

NOVEMBER 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:

Hope is a transitory and illusive concept that cannot be measured but is essential to our physical and spiritual life. Believing that we can achieve something propels us forward whether we strive for earthly or spiritual rewards. The ten lepers in the Gospel of Luke believed that Jesus could heal them, so they cried out wanting to return to their old, ordinary lives that they had before leprosy marked and isolated them. They called out because they hoped. They wanted life and not death; they wanted community.

We in the 21<sup>st</sup> century America do not have a physical disease that isolates but rather a spiritual one. It is a disease of the mind and heart that robs us of our ability to hope. This disease is the disease of fear. We find this disease everywhere from the internet to the newspaper to the TV. We no longer believe that tomorrow might be better than today, and we don't believe that our neighbor is someone whom we are called to love and accept but rather to fear and reject. Modern day scholars are calling this isolation and fear tribalism, but the Christian Church has a somewhat more accurate term, quaint as it seems today, sin. We do not see the face of God in the face of our neighbor, so we believe that our neighbor is unlovable and worthless. Our neighbor is not worthy to stand before God or us.

Why is it that we are always so eager to eat of the forbidden fruit? The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise is a story that we should memorize and always keep before us. They were cast out of the Garden for disobeying God and therefore lost the paradise that had been promised to them. Eating of the forbidden fruit opened their eyes to see the difference between good and evil and therefore they were held responsible for their actions. The forbidden fruit in our day is the hatred that we hold in our hearts for those around us who are different and whom seem to be unlovable. We will never find the happiness and contentment that we seek, our paradise, when we assume that it is the people around us who contaminate our paradise. Jesus says in the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.'" (3-5) We are driven from paradise because of our own actions. We are the ones responsible – not our neighbor.

I pray that you and I will be able to take a deep breath and look around us at the world that God so wonderfully created and so graciously restored. Do you and I really want to live in fear? Do we really want to live without hope? Whenever an angel approached Mary, or the women at the tomb or any of the disciples, the angel always said: "Do not be afraid." I hope that we may push away our fears and live with hope and peace trusting in the power of God's resurrecting presence. This Holy Presence brings us the peace that passes all understanding. What a wonderful gift Christ has given us, the gift of eternal life that cast aside all fear. Claim your peace! Claim your Christian inheritance!

Faithfully,

*David Thompson*

## Christian Outreach– Hurricane Michael Relief

We have all seen the devastation in the Florida Panhandle as a result of Hurricane Michael. We are presented with a unique opportunity to help many families who have been virtually wiped out by the storm.

Lamar Livingston, who grew up in our church and who many of you know, moved to Panama City after high school and lived there for 21 years. He met his wife Debbie, a lifelong resident of Panama City, during that time.

Lamar is making the first of many planned humanitarian runs on October 27th. He has talked directly with many families and has a list of items needed.

On Sunday, October 21, 2018 an offering was collected for Hurricane Michael victims. \$1,033.00 was collected with more being promised!

## Bishop Visitation Rescheduled!

December 2, 2018

Edgefield

On December 2, Bishop Andrew Waldo will be with us to celebrate Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Our last visit with Bishop Waldo was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence. We will have two Confirmations– Kim Walker and Lydia Wherry and one Reaffirmation– Susie Watson. There will be a reception to follow in the Parish Hall at which time you will be able to visit with Bishop Waldo.

## 18th Annual Blessing of the Animals



This year, we had a wonderful turn out with our dogs, puppies, cat, pony, three burrows and 29 humans! A collection was taken and will be given to the Senior Center in Edgefield to help with their pet food program. Thank you to all who helped in making this day special for our church and community.



## BUDGET REPORT

### Receipts for September 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 2,991.93	\$ 1,735.85	\$ 1,256.08
Pledge	\$ 10,013.00	\$ 7,607.55	\$ 2,405.45
Total	\$ 13,004.93	\$ 9,343.40	\$ 3,661.53

Food Bank \$ 409 totaling \$1336 for the 3rd quarter.

## Harvest Festival

We participated in our final community festival of the year on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Harvest Festival in Ridge Spring. We had a tent and sold bottled water with all proceeds being used to purchase food for the Ridge Spring food bank. We raised \$86.00 and had loads of fun!

We look forward to this outreach again next year. Thank you to all who volunteered at the three festivals– fun was had by all!

## 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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## Daughters of the King

Thank you for your generosity in the Blessing Boxes! We collected \$1000 from the Blessing Boxes and other donations, WOW!! On October 23 the ladies will host a Halloween party for the children at Women in Unity. Susie the “good-witch” will be there along with Banshee, the therapy dog.

We have also started discernment classes for three prospective members!



# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Occurring Regularly in Edgefield</b>            Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting            Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group</p>				1 	2 EDUSC Convntion Trinity Cathedral	3
4 Ridge Spring 10:00 am  All Saints' Sunday 	5	6  5:30 pm Choir	7 7:00 am Morning Prayer	8	9	10
11 Edgefield 10:00 am  	12	13  5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm DOK	14 7:00 am Morning Prayer  7:00 PM Mission Council	15 Ridge Runner Deadline December Issue	16	17
18 Trenton 10:00 am  Special Offering York Place	19	20  5:30 pm Choir	21 7:00 am Morning Prayer	22 	23	24
25 Ridge Spring 10:00 am  	26	27  5:30 pm Choir	28 7:00 am Morning Prayer	29	30	



Nursery will be available each Sunday in Edgefield and Trenton. Infants and children can be dropped off as early as 9:30 and can be picked up following the service. This is to allow parents and grandparents the opportunity to participate fully in the worship service.



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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Ed Posey        | 12 Dianne Glass |
| Virginia Thompson | 14 Katie Yonce  |
| 4 Francis Counts  | 16 Fran Beals   |
| Evelyn Holmes     | 17 Liz Jordan   |
| Abby & Emmie Mims | 20 Steve Jordan |
| 5 Charlie Amos    | 21 Barry Layman |
| Caro Cassels      | Ben Mims        |
| Joe Lojewski      | 27 Zelma Shore  |
| 7 Susie Watson    |                 |
| 9 Valerie Holmes  |                 |

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

## Friends and Family

Art Amos  
 Fran Beals  
 Suzanne Bloom  
 Helen Carpenter  
 Cal Cassels  
 Kyle Patrick Cassidy  
 Daphne Cook  
 June Covar  
 Mary Grace Feltham  
 Jim Hawk  
 Eva Holmes  
 Josh Kennedy  
 Mayrant Lojewski  
 Carolyn Lovell  
 Willie Mae Matheny  
 Sarah Mills  
 Lloyd Mosely  
 Laura & Charles Murphy  
 Betty Padgett  
 Jimmy Painter  
 Margie Prince  
 Hadley Reahard  
 Betty Rushin  
 Jan Smith  
 Francis Talbert  
 Vannette Wells  
 Jordie Yandle

## Those Preparing for Marriage

Sarah Peeler and Will Peden

## Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Kevin Ginn USN  
 Captain Joshua Summer Army  
 Nickolas Gibson

## Deaths

Don Harvird  
 Tommy Stone

## Lifelong saints

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come, let us join our friends above  
 who have obtained the prize,  
 and on the eagle wings of love  
 to joys celestial rise.  
 Let saints on earth unite to sing  
 with those to glory gone,  
 for all the servants of our King  
 in earth and heaven are one.

# NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

## November 4 in Ridge Spring All Saints' Sunday

Acolyte.....Joannah Thelen  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Richard Bryden  
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson  
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss  
 Altar.....Poo Alexander  
 Usher.....Tigger Alexander  
 Greeters.....David Long, Larry Vann  
 Hospitality.....Susie Watson  
 Readings.....Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9, Psalm 24  
 Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

## November 11 in Edgefield 25th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 27

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus  
 Lector.....Barney Lamar  
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass  
 Altar.....Ann Byrd, Helen Feltham, Lynn Melton  
 Usher.....Buzz Byrd, Ray Melton  
 Greeters.....Dick Glass, Ray Melton  
 Hospitality.....Lydia Wherry  
 Readings.....Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127  
 Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

## November 18 in Trenton 26th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 28

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann  
 Lector.....Connie Boggs  
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann  
 Altar.....Deborah Holmes, Liz Jordan, Peggy Moss  
 Usher.....Lee Holmes, Steve Jordan  
 Greeters.....Jay Summer, Ric Vann  
 Hospitality.....Catherine Brice  
 Reading.....Joel 2:21-27, Psalm 126  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Matthew 6:25-33

## November 25 in Ridge Spring 27th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 29 Christ the King Sunday

Acolyte.....Ric Vann  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson  
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth  
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann  
 Altar.....Gerline Counts  
 Usher.....Frances Counts  
 Greeters.....Sarah Schwarz, Larry Vann  
 Hospitality.....Kim Walker  
 Reading.....2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-3, (14-19)  
 Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting has been postponed to  
**January 13, 2019**

due to the changes made in the Diocesan Canon Laws. It now stipulates that the Annual Meetings of the Diocese be held each year, within 60 days after the first Sunday in Advent.

# Little Word, Big Difference

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks *for* everything. You don't need to give thanks *for* that bad day. Or *for* that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is — you are not to give thanks *for* the difficulties but rather *in* the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks *in* everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory.

— Tony Evans



## More than skin deep-

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is “the basic Christian attitude.” Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it’s a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior.

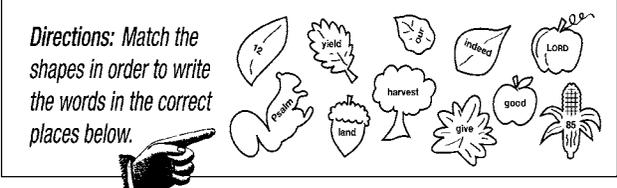
The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for “outcast.” (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well,” he uses the Greek that means “Your faith has saved you.” The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing — through faith — that his skin and his soul have been healed.

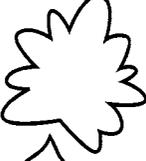


## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

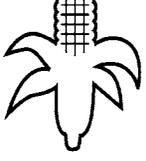
**Directions:** Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



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what is , and 

 will  its .”

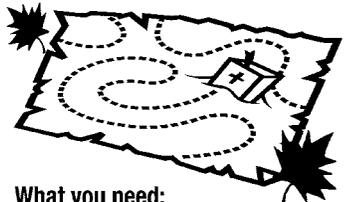
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV



## FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



**What you need:**

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

**What you do:**

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

## Giving Thanks

A record of the Pilgrims in Plymouth states that “... at noon men staggered by reason of faintness for want of food, yet ere night, by the good providence and blessing of God, we have enjoyed such a plenty as though the windows of heaven had been opened to us.”

Harry C. Kennet said that Elder Brewster, sitting down to a meal of clams and a cup of cold water, looked up to heaven and gave thanks “... for the abundance of the sea and for the treasure hid in the sand.” In spite of the difficulties, the Pilgrims thanked God for what they had.

For many of us, this year may not have been a good one, and the future may not seem promising. Yet there is more to be thankful for than to complain about. And that makes Thanksgiving one of the easier seasons for Christians to understand and celebrate.

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

# Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words  
for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:			
A	E	I	O
B	F	L	P
C	G	M	R
D	H	N	S
			T
			U
			V
			W
			X
			Y



**Challenge:** What do we commonly call this song?

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him  
all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly  
host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen; The  
Doxology



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