

NOVEMBER 2016

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:

Bishop Waldo, the Mission Council, and I have agreed to my becoming as your Vicar for the next three years. I will remain part-time working in the parish three days each week. I realize that the part-time status is an adjustment for all of us, so I hope that you will be understanding as I attempt to meet all of your needs all the while knowing that I will not be able to meet each and every one of them. Please be patient as well as honest. If you have a need that is not being met, please let the senior warden or me know. I do not want to neglect anyone or any parish ministry.

As you know, the Church of the Ridge has a unique congregational structure allowing three different geographical churches to come together as one, united congregation. This permits the three different church buildings to be used and to be seen as the Episcopal Church in each community. The strength of this model lies in the congregation having an incarnational presence in three different communities. The weakness is that the congregation is geographically scattered because there is no single gathering place.

In many respects, the Church of the Ridge was way before its time because it models the realities of our new, post-Christian age where people come together for worship, spiritual renewal, and fellowship and then go out into the world to share the love of Christ through actions. The building is secondary to the activities that take place within it. The building provides a spiritual renewal center where like-minded Christians gather for prayer, communion, inspiration, strength, and discernment. The real work of the church happens at work, at the store, and/or where ever we venture as followers of Christ. The place or church building is not as important as the ministries that the congregants take out into the world.

I look forward to being with you over the next three years as work together to love and serve Our Lord. You are a gifted, spirited congregation which has much to give to all the communities that the Ridge serves.

Faithfully,

David Thompson

PS: Please see the announcement on page 4 about our upcoming Sunday School class.

The annual meeting will be November 20 at Grace Church, Ridge Spring. At that time, we will vote on the 2017 budget and Mission Council members to begin in January 2017.

Mission Council is looking for several new members. We would love to get our younger parishioners involved on Mission Council and in church activities. If you feel the call to work with the Council and Father David or if you have any questions please call Sarah Schwarz at 803-480-4820.

Daughters of the King

DOK has prayer request notes in the pews of each of our churches. If you have a prayer request for yourself, your family member or friend please put it on the paper and drop it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher or a DOK member. If you can't find a DOK paper just make a note on any slip of paper. We pray daily for everyone on our list.

We pack weekend food backpacks once a month at Mount Calvary Lutheran. Anyone is welcome to help. Just contact on of us. We sponsored a Halloween party at Women in Unity in Edgefield. We brought treats, had stories, and Mary Lou brought her therapy dog. A good time was had by all!

We welcome those who feel called to prayer and service.

Blessings to each of you, Kathie Stallworth



BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for September 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 2,012.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 242.00
Pledge	\$ 7,912.00	\$ 7,338.00	\$ 574.00
Total	\$ 9,924.00	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 816.00

I recently attended the Bishops' dialogue on education held at Trinity Cathedral sponsored by the Fellowship of SC Bishops. This is a fellowship of Episcopal, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, United Methodist, and AME bishops whose purposes are to raise up tutors and volunteers for our school children, to be in dialogue with the governor, State Department of Education, and the legislature, to raise awareness of the good works done by students and teachers, and to recognize and raise up the gifts God has given every child.

We had brilliant speakers who had much to say on many areas of the above items. One of the several quotes that spoke to me was "Education is the difference between dreams fulfilled and unfulfilled." There are many students in our schools who need help in seeing their dreams come true.

Every child is a child of God, and every child needs at least one relationship with someone who will make a difference in his/her life. One of the speakers said his mother always told him to *make* a difference: not *try* to make a difference. What we can do with personal relationships is to make a difference.

Every community in SC has a church. This is where the relationships can come from. Molly Spearman, our state Superintendent of Education, said, "You can't go into schools talking about Jesus, but you can go in acting like Him."

If our local schools don't know who we are we are missing the boat. What will happen if we don't extend our gifts to those in need and what will happen if we do?

I am in hopes that The Church of The Ridge will become known in our communities for our personal relationships not only with each other but also to the most vulnerable members of our population, our children.

I realize not everyone is called to be a tutor, coach or mentor, but everyone has God given gifts. As Joe Neal, a legislator, said, "Let's put pep in our step and glide in our stride" as we move forward with the gifts God has given us.

Sincerely,
Kathie Stallworth

Church of the Ridge Outreach

On October 19 Larry Vann, Chris Covar, Ric Vann, Jack and Sarah Schwarz with chain saws and dump trailer made their way southeast to Hilton Head Island. The effects of Hurricane Matthew greatly affected a family and this group was able to help them clear trees and yard debris from the property. Mainly, pine trees had come down on their home, yard and driveway. With chain saws in hand, the guys went to work cutting these trees into manageable logs. Sarah picked up and pushed anything that would move. The gentleman was very appreciative and invited us back to have fun on the island.

If you would like to help with the next project please see Jack Schwarz or call him at 803-640-1056.



NOVEMBER

WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

November 6 in Edgefield All Saints Sunday

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
Eucharistic Minister.....Monti McDaniel
Lector.....Jerrold Watson
Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
Altar.....Beth Byrd, Betsy Willis
Usher.....Buzz Byrd
Greeters.....Liz Kornaus, Kelly Vann
Hospitality.....Ann Byrd
Alms Counter.....Liz Kornaus
Readings.....Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23, Gospel Luke 6:20-31

November 13 in Trenton 27th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 28

Acolyte.....Virginia Brooks Bledsoe
Eucharistic Minister.....Barney Lamar
Lector.....Valerie Holmes
Intercessor.....Connie Boggs
AltarLeeAnn Pendarvis, Mary Lou Seymour, Cindy Vann
Usher.....Richard Pendarvis, Larry Vann
Greeters.....Kathie Stallworth, Larry Vann
Hospitality.....Lynn Melton
Alms Counter.....Kathie Stallworth
Readings.....Isaiah 65:17-25, Cantic 9
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Gospel Luke 21:5-19

November 20 in Ridge Spring Propers for Thanksgiving

AcolyteJoannah Holmes
Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
Lector.....Maynard Watson
Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
Altar.....Gerline Counts
Usher.....Francis Counts
Greeters.....Sarah & Jack Schwarz
Hospitality.....Valerie Holmes
Alms Counter.....Sarah Schwarz
Readings.....Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9, Gospel John 6:25-35

November 27 in Edgefield First Sunday in Advent

AcolyteJack Kornaus
Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
Lector.....Monti McDaniel
Intercessor.....Larry Vann
Altar.....Beth Byrd, Betsy Willis
Usher.....Buzz Byrd
Greeters.....Dick Glass, Betsy Willis
Hospitality.....Zelma Shore
Alms Counter.....Betsy Willis
Reading.....Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122
Romans 12:11-14, Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
Ron Bell
Edward Bodie
Charlie Brown
Anne Burke
June Covar
Ann Day
Mary Grace Feltham
James "Maine" Gilchrist
Richard Gribble
Jessica Harris
Ted Hoes
Jarrett Holmes
Mayrant Lojewski
Carolyn Lovell
Willie Mae Matheny
Sarah Mills
Tommy Minnick
Carol Rhoads
Rebekkah Robinson
Mary Anne Roth
Tommy Stone
Amy Stozier
Billy Williams
Roy Williams

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way





Lieutenant Junior Grade Kevin Ginn USN
Captain Joshua Summer Army

Deaths

Ella Baumgarner
Rose Prince
Tal LeGrand
Sandra McCory



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	3	4 DIOCESAN CONVENTION COLUMBIA	5
6 Trenton 10:00 am All Saints' Sunday 	7	8  <i>Election Day</i>	9 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Mission Council	10	11  VETERANS DAY	12
13 Ridge Spring 10:00 am Children's Sermon	14	15 RR Deadline 6:30 pm DOK Mtg	16 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	17	18	19
20 Edgefield 10:00 am Annual Meeting 	21	22	23 7:00 am Morning Prayer	24  THANKSGIVING Day	25	26
27 Trenton 10:00 am  FIRST SUNDAY of Advent	28	29	30 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Choir	Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group		

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Ever wonder ----Why we are called the Episcopal Church? How are we related to the Anglican Communion? Why do the clergy wear funny clothes on Sunday? Why a Prayer Book? Where does the Bible come in? If you every wondered and questioned anything about the Episcopal Church, you are invited to Searching Sessions about the Episcopal Church. Why this title? Because we will search for our identity as Episcopalians and as Christians or better yet as Christians who happen to be Episcopalians. The sessions begin on October 30 at 9 a.m. right before the church service and will run through the middle of January. We will take a Christmas break! You can come to one or all of the sessions. I hope to see you on Sunday at 9 a.m. David

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ed Posey | 9 Elizabeth Holmes |
| Virginia Thompson | Valerie Holmes |
| 4 Francis Counts | 12 Dianne Glass |
| Evelyn Holmes | 14 Katie Yonce |
| Abby Mims | 16 Fran Beals |
| Emmie Mims | 17 Liz Jordan |
| 5 Charlie Amos | 20 Steve Jordan |
| Caro Cassels | 21 Barry Layman |
| Joe Lojewski | Ben Mims |
| 7 Susie Watson | |

Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! In September we raised \$354 in the collection plate, making a total of \$1,218 for the quarter. (*In September, Johnston FB served 165 families!*) 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)



**Food Bank
Donations**

Mary Lou Seymour
803-334-1219 or
libetympls1@gmail.com

Men's Supper

The men's supper, held on October 6th at the Ridge Fishing Club, was well attended given the impending hurricane. Many thanks to Jerry, Cal, Ric & Jack for cooking the BBQ chicken meal. A donation basket was passed and \$1000 was collected to send to the Red Cross of Baton Rouge, LA to help with flood relief. This money was sent in memory of The Rev. Marshall O James. Father James was a former habitué of Baton Rouge, Sugarcane Fields, Bayous and Backwaters.

Young Family Luncheon

On Sunday, October 23rd, the Mission Council hosted a lunch for the young families of our congregation. We had a wonderful lunch, great activities and spectacular weather! With approximately 50 people (30 adults and 20 children) in attendance, the fellowship was wonderful. It was a treat having Father David's family join us.

Many thanks to all who made the afternoon possible, especially LeeAnn and Richard Pendarvis for opening their home and yard to us.



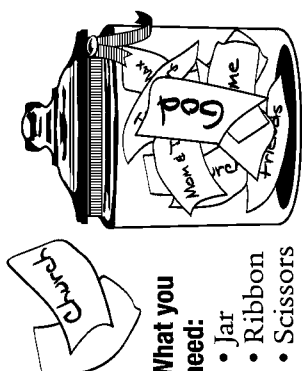
Trinity Organ Campaign

Trinity Edgefield has started a fund raising drive for a new organ. A new Allen organ, already in production, has been secured. This is a need for Trinity!

Donations are welcome from all. Please send your donation by December 1, 2016. Checks may be made out to Trinity Episcopal Church and put in the collection plate or mailed to Lovick Mims, PO Box 489, Edgefield, SC 29824

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



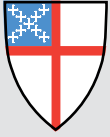
What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen

What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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“ All _____ ”
_____ 28:2, NIV

Answer: “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV



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