



Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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January 2019

January

"We Gather Together"

OVERHEARD AT THE MAGI CLUB



"MANIFESTING WITH THE MAGI"

This month begins a new year. This month begins with a celebration of The Epiphany: The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. These two things tell us a good deal about what our parish is working on as we move into January and into 2019.

First this is a new year, 2019. For those of us it's going to be a difficult year as we put the date on checks and other documents. It was easy nine to twelve months ago, when we forgot and put the last year instead of the new one. It wasn't hard to add a few lines with the pen and change "2017" into "2018." Changing "2018" into "2019" is going to be a lot messier. It's as though our minds haven't registered that it's a new and different year.

That's just one small example of a more important subject. It's a *new* year; it's a *different* year. How are we making that real in what we do? How we think? There's an old saying, "Do you intend to live the next five years of your life, or the last year of your life five more times?" We all face this both as individuals and as a parish. In a lot of ways we're sort of comfortable, in a place which is relatively stable.

It's tempting (I do not use that word lightly) to just sort of want to settle in and just stay put, and pretend that we can exist on re-runs (excuse me, now known as "encore presentations") in our personal and parish life. That really won't work. Not that it hasn't been proposed before. Remember St. Peter at the Transfiguration? [That'll be our Gospel lesson at the tail end of Epiphany Season at the beginning of March.] He just wanted to stay there with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, but it turned out there was a lot more to be done. Check in for more on that later.

We will have a new and different life as a parish this year. We will move further in our pilgrimage to implement our parish Mission Statement and goals. We will make visible ("manifest" in Biblical, liturgical language) that we, our parish, and our lives are being renewed by the presence within and among us of God's Holy Spirit and the risen Christ. Which brings us to those Magi.

This year the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday. Coming at the end of the Christmas season, it will be a bigger deal than usual for us. We will celebrate with the final part of our Christmas pageant and share some special fellowship [codename: Waffles]. The big thing about the Magi is that they were foreigners, and their worshiping Jesus is a sign that Jesus' message of God's love and mercy is for everyone, everywhere, at every time.

We as individuals and as a parish will be working on how we can manifest ["show forth"] that more strongly and completely to those outside our own parish community. How do we make Christ's love and care known to others? We do a lot of that already. How can we grow in our showing forth? What needs of our community are there that we can in greater measure meet? Not an easy question. It'll take all of us working together to discern the next steps.

Luckily, we have an exceptionally long Epiphany season to work, pray, and take counsel together to do that. Happy Manifesting this Epiphany Season 2019.

--Fr. Wand



YOGA CLASS: To be held in the Undercroft beginning Tuesday, January 8th @ 7:00pm. This will be a 6week class. More information to come. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Litwin.



RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS DURING AT THE 8:00 AND 10:00 EUCHARISTS ON JANUARY 20, 2019. This year our readings include the Wedding Feast at Cana on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany (January 20). This happens only once in our three-year cycle.

Joining with many other Episcopal congregations, we will offer folks the chance to renew their wedding vows as part of our worship that day. Make plans with your spouse now to renew your commitment and celebrate your love with your Church family on January 20! Wedding cake provided by the parish.

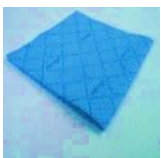


SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS: The Sunday School is asking for donations of fleece material (plain or patterned—please no holiday material). They will be making scarves for the needy during and after the 10am service on Sunday, January 13th. Volunteers welcome to help out. All material donations can be placed in the Nursery. Thank

you! Any questions, please contact Jill Graham.



MORNING PRAYER @ FAIR ACRES: Joan Riccardi, Stella Thompson and Jude Winters go to Fair Acres Building 1 (Womens' Residence) the first Tuesday of the month for morning prayers @10:30am. All are welcome to attend. The next prayer service is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th @ 10:30am.



PERFECT CLOTHS FOR SALE!!: Please help support our ECW fundraiser of selling perfect cloths. These cloths can be used for all types of cleaning. The cost is \$3/per cloth. If interested, please contact Karen Warren.



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 Wawa's and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Rosemary Bezuidenhout.

SUNDAY	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
December 30 The First Sunday after Christmas Day 9am Rite I Eucharist with Music—Healing Service	31	1	2 Girl Scout Troup Mtg @ 6:30pm	3	4	5 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
January 6 The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist—Children's Service FREE WAFFLES AFTER SERVICES!	7 Finance Meeting @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	8 Fair Acres Morning Prayer @ 10:30am Yoga Class @ 7pm	9	10	11	12 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
January 13 The First Sunday after the Epiphany: Baptism of Christ 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School	14 Vestry Meeting @ 7pm	15 Yoga Class @ 7pm	16 Girl Scout Troup Mtg @ 6:30pm	17 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary @ 6pm	18	19 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
January 20 The 2nd Sun. after Epiphany Renewal of Wedding Vows 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School	21	22 Yoga Class @ 7pm	23	24	25	26 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
January 27 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Rite I Eucharist with Music—Healing Service	28	29 Yoga Class @ 7pm	30	31	1	2 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
February 3 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 8am Rite I Eucharist 10am Rite II Eucharist—Children's Service FREE WAFFLES AFTER SERVICES!	4 Finance Meeting @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	5 Fair Acres Morning Prayer @ 10:30am Yoga Class @ 7pm	6 Girl Scout Troup Mtg @ 6:30pm	7	8	9 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm

<p>December 30 The First Sunday after Christmas Day Counters: Phyllis Russell Janet Russello</p>	<p>9 am Eucharist Rite II with Healing Prayers</p>		<p>Chalicer Helen Dunlap Reader Jan Knight Intercessor Rick Dunlap</p>	
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<p>January 13 The First Sunday after the Epiphany Counters: Jill Graham Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p>Chalicer Janet Russello Reader Jan Myers Knight Intercessor Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p>Chalicer Marsha Litwin Reader(both) Joan Geiger Intercessor Joan Riccardit</p>
<p>January 20 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Counters: Rose Schwitters Rosemary Bezuidenhout</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p>Chalicer Diane Mundell Reader Rick Dunlap Intercessor Helen Dunlap</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p>Chalicer Judith Winters Reader(both) Rosemary Bezuidenhout Intercessor Rose Schwitters</p>
<p>January 27 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Counters: Phyllis Russell Jill Graham</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist (Healing)</p>	<p>Chalicer Helen Dunlap Reader Robin Krider Intercessor Rick Dunlap</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School (Healing)</p>	<p>Chalicer Rosemary Bezuidenhout Reader(both) Phyllis Russell Intercessor Pieter Bezuidenhout</p>
<p>February 3 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Counters: Helen Dunlap Barb Krisack</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p>Chalicer Janet Russello Reader Robin Krider Intercessor Rick Dunlap</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist Children's Service</p>	<p>Chalicer Phyllis Russell Readers 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.



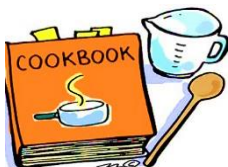
UPDATED—Faith Community Food Pantry: *Please be sure to check dates—we can not accept expired food.* They are only in need of the following items—**Coffee, Cereal and Pasta (all types) plus green beans!**



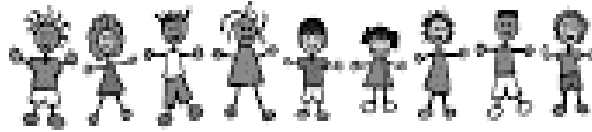
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Janet Russello is collecting box tops for education. A container will be in the Undercroft for you to place your box top labels. Thank you!



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.



COOKBOOKS: Cookbooks are a great gift idea for any occasion. Each cookbook costs only \$5. To purchase or pickup your order, please contact Helen Dunlap.



Resurrection Pre-School

9am till 12noon

p5 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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