





# Episcopal CHURCH of the Ridge



Rev. Lathrop Mosley, Vicar

## October 20th 10 AM Our Saviour Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte /Emerson Holmes
Lector /Lydia Wherry
Intercessor /Peggy Moss
Eucharistic Minister /Penny Summer
Greeters /Cindy Vann / Jay Summer
Altar /Caro Cassels / Catherine Brice
Usher /Greg Hagan / Andy Whitfield
Hospitality / Deborah Holmes
Reading 1 -Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b
Reading 2 - Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45



Livestream the Sunday Service here:

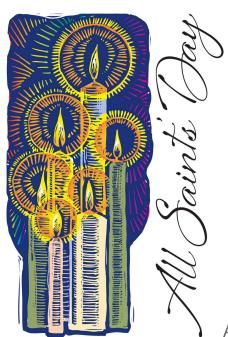
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All Saints' Day is right around the corner!

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' Day on November 3rd . All Saints' Day is one of the 7 principal feasts of the church year. It is also one of the four feast days recommended for baptism. In addition to renewing our baptismal vows, we will read the names of people who are dear to us who have died in the last year. We will also include them in the bulletin. If you would like someone's name read during the service, please email Muffy Sander (muffysander@gmail.com) by Wednesday. October 30.



A word about the Food Banks and Food Distribution...

On Sunday, Jack Schwarz shared with the congregation about the Food Bank and Meal Packing in Ridge Spring, which is part of our ongoing One-Minute Sermons of Thanks during Stewardship Season. As many of you know, we have a checkbox on our giving envelopes for contributions to the food bank. At the end of each month those donations for the month are split between Women in Unity's Food Bank, Johnston's Food Bank, and ACTS' Food Bank.

Since I started last December, I have participated most every month in the Meal Packing in Ridge Spring on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This is one of the ways we partner with ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) in addition to our monetary donations. We have a wonderful group of parishioners who help with this ministry. It is fun and it is a chance for us to serve together in the community. But it is also eye-opening to see how many people in our community need that assistance.

The bags of food we pack are supposed to be roughly a week's worth of food and include things like pasta, rice, oatmeal, vegetables, beans, soup, pasta sauce, and peanut butter. They also receive meat, typically chicken or pork. Sometimes, they also receive fresh fruit.

ACTS is normally prepared for around 168 families and most of the months I have served, there has been enough food for everyone and sometimes people have received a little extra or some of the volunteers take it to members in their community. In September, I felt like we had more than before in my brief time participating, and I asked Sarah and others who had participated longer, and they said yes. We just had enough food. I think we might have been more careful and rationed a little bit towards the end to make it stretch and give everyone something. When I asked Suzanne, ACT's Executive Director, she said we probably served close to 200 in September.

Yesterday was the 3rd Wednesday of October and I participated in Meal Packing and we ran out of food and had to turn some people away. The last few cars that did get food did not get as much as they normally would as we were trying to stretch and be able to give everyone something. It was hard to watch people drive off with nothing. I felt my heart drop as I watched Suzanne tell people that there was not anything left to give them.

This is just my experience at with ACTS in Ridge Spring, but I am guessing that Johnston Food Bank and Women in Unity's Food Bank are experiencing similar situations, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. When you choose the Food Bank option, we can send money to our partners in ministry who provide a much-needed ministry in our communities.



Blessings Lathrop+



Please let us know if you have any needs after Hurricane Helene. We are here for you!

If you also have any updates please let us know so we can get the word out to everyone. Contact Mother Lathrop for assistance at your earliest need.

Here is the link on the diocesan website for any and all resources for disaster relief related information. Including donations of money to the diocese of Western North Carolina.

The diocese has determined the best thing right now for relief is through monetary donations. Please follow the link below and you will see all things hurricane relief related.

DOK would like to suggest that the congregation put money/checks (made out to ECOR and noted for Helene) in the envelopes that are in each pew. Mark on the outside "other" or Helene. The money collected over the next few weeks will be sent directly to the Diocese of Western North Carolina.



After we had an unexpected visitor on September 22 at Trinity, the Mission Council made some initial decisions regarding the safety of our children and really all of us.

We will continue to have ongoing conversations about safety and plan on having written procedures for each of our historic buildings for when we have such occurrences as this, but also for other things.

The initial decisions we would like you all to know about are:

- At Trinity we will share an officer with Edgefield First Baptist Church. We had one this past Sunday and it worked very well. He parked in the parking lot next to Trinity and was a visible presence as people were arriving for the service
- · At Our Saviour we will also have an officer
- · We are still working on having law enforcement presence at Grace
- At all three churches Miss Nikki will lock the doors once the children are back with her and they will remain locked until the children come
  back into the service.



Great news—We now have a Lost and Found section in our newsletter!

Our illustrious organist, known for her stunning jewelry, has misplaced one of her cherished clip-on pearl earrings at Trinity Church.

She believes it might be in the Parish Hall somewhere. It could be clipped to her robe or even someone else's robe. It might even be by the Organ.

If you find it, please turn it in to the church office so we can reunite Miss Peggy Ann with her valuable earring.

Thank you for your help!



#### Important Directory Update Reminder! 🔀

We still have a significant number of questionnaires outstanding—only 74 out of the needed 139 have been filled out. This means over half of the congregation has yet to update their information.

For your convenience, there are forms at each church to fill out.

It's vitally important that we have current records to ensure your pastoral needs are being met.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



#### 🐮 Floral Design Workshop with Margaret Brown 🠮



Don't miss this opportunity to unleash your inner florist!





### Edgefield County Animal Shelter Needs Your Help! \*\*

As the weekend approaches, here's some important information about the Edgefield County Animal Shelter. We're always in need of donations specifically, sheets (no pillowcases), towels, blankets, and quilts. We currently need dog walkers for Tuesday afternoons and Fridays.

Financial contributions are also welcome and help with much-needed medications and surgical supplies. We're currently overloaded with large dogs and would love for anyone looking for a new companion to stop by in the afternoons Wednesday thru Friday 11:00am to 3:00pm or call to make an appointment.

Check out our Facebook page, Friends of Edgefield Animal Shelter, for more updates! If you have any used sheets and towels you'd like to donate, bring them on Sunday, and I'll take them to the shelter next week.

Thanks for your support, Kelly 803-380-2644 Friends of Edgefield Animal Shelter

Your support makes a world of difference! 😭 🤎





#### Show Your Support for Church of the Ridge! 🌟

If you need a lanyard to proudly display your support for Church of the Ridge, please reach out to Mother Lathrop at vicar@churchoftheridge.com. Wear it with pride and spread the word!

Thanks for being part of our community! 🞉





It was a great soccer game! thanks to Eliza Faris for making the day!

#### 🞉 Congratulations to Ryals Connor! 🎉



Make sure you mark your calendars. We have a very busy 4th quarter and don't want you to miss any of the details! ALWAYS REFER TO THE EBLAST FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING ANY OF THE DATES BELOW. AS THE

#### DATES COME CLOSER MORE DETAILS WILL BE ADDED

- October 20 Eucharistic Minister training Our Saviour right after morning service and... Afternoon Service at Our Saviour 4pm
- October 21-23 Fall Clergy/Spouse Retreat @ Lake Logan (Mother Lathrop attending)
- October 27 Halloween Celebration hosted by Ellen Courtney
- October 31 Edgefield Town Square Trunk or Treat 6-8PM
- Nov 1 All Saints Day/ Dia de las Muertos
- · November 3 All Saints Day Celebration
- November 3 Eucharist Minister Training at Trinity.
- November 4 Convocation Prayer Vigil, In addition to Mother Lathrop being the celebrant for the Vigil for National Life at St. Thaddeus in Aiken, Bishop Richards will be the preacher for that service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this service along with others in our Gravatt Convocation.
- November 8-9 Diocesan Convention at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia (Cindy Vann is Contact)
- November 10 Gravatt Pop-UP Store
- · November 12 Our Saviour DOK is sponsoring a flower arranging class Please see announcement in eblast for details
- November 17 Grace Church 150th birthday Celebration. Lots of details to come!
- November 17 4:00pm service at Trinity
- November 24 Stewardship Ingathering
- December 1 Advent (Beginning of New Liturgical year)
- December 8 Christmas Parade Edgefield
- December 8 Tour of Churches Ridge Spring 2-4pm
- December 8 Wine and cheese Party Beth and George Thornton's 5-8pm
- December 15 Edgefield Tour of Churches 2-4pm
- December 15 ECOR 52nd birthday and Parish Status Celebration (Trinity)
- December 20 Cook Dinner for Military Retreat at Gravatt
- December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm Our Saviour
- December 25 Christmas Day 10:00am at Our Savior



#### 🌞 One-Minute Sermon Lineup 🌞

Here's your one-minute sermon lineup:

• 10/20 (OS) Renovations to Our Saviour: Cindy

• 10/27 (G) Sunday School: Mother Lathrop

Children's Stewardship Sermon

Halloween Party

• 11/3 (T) Altar Guild: Jean Covar

All Saints Sunday

• 11/10 (OS) Gravatt: Connor Children - all stand up and say one thing they love about Gravatt

Gravatt Pop-Up Store

Possible Stewardship Sermon

• 11/17 (G) DOK: Kathie

o Grace's Birthday Celebration (150th) so it will be BIG!

• 11/24 (T) Acolytes:

Pledge Ingathering

Let's keep the spirit of gratitude alive! 🙏



Sunday Afternoon Monthly Services

October 20 at Our Saviour November 24 Trinity

December: December 22 - Our Saviour

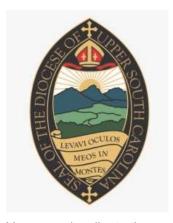
Good news! Our Sunday afternoon monthly services will continue on October 20th. Each Sunday, we see more and more attendees, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



#### **Notes Along the Way**

Meditations from Bishop Daniel Richards updated weekly from the diocese Website https://mailchi.mp/edusc/notes-along-the-way-15874133?e=ad64a6cb46



You can subscribe to the newsletter as well as check out the diocesan website for any additional news regarding assistance for Hurricane Helene



#### Request for Volunteers to Help with Livestreaming

We've been live-streaming our Sunday services for about 6 months now, with an average of 3 viewers live and 15 views during the following week. This initiative allows members who can't attend in person to "visit" with friends and fellow members on Sunday.

To continue this valuable ministry, we need 2-3 members to step in and learn the process to ensure our services are streamed every Sunday. Due to the technical nature of this role, we need volunteers with a working knowledge of streaming to YouTube and a general understanding of how sound/video systems work.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Jay Summer at 330-991-3157 or jaysummersc@gmail.com.

Your help would mean the world!





#### ACTS - Area Churches Together

Every third Wednesday of the month, join us for a meaningful and fun morning at Ridge Spring Farmers Market! The next date for distribution is October 16th, from 8:30am to 11:00am.

Rev. Lathrop, Sarah, Greg, Jack, and Jerrold will be there to guide you. Remember, many hands make light work.

We'd love to have you with us! 🌟



#### 👺 Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center! 🞉

Every 3rd Thursday, join us for Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center from 9am to 11am. We're looking for volunteers to help purchase gifts or call Bingo.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Cindy Vann at 706-833-3328.

Hope to see you there! 👭 🍀

#### 📤 Sunday Food Collections - If You Bring It, We Will Deliver It! 🧶

In an effort to simplify our Outreach Ministries, we encourage you to bring donations whenever the spirit moves you! We will sort and transport the donations to the proper agencies.

#### Requested Items:

- Non-perishable food items (no glass)
- Spices
- Toiletries
- · Cleaning supplies
- · Pet food

Please do not include any clothing.



Jennie Boatwright

Dana Buchli

Deacon Chris

James Courtney

Suzanne Derrick

Linda Heos

**Bob Hodges** 

Harriet Boatwright Huiet

Meg Jolly

Joe Lojewski

Jason Mathis

Mary Mathis

William McCollough

Carol Rhoads

Vic Roof

Rebekah Robeson

Brannon Rowland

Mary Lou Seymour

Joe Smith

Libba Ingram Zion



Art Amos

Pauline Berry

Emma Lou Easley

John Eubanks

Carolyn Lovell

Rick Lovell

Susie Watson



Addison Mae Long Oct 21 Lydia Derrick Wherry Oct 25 Cathryn Brice Oct 27 Jack Kornaus Oct 28



Jean Covar (2024) Deborah Neese (2024) Cindy Vann (2024) Ettis Rainsford (2025) Kathie Stallworth (2025) Sarah Schwarz (2025) Muffy Sander (2026) Caleb Connor (2026) Jay Summer (2026)

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