



# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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"We Gather Together"



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**FOR GUESTS, VISITORS, AND NEWCOMERS,**  
**THE COFFEE HOUR (IF NOT EXACTLY THE COFFEE)**  
**CAN BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU MAY THINK**

The cartoon above isn't exactly our parish's style. We're less St. Arbucks and more Wawa [Welcoming All Who Arrive]. One of the things that can help us live up to that mythical acronym is to, once in a while, try to imagine what it's like to come to our parish for the first time. It's probably a lot harder to do a good job of that than we might imagine. Many of us

have been here for some time, and so we have a large number of assumptions about what “everybody knows”—things which may be quite mysterious to someone initially coming to our parish. Some questions which may arise include:

- How do you get into the Church building? “Everybody knows” that the red door closest to the parking lot leads to the Undercroft. That’s where coffee hour is. However, if you want to worship with us, you have to get yourselves upstairs. You can use the [hidden to all who aren’t already in the know] steep staircase, and emerge by the organ, in the front of the Church and in entirely the wrong place to be greeted by the Ushers and to receive a bulletin. Or, you can trudge up the hill outside and negotiate [if your body will cooperate] the stairs and go through the opaque red door, into a bustling crowd of people.
- Where do you sit? “Everybody knows” which pews are occupied at which service [It’s always fun when we have one service to see how the pew we thought we owned is actually a timeshare!] If you see someone who’s new to you, please introduce yourself. (Probably best to lead with something like “I can’t come up with your name” or “I don’t know if we’ve met” rather than “You’re new, aren’t you?”) Invite that person to sit near you, or make sure they’ve got someone who will help them find their way through the liturgy of the Episcopal Church, not all of which is intuitively evident. Do not leave them floundering through worship feeling like an outsider at a snobby club.
- When will anybody here talk with me? “Everybody knows” that if you speak before the service, you talk with your old friends and don’t pierce the invisible barrier around a visitor or newcomer, because we Episcopalians are so super polite and reserved, and no visitor wants to talk with anyone, anyway. As the song puts it, “It ain’t necessarily so.” Please greet anyone new to you. Ask them their name, and introduce them to some other people if they seem comfortable with that. In any case, please introduce them to the priest at the close of the service. You’re glad they’re here. Make that evident.
- What is this mysterious “Coffee Hour”? Who gets to go? Where in the world is it? Please invite the person new to you to coffee hour. Offer to lead/accompany them there. If they decline, simply say, “Maybe next time.” Coffee Hour is a time for more introductions. Get the visitor/newcomer some coffee and goodies, and make sure they’re included in a conversation. *This takes precedence over catching up with your buddies.* Make sure they meet some Vestry members and some of our more welcoming folks. They should go away knowing how loving and caring a community we are. That doesn’t happen automatically. Or when someone else does it. Only when you make it a priority.

It is often said that a newcomer can bounce back from a poor sermon or liturgy (Of course, in our parish, we’re only talking about that theoretically) more than they can deal with everyone ignoring them during worship and at the Coffee Hour. Let’s make sure our imaginary acronym Wawa [Welcoming All Who Arrive] is actually how people experience us. Because that’s in fact who we are—we just have to do what’s needed to show it forth.

## **COFFEE HOUR TALKS, QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS**

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:



- February 3 (This Sunday!)
- February 24
- March 10
- March 17

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.

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

### **WE'RE MAKING VALENTINES FOR SHUT-INS AND FAIR ACRES RESIDENTS FEB. 10**



After each service on February 10, we will gather for waffles at the coffee hour in the Undercroft. In addition to nourishing our bodies with waffles and accompaniments, we will nourish our souls by making and signing valentines for the shut-ins and others in our parish whose worshipping with us is difficult, as well as residents at Fair Acres. Helen Dunlap and others will help you (after you've washed or licked your hands clean) with signing some pre-bought valentines, and making others for those whom a friendly thought on Valentine's Day will bring joy. Be sure to join us for a grand festival of caring and sharing (as the saying goes) on Feb. 10!



### **"SHROVE SUNDAY" DISPLAYS PARISH'S CULINARY DIVERSITY MARCH 3**

Over the centuries, differing customs arose as people prepared for Lent [which is itself a preparation for Easter]. In some countries festivals and parades marked the end of the time for joviality and fun, giving rise to events like Rose Monday in Germany, Mardi Gras in France, and Carnival in southern European countries and some Central and Latin American countries.

In England, the custom was to use up fat-containing cooking materials such as lard and butter, which were deemed inappropriate for use during Lent. These would be used on the day before Lent to make richer foods cooked in oil or butter, such as pancakes. As part of the festive day, sometimes women would run races holding pancakes in their skillets, to see

whose balance was best. All of this was on a day when many people also prepared for Lent by making their confession, and being “shriven” [modern English prefers “shorn”] of their sins. Thus the name “Shrove Tuesday.”

At Resurrection this year, we’re adapting the pancake (but not the women racing) part of these customs by celebrating “Shrove Sunday” on March 3. In a sign of the vast diversity in the culinary skills of our parish, we will serve not waffles, but pancakes! Join us for pancakes after each service on the Last Sunday before Lent.

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS MAKING A SPECIAL LENTEN LIMITED RETURN**

#### **MIDWEEK -WORSHIP SERVICE-**

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 will be celebrations of the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in Lent (from March 13 through April 17). More details in next month’s newsletter.



**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**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MON.</b>	<b>TUE.</b>	<b>WED.</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>February 3</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist— Children's Service <b>COFFEE HOUR TALKS—</b> <b>"PRIEST'S PARLEYS"</b>	4  Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	5  Yoga Class @ 7pm	6  <i>Girl Scout</i> <i>Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm</i>	7	8	9  <i>Lenni</i> <i>Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>@ 7pm</i>
<b>February 10</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School <b>WAFFLES AND PREPARATION</b> <b>OF VALENTINS FOR SHUT-INS</b> <b>AFTER EACH SERVICE!</b>	11  Vestry/Steering Committee Meeting @ 6pm	12  Yoga Class @ 7pm (LAST CLASS)	13	14	15	16  <i>Lenni</i> <i>Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>@ 7pm</i>
<b>February 17</b> <b>The Sixth Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School	18	19  Fair Acres Morning Prayer @ 10:30am	20  <i>Girl Scout</i> <i>Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm</i>	21 <i>American</i> <i>Legion</i> <i>Ladies</i> <i>Auxiliary @</i> <i>6pm</i>	22	23  <i>Lenni</i> <i>Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>@ 7pm</i>
<b>February 24</b> <b>The Seventh Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> 8am Rite I Euch—Healing Svc 10am Rite II Euch.w/Sunday School—Healing Service <b>COFFEE HOUR TALKS—</b> <b>"PRIEST'S PARLEYS"</b>	25	26	27	28	<b>MARCH 1</b>	2  <i>Lenni</i> <i>Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>@ 7pm</i>
<b>March 3</b> <b>The Last Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist— Children's Service <b>SHROVE SUNDAY—FREE</b> <b>PANCAKES AFTER SERVICES!</b>	4  Finance Mtg @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	5	6  <i>Girl Scout</i> <i>Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm</i>  <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Svcs—noon &amp; @</i> <i>7:00pm</i>	7	8	9  <i>Lenni</i> <i>Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>@ 7pm</i>

<b>February 3</b> <b>The Fourth</b> <b>Sunday after the</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <b>Counters:</b> Helen Dunlap Barb Krisack	8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Helen Dunlap <u><b>Reader</b></u> Jan Knight <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Rick Dunlap	10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>Children's</i> <i>Service</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Jude Winters <u><b>Readers</b></u> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Marissa Cervantez 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Nikolien Bezuidenhout <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Kylie Benditt
<b>February 10</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> <b>Counters:</b> Marsha Litwin Jill Graham	8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Helen Dunlap <u><b>Reader</b></u> Rick Dunlap <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Robin Krider	10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday</i> <i>School</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Marsha Litwin <u><b>Reader(both)</b></u> Rose Schwitter <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Joan Geiger
<b>February 17</b> <b>The Sixth Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> <b>Counters:</b> Barb Krisack Phyllis Russell	8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Diane Mundell <u><b>Reader</b></u> Robin Krider <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Jan Knight	10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday</i> <i>School</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Phyllis Russell <u><b>Reader(both)</b></u> Jude Winters <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Joan Riccardi
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<b>March 3</b> <b>The Last Sunday</b> <b>after the Epiphany</b> <b>Counters:</b> Marsha Litwin Jill Graham	8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Janet Russello <u><b>Reader</b></u> Rick Dunlap <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Jan Knight	10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>Children's</i> <i>Service</i>	<u><b>Chalicer</b></u> Pieter Bezuidenhout <u><b>Readers</b></u> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Marissa Cervantez 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Nikolien Bezuidenhout <u><b>Intercessor</b></u> Kylie Benditt



**MORNING PRAYER @ FAIR ACRES:** Joan Riccardi, Stella Thompson and Jude Winters go to Fair Acres Building 1 (Womens' Residence) normally on the first Tuesday of the month for morning prayers @10:30am. All are welcome to attend. The next prayer service is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am.



**COFFEE HOUR ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** More people are needed to assist with set up/clean up for coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet in the Undercroft if you can help.



### **GIVE A GUY A BREAK (IN PARTICULAR, CHARLIE SIMPSON)—**

Charlie Simpson now lives at Sunrise Assisted Living on PA 352 just south of the intersection with PA 452. Please join the crew of folks who take turns bringing Charlie to join us for worship. In winter the crew is depleted by the absence of some of our parish' snowbirds. Talk to Diane Mundell about how to get involved. Thanks.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you are interested in donating toward decorating the altar, a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The cost of flowers is \$35.



### **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!***

### **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.



(From left:) Fr. Wand, Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Phyllis Russell, Janet Russello, Rose Schwitters, Helen Dunlap, Barbara Krisack. Not pictured: Marsha Litwin, Jill Graham.



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