

The Ridge Runner

DECEMBER 2011

The newsletter for the Episcopal Church of the Ridge
EDGEFIELD • RIDGE SPRING • TRENTON



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

A Note from the Deacon – In-Charge:

“I do not want to see you now just in passing, for I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.” (1 Corinthians 16:7)

For those of you familiar with this passage, you will know that I am picking out a single verse of a larger passage. The meaning of the single sentence can now be used to support a myriad of arguments, claiming to quote St. Paul. That is what we often do in the church; we pick out a small piece and focus on it. Most of the time there is no harm in doing this, and we do it to build the church. I was often accused in my undergraduate career of marshaling the facts to fit my argument, and politicians and the news media are masters of this game. The church however, is different, as what we do is to be done for the glory of God, and not what is good for us on an individual basis.

I confess I am going to use the quotation for my own purpose. I hope my marshaling of Paul’s words is done to build the church and the people of God. My visitations with all of you have been difficult to arrange. Therefore, I am going to ask those of you who wish a visit to make the first contact. I hope this will simplify the process for both of us. If you wish a visit, send me an e-mail with what is normally a convenient day and time for you. My hope is that this will help me visit those wanting a visit, and not pressure anyone who does not wish a personal visit at this time.

My ordination date and my installation as your vicar are upon us. I look forward to being your pastor, priest, and teacher. The more we know about each other, the closer our community can be. The closer we are to one another, the better we will work together for the glory of God. The Church of the Ridge is a special place with a wonderful group of people, and I feel honored and privileged to have the opportunity to serve you as your vicar. I pray that our time together will further God’s Kingdom, and allow us all to share the abiding love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God’s peace be with you,

Tom+

A Prayer for the Deacon-in-Charge

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy - especially our supply priests and our Deacon, Tom - and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

11th Annual Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals is one of the most popular, fun and meaningful events that takes place each year in Edgefield County... and Sunday afternoon, October 16th was no different.

Approximately 40-45 animals attended, along with their owners, including two miniature donkeys (dad "Buster" and daughter "Christian"), and one honey bee. Other pets, in absentia, were blessed including 20,000 chickens! Much barking was heard on the beautiful shady back lawn of the church which overlooks the statue of St. Francis of Assisi. During the service a prayer of remembrance was said for those pets that had died during the year as well as a prayer offered for those stray animals that are hungry and abandoned here in our county.

This year, The Reverend Peter Hawes led the services, accompanied by our rector, The Reverend Tom DiMarco. As each special pet was blessed, they were presented, on behalf of The Church of the Ridge, a St. Francis medal to be worn on their collars. These medals were donated by Liz and Ed Posey and Beth Byrd. An offering of almost \$300 was taken to benefit our local food banks and will enable the purchase of pet food thereby allowing folks to keep their pets at home and not have to put them in a shelter. After the blessings, refreshments (again, donated by the Posey's) were served to the pets and owners.

Very special thanks go to Emily Bull for the layout and printing of the blessing fliers and event programs; Peggy Ann Moss (assisted by pup, Ginger Snap) for the beautiful music; Miranda Di Marco (assisted by pup, Napoleon) for her exquisite voice in leading the hymns; Carolyn Lovell for the wonderful photos; and our outstanding volunteers who did the "heavy work", Meg Jolly, Anna Cay Hawes, Cathryn Brice and Jerrold Watson.

Submitted by Beth Byrd



Food Bank Report



Food Bank Donations

Thank you for continuing to support the food bank outreach ministry! We have made donations of food to the Johnston food bank October 18, 26 and November 4 and 15, and to the Saluda food bank October 26 and November 15. In October we raised \$203 in the collection plate and \$30 cash donations in November. We continue to provide food for both humans and their pets to each location. Bring your food donations (non perishable items, no glass please) to church each Sunday! 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)

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for October 2011

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pledge	\$ 3,154.00	\$ 1,923.07	\$ 1,230.93
Other (plate)	\$ 9,597.00	\$ 8,944.71	\$ 652.29
Total	\$ 12,751.00	\$ 10,867.78	\$ 1,883.22



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday, December 4, 2011 Edgefield Historical Society Tour of Churches 3:00 pm <i>a walking tour</i>				1	2	3
4 Trenton DiMarco Scales 10:00 am 	5	6	7 Ordination of Thomas Edgar DiMarco 6:30 pm Edgefield	8	9	10
11 Ridge Spring DiMarco 10:00 am 	12	13 6:30pm Evening Prayer (CO)	14 7:00 am Morning Prayer (CO)* 6:00pm Choir Practice (OS) 7:00 PM Mission Council	15 RR Deadline	16	17
18 Edgefield DiMarco 10:00 am 	19	20 6:30pm Evening Prayer (CO)	21 7:00 am Morning Prayer (CO)* 6:00pm Choir Practice (OS)	22	23	24 Trenton DiMarco 6:00 pm 
25 Trenton DiMarco 10:00 am 	26	27	28	Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Friday- lunch- AIA Meeting Thursday-6:00 pm-Counseling Group		

Sunday School SCHEDULE

**Lectionary Bible Study
for Adults & Youth**
Every Sunday at all locations
9:00 am

Ordination of
Thomas Edgar DiMarco
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
6:30 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
Edgefield, South Carolina

Reception to follow at
Magnolia Dale

Please plan to attend and help celebrate and welcome
Tom to the priesthood.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Ben Anderson (friend of Ann Byrd)
 Jennie Boatwright
 Edward Bodie
 Dan Booth
 Addie Byrd
 Don Cook (husband of Daphne)
 Sandra Curran (sister of Dianne Glass)
 Ann Curtis
 Martha Dicus (friend of Mary Lou Seymour)
 Mary Grace Feltham (daughter of Helen)
 Betty Halverson (mother-in-law of Bishop Waldo)
 Shirley Holgate
 The Rev'd Clyde Ireland
 Ruth Kemp (friend of Helen Feltham)
 Bill Lamotte (friend of the Hodges')
 Trey Lewis (friend of Ann Byrd)
 Noma Lovell (mother-in-law of Carolyn)
 McCurdy Family
 Jean McDaniel
 Dottie Miller (mother of Buddy)
 Wes Mills (father of Carolyn Lovell)
 Mark Myer (brother-in-law of the Vanns)
 David Nowak (friend of the Ginn's)
 Jordan Phillips (friend of Ann Byrd)
 Alex Rhoads
 Sandra Sawyer

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Chris Coats
 Dwight DeLoach
 Bobby Ginn
 Jon McDaniel
 Dwight Rabe
 Roger Rabe
 Ryan Rabe
 Mark Rodgers
 Shane Smith

Deaths

Badger Humphries
 Dot Mims

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Art Amos	14 Joannah Holmes
Kathryn Ginn	17 Phillips Boatwright
3 Jon James	Carol Scott
9 Bailey Pendarvis	20 Mary Alleen Slade
11 Allison McDaniel	30 Alex Rhoads

*To have someone added or removed from the
 Intercessory Prayer List
 Email: info@churchoftheridge.org*

DECEMBER WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

December 4 in Trenton 2nd Sunday of Advent

Priest.....DiMarco, Scales
 Acolyte.....Lilli Pendarvis
 Eucharistic Minister.....Monti McDaniel
 Lector.....Maynard Watson
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Mary Lou Seymour, Cindy Vann
 Usher.....Stan Taylor, Larry Vann
 Greeters.....Kathie Stallworth, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Nota Ginn, LeeAnn Pendarvis
 Readings.....Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Gospel Mark 1:1-8

December 7 in Edgefield Ordination

December 11 in Ridge Spring 3rd Sunday of Advent

Acolyte.....Bennett Rhoads
 Eucharistic Minister.....Carol Rhoads
 Lector.....Miranda DiMarco
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Jennie Boatwright
 Usher.....Phillips Boatwright
 Greeters.....Carolyn Lovell, Scotty Scott
 Hospitality.....Kelly and Ric Vann
 Readings.....Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18 in Edgefield 4th Sunday of Advent

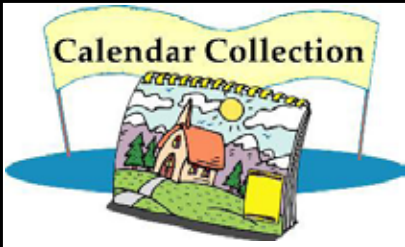
Acolyte.....Kathryn Ginn
 Gospel.....Jack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Connie Boggs
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims
 Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims
 Greeters.....Jim Hawk, Lovick Mims
 Hospitality.....Liz Kornaus
 Reading.....2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
 Romans 16:25-27, Gospel Luke 1:26-38

December 24 in Trenton Christmas Eve

Acolyte.....Bailey Pendarvis
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Stan Taylor
 Altar.....Leisa Long, Peggy Ann Moss, Kathie Stallworth
 Usher.....Tom Long, Ric Vann
 Greeters.....Lovick Mims, Kathie Stallworth
 Reading.....Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96
 Titus 2:11-14, Gospel Luke 2:1-20

December 25 in Trenton Christmas Day

Acolyte.....Larry Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Liz Posey, Carol Rhoads
 Usher.....Ed Posey, Alex Rhoads
 Greeters.....Carolyn Lovell, Kathie Stallworth
 Hospitality.....Beth Byrd
 Reading.....Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97
 Titus 3:4-7, Gospel Luke 2:8-20



We will be collecting excess calendars again this year, to contribute to the Seamen's Mission in Charleston. If you receive any 2012 calendars that you don't need, please bring them to Church any Sunday in December or January and give them to Scotty Scott (or leave them in the Narthex).



Special thanks to those of you who participated in our evergreen fundraiser. We regret that it was not feasible to submit an order this year. For anyone who sold to non-members, please express our gratitude for their continued support.

Merry Christmas to all.

Cathryn Brice

SAVIOR ORNAMENT

This Christmas, celebrate Jesus' birthday by making this keepsake ornament.

What you need:

- Wooden clothespin with round end
- Black permanent marker
- White cloth or felt
- Small wooden star (available at craft stores)
- Yellow paint
- Paintbrush
- Gold glitter (optional)
- Glue gun (and an adult)
- Straw-colored raffia
- Palm-size wicker wreath (available at craft stores)
- Ribbon

What you do:

1. On the clothespin's round knob, draw two dots for eyes.
2. Wrap the white cloth around the clothespin, like a swaddled baby.
3. Paint the star yellow; add glitter, if desired.
4. With the glue gun and adult supervision, glue the raffia to the bottom inside of the wreath. Then glue the swaddled clothespin atop the raffia and glue the gold star atop the wreath.
5. Tie a ribbon around the top, near the star.
6. Hang the ornament on your Christmas tree or tie it on a gift.

A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

Directions: To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.

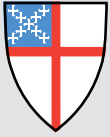
$7+6$ strength	$9+1$ shepherd	$30-5$ the	$7+5$ ends	$50-26$ live	
$21-10$ will	$27-24$ reach	$10+7$ flock	$40-20$ stand	$15+4$ securely	$8+8$ his
$35-31$ lord	$17-3$ greatness	$10-3$ earth	$10+5$ will	$5+1$ will	

"He _____ and _____ his _____
 in the _____ of the _____ And they _____
 _____, for then _____
 _____ to the _____ of _____."

MICAH 5:4, NIV

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

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THE MISSION STATEMENT

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



By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo
Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina
will ordain

Thomas Edgar DiMarco

To the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church

Wednesday, the Seventh of December
Two Thousand Eleven
At Six -Thirty in the evening
The Episcopal Church of the Ridge
Trinity Episcopal Church
313 Simkins Street
Edgefield, South Carolina

Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow at Magnolia Dale



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