

The Ridge Runner

JANUARY 2019

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



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

From the Vicar:

Dear Parishioners:

When I go into Augusta across the Thirteenth Street bridge, I see the new baseball stadium, a new Crown Plaza Hotel, and the new Cyber Center. But what really captures my attention is the Loto Store with its bright lights beckoning to one and all to come and lay a dollar down so you can win a treasure that will change your life. Most people never win, but it is the thought of winning 500,000,000 dollars that lures people to place their money on the counter and buy tickets that could be the source of a treasure and a new way of life.

The Episcopal Church of the Ridge since 1973 has demonstrated a new way of life by joining three different congregations together. Other churches have tried yoking themselves together only to find that they fight more than they agree, and they fragment again each hoping that it somehow will survive by itself. They seldom do because each church knows more about what it doesn't want than what it does want. Its members are more concerned about the pew in which their ancestors sat than sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in new and perhaps startling ways. We should remember that the Good News does not wait on us to catch up with it; it expects us to spread it in whatever means it takes to allow people to see that Jesus Christ is very much alive in the hearts of the people who call upon his holy name. The Good News is our treasure all wrapped up in the Anglican theology and liturgy.

The Episcopal Church of the Ridge is proud of its Anglican theology and liturgy. It is proud of its three historic churches, each with its unique history. By the grace of God these three congregations have come together as one to continue sharing Anglicanism in Edgefield, Ridge Spring, and Trenton. In so doing, we have shared the Good News and the Episcopal liturgy and theology in places that would not have had access to its richness and grace. In coming together as one, the three churches remember their past but more importantly look ahead to the future.

As we enter into 2019, I pray that you enter the New Year with renewed hope, joy, and faith. We have a rich heritage to share with our communities for the people hunger for something that is real. They want a real God, a real Christ, a real Spirit, that will call them from the mundane and allow them to encounter the holy mystery called God. The Episcopal Church of the Ridge has the means to give the seeker the power, mercy, and forgiveness of God through our ancient liturgy, solid theology, and a loving community. Our task is to open our hearts and arms and say: "Welcome."

Faithfully,

David Thompson, Vicar

Welcome New Mission Council Members

Pooh Alexander, Andrew Driver, and Bailey Pendarvis were elected to the Mission Council. We are fortunate to have these talented people come onto the Council and we look forward to their fresh ideas and contributions.

Annual Meeting Recap

Committee reports were made, the 2019 Budget was approved, Jerrold Watson was thanked for his 14 years of service as Treasurer, the out-going members were thanked for their many years of service on the Mission Council: Dick Glass, Kathie Stallworth and Sarah Schwarz. Kelly Vann will become the church's treasurer and Sarah Schwarz will become the assistant treasurer replacing Dick Glass who is retiring from his position. The congregation thanked Sarah Schwarz for serving as Senior Warden for the last three years.

Mission Council has elected Jay Summer as Senior Warden for the 2019 year.

Thank You Faithful Members

The Church of the Ridge is dependent upon so many different faithful people who contribute their time, talent, and treasure. I am especially thankful for the three members who are rotating off the Mission Council: Dick Glass, Sarah Schwarz, and Kathie Stallworth. Each has loyally served the congregation: Dick as the Stewardship Chair and Assistant Treasurer (for many years), Sarah as Senior Warden, and Kathie as Pastoral Chair. I also thank Jerrold Watson for serving fifteen years as Treasurer! I know we don't earn our way into heaven but fifteen years as treasurer should earn some sort of heavenly brownie points!! Please thank each of these people for their wonderful service! - Fr. Thompson

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for November 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 2,105.00
Pledge	\$ 8,065.00	\$ 9,015.38	-\$ 930.38
Total	\$ 11,940.00	\$ 10,785.30	\$ 1,175.00

Food Bank \$ 364.00

Daughters of the King

We are excited to be having a new member installation on January 20 in Trenton!

We have had a busy fall and are excited to be delivering our Christmas packages.

Please remember your Blessing Boxes into the new year.

Blessings to each of you,
Daughters of The King



Outreach Ministry

Sunday Collections:

- Food Bank Items
- Non-perishable items (no glass)
- Spices
- Toiletries
- Pet Food

Fourth Sunday Collections:

- Personal Items for children in Foster Care

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm— Counseling Group		1	2 7:00 am Morning Prayer	3	4	5 GIRL SCOUTS EDGEFIELD
	6 Ridge Spring 10:00 am Mission Council Installation 4:30 pm Burning of the Greens	7	8 5:30 pm Choir	9 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Mission Council	10	11 Ridge Runner Deadline February Issue
13 Edgefield 10:00 am	14	15 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm DOK	16 7:00 am Morning Prayer	17	18	19
20 Trenton 10:00 am DOK Admission	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	22 5:30 pm Choir	23 7:00 am Morning Prayer	24	25	26 DOK Luncheon
27 Ridge Spring 10:00 am	28	29 5:30 pm Choir	30 7:00 am Morning Prayer	31		

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Beginning on January 6th, we will look at the Holy Bible and explore its history and its centrality to the Christian Faith. This will be accomplished through watching DVDs and discussions. We meet each Sunday at 9 a.m. for 40 minutes in the parish hall. All are welcome to come to any or all sessions.

January BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 5 Bailey Velky | 27 Chris Covar |
| 10 Jack Schwarz | Josh Yonce |
| 19 Hudson Jordan | Marshall Crocker |
| 20 Carolyn Lovell | 30 Courtenay Mims |
| 21 Jerry Stallworth | |

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Friends and Family

Art Amos
 Fran Beals
 Suzanne Bloom
 John Bryden
 Helen Carpenter
 Cal Cassels
 Kyle Patrick Cassidy
 Kyle Cockrell
 Stephen Cockrell
 Daphne Cook
 June Covar
 Miranda DiMarco
 Radley Edwards
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Carmen Gee
 Jim Hawk
 Eva Holmes
 Easton Ivy
 Josh Kennedy
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Sarah Mills
 Lloyd Mosely
 Laura & Charles Murphy
 Thomas Nichols
 Betty Padgett
 Jimmy Painter
 Margie Prince
 Hadley Reahard
 Betty Rushin
 Jan Smith
 Francis Talbert
 Vannette Wells
 Jordie Yandle

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Kevin Ginn USN
 Nickolas Gibson

Deaths

JANUARY WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

January 6 in Ridge Spring The Epiphany

Acolyte.....Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Richard Bryden
 Lector.....Jerrod Watson
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Gerline Counts
 Usher.....Francis Counts
 Greeters.....Poo Alexander, Larry Vann
 Hospitality.....Jennie Boatwright
 Readings.....Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 in Edgefield First Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Ann Byrd, Lynn Melton
 Usher.....Buzz Byrd, Ray Melton
 Greeters.....Ray Melton, Richard Pendarvis
 Hospitality.....Nota Ginn
 Readings.....Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20 in Trenton Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Leisa Long, Peggy Ann Moss
 Usher.....Lee Holmes, Tom Long
 Greeters.....Andrew Driver, Ric Vann
 Hospitality.....Catherine Brice
 Reading.....Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 27 in Ridge Spring Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton
 Lector.....Barney Lamar
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Sarah Schwarz
 Usher.....Jack Schwarz
 Greeters.....Jay Summer, Joannah Thelen
 Hospitality.....Mary Derrick
 Reading.....Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21



Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical “octave,” or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus’ prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers “may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn’t want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.”



Burning of the Greens

January 6, 2019

4:30 pm

At the home of Jamie & David Long

321 Old Stage Rd, Edgefield

Join us for an evening of family fun and hot dogs!

Trees, wreaths and greenery may be dropped off the week of.

Please leave them at the end of the drive.

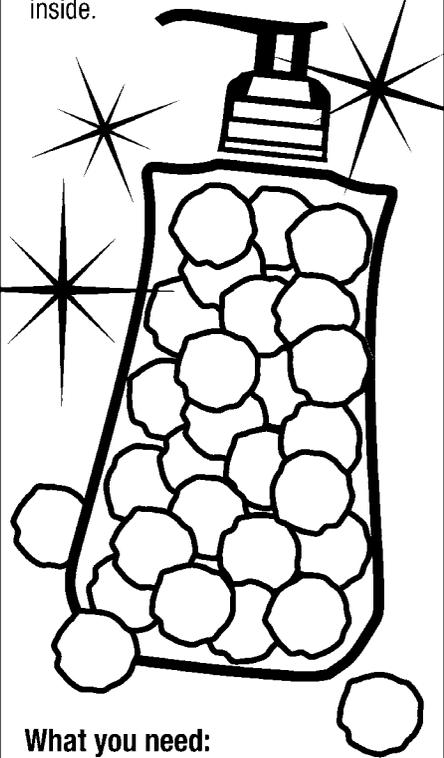


Sunday
February 3, 2019
in
Edgefield

Details to be
announced!

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were there**fore** buried with him
through bapt**ism** into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised**ed** from the dead
through the gl**ory** of the Father**er**,
we too may live a _____.

Roman**s** 6:4, 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.

Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANTHER, GD,
 LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since __O__ __O__
 __O__ __ __ US, WE __ __ __ O
 O __ __ __ __ __O __O __ __
 O __ __ __ __O __ __ __ __.
 1 __ O __ __ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also
ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV



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