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"We Gather Together"

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

"Have a Comfy Lent"—There's a Good Reason That Phrase Doesn't Make Sense

The entire month of March this year is contained within the season of Lent. Lent is the time when we prepare to celebrate Easter season, and rejoice in the unconditional love of God and the promise of life eternal that the Resurrection proclaims. Part of the liturgy in *The Book of Common Prayer* for the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, outlines how to keep a holy Lent [see BCP, p. 265].

The first two actions mentioned are "self-examination and repentance." We have done a great deal of the former with the assistance of the Mission Discernment Committee for Resurrection's Future, under the able leadership of Rick Dunlap. The Vestry is now continuing that great work, along with some of the members of the Mission Discernment Committee, now known as the Mission Steering Committee. We have discerned and committed ourselves to the mission God has set before us. We are now planning the specific goals and plans to accomplish what we have set out to do.

As many of you remember, I was away from leading Sunday worship at Resurrection for over six weeks last fall. I had developed a wound on the bottom of my foot, and had not taken good care of it. Because of some (then-undiagnosed) neuropathy, I felt no pain, even as the wound's infection grew more serious. I thought that if I had no pain, things couldn't be acute. I was wrong. The end result was a long and difficult way back to health. I had mistaken comfort for well-being.

This Lent, we as a congregation are faced with the chance to make in our parish's mission, ministries, and life the same kind of mistake I did with my health. We are in a relatively comfortable position. The plan for the finances and conduct of the administration of the parish is working well, indeed. This is because a number of folks have stepped up to make this the case, and the congregation as a whole has been steadfast in its support.

This gives us the time to develop ways to build up our unity and grow stronger in the faith and care for all our members, as our internal goal. It also gives us the time to work to become more visible, listen to the community, and work in service to others outside ourselves, our outreach goal.

The temptation is to think that this time for developing our active implementation of our mission and goals is unlimited. Much as I did with the wound in my foot, we can think that no pain means no reason to do anything. [Think of Peter at the Transfiguration saying to Jesus, "Lord, let us make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Subtext: It's nice here, let's just stay here and ignore God's call to move on and do some hard, unpleasant stuff.] The history of the Church as a whole, as well as the history of this parish and its predecessors shows that the time we have must be used to begin to move to what comes next, or we will face the challenges of the future with fewer resources than we have now.

Thus the call to both the parish leadership and the parish as a whole is to recognize that this Lent is a time that is a gift with a purpose. We are called to "repentance" in the sense of moving in the right direction as called by God. We have a lull in order to plan and move into our future. Being comfy is not an invitation or permission to loll around until things get painful.

Now is the time for us to plan and implement the specific ways we will accomplish our parish mission and goals. All of us have an active role in this. Make this Lent a real foundation for the celebration of our salvation in Easter Season. Don't just rest in comfort—take your part in our movement toward and accomplishment of God's call to us.

--Fr. Wand

If you know of anyone in the parish to whom Communion should be brought by the Priest and Eucharistic Visitors, please notify the Church Office. If anyone wishes to make a private Confession, please contact Fr. Wand.

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**CONVENTIONAL WISDOM TO BE CHALLENGED AT PARISH COFFEE HOUR:
WAFFLES TO DEBUT MARCH 4 WITH SLOGAN "TOP THIS!"**




You've probably heard the saying "There's no such thing as a free lunch". Other than the Gospel of Christ, this is in fact generally true. That's why we're inviting you to a **Free Breakfast!!**

- **When:** **Sunday March 4th**
Breakfast will be served **after the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist and before and after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.**
- **What:** **Scrumptious Belgian Waffles, made fresh in our Undercroft.**
Also: Link Sausage
Delicious toppings: Syrup, Butter, Whipped Cream, Bananas, Walnuts, Berries, Chocolate chips!
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Juice and Milk

Please join us, make your mouth happy with good food, conversation and fellowship! What's not to like? Did we mention breakfast was **F-R-E-E** ?

Quick Quiz:

- Q. What's the difference between waffles and Belgian waffles?
- A. Belgian waffles have deeper pockets than American-style waffles, which makes them great for holding lots of little pools of syrup or fruit. The texture is also lighter and crispier.
They come from the country Belgium in Western Europe. (or some weird town in New Jersey)

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

<p>March 4 The Third Sunday in Lent Counters: Barbara Krisack Phyllis Russell</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist Waffles after service!</p>	<p><u>Chalicer/Reader</u> Diane Mundell <u>Intercessor</u> Jan Myers Knight</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist Children's Service Waffles after service!</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Rosemary Bezuidenhout <u>Reader</u> 1st: Marissa Cervantez 2nd: Nikolien Bezuidenhout <u>Intercessor</u> Kylie Benditt</p>
<p>March 11 The Fourth Sunday in Lent Counters: Barbara Krisack Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Janet Russello <u>Reader/Intercessor</u> Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Marsha Litwin <u>Reader (both)</u> Rose Schwitters <u>Intercessor</u> Debbie Ney</p>
<p>March 18 The Fifth Sunday in Lent Counters: Rosemary Bezuidenhout Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Janet Russello <u>Reader/Intercessor</u> Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Reader (both)</u> Pieter Bezuidenhout <u>Intercessor</u> Rosemary Bezuidenhout</p>
<p>March 25 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Counters: Helen Dunlap Phyllis Russell</p>	<p>8am Rite I Eucharist Healing Service</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Helen Dunlap <u>Reader</u> Rick Dunlap <u>Intercessor</u> Jan Myers Knight</p>	<p>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School— Healing Service</p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Pieter Bezuidenhout <u>Reader(both)</u> Marsha Litwin <u>Intercessor</u> Rosemary Bezuidenhout</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><u>Chalicer</u> Helen Dunlap <u>Reader</u> Rick Dunlap <u>Intercessor</u> 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><u>Chalicer</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Reader</u> Janet Russello <u>Intercessor</u> Jan Myers Knight</p>	
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SUNDAY MARCH 18TH
FR. WAND TO LEAD GROUP TRIP TO
CHRISTIAN-THEMED MOVIE
PIZZA MEAL TO FOLLOW



On Sunday, March 18, Fr. Wand will lead a group of Resurrection parishioners (and friends) to see the movie *A Wrinkle in Time* based on the novel by the late Madeline L'Engle, Episcopalian and former librarian of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

The story centers on Meg, a teen-ager who, along with a friend and Meg's brother Charles, are enlisted by three angelic spirits to "become warriors" to rescue Meg's father, who is being held prisoner by a cosmic force of evil. Along the way they are helped by good forces and must take risks to reach their goal, learning about what's truly powerful along the way. [Sounds like a *really* Lenten movie!]

The story and movie are like the Narnia and other stories by the English writer C.S. Lewis, in that they are stories which teach us about our Christian faith and how we live it out in the real world. Although the book is categorized as young adult fiction, the story and lessons are valuable for all ages of the children of God.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Undercroft [and signing up in advance will help with preparations], but just showing up at the Church for the trip to the theater (and pizza place afterwards!) will be OK, too. Further details will be available as the date gets closer. Scholarships will be available for those for whom cost is a problem.

If you have any questions about the group trip, talk with Fr. Wand. If you want more information about the movie, look online. Hope to have you with us!

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH
PAINT PARTY
AT ROCKDALE ART STUDIO
(2551 Mount Road, Aston, PA)

The cost is \$30.00 per person. (*Scholarships available — talk to Father Wand*).

We will be painting the picture shown. Checks should be made out to *Resurrection Episcopal Church*. **Sign up before March 17th. We can carpool if desired.**





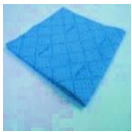
COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY: Helen Dunlap is collectiong coupons for the military families stationed in Japan. Please bring your coupons to the undercroft.



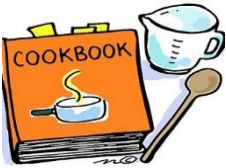
WAWA HOAGIE SALE: Our Wawa Hoagie coupon fundraiser continues! We are selling coupons at \$3.50 each for a Wawa “shorti” hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from every sale. The coupons can be used at all Wawas and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Carolyn Watson.



FREE FOOD IN UNDERCROFT: We receive baked goods from Giant (bread, bagels, sweets) on Mondays. If you or someone you know is in need, please stop by the undercroft and pick up some items!



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.



COOKBOOKS: Cookbooks are a great gift idea for any occasion. Each cookbook costs only \$10. To purchase or pickup your order, please contact Helen Dunlap.



ALTAR GUILD: Help is needed to clear the altar after the service. It takes less than 15 minutes after the service to help. If you are willing to help out—please contact Bridget Thomas.



ECW (Episcopal Church Women): ECW meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:00am. All women are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd @ 10:00am.. For more information contact Karen Warren.



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.



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



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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