

# Ridge Runner Newsletter

*Episcopal Church of the Ridge*

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## Rector's Report

### Burying the Alleluia

On Sunday, March 2nd, the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, our children will make "Alleluia" signs, and we will bury them for Lent. The idea of "burying the Alleluia" dates to

it means praise Yahweh or praise God. It is a term of great joy, an expression of worship or rejoicing. During the season of Lent, the declaration of "Alleluia" is omitted from all liturgies, all hymns and psalms and does not re-emerge until the

ia with Easter led to this custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent as a verbal fast which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. We let it rest during Lent so that when it reappears on Easter, we may hear it anew.

**"We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend."**  
**Bishop William Duranti (1296)**

the thirteenth century. Alleluia comes to us from the Hebrew word Hallelujah, and

Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Morning, when the resurrection is proclaimed. The association of Allelu-



SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
*Service*

March 23 at Grace (4:00pm) \*  
April 27th at Trinity (4:00pm)\*

\*Roll forward with Day light Saving time!  
As we continue to bring you Sunday Afternoon Services,  
Each Sunday, we see more and more attendees, and we couldn't be more grateful

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

In the quiet of the morning light, We pause our lives to see,

Forty days of sacred time, Reflection, as it should be.

We give our hearts and make a way, For simple lives, lessened strife,

Sacrifice in honest pay, To lead a fuller, humble life.

With each step we journey near, To love and faith's embrace,

In Lent we find the Spirit's cheer, And see God's radiant face.



Welcome to the new Ridge Runner, a place where we can see all the things going on for the month. Celebrate what happened last month and plan to move forward. This is a great time at Church of the Ridge. Spring is right around the corner and new things will be growing and blossoming. This is **your** newsletter and without **you** we can not publish the news. Please send all submissions, articles, pictures, things of general interest to **Muffysander@gmail.com**. All submissions must be in no later than the 20th of the month for publication the following month.

## Page 1 Rector Notes Continues...

In fact, once it returns on Easter, we give it no rest at all, repeating it again and again, in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. “Burying the Alleluia” is a symbolic gesture at the beginning of Lent marking the solemnity of the season about to begin.

The Episcopal Church does a wonderful job of marking the seasons with the change in the color, changes in the liturgy, and in the hymns, and the season of Lent is no exception. One of the things I love about the Episcopal Church is the way we use our space and our liturgy to remind us that it is Lent. On the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, our color will be white. On Ash Wednesday the color will change to purple and remain purple throughout Lent until Holy Week, when it will change to red. We will not have any altar flowers during Lent. Things will look and feel much more simple. It will also sound different as we include the Great Litany on the First Sunday of Lent. The rest of Lent we will include the Penitential Order. We will use Rite I during

Lent as well. The liturgy will have some differences to it, there will be more solemn, quiet, contemplative music. A new Church of the Ridge tradition our children love, the fist bumps, will also be buried along with the Alleluias and not return until the Easter Vigil. The space, the hymns, and the liturgy will all remind us that it is Lent, a time for quiet reflection, a time for confession, a time for sacrifice, a time to remember we are but dust and to dust we shall return.

These things we do as part of our worship, if we really focus on them and invest ourselves in them, it only makes the arrival of Easter and the restoration of so many wonderful things that we miss during Lent that much more joyous.

Blessings

Mother Lathrop+



**When:** March 8th at 6:00 PM **Where:** Ridge Spring Civic Center

Get ready for a night of fun, excitement, and fantastic prizes at our upcoming Bingo Night! Join us for an evening of laughter and friendly competition as we come together for a classic game that never gets old.

### Highlights of the Evening:

- **Exciting Prizes:** Win great prizes in each round!
- **Snacks and Refreshments:** Enjoy delicious snacks and beverages.
- **Community Fun:** Meet new friends and enjoy a wonderful time with fellow community members.

Whether you're a seasoned Bingo pro or a first-timer, this event is open to all ages and skill levels. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a night to remember!

**Don't Miss Out! Mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable evening of Bingo fun.**

## member spotlight

This month, we are proud to feature Mrs. Cindy Vann. A member and wonderful contributor since 1977. Cindy has been instrumental in keeping everyone on track with hospitality (her entertaining skills are unsurpassed) Serving as Senior Warden on the Vestry and many, many other hats. She is a woman with impeccable style and grace.



How long have you been a member of Episcopal Church of The Ridge?

I was confirmed and joined the Episcopal Church of The Ridge after marrying Larry in 1977.

What are your interests (Hobbies) outside of church?

Our animals – Willie, Rosa and Lamont. Spending

time with the Vann family. Maintaining our woodland gardens. Travel. Helping friends and our vulnerable population with Medicare and programs that they are eligible for.

Tell us one of your fondest memories about the church and/or church member.

In our 30's, when had more energy, we worked with our Youth Group and watched it grow to 30+ youth from all denominations.

My Baptism in the Spring of 2023 – beautiful day down by our pond with our 2 dogs and 2 others present.

How long have you been married to Larry, and how did you meet him?

Larry and I met at St Angela Academy in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and started dating at the end of our Senior year and throughout college. I attended Ole Miss my freshman year and transferred to University of Georgia my sophomore year, where Larry was attending. In March of this year, we will celebrate our 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Is there something you will share about yourself that other people don't know?

30 years ago, while skiing at Park City, Utah, Budweiser sponsored a downhill slalom race course, which I paid few dollars to do for fun of it. I

registered my name as "Spyder" Vann. I had NO idea that this was nationwide competition by age, gender and state. Well, in July of that year, I got a card addressed to Spyder Vann from Budweiser indicating that my awards, poster and news release were forthcoming. I ranked #1 in SC in female age category for that year and got a big poster listing all those that ranked and other small items. While sounds impressive, certainly not a huge number of females from SC in my age category were competing. But fun story and memory!

Do you like to travel – What is your favorite destination?

Love to travel as much as we can. We skied extensively in our 30's and 40's and then gave that up for the warmer Caribbean climate, which we have been going annually. Finally made it To Europe a few years ago for 10-day trip from Barcelona to Rome; hope to plan more future trips abroad!

What is your favorite thing to cook / eat?

Really no favorite foods as unfortunately love all food!

## Servers, Locations and Readings

### **March 2 Grace 10:00 am Last Sunday after Epiphany**

Acolyte / Emerson Holmes Anna Hagan  
Lector / Scotty Scott  
Intercessor / Larry Vann  
Eucharistic Minister / Jerrold Watson  
Greeters / Muffy Sander  
Altar / Gerline Counts  
Usher / Greg Sander  
Hospitality Doug Landreth

Reading 1 / Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
Reading 2 / 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Gospel / Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

### **March 5 Our Saviour 6:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY**

Acolyte / Larry Vann  
Lector / Jerrold Watson  
Intercessor / Kelly Vann  
Eucharistic Minister / Larry Vann  
Greeters / Bill Kotti/ Bailey Pendarvis  
Altar / Peggy Moss Catherine Brice  
Usher / Ric Vann/ Bettis R  
Hospitality

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 103:8-14  
Second Reading / 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Gospel / Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

### **March 9TH Trinity 10:00 am First Sunday in Lent**

Acolyte / Ryals Connor  
Lector / Greg Sander  
Intercessor / Peggy Moss  
Eucharistic Minister / Liz Wilson  
Greeters / Annette Quinby/ Bill Kotti  
Altar / Jean Covar/ Lady Hodges  
Usher / Chris Covar/ Bill Kotti  
Hospitality Sarah Schwarz /

1st reading / Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Second Reading / Romans 10:8b-13  
Gospel / Luke 4:1-13

### **March 16 Our Saviour 10 AM Second Sunday in Lent**

Acolyte / Addie Long  
Lector / Penny Summer  
Intercessor / Larry Vann  
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann  
Greeters / Jay Summer / Kathie Stallworth  
Altar / Leisa Long/ Valerie Holmes  
Usher / Bettis Rainsford / Caleb Connor  
Hospitality Caro Cassels / Meredith Hagan

Reading 1 / Genesis 15:1-12,17-18  
Psalm 27  
Reading 2 / Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Gospel / Luke 13:31-35



March  
BIRTHDAYS

Jo Ann Amos Mar 1  
Susan Yarborough Mar 4  
Danny Day Mar 5  
Pauline Berry Mar 7  
Bill Kotti Mar 8  
Scotty Scott Mar 8  
Tigger Alexander Mar 12  
Mary Lou Seymour Mar 15

Emile (Skeet) Boatwright Mar 16  
Ethel Feltham Mar 20  
Kelly Vann Mar 24  
Anna Katherine Hagan Mar 25  
Eliza Holmes Mar 27  
Andrew H. Driver, VI Mar 29  
Brooke Caroline Hagan Mar 30  
Cindy Vann Mar 30



## Servers, Locations and Readings, cont.

### **March 23RD Grace 10 AM Third Sunday in Lent**

Acolyte / Smith Connor  
Lector / Jerrold Watson  
Intercessor / Scotty Scott  
Eucharistic Minister / Larry Vann  
Greeters / Sarah  
Altar / Gerline Counts  
Usher / Jack Schwarz  
Hospitality / Catherine Brice

Reading 1 / Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Reading 2 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Gospel / Luke 13:1-9

### **March 30 Trinity 10:00 am 4th Sunday in Lent**

Acolyte / Emerson Holmes  
Lector / Greg Sander  
Intercessor / Peggy Moss  
Eucharistic Minister / Ray Melton  
Greeters / Annette Quinby  
Altar / Ann Byrd/Betsy Willis  
Usher / Lee Holmes/Greg Sander  
Hospitality **Covered Dish**

Reading 1 / Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
Reading 2 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Gospel / Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter. The word "shrove" comes from the term "to shrive," meaning to confess and absolve sins<sup>1</sup>. Historically, Christians would go to confession on this day to prepare their hearts for Lent.

The tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates back to the Middle Ages. During this time, it was customary to use up rich foods like eggs, milk, and butter before the Lenten fast, which prohibited such indulgences<sup>3</sup>. Pancakes became a popular way to use up these ingredients.

In many Christian countries, Shrove Tuesday is celebrated with feasts and festivities. In the UK, pancake races are a popular tradition, where participants race while flipping pancakes in frying pans<sup>4</sup>. The most famous pancake race takes place in Olney, Buckinghamshire, and has been held since 1445.

Shrove Tuesday is known by different names in various cultures. In French-influenced regions, it's called Mardi Gras, meaning "Fat Tuesday," reflecting the practice of indulging in rich foods before the fasting period<sup>1</sup>. In the United States, Mardi Gras is particularly famous in New Orleans, where it has evolved into a vibrant and flamboyant celebration.

Today, Shrove Tuesday is still celebrated with pancake suppers, church services, and community events. It's a time for people to come together, enjoy delicious food, and prepare spiritually for the Lenten season.



**Join us for Pancake Supper March 4th at Trinity Church in Edgefield**  
**6pm to 7:30pm**  
**\$8 Adults \$4 Children**



2025

# Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>Grace 2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	Bible in a year Zoom meeting 6-7	Pancake Supper Trinity 6PM \$4.00 children \$8.00 Adults	Ash Wednes- day Services at Our Saviour 8pm  Ash Wednesday		World Day of Prayer	
<b>Trinity 9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Daylight-Saving Time Begins	Bible in a year Zoom meeting 6-7		Lenten Series 6pm Lite supper			
<b>Our Saviour 16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	Bible in a year Zoom meeting 6-7  St. Patrick's Day	Vestry Meeting 6:00pm Trinity	ACTS Food Distribu- tion Ridge Spring Farmers Market 8:30-11am Lenten Series 6pm Lite supper	Bingo 9:00am Edgefield Senior Center  Spring Begins		
<b>Grace 23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
	Bible in a year Zoom meeting 6-7		C Lenten Series 6pm Lite supper			
<b>Trinity 30</b>	<b>31</b>					
Yummy Potluck	Bible in a year Zoom meeting 6-7		Lenten Series 6pm Lite supper			



# HELP!

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Jay Summer is moving away this summer and Annette Quinby has graciously stepped up to be the chair person of this important ministry. She will still need your assistance to make sure this happens each and every Sunday. Please contact her at [annette29824@gmail.com](mailto:annette29824@gmail.com) if you can help.

## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!



## DOK Prayer Luncheon was a fantastic event

Daughters of The King hosted a very successful prayer luncheon Saturday, February 8. We had 85 registered and had 112 in attendance! Our speaker was Rev. Mark Maund who gave an impassioned talk on the Trinity and our service in the name of Jesus.

\$4500 was raised for our local feeding programs and 725 pounds of food was donated. About 200 pounds was shared with our neighbors the Baptist Church as they are collecting food and goods to take to western NC later this month.

This was an entire church event. Everyone was generous in their help. DOK certainly could not have done this without the greater church. We are so grateful for that. Our local restaurants gave generously of their soup specialties.

Our children decorated Valentines cards for our shut Ins, and we mailed them.

Thank you Kathie Stallworth and to the entire congregation for helping make this happen. We look forward to hosting it again next year.



# Episcopal CHURCH of the Ridge



Join Us for the Lenten Series: "Episcopal 101"

The team that works for you!

## Vestry Members

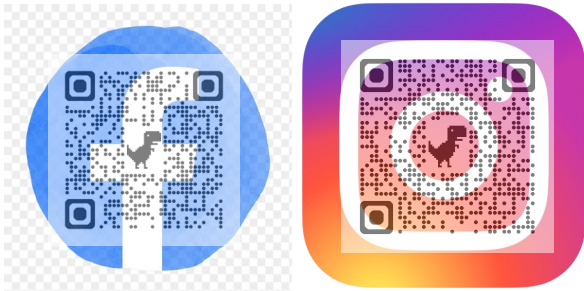
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Kathie Stallworth - 2025  
Caleb Connor - 2026  
Jay Summer .- 2026  
Bailey Pendarvis - 2027  
Annette Quinby - 2027

Scotty Scott - Treasurer - 2025  
Jo Ann Amos - Recording Secretary

**When:** Every Wednesday, for 5 weeks, starting March 12th, at 6:00pm for a lite supper followed by the teachings  
**Where:** Our Saviour Church in Trenton  
This Lenten season, delve deep into the heart of what it means to be an Episcopalian with our five-week series, "Episcopal 101." This in-depth exploration will cover:

The History of the Episcopal Church  
Understanding the Book of Common Prayer  
The Sacraments and Their Significance  
Episcopal Worship and Liturgy  
Living Out Our Faith in the Modern World

As an **interactive program** we encourage you to ask questions and gain all the knowledge you can. Whether you're a lifelong Episcopalian or new to our faith, this series offers a rich opportunity to deepen your understanding and connect with our community. **All Are Welcome!** Come and join us for meaningful discussions, enlightening teachings, and a chance to grow in faith together.



## Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Ridge is to be a welcoming Christian community of worship, learning and outreach empowered by the grace of God.

## Back Page Story Headlines

### A little town History From Trenton, SC

The small town of Trenton South Carolina is the home of the Ridge Peach Festival. Thousands come from all over to celebrate for the event.

"Truly there's no place like Trenton. When you drive down this street on Peach Festival Day and those flags are waving and you get to the park and there's so much energy there," said Shari Huie of Trenton Community Development Association. If you're passing through Trenton you should take a look around because it's a small town with a whole lot of history. The town square alone has a piece of Trenton's history in every corner. There you'll find a mural showing how the town once was.

"Myself, and several people, and the mayor, got some pictures together and we talked to Beth Clark who's who's a very good artist and she came down and looked and gave us a price and did it for us. It's done in three, six, nine sections. Our little town use to be very big and have a lot of stores, three grocery stores at one time," said Clerk Treasurer, Sandra Grandy. Just a few steps away from the mural is the old bank which is the future site of the towns museum. Inside is you'll find a whole lot of Trenton's History.

"Most anything you want to see that's from the country. Everything in here belongs to somebody, doesn't anything belong to the town. They've got a piece

a paper stating come get it, any time they want it," said Mayor Billy Padgett.

"This is how they use to put the mail in," explained Padgett. "These are old books from the past one of each year from the past," said Padgett.

For Trenton preserving it's history is important. Not only for themselves but for future generations to come.

"You know a lot of people don't know anything, about anything old and this is a way you can come in, maybe bring a school group in and see how the old stuff use to be," said Padgett.

Article from WJBF

see you next MONTH

The luck of the Irish be with you always! Have a great month.

