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Ridge Spring



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THE *Episcopal* CHURCH of the Ridge



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January 28 Grace

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Acolyte | Connor

Lector | Jerrold Watson

Intercessor | Larry Vann

Eucharistic Minister | Larry Vann

Greeters | Cindy Vann, Jay Summer

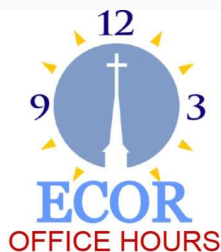
Altar | Muffy Sander

Usher | Chris Covar, Caleb Connor

Hospitality | Ric and Kelly Vann

Readings | Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;

Mark 1:21-28; Psalm 111



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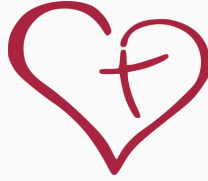
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Monday: 9-1
Tuesday: 9-1
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Vicar will be at Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat
at Gravatt Jan. 29-31



A word about our children and youth serving in church....

I am a huge fan of our children and youth participating and serving in church. I started at an early age singing in the Children's Choir and that is where I learned to appreciate our beautiful liturgy. I looked forward to the Sundays we would sing because it meant I had a front row seat to see what was going on up and around the altar. I also sang in the youth group choir, rang in the Bell Choir, and helped lead Children's Church, but by far my favorite thing was acolyting. It was a rite of passage in some ways to become an acolyte and once I was an acolyte, I wanted to stick with it and eventually become a crucifer and team captain. One of the crosses I wear, a Celtic cross, I received after being an acolyte from 7th –12th grade, upon my graduation from high school.

I loved acolyting because again, it gave me a front row seat to what was going on in the liturgy, but I also enjoyed working closely with my fellow acolytes, the clergy, and all those also serving on a Sunday morning. You will hear me say occasionally, I was trained by the best, the priest who was also in charge of Youth Ministry, Rev. Eric Kahl. As an assistant priest and then as rector of two different churches, he trained the acolytes, which is something I started while I was at St. James, and I plan to continue at The Episcopal Church of the Ridge.

Acolyting may not be everyone's cup of tea, but there are other roles in which our youth and children can participate. Children and youth can pair with their parents to usher or greet and I have already seen this a little bit. Older children and youth can read either the lessons or the Prayers of the People. I would love to see more children and youth involved in our services.

It helps them learn our beautiful liturgy,
gives them a chance to take ownership in our service and have a leadership role, and gets them excited about coming to church and serving.

Blessings,
Mother Lathrop+



<https://www.churchoftheridge.org/calendar/>

February 3
DOK Annual Prayer Luncheon to Benefit the Hungry

HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON,
And God Gives Us The Tools To Help.



Ladies, please join us at our
PRAYER LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT THE HUNGRY
Saturday, February 3rd
From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
313 Simpkins Street in Edgefield, South Carolina

Luncheon menu includes soups and desserts.
 Program with speakers, prayers and music.
 Silent auction of pottery and paintings
 Bring non-perishable food items.
 An offering will be accepted.

Respond to
wrcntop@gmail.com
 Before Jan. 26th.
 Seating is limited.

Blessed be the God and Father of our
 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies
 and the God of all comfort, who comforts
 us in all our affliction, so that we may be
 able to comfort those who are in any
 affliction with the comfort with which we
 ourselves are comforted by God.
 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

*All proceeds benefit Women in
 Unity, Feedy Needy Elderly
 Ministry, Johnston Food Bank
 and ACTS.*



Lovingly organized by the Episcopal Church of the Ridge Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

February 13
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 14
 Ash Wednesday
February 25
 Episcopal Relief and Development



Save the dates for Acolyte Training!

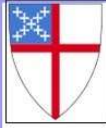
Calling all those who are current acolytes, those who would like to be an acolyte, and Eucharistic Ministers: Please plan to attend these training sessions. They will be after Coffee Hour. We will repeat the cycle after Easter and Spring Break. We would like everyone to attend training at each of our buildings, since each one is a little different from another. However, once you are trained in one of the churches, if you are comfortable, we will start scheduling you to shadow our more experienced acolytes. We would love to have anyone who is in fourth grade or older, as well as adults, participate in this important ministry of the church.

Sunday, February 25 at Trinity

Sunday, March 3 at Our Savior

Sunday, March 10 at Grace

Please let Mother Lathrop, Larry Vann, or Ray Melton know if you have any questions.



MISSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jean Covar (2024)
Deborah Neese (2024)
Cindy Vann (2024)
Bettis Rainsford (2025)
Kathie Stallworth (2025)
Sarah Schwarz (2025)
Muffy Sander (2026)
Caleb Connor (2026)
Jay Summer (2026)

Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley—Vicar
Cindy Vann— Senior Warden
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MISSION STATEMENT

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



Dana Buchli
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Danny Day
Suzanne Derrick
Lillian Harrison
Linda Heos
Bob Hodges
Joe Lojewski
William McCollough
Betsy Pridgen
Rebekah Robeson
Brannon Rowland
Mary Lou Seymour



Art Amos
Pauline Berry
Phillips and Jennie Boatwright
Emma Lou Easley
John Eubanks
Carolyn Lovell
Rick Lovell
Carol Rhoads

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

Courtenay Mims 30
James Courtney 3

George Thornton
Susie Watson



Thank you ALL for making our
Social Fellowship
a special time year-round!

Open dates:

March 10 Grace

March 24 Our Saviour

April 7 Trinity

April 21 Grace

April 28 Trinity

Call or text Muffy Sander @

303-565-7741



LIGHT Lenten Suppers will be held at
Our Saviour, Wednesdays 5:45-6:25,
followed by a 30 minute program.

Hosts are needed:

March 6

March 13

March 20

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ACTS - Area Churches Together

**"To partner with churches, organizations, and individuals to provide
assistance to our neighbors in need, in the name of Jesus Christ."**

Many people in our area are within one paycheck or less of financial trouble.

Many need food, clothing, warmth, prescription medicine,
home furnishings,
or additional assistance.

Every Third Wednesday, Jerrold, Jack and Sarah assist
this organization in packing food bags for those in need in the Ridge Spring Area.

Over 100 families are served each month.

Episcopal Church of the Ridge gives money to this group twice a year!

Join them in this endeavor!

Aiken SPCA - Aiken SPCA, 199 Willow Road, Aiken, SC 29801. Phone: 803-648-6863



Sunday Collections - If you bring it, we will deliver it!

In an effort to simplify our Outreach Ministries, we encourage you to bring donations whenever the spirit moves you! We will sort and transport the donations to the proper agency.

*Non-perishable food items (no glass), Spices, Toiletries, Cleaning supplies, Pet Food,
Personal items for children transitioning to Foster Care*

There are always envelopes in the pews for those wishing to donate money.

For additional information, please contact Mary Lou Seymour. Thank you!

Also, **DOK** is supporting Bingo once a month in Edgefield. Simple, useful items are requested.



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