

FEBRUARY 2019

The Ridge Runner

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



The Episcopal Church of the Ridge

From the Vicar:

Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever had that moment, that time when just one vocal word startles you into thinking about things in new ways; sort of like a small epiphany? This happened to me when I was listening to a broadcast on “Doctors’ Radio” (yes, I am that nerdy!) and the doctors were talking about Integrative Medicine which is different disciplines working together to solve health issues. But it was the word “Integrative” that stuck in my mind, and I realized that you and I are not very integrative. Perhaps its because we have spent so much time in our younger lives just trying to prove ourselves, to be the person we think we are, that we forget that in order to do so, we must be integrative. Instead of separating our selves into sections: work, family, faith, community, sports, recreation, we need to see ourselves and our reactions to our total life as a whole (holy) presence. Wow! Easy to write but much harder to do in our culture which likes to divide and to divide again. I once heard it said that the United States is not so much a melting pot as it is a salad bowl; different people living side by side but not really mixing.

I believe that this salad bowl metaphor is a great way to describe our spiritual lives. Just like a friend of mine at college who ate one food item at a time-never letting the different food groups touch one another-so do we live within ourselves separate expressions of who we are. Spiritual here, patriotic there, work there, community service here, family there – you get the picture. But the whole season of Epiphany is not about separation but integration. The visit of the Magi –those Zoroastrian priests- was not about separation but about holy, wholeness. They were looking for the same Saviour that the Jewish people and Nation was awaiting. The Wholly (Holy) Family welcomed them and accepted their gifts even though they were religiously and ethnically strangers. Wholeness is the key to understanding our lives and about understanding this season of Epiphany! Our prayer life, our participation in the life of the church, our belief in Our Lord Jesus Christ is to bring us into a united wholeness that affects everything that we do and say. There is no room in the Kingdom of God (heaven) for separation. The Kingdom of God is all about bringing our self into harmony and wholeness so that we can live holy, whole lives with our brothers and sisters. Just like at Jericho, our walls are to come tumbling down so that we can see the richness of God within ourselves and therefore share God’s holy joy with others.

Just a thought in the midst of our Epiphany Journey.

Faithfully,

David Thompson, Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

Virginia and I are blessed that one of our sons will be married in early March in Augusta, Ga. We would like to invite all of you but unfortunately that is not practical. We hope that you will understand. However, we are inviting members of the Mission Council to represent the congregation. Please remember our son Brad and his fiancé Tiffany as they prepare for their wedding vows.

- David

Mission Council 2019

Senior Warden	Jay Summer
Junior Warden	Ray Melton
Secretary	Leisa Long
Treasurer	Kelly Vann

Hospitality	Ric Vann, Poo Alexander
Worship	Larry Vann
Communications	Andrew Driver
Christian Formation	Joannah Thelen
Pastoral Care	David Thompson
Stewardship	Bailey Pendarvis
Under 40 Ministry	David Long
Outreach	Poo Alexander, Jay Summer

BUDGET REPORT

Receipts for December 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 1,251.00	\$ 2,169.81	-\$ 918.81
Pledge	\$ 15,898.00	\$ 9,509.43	\$ 6,388.57
Total	\$ 17,149.00	\$ 11,679.24	\$ 5,469.76

Receipts for 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Plate	\$ 22,553.93	\$ 22,999.00	-\$ 445.07
Pledge	\$ 126,614.00	\$ 100,800.00	\$ 25,814.00
Total	\$ 149,167.93	\$ 123,799.00	\$ 25,368.93

Food Bank \$927.00 for December
 \$1,801.00 4th Quarter
 \$5,277.00 2018 Total

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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JOIN US

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019
FOR SOUP AND CORNBREAD
 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
 IN EDGEFIELD

Daughters of the King will be hosting our Annual Soup Lunch in support of our area food banks.

Donations will be accepted, minimum of \$8 per person.
 Canned goods and other food bank related items will also be collected.

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

**YOUR DONATION COULD BE A
 GAMECHANGER**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Occurring Regularly in Edgefield Thursday – 12:00 noon– AA Meeting Thursday—6:00 pm—Counseling Group</p>					1	2 GIRL SCOUTS EDGEFIELD
3 Edgefield 10:00 am Souper Bowl Luncheon 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	4	5 5:30 pm Choir	6 7:00 am Morning Prayer	7	8	9
10 Trenton 10:00 am 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	11	12 5:30 pm Choir	13 7:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Mission Council	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 Ridge Runner Deadline March Issue	16
17 Ridge Spring 10:00 am 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	18 	19 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm DOK	20 7:00 am Morning Prayer	21	22	23
24 Edgefield 10:00 am 7th Sunday after the Epiphany	25	26 5:30 pm Choir	27 7:00 am Morning Prayer	28		

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.



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| 1 Abigail Rhoads | 20 Ann Byrd |
| 5 Penny Summer | 22 Buzz Byrd |
| 10 Haigh Reiniger | 23 Frank Feltham |
| 14 Ryght Jordan | 28 Dave Holmes |

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
 Izzy Cooper
 June Covar
 Miranda DiMarco
 Radley Edwards
 Mary Grace Feltham
 Carmen Gee
 Jim Hawk
 Eva Holmes
 Easton Ivy
 Josh Kennedy
 Bobby Livingston
 Mayrant Lojewski
 Carolyn Lovell
 Willie Mae Matheny
 Sarah Mills
 Laura & Charles Murphy
 Thomas Nichols
 Betty Padgett
 Jimmy Painter
 Margie Prince
 Hadley Reahard
 Betty Rushin
 Jan Smith
 Francis Talbert
 Vannette Wells
 Allison White
 Jordie Yandle

Military Personnel & Others Serving in Harms Way

Lt Kevin Ginn USN
 Nickolas Gibson
 Richard Phillips

Deaths

Lon Courtney
 Monroe Kneece

FEBRUARY WORSHIP MINISTERS & READINGS

February 3 in Edgefield 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Jack Kornaus
 Eucharistic Minister.....Liz Kornaus
 Lector.....Scotty Scott
 Intercessor.....Dick Glass
 Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims
 Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims
 Greeters.....Andrew Driver, Ray Melton
 Hospitality.....Jean Covar
 Readings.....Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

February 10 in Trenton 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Hollis Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Larry Vann
 Lector.....Jerry Stallworth
 Intercessor.....Peggy Ann Moss
 Altar.....Penny Summer, Cindy Vann
 Usher.....Jay Summer, Ric Vann
 Greeters.....Bailey Pendarvis, Ric Vann
 Hospitality.....Lynn Melton, Penny Summer
 Readings.....Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

February 17 in Ridge Spring 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Ric Vann
 Eucharistic Minister.....Ray Melton
 Lector.....Jerrold Watson
 Intercessor.....Kelly Vann
 Altar.....Jennie Boatwright
 Usher.....Phillips Boatwright
 Greeters.....Poo Alexander, Jay Summer
 Hospitality.....Kelly Vann
 Reading.....Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26

February 24 in Edgefield 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte.....Eliza Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister.....Richard Bryden
 Lector.....Haigh Reiniger
 Intercessor.....Larry Vann
 Altar.....Nota Ginn, Helen Mims
 Usher.....Kevin Ginn, Lovick Mims
 Greeters.....David Long, Joannah Thelen
 Hospitality.....Poo Alexander
 Reading.....Genesis 45:3-11,15, Psalm 37:1-12,41-42
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50, Luke 6:27-38



I thank every one for the generous Christmas gift that I received. It is most appreciated, and I very much enjoy sharing in the rich ministry of the Church of the Ridge. I look forward to working with you in 2019!

David Thompson, vicar

Peter Hawes sends his very best to the Ridge and thanks all the congregation for their care and prayers upon the death of his wife, Anna Cay.

Mission Council and Congregation.

Thank you so much for the wonderful Bell gift certificate. I was deeply touched by your generosity. Your kind remarks and encouragement make playing the organ and directing the choir a rewarding task. It is an honor for me to be a part of the service each Sunday.

May God be with all of us.

Love,

Peggy Ann

Thank you for your donations to the Johnston Food Bank in July and October. The support of churches is vital to the operation of the food bank. There is so much need in our community.

I apologize for the delay in thanking you folks. Deborah has been in Greenville for 5 months taking care of her grandson who had heart surgery and I have had a knee replacement.

Your continued interest and care are greatly appreciated.

Ann Hughes

Burning of the Greens held on January 6, 2019 was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all! Many thanks to Jamie & David Long for hosting!!



A MESSAGE OF **Love**

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



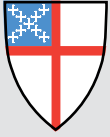
What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.

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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

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect



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