



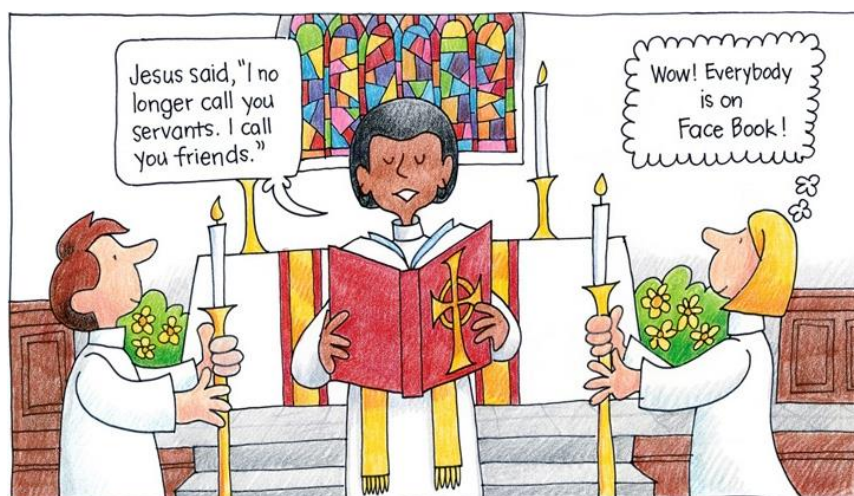
# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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**May 2019**

## "We Gather Together"



### **GETTING THE WORD OUT—WITHIN THE PARISH AND BEYOND**

When I was in seminary and newly ordained [just under a mere half-century ago or so], how you communicated news both to the parishioners and to the whole community was fairly easy and relatively simple. You sent the news to the local newspaper. Every town had one. Everyone subscribed and read the town newspaper, including the Church Page (a whole page, if not more) that ran in the Saturday issue.

Absolutely none of the above is true now. Local newspapers are fewer and far between, and avid subscribers to them (like me) are apt to have hair whiter than the newsprint and to be on Social Security and Medicare. Church sections (a small portion of one page, if they exist at all) are read only by those already active in a church. If you want to get the word out to anyone beyond your own congregation, try the news pages, the community pages—anyplace but the Church section!

So how do we communicate within our own parish family and to the community around us? Most (but not all) of the answers involve electronic means and places. Within our own parish, we put out a lot of news in the Sunday bulletin each week. I am often amazed at how few people take their bulletin with them as they leave worship. I think these folks must have a much better memory for the amazing multitude of events and ministries at Resurrection. I still harbor the suspicion that having the bulletin at home to jog their memories and awareness might not be a bad idea...

We also send out (overwhelmingly by email, online) this monthly newsletter. Most people open it. We also send out special notices for major events and breaking news (such as deaths and funerals). That helps us keep our own parish community informed.

When it comes to letting the world outside the parish what we are doing, things get more complicated and we have more room for growth. We keep a Facebook presence, and have a website for our parish. A faithful few of our parishioners keep those updated—it's a lot of work! Some more assistance from some folks in our parish (especially from those youthful enough to have grown up on this stuff—"digital natives") would help us let more of the world know the great variety of social service and outreach works we do, and that we'd be happy to welcome them as partners in what we do. Our parish has a strong recent history of doing a better job of serving others than we do of telling those outside our parish about what we're doing.

So this article ends up being a want ad—Are you someone who can navigate the mysterious (too many) ways of social media and help us notify those whom we would honor and serve e.g., first responders and veterans [with our Memorial Day and Veterans' Day programs]; parents with pre-school children [for which we have a pre-school!]; families in our community [with our Aston Community Day and Egg Hunt activity table and flower seed giveaway]; and so many more. Can you be one who helps us gather more folks so we can serve more of those whom Jesus called "the least of these my sisters and brothers" by easing some aspects of their lives?

We need some help. Can you lend us a hand [on a keyboard]? Or do you know someone who can? Your thoughts and actions will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Thanks!

--Fr. Wand

Notice from Vestry and Priest:

**The 2019 Annual Meeting of  
Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale,  
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 29.**

SUNDAY	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
<b>April 28</b> <b>The Second Sunday of Easter</b> <i>8am Rite I Euch—Healing Svc</i> <i>10am Rite II Euch.w/Sunday School—Healing Service</i>	29	30	<b>MAY 1</b>  Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm  Touch-A-Truck Event @ 9am
<b>May 5</b> <b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>9am Rite II Eucharist—Children’s Service</i> <b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!</b>	6  Finance Mtg @ 2:30pm Stewardship Mtg @ 4pm Property Mtg @ 5:30pm	7  Fair Acres Morning Prayer 10:30am	8	9	10	11  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm  Raindate: Touch-A-Truck Event @ 9am
<b>May 12</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</i>	13 Steering/Vestry Committee Meeting @ 6pm & 7pm	14	15 Girl Scout Troop Mtg @ 6:30pm	16 American Leg. Ladies Aux. @ 6pm	17	18  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
<b>May 19</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm
<b>May 26</b> <b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>BEGIN SUMMER SERVICES!</b> <i>9am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday School—Healing Service</i>	<b>27</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICE CLOSED</b> Parade & Luncheon	28	<b>29</b>	30	<b>31</b> <b>LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL</b>	JUNE 1  Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm

<p><b>April 28</b> <b>The Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Counters:</b> Jill Graham Rose Schwitters</p>	<p><i>8am</i> <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist—</i> <i>Healing</i></p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b> Helen Dunlap <b><u>Reader</u></b> Robin Krider <b><u>Intercessor</u></b> Jan Myers Knight</p>	<p><i>10am</i> <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday</i> <i>School—</i> <i>Healing</i></p>	<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b> Rosemary Bezuidenhout <b><u>Reader(both)</u></b> Jude Winters <b><u>Intercessor</u></b> Ruth Soule</p>
<p><b>May 5</b> <b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Counters:</b> Barbara Krisack Marsha Litwin</p>	<p><b><i>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</i></b> <i>9am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children’s Service</i></p>		<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b> Jude Winters <b><u>Reader</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup>: Marissa Cervantez 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nikolien Bezuidenhout <b><u>Intercessor</u></b> Kylie Benditt</p>	
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<p><b>May 26</b> <b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Counters:</b> Barbara Krisack Rose Schwitter</p>	<p><b><i>SUMMER SERVICE</i></b> <b><i>SCHEDULE BEGINS</i></b> <i>9am Rite II Eucharist w/Sunday</i> <i>School—Healing Service</i></p>		<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b> Linda Leiby <b><u>Reader</u></b> Rose Schwitter <b><u>Intercessor</u></b> Joan Geiger</p>	
<p><b>June 2</b> <b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Counters:</b> Phyllis Russell Janet Russello</p>	<p><i>9am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children’s Service</i></p>		<p><b><u>Chalicer</u></b> TBD <b><u>Reader</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup>: Marissa Cervantez 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nikolien Bezuidenhout <b><u>Intercessor</u></b> Kylie Benditt</p>	



located in the Undercroft.

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



**ANNUAL MEETING**



**ANNUAL MEETING MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> REPORTS DUE MONDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>:**

The annual meeting of the parish will take place after one service at 9:00 on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Reports by all groups and ministries in the parish are due by Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (preferably in digital form) to Phyllis Russell @ [msgoodly2shoes1@verizon.net](mailto:msgoodly2shoes1@verizon.net)



The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a "Touch-A-Truck" event on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm (rain-date Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ATTENTION: ALL CHALICERS AND READERS**



*Please notify Helen Dunlap of your vacation schedule from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day (9:00am service only during the summer). The summer schedule is being worked on and will be finalized and published for the summer newsletter. If you are scheduled and need a replacement, you will need to switch with someone.*



*Please contact Helen @ email: [hdunlap5@comcast.net](mailto:hdunlap5@comcast.net) or phone 610-742-4300. Thank you*



**SUNDAY COUNTERS NEEDED:** W need help counting on Sundays over the summer. A Vestry member will be there to count with you too! If you are able to help, see Barbara Krisack. There is a signup sheet in the Undercroft.



**HELP NEEDED!!! 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! ***We are looking for volunteers to help continue this outreach through the summer.*** If you

are willing to pickup the food at Giant on a Monday between 7:30-8:00am, please sign up on the sheet in the Undercroft. Any questions, please contact Dawn in the office.



**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**



**Events Planned for Resurrection Church**



Date	Weekday	Time	Item/Event
5/4/19	Saturday	9am-12pm	“Touch-A-Truck” Event in Parking Lot
5/5/19	Sunday	9am Service	Parish Meeting accompanied by tacos
5/6/19	Monday	Afternoon/ Evening	Committee Meetings: 2:30 Finance 4:00 Stewardship 5:30 Property
5/7/19	Tuesday	10:30am	Service at Fair Acres
5/11/19	Saturday	9am-12pm	“Touch-A-Truck” Event Rain Day
5/13/19	Monday	6pm	Steering Committee & Vestry Meeting— Canon Berlenbach
5/26/19	Sunday	9am	Start of One Service at 9am
5/27/19	Monday	TBD	Memorial Parade and Luncheon
6/3/19	Monday	Afternoon/ Evening	Committee Meetings: 2:30 Finance 4:00 Stewardship 5:30 Property
6/4/19	Tuesday	10:30am	Service at Fair Acres
6/9/19	Sunday	9am	Pentecost—Baptism?
6/10/19	Monday	7pm	Vestry Meeting
6/16/19	Sunday	After 9am Svc	BBQ in honor of men of parish
Summer	Sunday	After 9am Svc	“Resurrection U.” talks by Fr. Wand

9/8/19	Sunday	8am & 10am	Return to two services; Church school begins; Observance of “Grandparents Day”?; food event
<b>Date</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item/Event</b>
10/5/19	Saturday	8am-2pm	Aston Community Day Craft Events
10/6/19	Sunday	8am & 10am	Blessing of the Animals
11/3/19	Sunday	8am & 10am	All Saints’ Sunday; Pledge Ingathering; Food Event?
11/9/19	Saturday	Leave @ 1:30pm	Sight and Sound—“Miracle of Christmas” followed by dinner out
11/10/19	Sunday	8am & 10am	Packing Trays of Cookies for Veterans and First Responders
11/10/19	Sunday	Afternoon	Deliver Trays of Cookies for Veterans and First Responders
2/2/20	Sunday	8am & 10am	“Souper Bowl” Sunday—Bring cans of soup to Church for needy



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



### **Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale**

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