

Church of the Resurrection From the Rafters

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Dear Resurrection Family,

Please allow me this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to everyone for the exceptionally warm welcome to the church. Many thanks also to the search committee as well as the Vestry for the wonderful opportunity to serve Resurrection. Although I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of Christian denominations during my career as a church musician, the Episcopal Church feels like home to me, and I am absolutely overjoyed to be returning this Eastertide.

The Easter season has long been my favorite part of the liturgical year, and this Eastertide is going to be especially joyful at The Church of the Resurrection. On Thursday evenings, the choir and I are already establishing a good rapport in rehearsal and are enjoying eating out after practice. If you like to sing and eat, please let me know. We would love for you to join The Parish Choir!

If you do not like to sing, maybe you would like to ring. Resurrection now owns handbells thanks to choir member Barry Wilson who is also a retired Baptist Minister of Music. Originally, the handbells belonged to Lexington Baptist Church in South Carolina and were given away to Barry's colleagues. Thank you, Barry, for acquiring the handbells!

On Ascension Sunday, May 17, at the 10:30 a.m. service, The Resurrection Ringers will make their debut, and they will also play the following week on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. The group consists of volunteers from both Immanuel Lutheran Church and Resurrection. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Experience is not required. After Pentecost Sunday, the handbell choir will take June and July off and resume in August.

Once again, thank you so much to everyone for the heartfelt welcome. I am very excited to be your music director and look forward to a bright future together!

Happy Eastertide,
Dr. Will Cleveland



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Dear Resurrection Family,

Dr. Will has the opening article for this issue, [what glorious music we are enjoying!] but I just wanted to thank each of you for a remarkable first Sunday! I could feel the joy as we gathered. I am already looking toward the Sundays we will share. I am excited to get connected on Realm and to begin meeting pastorally with members not able to be with us regularly. The Vestry and I are looking forward to re-starting some of the community ministries which have brought joy in the past, so stay tuned for those announcements. As life would have it, my office days have stated in the last Rafters have changed! I am now in the office Mondays and Wednesdays—and available Sunday afternoons to visit as needed. Dr. Will and I are already happy collaborators!

— The Rev. Canon Jane Rogers Wilson



PRIME TIMERS

Save the Date :

May 31 Coffee Hour

after the 8:30am and 10:30am services

Prime Timers is on a break for the summer, but Noonie Fennell and Jan Puzar would like some fresh ideas for the group starting in September. Prime Timers is a Fellowship group for Seniors which has met for many years on the third Thursday of the month in Emmaus Hall at 11:30 for lunch and a speaker. We are seeking ideas for speakers or activities that are easy, fun, and/or informative for next year's programs.

We invite Boomers and the Greatest Generation to come chat so we can pick your brains. We'd love to identify a small planning group who isn't afraid to say, "What about. . ." We feel that Prime Timers needs to stay strong, especially during our Rector-search. Also, if you would like to be on the mailing list for Prime Timers, please let Denise know at denise@episcopalgreenwood.org.

You can also call or text: Jan Puzar 864-344-7842 or Noonie Fennell 864-554-2040.



PENTECOST

Picnic

SUNDAY, MAY 24

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
10:30AM SERVICE
(THIS WILL BE THE ONLY SERVICE)**

The church is providing barbecue and fried chicken and parishioners will be asked to bring a side or dessert. Check upcoming weekly emails for instructions on what letters of the alphabet will bring what dishes.



MAY MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Second Sunday Giving

Soup Kitchen/Food Bank

Items needed: Canned mixed vegetables, Canned corn niblets, Diced tomatoes, Diced potatoes, Chicken broth, Beef broth, Grape jelly, paper towels, Canned beef stew, Sweetened powder ice tea mix, Canned fruit cocktail, Saltine crackers, mayonnaise, Sweet relish-Please drop off items in the Gathering Space.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:

GREENWOOD SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY
929 PHOENIX STREET
GREENWOOD, SC 29646

Church of the Resurrection Announcements

Festival of Flowers + Church Yard Work Days:

COR has been invited to participate in the Festival of Flowers on June 6! Our labyrinth and gardens and courtyard will be part of the tour and the DOK has graciously offered to serve refreshments and serve as tour docents on that day. We will be doing a couple of work days or evenings as we get closer to the date of the tour.

These should be some nice times to work together on our beautiful grounds. We will send updates on dates and times for those. Please let Charlie Long know if you can help!

New Church Website:

We are so excited about our new church website! If you haven't looked at it yet it is fantastic. We still want to gather more updated photos we can include as well as a couple of other ideas for tabs and links. Thank you so much to Celie Mescall for all her hard work and talent in putting this together for us as well as all her hard work getting realm going for us.

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