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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:

I love jokes and I love the daily and Sunday comics section of the Newspaper. To make an honest confession, the comics are one of the main reasons that I still subscribe to the print newspaper. The comics enable me to chuckle at things that sometimes irritate me, sometimes are just plain silly, and sometimes have messages that encourage me to ponder some subject that I would rather ignore and forget that it exists. Comics, with their several panes of illustrations and dialogue open me in ways that debates, or sermons, or lectures just don't. I sometimes feel shallow because of my love of comics, but this love began, when as a child, I saved my money and purchased comic books about my favorite heroes at the local newsstand. I don't think our children today read the comics as much as they watch them on TV. But there is something about the illustration and the printed word on paper or my tablet that brings the subject matter alive in ways that the video format does not. The printed comic allows me to reflect and maybe even grow in my understanding about who I am in the midst of a topsy-turvy world.

Last Sunday in the comics section **The Augusta Chronicle**, one of the comic strips stood out for me. It was the one called *Pearls Before Swine* written by Stephan Pastis. In this strip, a character simply called Pig is listening to the news and the news is blaring out everything that is controversial about life-just snippets of the news that never seems to be uplifting or good. Pig gets up from his chair, goes to the cabinet where he withdraws a balloon and a string. He blows up the balloon, attaches the string, and allows himself to be carried up and away from the cacophony that threatens to stifle his soul. His friends, the goat and the rat, seeing him ascending into the air also want to fly away from all that is troublesome and disturbing. I realized that I too want to ascend with Pig above all the chaos.

But and this is a big BUT, as we enter the Advent Season and then the Christmas one, these seasons are not about escape but about faithful watching and embracing. Advent tells us that Our Lord, Emmanuel, is approaching and will soon be with us. So, we wait in hope. Christmas proclaims that Emmanuel – Jesus- is with us and so we rejoice. As Isaiah says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined." (9:2) If we believe that Emmanuel is with us and that Christ's birth makes a difference in our lives and the lives of others, we called not to escape but to greet each day with the joy and hope that comes from believing that God is truly with us.

So, burst your balloon and celebrate the coming of Christ and all the glory that Christmas Day brings to you and the world. Reach out a hand of care and compassion blessing another so that they too may know that the God of Creation and the God of Redemption is also a God who is very much with them today. Christmas means that we have not been forgotten. None of us.

Faithfully,

*David Thompson*

Mission Council  
Welcome, new member,  
Jay Summer!

# 2017 Daughters of the King Report

We have had a wonderful year thanks to the generosity of our congregation, a Matthew 25 grant from the Diocese, and the blessings of God.

During the school year, once a month, we packed weekend food backpacks for students at Douglas Elementary School. This is done in conjunction with Mt Calvary Lutheran Church. We pay for one half of the food for each semester. Sixteen new students were added this year and could not be supported without additional help. Our Mission Council voted to send the backpack program \$4,000 to support these new students for the year.

We also help Johnston Food Bank, several times a year, packing food boxes.

In March, we hosted a Ladies' Lenten Luncheon at Grace Church with Rev Mia McDowell as speaker and Rev John Jenkins assisting in Holy Eucharist.

We helped out at Douglas Elementary Career Day, as well as, spearheading support for some of their families at Christmas.

We took part in a Ladies' Supper held at Trinity Rehab. This was held there so Carolyn Lovell could participate. Staff was invited to join us and they appreciated it very much.

We held Valentines, Halloween and Christmas parties at Women in Unity Daycare in Edgefield.

The DOK with help from the congregation filled baskets for members of our parish for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We had three new members, Penny Summer, Kim Walker and Susie Watson, join this year. This is such a blessing to everyone. The congregation hosted them with a wonderful reception.

We handed out Blessing Boxes to the parish. We hope that as we realize our blessings we would put money in to help DOK with their work.

Everyday we pray for all on our prayer list and have daily personal devotionals. We are always here to pray for you and/or a loved one.

Thanks are given for each of you every day.

For His Sake,  
Kathie Stallworth

## BUDGET REPORT

### Receipts for October 2017

|        | Actual       | Budget       | Difference  |
|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Plate  | \$ 2,988.25  | \$ 2,169.81  | \$ 818.44   |
| Pledge | \$ 10,777.00 | \$ 9,509.43  | \$ 1,267.57 |
| Total  | \$ 13,765.25 | \$ 11,679.24 | \$ 2086.01  |

2018 Budget was presented and passed at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 19. The budget for 2018 totals \$ 121,735.00.

Christmas Eve plate offering will be donated to Gravatt Camp and Conference Center.



As in previous years, The Church of the Ridge, will be sponsoring 3 families for a Christmas Angel Tree. Look for the tree at Our Saviour on November 26; Grace on December 3; Trinity on December 10. Take an Angel from the tree and purchase the suggested gift. Return your wrapped gift with the Angel attached by Sunday, December 10, 2017. Lynn and Ray Melton will be coordinating this. Please see them if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity!



| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday                       | Thursday                            | Friday                            | Saturday |
|---|--------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Occurring Regularly in Edgefield</b><br><br>Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting<br>Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group |        |  |                                 |                                     | 1                                 | 2        |
| 3<br>Ridge Spring<br>10:00 am<br><br>Mission<br>Council<br>Installation   | 4      | 5<br><br>5:30 Choir  | 6<br>7:00 am<br>Morning Prayer  | 7<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Mission Council | 8<br><br>Ridge Runner<br>Deadline | 9        |
| 10<br>Edgefield<br>10:00 am   | 11     | 12<br><br>5:30 Choir   | 13<br>7:00 am<br>Morning Prayer | 14                                  | 15                                | 16       |
| 17<br>Trenton<br>10:00 am<br>Children's Sermon<br><br>Wine & Cheese<br>Party<br>6-8:30pm                              | 18     | 19<br><br>5:30 Choir<br><br>6:30 pm DOK<br>@ home of<br>Penny Summer | 20<br>7:00 am<br>Morning Prayer | 21                                  | 22                                | 23       |
| 24<br>Ridge Spring<br>10:00 am<br><br>Christmas Eve<br>Edgefield<br>6:00 pm   | 25     | 26   | 27<br>7:00 am<br>Morning Prayer | 28                                  | 29                                | 30       |
| 31<br>Edgefield<br>10:00 am   |        |  |                                 |                                     |                                   |          |

## Sunday School SCHEDULE

On the first three Sundays of December (3,10,17), we will continue the discussion of Jesus and the parables at 9 am before the 10 am service. There will be no Sunday School on December 24th or 31st. The class will resume on January 7.



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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Art Amos          | 14 Joannah Thelen      |
| Kathryn Ginn        | 17 Phillips Boatwright |
| 9 Baily Pendarvis   | Carol Scott            |
| 11 Allison McDaniel | 21 Melissa Rainsford   |

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

## Friends and Family

Art Amos  
 Fran Beals  
 Ron Bell  
 Phillips Boatwright  
 Bob Bowie  
 Rosemary Broom  
 Charlie Brown  
 Helen Carpenter  
 Caro Cassels  
 James Courtney  
 June Covar  
 Carson Cox  
 Marshall Crocker  
 Susan Craig  
 Mary Grace Feltham  
 Tommy Grandy  
 Liz Hughes  
 Josh Kennedy  
 Paula LaCombe  
 Mayrant Lojewski  
 Carolyn Lovell  
 Willie Mae Matheny  
 Greg McDaniel  
 Sarah Mills  
 Betty Padgett  
 Sara Powell  
 Hadley Reahard  
 Mary Anne Roth  
 Liz Scheicher  
 Tommy Stone  
 Vannette Wells

## Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Junior Grade Kevin Ginn USN  
 Nickolas Gibson

## Deaths

Bishop Rogers Harris  
 Dick Holstein  
 David Holstein



## December 24 in Edgefield Christmas Eve 6:00 pm

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus  
 Lector.....Larry Vann  
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann  
 Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims  
 Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims  
 Greeters.....Dick Glass, Larry Vann  
 Reading.....Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96  
 Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

# DECEMBER WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

## December 3 in Ridge Spring First Sunday of Advent

Acolyte.....Preston Bledsoe  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton  
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson  
 Intercessor.....Connie Boggs  
 Altar.....Jennie Boatwright  
 Usher.....Phillips Boatwright  
 Greeters.....Sarah & Jack Schwarz  
 Hospitality.....Kathie Stallworth  
 Readings.....Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

## December 10 in Edgefield Second Sunday of Advent

Acolyte.....Mary Charles Bledsoe  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus  
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger  
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass  
 Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims  
 Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims  
 Greeters.....Charles Bledsoe, Betsy Willis  
 Hospitality.....Jean Covar  
 Readings.....Isaiah 10:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

## December 17 in Trenton Third Sunday of Advent

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann  
 Lector.....Connie Boggs  
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann  
 Altar.....Ann Day, Carol Rhoads  
 Usher.....Danny Day, Buddy Miller  
 Greeters.....David Long, Joannah Thelen  
 Hospitality.....Faris Conner  
 Reading.....Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

## December 24 in Ridge Spring Christmas Eve Day

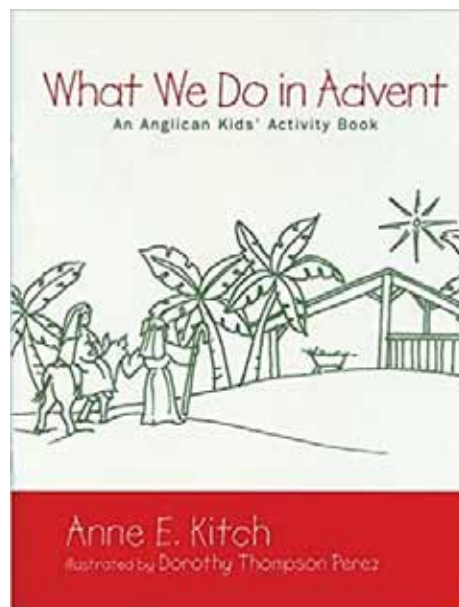
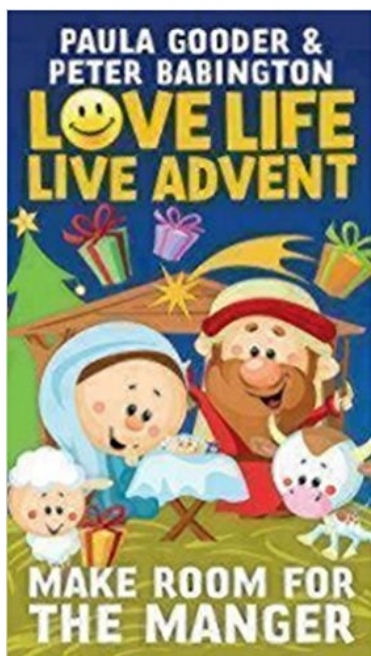
Acolyte.....Larry Vann  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Maynard Watson  
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson  
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann  
 Altar.....Gerline Counts  
 Usher.....Francis Counts  
 Greeters.....Sarah Schwarz, Kathie Stallworth  
 Reading.....2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Canticle 15  
 Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

## December 31 in Edgefield 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes  
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton  
 Lector.....Barney Lamar  
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass  
 Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims  
 Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims  
 Greeters.....Charles Bledsoe, David Long  
 Reading.....Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 147 or 147:13-21  
 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7, John 1:1-18

# Advent Resources for Families

*Love Life, Live Advent* provides a simple prayer activity for children and families to do together, every day of December until Christmas Day. Brightly illustrated throughout, it is designed to heighten a family's anticipation of Christmas and to enrich everyone's understanding of this season of waiting and preparation. Costs around \$4



If you would like to take time with your child to emphasize the Season of Advent, this is a great activity book for kids ages 4 to 7. It shows how to make an Advent wreath, help Mary and Joseph find their way to Bethlehem, and count the gifts the Magi bring to the Christ Child. Filled with mazes, crossword puzzles, connect-the-dots, and word searches.

Anne Kitch is an Episcopalian and has written other books to help children learn about their faith. This book costs around \$10

## POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick

**What you do:**

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.

## Food Bank Report

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! ***In October we raised \$423 in the collection plate. We had a 3rd quarter (July-Sept) total of \$1605.00! We have started a new ministry to the Edgefield Seniors Citizen Council of pet food for their Meals on Wheels program. All pet food brought to Trinity (Edgefield) will then be taken to the Senior Citizens Council.*** The collection plate donations are sent to the food banks quarterly to purchase food to distribute to their participants. We have continued distributing food (for both humans & pets) to Johnston, Saluda and Ridge Spring food banks. We divide monetary donations between the 2 large food banks on a 2-1 ratio, since we have 2 churches in Edgefield County and one in Saluda, and distribute food to the small Ridge Spring food bank once a month. ***Thanks to Ric Vann and Jerrold Watson for helping transport the food to the food banks and to Father David, Helen Feltham and***

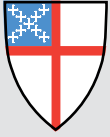
***Liz Posey for helping transport to Edgefield Senior Center.*** Bring your food donations (non perishable items, no glass please) to church each Sunday! The food banks can also distribute items such as toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, etc.) and don't forget spices! We also make a point 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**

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## THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

# Episcopal Church of the Ridge Annual Wine and Cheese Party



Sunday, December 17, 2017

6:00 until 8:30 pm

at the home of

*Mr & Mrs Tigger Alexander*

Fair Pines

644 Boatwright Street

Ridge Spring SC 29129

*Invited are family and friends home  
for the holidays.  
Please bring your favorite wine and appetizer.*



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