 or wjacksarahb@gmail.com



17th Annual Blessing of the Animals

The Episcopal Church of the Ridge will host this event, Sunday, October 8th 2017 in the churchyard of Our Savior in Trenton (off Hwy 121 on Church St.) Bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Refreshments will be served to the congregation and their pets. The offering will be donated to our local food bank for help purchasing pet food. Please come, rain or shine, for a barking and



Covered Dish
Sunday, October 29, 2017



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ridge Spring 10:00 am	2	3 5:30 Choir	4 7:00 am Morning Prayer	5	6	7
8 Edgefield 10:00 am 3:00 pm Animal Blessing Trenton	9	10 5:30 Choir	11 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Mission Council	12	13	14
15 Trenton 10:00 am Children's Sermon	16 Ridge Runner Deadline	17 5:30 Choir 6:30 pm DOK	18 7:00 am Morning Prayer	19	20	21
22 Ridge Spring 10:00 am	23	24 5:30 Choir	25 7:00 am Morning Prayer	26	27	28
29 Edgefield 10:00 am Coved Dish & Pumpkin Painting	30	31  5:30 Choir	<p>Occurring Regularly in Edgefield</p> <p>Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group</p>			

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Adult Sunday School has resumed on Sundays at 9 a.m. The class is talking about the Old Testament and Jesus for 6 to 8 weeks and then will look at Jesus and the Parables.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Gerline Counts | 12 Kevin Ginn Jr |
| Nota Ginn | 13 Ric Vann |
| Julie Long Shirley | 14 Jim Hawk |
| William Jordan | 16 Dick Glass |
| 3 Cal Cassels | Emily Moss |
| 6 Butler Derrick III | 20 Vince Holmes |
| Ted Heos | 21 Addison Long |
| Jim McNinch | 27 Cathryn Brice |
| 11 Lovick Mims | 28 Jack Kornaus |
| Beth Byrd | 29 Kathie Stallworth |

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Fran Beals
 Ron Bell
 Bob Bowie
 Rosemary Broom
 Beth Byrd
 Helen Carpenter
 Lauren Choate
 June Covar
 Carson Cox
 Marshall Crocker
 Susan Craig
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Tommy Grandy
 Dick Holstein
 Liz Hughes
 Josh Kennedy
 Paula LaCombe
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Greg McDaniel
 Sid Miller
 Sarah Mills
 Betty Padgett
 Sara Powell
 Hadley Reahard
 Kenneth Ray
 Mary Anne Roth
 Liz Scheicher
 David Simmons
 Tommy Stone
 Vannette Wells

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Junior Grade Kevin Ginn USN
 Nickolas Gibson

A prayer for neighborliness

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity. May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt. May we be gentle, walking softly with one another. May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own. May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness. May... our love... be like Yours – a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity.

- Peter Marshall

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WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

October 1 in Ridge Spring

17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 21

Acolyte.....Preston Bledsoe
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Jennie Boatwright
 Usher.....Phillips Boatwright
 Greeters.....Charles Bledsoe, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Zelma Shore & Susie Watson
 Readings.....Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

October 8 in Edgefield

18th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 22

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....JoAnn Amos, Liz Kornaus
 Usher.....Dick Glass, Jim Hawk
 Greeters.....Dick Glass, David Long
 Hospitality.....Sarah Schwarz
 Readings.....Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20, Psalm 19
 Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

October 15 in Trenton

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 23

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Connie Boggs
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Deborah Holmes
 Usher.....Lee Holmes, Ric Vann
 Greeters.....Kathie Stallworth, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Deborah Holmes
 Reading.....Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
 Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

October 22 in Ridge Spring

20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 24

Acolyte.....Mary Charles Bledsoe
 Eucharistic Minister.....Barney Lamar
 Lector.....Scotty Scott
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Sarah Schwarz
 Usher.....Maynard Watson
 Greeters.....Sarah & Jack Schwarz
 Hospitality.....Leisa Long
 Reading.....Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 in Edgefield

21st Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 25

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....JoAnn Amos, Liz Kornaus
 Usher.....Dick Glass, Jim Hawk
 Greeters.....Joannah Holmes, Betsy Willis
 Hospitality.....Covered Dish Meal
 Reading.....Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King had a very eventful month of September. We were notified that we received a Matthew 25 grant in the amount of \$1200. We had requested \$2000 but are grateful for the amount we did receive. This will go toward our backpack program that we do in conjunction with Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. For those of you who are not sure what the backpack program is I'll give you a brief overview. Children at Douglas Elementary who are on free lunch and meet certain other criteria are eligible for food to sustain them over the weekend. The food put into their take home bags is food they can eat hot or cold and can be opened by even a five year old. The food meets FDA regulations as far as quantity and nutritional value is concerned. We have to realize that these are young children who are not responsible for the circumstances they are in.

As I stated in our grant application we felt like there would be more needy children this year due to the failure of the peach crop. Unfortunately, that prediction came true, and sixteen more children were added to our previous total of forty-three. DOK could not completely support this number and continue our support of the others. Mt. Calvary was worried about this, too. The additional cost was about \$4000 for the school year.

The Mission Council was made aware of it and graciously gave the backpack program these additional funds. We are so grateful for the generosity of the Mission Council. They were able to do this due to the unwavering support of our budget from the congregation. Prayers of thanksgiving are lifted for all.

On September 17th we admitted three new members to our Order. We are so happy to have as new members Kim Walker, Penny Summer, and Susie Watson. They will be great additions to our group as they all have a strong faith and are committed to a life of prayer and service. We had a wonderful reception in their honor as well as for Kim's baptism. A number of members of the congregation provided food, flowers, and drinks for this. Thanks to all who made this special day possible.

We help pack food once a month at the Johnston food bank, and several members participated in this in September.

We have been praying for a DOK chapter in Texas since hurricane Harvey. We finally heard back from them when their power and communications were restored last week. They are grateful for our prayers and will let us know in what other ways we might be able to help.

As always we are available for special prayers for you and yours. Just let us know of your need. Please continue to pray for us as we pray for each of you,

In His name,
Kathie

Three Beautiful Churches ~ Three Needs for Maintenance

One of the joys of being a member of the Church of the Ridge is the ability to worship in three beautiful buildings each having its own charm and history. Our historic churches need continued maintenance; this is just a fact of life as you know as homeowners. Something always needs to be repaired.

The Mission Council has been discussing how to best meet the needs of our church buildings, and it has been decided that the Council will disperse to each junior warden a check for \$10,000 or a total of \$30,000 for the three buildings. This money comes from the church accounts; that is money that is not needed to operate the day to day ministry of the congregation.

Each junior warden received the check with a request that a list of maintenance priorities be given to the Mission Council. The Mission Council stresses that this money is for necessary maintenance repairs and not for cosmetic beautification. If you see a necessary maintenance need, please put the need in writing with your name and give it to the junior warden of that church or to a Mission Council member. This will enable us to contact you if we have questions.

We are pleased that we are able to have the financial resources to do this. We are one body through our Lord Jesus Christ; one congregation that is made up of three different church sites. The money given to each church ensures the continued vitality of our congregation.

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

" _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ ."

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" John 1:17, NIV



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