

September and October Edition

Ridge Runner Newsletter



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Rector's Notes

Reflections on
Bishop Richards'
Visit

On Sunday, August 3, we welcomed Bishop Richards for his second visitation as our Bishop. It

was Bishop Richards' official pastoral visit to our congregation which typically happens every

two years. In addition to preaching and presiding at the Eucharist, Bishop Richards confirmed

Eliza Faris Connor, Emerson Holmes, Luke Kindred, and Beau Whitfield. He also received Doug

Landreth. We also had a lovely reception during which Bishop Richards updated us all on what is

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BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Ann Day	Sep 1	Luke Kindred	Sep 29	Lydia Derrick Wherry
Dolores Tyler	Sep 5	Nota Ginn	Oct 2	Oct 25
Gigi Derrick, III	Sep 6	Julie Long	Oct 2	Cathryn Brice
Chris Thelen	Sep 10	Gerline Counts	Oct 2	Oct 27
Robert Hodges	Sep 11	Andy Whitfield	Oct 3	Anne Catherine
Forrest Wm. Long	Sep 12	Lathrop Mosley	Oct 5	Rainsford
Maynard Watson	Sep 12	Butler Derrick, III	Oct 6	Oct 31
Scott Derrick	Sep 17	Jerrold Watson	Oct 8	
Curtis Holmes	Sep 18	Lovick Mims	Oct 11	
Tom Long	Sep 18	Kevin F. Ginn	Oct 12	
Leah Driver	Sep 22	Jacob Driver	Oct 13	
Ryals Connor	Sep 23	Ric Vann	Oct 13	
Meredith Hagan	Sep 27	Richard Glass	Oct 16	
Scott Wherry	Sep 28	Emily Moss	Oct 16	
Hollis Holmes	Sep 29	Addison Mae Long	Oct	

going on in our Diocese. He also spent time with members of our Vestry.

A day such as our Bishop's visit is one of those 'it takes a village days,' and I am grateful that we have an awesome village who knows exactly what they are doing. I am thankful to everyone who

pitched in to make August 3rd such a wonderful day for Bishop Richards, for the friends and family who were visiting, and for all of us. I know 'this isn't your first rodeo' as Ric Vann said

on Easter Sunday as they were preparing extra chairs for overflow seating

at Our Saviour this year. However, I am grateful that 'this isn't your first rodeo' and that you all do a wonderful job.

It is wonderful to know that you all have it covered, and that my focus can be elsewhere.

If you have not watched the service, I encourage you to do so. And while it would be wonderful

to watch the whole service to see the confirmations and receptions, I have noted the times when

Bishop Richards' sermon starts and when his portion of the announcements starts. And yes, you will want to listen to the announcements as he has

some wonderful things to say about us!

Link to livestream: [Episcopal Church of the Ridge](#)

Bishop Richards' sermon starts:
19:20

Bishop Richards' announcements:
1:00:25



INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

Faith That Sings, Builds, and Believes: A Reflection by Muffy Sander

Faith is more than belief—it's the rhythm that carries us, the story that shapes us, and the light that leads us home.

For me, faith has always found its fullest expression in song. Whether lifting hymns in worship or planning music that resonates with the hearts of my congregation, I've come to see singing not just as ministry, but as a sacred conversation. It's where theology meets melody, and where the Spirit breathes life into every note. When we sing together, we don't just remember who God is—we remember who we are.

But faith isn't confined to the sanctuary. It spills into the spaces we create, the stories we tell, and the communities we nurture. At Sander

Ranch Designs, I've watched faith take shape in reclaimed wood and curated elegance. Each piece tells a story—of healing, of hope, of Southern grace with timeless charm. It's a reminder that beauty can rise from brokenness, and that creativity is a divine echo.

I've also found faith in the pages of scripture, especially when I take time to connect ancient truths to modern lives. Summarizing books like Esther or Nehemiah has deepened my understanding of covenant, courage, and calling. These aren't just historical accounts—they're blueprints for resilience and restoration. And when I write for our church newsletter, I try to make those connections clear, inviting others to see themselves in the sacred narrative. Faith, ultimately, is a builder. It builds bridges

between generations through hymns. It builds businesses that reflect values. It builds communities that gather around story and song. And it builds hearts—hearts that believe, even



when the way is uncertain. So whether I'm painting furniture, planning a workshop, or writing about a one-eyed garter snake named Margaret (yes, she's real and she's fabulous), I'm reminded that faith is never static. It's dynamic, daring, and deeply personal. And it always—always—finds a way to sing.

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Faith Grows Here

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Ask Mother Lathrop

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Q: Why do you ask us to stand during the Post communion Prayer?

A: We stand for the Post communion Prayer because we are getting ready to go out into the world to love and serve God. We have been fed and prepared both by the Word of God and the Eucharist. This prayer is meant to be the transition of our attention from the Eucharist to the engagement of Christian ministry. All our Post communion Prayers have the language of giving thanks for the spiritual food we have received, being accepted as members of the Body of Christ, and sending us out into the world.

***Have other questions, feel free to ask Mother Lathrop and she will publish them here for us all to learn and grow our faith in Jesus Christ. Either email her or write them down and put them in the collection tray on Sunday. ***

September 7
Our Saviour 10:00am
The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Acolyte / Anna Hagan
Lector / Greg Sander
Intercessor / Kellyt Vann
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann
Greeters: Annette Quinby/ Bill Kotti
Altar / Leisa Long, Peggy Ann Moss
Ushers / Davic Long, Andy Whitfield
Hospitality Liz Posey

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 14
Grace 10:00 am
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Acolyte / Smith Connor
Lector / Jerrold Watson
Intercessor / Peggy Ann Moss
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann
Greeters: Muffy Sander Sarah Schwarz
Altar / Gerdie Counts
Ushers / Jack Schwarz
Hospitality Kim Walker

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 21
Trinity 10:00 am
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Acolyte / Ryals Connor
Lector / Lydia Wherry
Intercessor / Scotty Scott
Eucharistic Minister / Ray Melton
Greeters: Bettis Rainsford Caleb Connor
Altar / JoAnn Amos -Annette Quinby
Ushers /Caleb Connor-Bettis Rainsford
Hospitality Annette Quinby

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 28
Our Saviour 10:00 am
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Blessing of the animals

Acolyte / Addie Long
Lector / Scotty Scott
Intercessor / Muffy Sander
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann
Greeters: Bailey Pendarvis/Andrew
Altar / Kathie Stallworth - Catherine Brice
Ushers / Bailey Pendarvis
Hospitality CatherineBrice
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

October 5
Grace 10:00 am
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Acolyte / Clark Connor
Lector / Lydia Wherry
Intercessor / Peggy Ann Moss
Eucharistic Minister / Liz Wilson
Greeters: Muffy Sander/
Altar / Muffy Sander
Ushers / Greg Sander
Hospitality
Doug Landreth
Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 12
Trinity 10:00 am
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Acolyte / Emerson Holmes
Lector / Greg Sander
Intercessor / Larry Vann
Eucharistic Minister / Larry Vann
Greeters: Annette Quinby / Caleb Connor
Altar / Annette Quinby/ JoAnn Amos
Ushers / Caleb Connor
Hospitality
Beth Thornton
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 19
Our Saviour 10:00 am
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Acolyte / EF Connor?
Lector / Larry Vann
Intercessor / Kelly Vann
Eucharistic Minister / Ray Melton
Greeters: Sarah Schwarz/Bill Kotti
Altar / Lynn Melton / Helen Mims
Ushers / Andrew Driver/
Hospitality / Cindy Vann
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 26
Grace 10:00 am
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Acolyte / Emerson Holmes
Lector / Jerrold Watson
Intercessor /Muffy Sander
Eucharistic Minister / Ric Vann
Greeters: Sarah Schwarz
Caleb Connor
Altar / Jean Covar
Ushers / Chris Covar
Hospitality Cero Cassels and Meredith Hagan
Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	Labor Day					
Our Saviour 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Grandparents Day	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call					
Grace 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call		ACTS food distribution 8:30 Ridge Spring Farmers market	Bingo! Edgefield Senior Center 10:00am		
Trinity 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Midlands Youth Event at St. Martins, Columbia	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call Autumn Begins					
Our Saviour 28	29	30				
4pm Blessing of the Animals @ Our Saviour	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call					

OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
Grace 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
World Communion Sunday	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call					
Trinity 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Trinity Birthday Celebration Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call		ACTS food distribution 8:30 Ridge Spring Farmers market	Bingo! Edgefield Senior Center 10:00am		
Our Saviour 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call					
Grace 26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Bible in a year continues 6pm zoom call					

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