



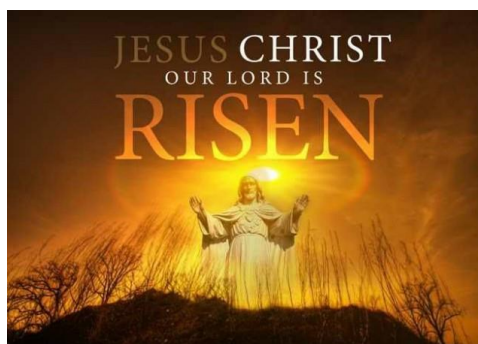
Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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April 2019

"We Gather Together"



APRIL THIS YEAR: **HALF THE END OF LENT, HALF THE BEGINNING OF EASTER**

Easter Day comes late this year (just about as late as it can get—April 21). So the month of April contains the last part of Lent (including Holy Week) and the first part of Easter Season (April 21—June 9 this year). The first is meant to help us get ready for the second.

Lent will continue, with special aspects of worship each Sunday—we use some of the penitential parts of the Prayer Book we don't utilize other parts of the year. On April 14, Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. Holy Week was developed by St. Cyril, the Archbishop of Jerusalem during the latter part of the 4th century. Christianity was newly legal, and becoming very popular; St. Cyril wanted to organize commemorations of the last week of Jesus' life for the numerous pilgrims in Jerusalem before and over Easter Day. The pilgrims were so moved by the liturgies, that they went home and asked for the same liturgies in their parish there.

We will observe Palm Sunday with the Blessing and Procession with Palms at 8 and 10; Maundy Thursday with the Washing of Feet and the Solemn Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 p.m.; and Good Friday with the Liturgy for Good Friday, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Sacrament reserved from the night before at noon.

Saturday, April 20, a member of our congregation, MaryBeth Clements, will be confirmed at the Cathedral during the Easter Vigil there, which begins at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, is Easter Day, also called the Sunday of the Resurrection. There is relatively little that is unique to our worship that day, other than more folks with us and a noticeable uptick in the decorations. This is because each other Sunday of the year is a “little Easter,” a remembrance that Christ arose “on the first day of the week.” So Easter worship looks more like the rest of the year than Lenten worship does.

This unfortunately leads many of us to think of Easter as just Easter Day, a “one and done” Sunday blip in our worship calendar. Many people pay more attention to preparing for Easter during Lent than they do celebrating Easter once it gets here.

Easter lasts not one day, but 50—“a week of weeks” ending with Pentecost. During our worship, the large Paschal [Easter] candle looms over us, reminding us of Christ’s resurrection, and the promise of our own life eternal. We stand for all the parts of the liturgy for which we usually kneel as we celebrate that we are God’s Redeemed People. We omit the confession of sin and absolution as we remember more prominently God’s forgiveness than our own faults.

Lots to celebrate and commemorate this month [Sorry, Easter bunny. Easter Eggs [symbols of hidden life that burst forth] are part of our Easter. You are not.] Be with us not only through the climax of Lent and Holy Week, but also the Easter Season we have used our Lent to get ready to celebrate.

A faithful Lent and glorious Easter to us all.

--Fr. Wand

“TOM’S TALKS”: QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS ABOUT OUR FAITH

One of our parish’s members is preparing to be received into the Episcopal Church at the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral on April 20. Instead of having a series of private sessions, the person preparing for Reception and Fr. Wand have decided to have some Anybody-Who-Wants-To-Attend talks with a question and answer period during the Coffee Hour after the 10:00 Eucharist on four Sundays. One Sunday remains: April 7.

You’re welcome to attend—Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about the Christian Faith, Scripture, Church History, and the particular traditions and faith of our Anglican heritage. We’ll try to keep it under 30 minutes each time (maybe a lot less!). If you have any questions, just ask Fr. Wand.

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS MAKING A SPECIAL LENTEN LIMITED RETURN

One of the side effects of having a very part-time priest at Resurrection has been the discontinuation of weekday Eucharists. This has left a void in some people’s religious and spiritual lives. There are some in our congregation for whom the length and/or time of our Sunday Eucharists do not fit their present situation. There are others who would appreciate a shorter simpler weekday Eucharist to supplement their Sunday worship. To meet these spiritual needs, there are celebrations of the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in Lent through April 17. Each celebration will commemorate one of the heroes/heroines of our faith, or a major event in Jesus’s life. The first celebration in April will commemorate St. Richard of Chichester, whom Fr. Knight contends “is a local boy.” Come find out if that’s true...

Notice from Vestry and Priest:

**The 2019 Annual Meeting of
Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale,
Will occur on Sunday, May 5, 2019
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 28.



A SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECT

Sponsored by:

Mount Hope United Methodist Church
Aston Presbyterian Church
Knights of Columbus from St. Joseph Church
Resurrection Episcopal Church
Sisters of St. Francis (Neumann Univ.)
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

**Saturday, March 30, 2019
Aston Community Center
Set-Up Time: 7:00 AM
Start Time: 9:00 AM
Clean-Up Time: 11:00 AM**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH MEAL PACKAGING
22,000 meals to be packaged

SUNDAY	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
March 31 The Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>8am Rite I Euch—Healing Svc</i> <i>10am Rite II Euch.w/Sunday</i> <i>School—Healing Service</i> !	APRIL 1 Finance Mtg @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	2 Fair Acres Morning Prayer 10:30am	3 Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	4	5	6 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
April 7 The Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children’s Service</i> COFFEE HOUR—“TOM’S TALKS”	8 Steeting/Vestry Committee Meeting @ 6pm & 7pm	9	10 Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	11	12	13 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
April 14 The Sunday of the Passion PALM SUNDAY <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i>	15	16	17 Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm Short Weekday Lenten Service @ 11:00am	18 American Leg. Ladies Aux. @ 6pm Maundy Thursday @ 7pm	19 Good Friday @ 12pm	20 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
April 21 The Sunday of the Resurrection EASTER DAY <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
April 28 The Second Sunday of Easter <i>8am Rite I Euch—Healing Svc</i> <i>10am Rite II Euch.w/Sunday</i> <i>School—Healing Service</i>	29	30	MAY 1 Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm Touch-A-Truck Event @ 9am

<p>March 31 The First Sunday in Lent Counters: Rosemary Bezuidenhout Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist— Healing</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Helen Dunlap <u>Reader</u> Jan Knight <u>Intercessor</u> Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School— Healing</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Marsha Litwin <u>Reader(both)</u> Rose Schwitter <u>Intercessor</u> Joan Geiger</p>
<p>April 7 The Fifth Sunday in Lent Counters: Helen Dunlap Janet Russello</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Janet Russello <u>Reader</u> Rick Dunlap <u>Intercessor</u> Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist Children's Service</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Reader</u> 1st:Marissa Cervantez 2nd:Nikolien Bezuidenhout <u>Intercessor</u> Kylie Benditt</p>
<p>April 14 The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY Lent Counters: Jill Graham Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Helen Dunlap <u>Reader</u> Jan Myers-Knight <u>Intercessor</u> Rick Dunlap</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Marsha Litwin <u>Reader(both)</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Intercessor</u> Joan Ricciardi</p>
<p>April 18 Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>7pm Rite II Eucharist</p>		<p><u>Chalicer</u> Jude Winters <u>Reader(both)</u> Jan Myers-Knight <u>Intercessor</u> Helen Dunlap</p>	
<p>April 19 Good Friday</p>	<p>12pm (noon) The Liturgy of Good Friday With Communion (the Mass of the Presanctified)</p>		<p><u>Chalicer</u> Janet Russello <u>Reader(both)</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Intercessor</u> Jude Winters</p>	
<p>April 21 The Sunday of the Resurrection EASTER DAY Counters: Phyllis Russell Janet Russello</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Diane Mundell <u>Reader</u> Robin Krider <u>Intercessor</u> Rick Dunlap</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Reader(both)</u> Rose Schwitter <u>Intercessor</u> Joan Geiger</p>
<p>April 28 The Second Sunday of Easter Counters: Rosemary Bezuidenhout Jill Graham</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist— Healing</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Helen Dunlap <u>Reader</u> Robin Krider <u>Intercessor</u> Jan Myers-Knight</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School— Healing</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Rosemary Bezuidenhout <u>Reader(both)</u> Jude Winters <u>Intercessor</u> Ruth Soule</p>



The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a “Touch-A-Truck” event on Saturday, May 4th from 9am-12pm (raindate Saturday May 11th from 9am-12pm). This will be a community wide event to raise awareness of our church and school. The event offers children of all ages a hands-on opportunity to explore various

vehicles and meet the people who build, protect and serve the local community We are looking for all types of vehicles, work vans, firetrucks, police cars, ambulances, etc. If you know of someone who would be willing to participate, please contact Jill Graham at 610-724-7088.



We are hosting a Spring Craft in the Undercroft on Saturday April 13th from 1-3pm. The cost is \$25 and we will be making wood signs. You will have the option to pick a quote or word and we will decorate



them for Spring. There will be a sign-up sheet in the undercroft. We encourage you to invite a friend. Any questions, please contact Marsha Litwin at 610-299-0967.



Craft/Game Table at Community Easter Egg Hunt at Aston Community Center at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 6—Our parish is sponsoring a game and crafts table

at the Easter Egg Hunt; come help us greet our younger neighbors (and their families), as we let them know about our parish and its pre-school. Let Terri Burrell know when you’ll be there!



Do you have used, broken crayons that are headed for the trash? Don’t throw them away, help the crayon initiative recycle them into new ones for children’s hospitals, art programs and other organizations invested in children. Please drop them into the box located in the Undercroft.



Resurrection Pre-School

9am till 12noon / 5 day classes for 4’s/3 day classes (M/W/F) for 3’s
Reasonable rates—Financial Aid Available/Children need to be toilet-trained
Please call the office 610-459-2013 for more information and pricing
Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator

REMEMBER:

IT’S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION OF OUR PARISH’S PRESCHOOL THAT KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD WORK!



OUTREACH: The Outreach Committee is up and operating throughout the 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.



UPDATED—Faith Community Food Pantry: *Please be sure to check dates—we can not accept expired food.* They are especially in need of the following items:
Coffee—Box Cereals—Pasta (esp. Spaghetti)—Canned Green Beans—Fruit Juice—Tomato Sauce—Peanut Butter—Canned Tuna—Canned Beef Ravioli—Canned Chicken—Canned Tomatoes—Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes

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.



Easter Flowers



Would you like to help decorate our church for Easter Season 2018 (April 21st—June 9th)?

I would like to help decorate the church for Easter, 2018 with flowers at a cost of \$15.00 each. Please place a flower on the altar:

In Loving Memory of: _____

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In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Given By: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ [] check [] cash

*Please attach cash or check payable to ‘Resurrection’ in the appropriate amount and place this offering in the collection plate or drop it off at the Church Office no later than **Sunday, April 7th**.



(From top left:) Marsha Litwin, Rose Schwitters, Fr. Wand, Jill Graham, Janet Russello
(From bottom left:) Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Barbara Krisack, Helen Dunlap, Phyllis Russell



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