



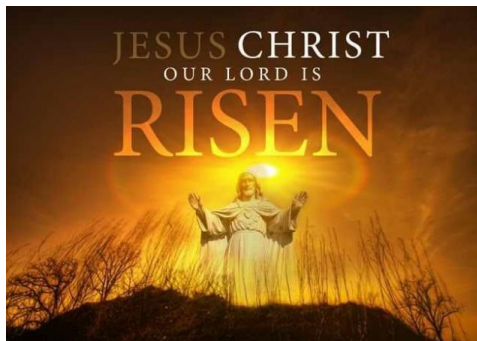
Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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April 2018

"We Gather Together"



"Go Forth Into the World"

Jesus said to the disciples, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." *Acts 1:8b*

This month begins with Easter Day, the celebration of Jesus Christ's Resurrection (of which each Sunday of the year is a reflection, a "little Easter.") Our celebration of Easter Season continues through most of next month, ending a week before Memorial Day with the Feast of Pentecost. It's a joyful season, a time to reflect, celebrate, and live out what it means to be the Redeemed People of God, brought into life eternal through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I write this directly after the "Paint Party" event in our parish, a really enjoyable occasion when two dozen Resurrection members (just about the capacity of the art studio where we were!) joined together in fellowship, painting (with some professional guidance) a beach scene that varied according to our own viewpoint of what we wanted it to be. We exercised talents and skills which for many of us had lain dormant for some time.

The Sunday before that, about a dozen of us went to the movie "A Wrinkle in Time" which is based on a book by the author and Episcopalian Madeline L'Engle. We talked over pizza afterwards about what Christian themes we saw in the story, and what it meant to us (the answers were as varied as the people there). Two Sundays before that, we experienced a

special treat of shared fellowship as we enjoyed fresh-baked waffles at the coffee hour after each service (Hat tip to Gary Koerner, the Stewardship Committee, and the others who worked hard to make that happen).

All these events are activities which put into action the **Internal Goal** of our parish, especially the last part, to “**unify as a family sharing in faith-based activities.**” We are building up the community and fellowship of our parish and having fun in the process!

This month we have activities which also put into action the **Outreach Goal** of our parish, especially the section of “**doing God’s work through service to others.**” On Sunday, April 22, we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting (a pretty internal affair), and then turn outward (and outdoors!) to celebrate Earth Day by going forth to plant and upgrade our environment right around the Church—not for our own sakes, but to honor those who lie in our Churchyard and welcome their families.

The following Sunday, April 29, we will prepare food (and other items) after each worship service to take to those in need in Wilmington, as part of the Premiere Charities weekly feeding program located adjacent to the Amtrak station there. Everyone’s help is needed to prepare the food to be taken, and many hands are needed to take our gifts to Wilmington that afternoon.

This fall, we are looking to hold an event to support and honor our First Responders in the Aston area, and another to honor all Veterans. Other ways of reaching out to our community are ready to move to the fore as we put into action the mission and goals to which we have committed ourselves.

Look for further information about these as plans proceed (or, better yet, contact a Vestry member about how you can join in the planning and execution of these events!).

Jesus did not tell his disciples merely to think nice thoughts about the needs of the world, or to look only inwards, toward their own fellowship and group. Instead he told them (and us!!) to go outside ourselves, to be witnesses to him everywhere. This is what we will be doing this Easter season and beyond. Your participation, your gifts and skills and time and energy, are all needed.

In all this, we are putting into practice what we have discerned is God’s call to us. Build up our community inwardly, to be sure. Just as important is making ourselves a beacon of hope and love in our community. It’s a lot of fun to be together; it’s fulfilling as well to reach out. As Resurrection Church, Rockdale, we do both!

Have a blessed Easter season, and I look to joining with you as we implement our mission and goals, to the Glory of God and service of all God’s creation and people!

--Fr. Wand

Notice from Vestry and Priest:

**The 2018 Annual Meeting of
Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale,
Will occur on Sunday, April 22, 2018
In the Undercroft of the Church
Following the one worship service at 9:00 a.m.**

Business to be transacted includes the receiving of reports, the election of Officers (including Vestry Members and Deputies to the Delaware Deanery and Diocesan Convention), and any other business which may properly come before the meeting. If you have any business to add to the agenda, please notify the Clerk of the Vestry (Marsha Litwin) by April 15.

EASTER OCCASIONALLY FALLS ON APRIL 1ST:



SUNDAY	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
<p>25 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8am Rite I Eucharist—Healing Service 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School—Healing Service</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29 OFFICE CLOSED Maundy Thursday 7pm Rite II w/The Maundy (Washing of the Feet) And Stripping of the Altar</p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday 12noon The Liturgy of Good Friday w/Communion</p>	<p>31 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</p>
<p>April 1 The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist</p>	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Finance Meeting @ 2pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 ECW Meeting @ 10am Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</p>
<p>8 The Second Sunday of Easter 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist—Children’s Service FREE WAFFLES AFTER SERVICES!</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Vestry Meeting @ 7pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</p>
<p>15 The Third Sunday of Easter 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Stewardship Committee Meeting @ 4pm American Legion Ladies Auxiliary @ 6pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</p>
<p>22 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 9am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School PARISH ANNUAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Property Committee Meeting @ 6pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</p>
<p>29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8am Rite I Eucharist—Healing Service 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School—Healing Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>MAY 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Finance Meeting @ 2pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 ECW Meeting @ 10am Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</p>

<p>March 29 Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>7pm Rite II w/The Maundy (Washing of the Feet) And Stripping of the Altar</p>		<p>Chalicer: Helen Dunlap Reader: Rick Dunlap Intercessor: Jan Myers Knight</p>	
<p>March 30 Good Friday</p>	<p>12noon The Liturgy of Good Friday w/Communion (The Mass of the Presanctified)</p>		<p>Chalicer: Phylliss Rusell Reader: Janet Russello Intercessor: Jan Myers Knight</p>	
<p>April 1 The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day Counters: Helen Dunlap Phyllis Russell</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist Healing Service</p>	<p>Chalicer Helen Dunlap Reader Rick Dunlap Intercessor Jan Myers Knight</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p>Chalicer Pieter Bezuidenhout Reader(both) Marsha Litwin Intercessor Rosemary Bezuidenhout</p>
<p>April 8 The Second Sunday of Easter Counters: Barbara Krisack Phyllis Russell</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p>Chalicer Janet Russello Reader Robin Krider Intercessor Jan Myers Knight</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist Children's Service</p>	<p>Chalicer Rosemary Bezuidenhout Reader 1st Marissa Cervantez 2nd Nikolien Bezuidenhout Intercessor: Kylie Benditt</p>
<p>April 15 The Third Sunday of Easter Counters: Barbara Krisack Janet Russello</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p>Chalicer Helen Dunlap Reader Linda Leiby Intercessor Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p>Chalicer Jude Winters Reader(both) Rose Schwitters Intercessor Debbie Ney</p>
<p>April 22 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Counters: Rosemary Bezuidenhout Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>9am Rite II Eucharist PARISH ANNUAL MEETING</p>		<p>Chalicer Marsha Litwin Reader(both) Pieter Bezuidenhout Intercessor Joan Riccardi</p>	
<p>April 29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Counters: Helen Dunlap Jill Graham</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist (Healing)</p>	<p>Chalicer Linda Leiby Reader Jan Myers Knight Intercessor Rick Dunlap</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School (Healing)</p>	<p>Chalicer Phyllis Russell Reader(both) Marsha Litwin Intercessor Jude Winters</p>
<p>May 6 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Counters:</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p>Chalicer Janet Russello Reader Robin Krider Intercessor Linda Leiby</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist Children's Service)</p>	<p>Chalicer Rosemary Bezuidenhout Reader 1st Marissa Cervantez 2nd Nikolien Bezuidenhout Intercessor: Kylie Benditt</p>



OUTREACH: The Outreach Committee is up and operating for the new year. For further information about any service opportunities, contact **Leigh Oppelt (610)497-4576**. Leigh has offered leadership, and the congregation has strongly supported, several outreach programs during the holiday season. Outreach (like the rest of stewardship) is a year-round, 24/7/365 thing.

Sunday, April 22 Earth Day. Please keep an eye out for details later this month on Earth Day activities after our annual meeting.

Sunday, April 29 - Premiere Charities. We will be making PBJ sandwiches for Premiere Charities, whose mission is to serve the underprivileged by mobilizing resources for food, health, clothing, shelter, and education



Faith Community Food Pantry: Collection bins in front of the choir seating to be collected each Sunday and delivered to the Pantry. **Please be sure to check dates, we cannot accept expired food.** **UPDATED NEEDS:** **Cereal** (kid friendly brands, adult brands and oatmeal) — **Canned Foods** (Veggies, chicken, tuna, soups, chili, sloppy joes, Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti sauces, Alfredo sauces, Fruit) — **Boxed Foods** (Instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, spaghetti/pasta, crackers) — **Drinks** (Kid friendly juices and adult) — **Others** (Cookies, rice crispy treats, any snack foods, pudding snack packs, peanut butter, crackers, apple sauce, PBJ filled cracker, cheese filled crackers) — **Paper Products** (Paper towels, toilet paper) — **Pet Foods** (cat, dog).



WAWA HOAGIE SALE: Our Wawa Hoagie coupon fundraiser continues! We are selling coupons at \$3.50 each for a Wawa “shorti” hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from every sale. The coupons can be used at all Wawas and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Carolyn Watson.



CHOIR: If you can sing (no music reading required), please consider joining us now on Sunday mornings for Choir practice. For further info, contact Debbie Ney, Organist.



LONGWOOD GARDENS

Sunday May 6th

After 10 am Mass

Admission:

Adults \$19.00

Seniors (62+) \$17.00

Youth (5-18) \$7.00

We will be having lunch in the Café'

(not included in the ticket price)

Please sign up by April 29th

(Tickets have to be pre-purchased)

Make payments to Resurrection Episcopal





9 AM to 12 noon/5 day classes for 4 year-olds/3 day classes, M-W-F, for 3 year olds
Reasonable rates – Financial Aid available/Children must be toilet-trained.
Please call the office 610-459-2013 for more information and pricing.
Dawn Viscusi is the Pre-School Administrator.

Remember it is your word-of-mouth recommendation that supports our Pre-School.

The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.



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