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of the Ridge



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Life  
after  
*Easter*

May 12 10 AM Grace

Morning Prayer

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acolyte | Ryals Connor

Lector | Jerrold Watson

Intercessor | Greg Sander

Greeters | Cindy Vann, Deborah Neese

Altar | Sarah Schwarz

Usher | Jack Schwarz

Hospitality | Cindy and Larry Vann

Readings | Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13;

John 17:6-19; Psalm 1



### **Request for Volunteers to help with Livestreaming for Eblast**

As many of you know, we had a successful test run of the live stream at Trinity on Easter Sunday and we have had 58 views of that livestream! Jay Summer has been working hard to get the livestream up and running and make it easier and less time consuming for us to stream the entire service instead of posting only the sermon. This is an important ministry for us - to connect with our homebound and others who are unable to come to church, to have family and friends connect with us, and for new people to start to engage with us. Now that we are close to livestreaming on a regular basis, we need people who are willing to run the livestream. We envision this as not only a ministry for adults, but also for our youth, and even our children and their parents to volunteer together. If you are interested, please get in touch with Jay.



In an effort to simplify hospitality and make things a little more affordable and fun for everyone, we are making some changes effective **May 12, 2024**.

1. Please limit your selections to 3 items. It can be any combination of things but limit them to 3.
2. All cups, napkins, plastic silverware, and paper plates will be provided by the church. There will be a supply at each church for your use.
3. You will still provide the beverages of your choice.
4. We encourage partnerships to make it very easy on the person(s) serving. You know the old saying "Many hands make light work!"
5. Need some new recipes? Try this website <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/church-coffee-hour-ideas/>

We are here to make our time together more memorable and a lot less stressful on the person providing hospitality. We are also looking to have a larger base of people who will be willing to step up now that the changes are being made. Having said that I do have the following dates open for Hospitality:

**5/19, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 7/7**

So if you might think about serving, please let me know or at least come and talk to me. If you need a partner, please talk to me.

**June 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month and we are having a covered dish Sunday at Trinity.** Plan for your families to attend and bring your favorite covered dish to share. A great time will be had by all!

If you have any questions regarding the changes please do not hesitate to let me know and I will do my best to get you assistance or answer them.

Thank you so much,  
Muffy Sander  
Hospitality  
[muffysander@gmail.com](mailto:muffysander@gmail.com)  
303-565-7741

Thank you for everyone's contribution to the Reception after our Celebration of New Ministry! We still have some platters and other items left in the kitchen at Trinity that do not belong to the church. Please get them at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!



#### **A word about Mother's Day...**

Mother's Day is one of those interesting days. Of course, it is important to celebrate our mothers. I am going to Jacksonville to be with my mom, along with my brother, sister-in-law, and nephew.

This will be the first time I will be with my mom on Mother's Day since 2019 and the first time Ray and I have been together with mom on Mother's Day in I do not know how long. I have a wonderful relationship with my mom, she is one of my best friends and we always have fun together. I also have a wonderful relationship with my late husband's mom. Since Matt was an only child, I am the daughter she never had, and we love doing girly things together.

But I also do not have any children, well, I have Queen Bea. And sometimes, Mother's Day has been challenging day for me. I do not regret that Matt and I never had children. And given how life turned out, it is perhaps good that we did not have children. In a way, we have always had lots of children. With Matt teaching and eventually being an administrator at Spartanburg Day School, in some ways, we considered the entire upper school as our children, and particularly those whom Matt taught. We gave the students the wonderful gift of being able to see what a happy and successful marriage looked like outside of their parents and their friend's parents.

As a priest, I am a mother of sorts. It is one of my titles and the church considers clergy spiritual mothers and fathers. This comes from the early centuries when the church had the Desert Mothers in Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. The Desert Mothers were considered spiritual teachers and directors. They had leadership roles within the Christian community and often had a group of other women around them within the desert communities. We also see a similar example in convents. The head of a convent is often called Mother Superior

Mother's Day can come with all sorts of feelings, good and bad, happy and sad. There are so many cases where couples have decided not to have children or cannot have children or have lost children. Mothers who have watched their children go down destructive or unhealthy paths.

There are children whose relationship is not great with their mother, or they have lost their mother unexpectedly or at an early age. But then there are those who are mother figures and have stepped in when someone needed a mother. Those who have become mothers, even when having

biological children was not possible. There are those who have adopted entire families so that siblings would not be separated. There are those figures in our lives that have mothered us – taken care of us, upheld us, shaped, nurtured us into the people who we are, and our lives would not be the same without them. And we celebrate all of these and more on Mother's Day.

Whatever your situation is, this Mother's Day, I am praying for you.

Love,

Mother Lathrop+



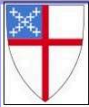
Dana Buchli  
Deacon Chris  
James Courtney  
Suzanne Derrick  
Linda Heos  
Bob Hodges  
Meg Jolly  
Joe Lojewski  
William McCollough  
Freddie Padgett  
Haigh Reiniger  
Carol Rhoads  
Rebekah Robeson  
Brannon Rowland  
Scotty Scott  
Mary Lou Seymour  
Joe Smith  
Bill Turner  
Susie Watson  
Libba Ingram Zion



Art Amos  
Pauline Berry  
Jennie Boatwright  
Emma Lou Easley  
John Eubanks  
Carolyn Lovell  
Rick Lovell



Suzannah Wherry 14  
John Charles Phinizy Rainsford 16  
Julius Marshall Vann Rainsford 16  
Winifred James 17  
Mary Derrick 18



## MISSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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### Church Office

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The office will be closed May 13 - 17 while I am visiting my family in Jacksonville. For pastoral care needs, please contact Kathie Stallworth while Mother Lathrop is out of town.

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Regular Office Hours:

Monday: 9-1

Tuesday: 9-1

Wednesday: 9-4

Thursday: By Appointment

Friday: Office Closed, Vicar's Day Off

Vicar's Cell: 864-497-3205



### 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](tel: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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