

# Church of the Resurrection

## From the Rafters



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Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

Spring is on the way, which means Lent and Easter! This Lent our formation for all ages will be on Wednesday nights (March 12th, 19th and 26th and April 2nd and 9th at 6 p.m.). Our Lenten Suppers will focus on the stories of our past. I have interviewed three of our former Rectors: The Rt. Rev. Charlie von Rosenberg, The Rev. Peter Hawes, and The Rev. Nicholas Beasley, as well as Dr. Joel Cleland and Ms. Leslie Juul Merrill. We will watch these videos and have a discussion of our stories. These dinners, interviews, conversations and fellowship will be the heart of our Lenten preparation! Our Lenten season begins on March 5th with Ash Wednesday at 12 and 6 p.m. Please join us for a Holy Lent.

Also in March will be our Pancake Supper (March 4th) and Oyster Roast/Chili Cook-off (March 8th). Please make sure to be a part of these fun fellowship activities! It is important to be together, to get to know each other and to grow together in our love for Jesus Christ!

It is important to remember the seasons of the Church and their meanings. In that vein, just a reminder about Lent and its importance. Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast. The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church, the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).

Thank you for being you, for loving each other and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Love, Mary Balfour +



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## Salley Cathcart, Senior Warden

As we start another year together at Church of the Resurrection, I am honored to serve as senior warden in a church that has become my family and continues to grow into God's vision for us as His people. We have a fantastic vestry serving this year, and I am excited to see what God has in store for us as a parish.

I was at Cursillo a month ago, and I was sitting at a table with folks from other parishes, and they were talking about the challenge of "growing" as a church. They spoke of church growth in the way that I typically have, basically growing in numbers, but I believe God is calling me to think of growth differently.

So many of us lost trees recently during Helene. I was shocked to see so many healthy trees on my property uprooted during the storm. The roots had grown out but not deep to the point that the uprooted root balls stood 10 to 12 feet high. As I stood looking into the holes in my yard, it occurred to me that those trees didn't have the deep root system that might have helped them weather the storm better. The picture of those trees came back to me during the church growth conversation at Cursillo. It occurs to me that maybe God is calling us to think of growth in a differently. Maybe growing deeper is at least as important as growing in numbers. Growing deep as well as growing wide.

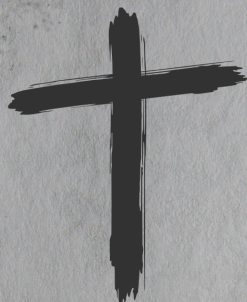
I know that I feel the need to grow deeper in my own faith, listen for God's voice, and more importantly, make sure that I'm praying and maintaining a relationship with Him so that I recognize His voice when the tumultuous winds of life inevitably blow. What would it look like for COR to grow a deeper root system both individually and as a congregation?

I believe God is calling each of us to know Him more profoundly, no matter the current condition of our faith. One way I feel this calling is by renewing a prayer ministry we had some years back, when 2 people stood in the former bride's room and prayed with anyone who needed a prayer after communion. I believe it was a real blessing for those who received prayers, and I hope they felt God's love and the love we had for them. One thing I know with absolute certainty is that participating in that small ministry tremendously grew my faith and my connection with God and with the members of our church. We have a small group who have expressed interest in serving in this way and I'm looking forward to seeing this ministry revived.

We have many members at Church of the Resurrection who live with a true servant's heart. I am so blessed to witness your ministries and to learn and be inspired by each of you. Let's work together to discover new ways to follow Him more deeply and be energized to let our light shine.

Blessings,  
Salley Cathcart

# UPCOMING EVENTS



*Ash Wednesday*

**SERVICES**

March 5  
12pm & 6pm  
Church of the Resurrection



*Save the Date*

**Pancake Supper**



**Tuesday,  
March 4th  
6pm**

 **March  
youth group**

*March 2 at Resurrection 4pm-6pm*

*March 9 at Arcade in Uptown 4pm-6pm*

*March 30 at First Presbyterian 4pm-6pm*

*\*No youth group on 3/16 & 3/23*



**HOLY EUCHARIST AT  
WESLEY COMMONS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH  
AT 11AM**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## SAVE THE DATE

### Lenten Supper Series “Sharing Our Past: A Look Back at Resurrection over the Years”

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT  
6PM-7PM

MARCH 12 - THE RT. REV. CHARLIE VONROSENBERG,  
FORMER RECTOR

MARCH 19- DR. JOEL CLELAND, CHURCH MEMBER

MARCH 26- THE REV. NICHOLAS BEASLEY, FORMER RECTOR

APRIL 2- THE REVEREND PETER HAWES, FORMER RECTOR

APRIL 9- LESLIE JUUL MERRILL, CHURCH MEMBER

## Primetimers

**Thursday, March 13th at 11:30  
with Dr. Cliff Cain**

Theologian in Residence at First Presbyterian Church  
RSVP to Denise Brown at [denise@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto:denise@episcopalgreenwood.org)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & CHILI COOKOFF

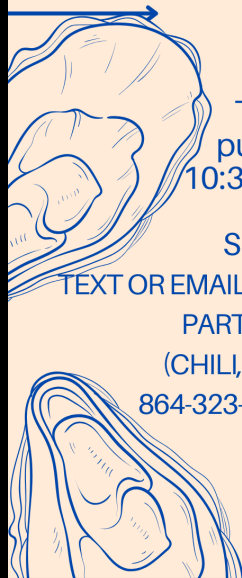
**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH  
6PM-8PM  
COURTYARD AT  
RESURRECTION**

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased after the 8:30am & 10:30am services on 2/23 and 3/2

Silent auction, food and fun!

TEXT OR EMAIL KELLY WISEMAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE CHILI COOKOFF (CHILI, SOUP OR STEW-MUST BE HEARTY!)

864-323-2787 OR KJWISEMAN91@GMAIL.COM



## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

### Soup Sale in Emmaus Hall

After the 8:30am and 10:30am services on 3/16 and 3/23



Various types of soup  
\$10/quart

## MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

### LENTEN GIVING FOR DSS

**DSS IS SEEKING WAL MART OR FAST FOOD GIFT CARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25 (OR LESS)**

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT DSS CANNOT ACCEPT CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS. THE CASE WORKERS USE GIFT CARDS TO BUY DINNER, CLOTHES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES\*

**\*DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING SPACE**





**NEW  
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING  
CLASS: 12 SESSIONS BEGINNING IN MAY**

Daughters are a prayer-sustained service group.  
Our working mission is to love God and our neighbors as ourselves. We practice a life of prayer born from His love to share with His Family, the Church worldwide.

What we do? You will find us in the kitchen, the classrooms, the office, or visiting homebound, fund-raising, and serving wherever!  
As well as having good, clean fun!

We are open to new Daughters and will have a chance for you to learn more this spring and summer.

Please contact Sandy ([chichi5870@wctel.net](mailto:chichi5870@wctel.net)) by Easter Sunday, April 20th.

## **RESURRECTION CELEBRATES YOU**

### **March Birthdays**

- 2-Coralyn Berry
- 3-Reid Conrad, Burl Ricker
- 4-Julia Ball, George Hyatt
- 5-Whitfield Brooks, Daniel Champaigne
- 6-Renee Love
- 7-Morgan Allord
- 9-Andy Anderson, Eddie Barber, Tom Hochheimer
- 10-Anne Marie Glawe, Nancy Rohrer, Kim Russell
- 15-Patrick Kinney
- 16-Beverly Wilson
- 17-Trisha Craven
- 18-Roxy Fawcett, Paige Ouzts
- 19-Jon Newlon
- 20-Margaret Ann Hasting
- 22-Celie Mescall, Bette Ricker, Lisa Treeter
- 24-Alison Moore
- 25-Gerald Normandt
- 27-Sandy Moore
- 28-Tom Barchi, Ross Ann Steifle
- 29-Don Bergman
- 30-Joanne Hochheimer
- 31-Sue Moore

### **March Anniversaries**

- 17-Reva & Stephen Davis
- 29-Jane & Albert Merrill

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:**

Bill Arnold, Dan Bacon, Jim Bright, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, Steve Driskell, Joe Ferguson, Anne Marie Glawe, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Bill Lewis, Mirta Lindsey, Rebecca Long, Rita Marshall, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Michael Whitfield, Jimmy Arthur (Shannon Jones' father), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Dennis and Gwenda Dobbs (Ben Dobbs' parents), Chris Eaddy (Karen Bright's nephew), David Hammett (Connie Hammett's brother), Vanita Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges' mother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Tammy Kelly (Michael Whitfield's niece), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Tommy Morgan (Robin Lanford's brother), JoAnn Lindsey Myers (Mirta Lindsey's daughter), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Hayley Rillon (Granddaughter of Cindy & John Hughes), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle's uncle), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer's niece), Cathy Strong (Lorah Perry's stepdaughter), David Walker (Hope Scurry's brother) and Faith Wheeler (sister of Sarah McKinney and Steve Brodie).

**And for these persons:** Durham Bley (Wells and Ryan Anderson's friend), Durst Confer (Paul Criswell's friend), Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright's cousin), Sam Livingston (Karen and Michael Whitfield's friend), Nancy May (Cindy Hughes' friend), Desmond Melville (Dean Faden's friend), Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes' friend), Dan Richardson (John and Cindy Hughes' friend) and Peter Westerbaan (Salley Cathcart's friend).

**March 2** -The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Gerald and Donna Brooks by Laura Beth Brooks

**The presence candle for the month of March** is given to the the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children Whitfield and Lori Brooks, Laura Beth Brooks, and Catherine and Brice Sexton by Donna and Gerald Brooks

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 2/20/25	\$15,276	\$37,500	\$2,245	\$1,458	\$40,861	\$37,794
Year as of 2/20/25	\$69,383	\$75,000	\$3,693	\$2,916	\$87,774	\$75,180

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## VESTRY MEMBERS

Salley Cathcart , Senior Warden  
Charlie Long, Junior Warden  
Michele Anderson  
Diana Carver  
Dick Daffin  
Ryan Floyd  
Sarah Hasting  
Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges  
Jean E. Shirley  
Stephen Tucker  
Kelly Wiseman  
Beverly Wilson  
Adrian Little, Vestry Clerk  
Archie Booker, Treasurer

## CLERGY AND STAFF

Mary Balfour Dunlap, Rector  
Al Hipp, Deacon  
Donna Brooks, Director of Music Ministry  
Denise A. Brown, Administrative Assistant  
Cate Hamilton, Director of Tutoring Program  
Mary Allyn Hedges, Communications Coordinator  
Cox Accounting, Financial Contractor  
Mary Bright, Nursery Attendant  
Delaney Floyd, Nursery Attendant  
Catherine Brooks Sexton, RN, Parish Nurse