



JULY/AUGUST RIDGE RUNNER

Episcopal CHURCH
of the Ridge



Rector's notes

Finding the Holy Ground in those hard to read Old Testament passages

In my last Ridge Runner article, I mentioned that our season after Pentecost lectionary has two different tracks and that we are using Track 1. In Year A, Track 1 means the Old Testament reading will be from Genesis: mainly the patriarchal narratives and Moses. Whether reading the Bible in our private devotion and prayer time, hearing it in worship, or reading it and hearing it as a part of a Bible study, it is not hard to miss that the Bible is filled with challenging passages, we might even say bloodied passages. The passage may be literally bloodied – Cain killing Abel, the death of all the firstborn during the plagues, all of

the baby boys aged two and under being killed in hopes of killing Jesus or figuratively bloodied – Abraham trying to pass Sarah off as his sister, Jesus talking about not coming to bring peace to the world, Jacob tricking Esau out of his birthright. Here's the thing though, there is always holy to be found in the bloodied passages,

even if it is just a sliver. There is always good news, even if we really have to spend timewrestling with the scriptures, praying and reflecting about our reading.

As we revisit some of these major stories from our Christian history, whether in church or in your reflection time afterwards, I challenge us all to look for the holy amongst the bloodied. Now there will certainly be wonderful, uplifting stories from our Genesis narratives – places where the holy outshines the bloodied, perhaps where there are no challenges or problems at all, and we have already heard a couple already with the beginning of Abraham and Sarah's story. Our challenge, and sometimes it is a tall order, is to always look for the holy ground, even if it is only a sliver.



Cassie Cassels	Jul 2
John David Long	Jul 5
Linda Heos	Jul 6
June Ruth Thelen	Jul 8
Suzanne Derrick	Jul 9
Emily Bull	Jul 10
Connie Boggs	Jul 11
Jennie Boatwright	Jul 13
Betsy Pridgen	Jul 14
Emerson Holmes	Jul 15
David F Long	Jul 15
Lee Holmes	Jul 15
Walker Augustus Yonce	Jul 18
Bettis C Rainsford, Jr	Jul 19



Sarah Peeler Peden	Aug 4
Joe Holmes	Aug 12
Elizabeth Wilson	Aug 14
Sarah Averill Bull	Aug 16
Georgia Whitfield	Aug 16
Gregory Sander	Aug 18
Lady Hodges	Aug 21
George Thornton	Aug 21
Caleb Connor	Aug 29
Mark Dukes	Aug 30
Beth Thornton	Aug 31

Helen Mims	Jul 20
Carol Rhoads	Jul 26
Charles (Rick) Lovell	Jul 27
Susie Yonce	Jul 29
Lilli Ann Pendarvis	Jul 31

Serving Schedule

July – August 2026

JULY 2026				
Role	July 5 <i>Grace</i>	July 12 <i>Trinity</i>	July 19 <i>Our Saviour</i>	July 26 <i>Grace</i>
Acolyte	Ric Vann	Smith Connor	Beau Whitfield	Anna Hagan
Lector	Jerrold Watson	Lydia Wherry	Greg Sander	Scotty Scott
Intercessor	Kelly Vann	Muffy Sander	Peggy Moss	Larry Vann
Eucharistic Min	Ric Vann	Ray Melton	Liz Wilson	Larry Vann
Greeter	Bill K	Caleb	Andy	Muffy
Altar	Gertie Counts	Jean Covar Lady Nicholson	Caro Cassels Meredith Hagan	Sarah Schwarz Muffy Sander
Usher	Bill Kotti	Caleb Connor	Greg Hagan	Jack Schwarz
Hospitality	Muffy Sander	Faris Connor	Deborah Holmes	Mary Derrick
Videographer	Sarah Schwarz	Luke Kindred	Scotty Scott	Liz Wilson

AUGUST 2026					
Role	Aug 2 <i>Trinity</i>	Aug 9 <i>Our Saviour</i> Back to School	Aug 16 <i>Grace</i>	Aug 23 <i>Trinity</i>	Aug 30 <i>Our Saviour</i> Covered Dish
Acolyte	Beau Whitfield	Addie Long	Addie Long	Ryals Connor	Eliz Faris Connor
Lector	Greg Sander	Lydia Wherry	Jerrold Watson	Scotty Scott	Jerrold Watson
Intercessor	Muffy Sander	Kelly Vann	Peggy Moss	Muffy Sander	Peggy Moss
Eucharistic Min	Ray Melton	Ric Vann	Liz Wilson	Ray Melton	Ric Vann
Greeter	Annette	Bailey	Bill K	Caleb Connor	Bill Kotti
Altar	Jean Covar Betsy Willis	Deborah Holmes Joannah Thelan	Sarah Schwarz Muffy Sander	Jo Ann Amos Annette Quinby	Kathie Stallworth Valerie Holmes
Usher	Chris Covar	David Long	David Long	Caleb Connor	Larry Vann
Hospitality	Cindy Vann	DOK	Jack & Sarah Schwarz	Lynn Melton	Cindy Vann
Videographer	Scotty Scott	Luke Kindred	Sarah Schwarz	Annette Quinby	Scotty Scott



Canning Season in Ridge Spring: A Comedy in Five Vegetables and One Nervous Breakdown

If you listen closely around my house this time of year, you can hear it: the soft thud of peaches hitting kitchen counters, the hiss of pressure canners, and the faint sound of someone muttering, *"Lord, give me strength."* That's right — canning season is back, y'all, and it's showing no mercy.

Peaches arrive first, all sweet and innocent, like they're not about to take over your entire life. You think you'll do a "few jars." Next thing you know, you're peeling peaches like you're training for the Canning Olympics and your kitchen smells like a Yankee Candle called *Southern Woman Losing Her Mind*.

Then come the pickled beets — the divas of the vegetable world. They stain everything they touch, including your cuticles, your countertops, and your hopes and dreams. But we keep making them because nothing says "I love you" in Ridge Spring quite like handing someone a jar of beets that permanently dyed your sink.

Collard greens show up next, acting like they're the moral backbone of the South. You wash them, chop them, simmer them, season them, and pray they don't boil over while you're distracted by the peaches again. Collards don't care about your schedule. Collards run on *collard time*.

Summer squash? Oh, honey. You plant three hills and end up with enough squash to feed the SEC. You can fry it, sauté it, pickle it, can it, hide it in casseroles, and still have a pile big enough to qualify as a structural hazard.

And then — the tomatoes. The red tidal wave. The produce equivalent of a church committee with too much energy. They multiply faster than gossip after Sunday service, and suddenly you're knee-deep in tomato skins, jars, lids, lemon juice, and existential questions like, *"Why did I think this was fun?"* because you know you have to cook dinner all the while you are canning too!

By mid-July, your kitchen looks like a produce crime scene. There are jars cooling on every surface, your stove hasn't been off in 48 hours, and you're

pretty sure you've washed the same measuring cup seventeen times. You're juggling peaches, beets, greens, squash, tomatoes, church responsibilities, work, family, and the dog — who has now stolen a cucumber and is running laps with it like he's in the Westminster Kennel Show.

But here's the thing: We love it. We complain loudly, dramatically, and with great flair — but we love it. Canning season is chaos, but it's the kind of chaos that smells like home. It fills your pantry, your heart, and your calendar with more joy than trouble.

So here's to my annual produce circus. Here's to the peaches, the beets, the greens, the squash, and the tomatoes. And here's to every one of us trying to juggle it all with a smile, a prayer, and a kitchen that looks like it survived a minor explosion. I'll probably still be canning in September!

Warmly, Muffy
Hope Grows Here!

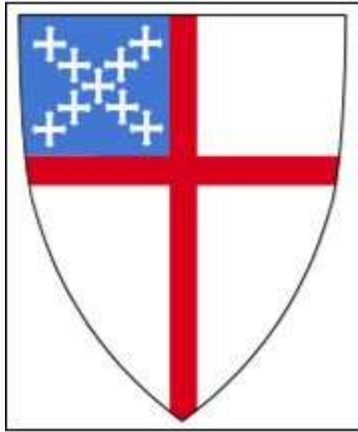


Our Monday Night Zoom Study Group is on a break for the rest of the summer. We will start again on September 14th. Our new series will be on the saints, focusing on American saints, although we might explore other saints as well as favorite saints. During the month, we will focus on the saints for that month. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to let Mother Lathrop know your favorite saints so that we can study them.

Our calendar of saints is fascinating and does not only contain priests, bishops, theologians, and other religious people; it includes kings and queens (King Edmund), those who fought for freedom for others (Harriet Tubman), those who served others (Florence Nightingale), and even artists (Johann Sebastian Bach), just to name a few.

The most up to date list of all the Lesser Feast and Fasts is found at [Lesser Feasts and Fasts](#). All the major Saints, such as the disciples as well as major feast days, are listed in the monthly calendar: [Liturgical Calendar for 2026](#). The beginning of the Book of Common Prayer in the Calendar of the Church Year section is also a good resource.

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