

**Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale**

“We Gather Together”

# MAY, 2017

**May and Early June: A “Whiz-Bang” Ending To The Program Year**

A few months ago I was listening to a classical music station on the radio of the car I

had rented as I visited my mother in Boise. One of the satellite radio stations was

“Pops,” defined as “Classical Music You’ve Heard Before.” It concentrated on well-

known pieces, those known to musicians as “Warhorses” or “Chestnuts.” The particular

piece being played was Rossini’s overture to his opera “William Tell.”

Those of a certain age will remember that a part of this composition formed the theme

music for the 1950’s television series, “The Lone Ranger.” [Those of an even more

certain age will recall that the predecessor radio show of the same name had the same

theme music.] As is true of a large number of Rossini’s compositions, the “William Tell

Overture” has a long ending, reaching climax after climax before a flurry of notes finally

resolve into the final chords.This program year at Resurrection is sort of like that. [With Easter Day falling later than usual in the year, it’s probably even more like that than usual.]. It seems as though

almost every Sunday has some special event or commemoration as part of it—

something both special and important. As I write this, the Annual Meeting of the parish is just about to take place on May 7. Excellent planning, logistics preparation, publicity, and execution will, we hope bring

many to take part in the life of our congregation as an organization. We will hear a progress report from the Mission Discernment Task Force for Resurrection’s Future. As they work in prayer, study, information gathering and compilation, assisted by the Rev. Robert Tate, our parish’s mission discernment consultant, we join them by praying for them, and by offering our input at events like the March

26 special parish meeting—we offer thanks to the many members of the congregation who made time and gave their effort to attend, thus exercising their stewardship of the gifts God has given each of us

to support Resurrection once again. A song sung at Seders, the Jewish family dinners which commemorate the Exodus at the Feast of Passover each year, concludes each verse with the word, “ Dayenu [It would have been enough.” It is easy to think of each of the events that make up the close of our program year in 2017 as “enough,” and to skip others. But the fullness of our parish’s life together doesn’t reside in just one corner of it. We can’t just be part of our favorite group or event. So I’m looking for a good showing as we celebrate these

special events this month and next:

**May 7, the Annual Meeting of the Parish**

We will receive the reports from the various ministry groups, and choose leaders (Vestry Members and Deputies to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention) at the meeting following the one service

at 9:00 a.m. As is our custom, good food will undergird our work.

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**May 14 Mother’s Day.**

On this Sunday we will remember all mothers and especially the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will also remember the ways in which God mothers and cares for us.

**May 21 Special Prayers for Agriculture and a Procession following each Service**.

This Sunday is the traditional “Rogation” Sunday when we offer prayers for the growing season. We will finish each service with a small outside procession (weather permitting).

**May 28 and 29, Memorial Day Weekend and the Beginning of our Summer Schedule**

As we commemorate Memorial Day this weekend, we begin our summer worship schedule, holding one Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. We continue to celebrate Easter as we also pause to remember those who have died in wars.

On Monday, May 29, we observe Memorial Day together with our Aston community as we join in the parade, laying of a wreath, prayer, and a luncheon primarily hosted by one of the community groups who meet at our parish, the American Legion Auxiliary.

**June 4, Pentecost**

Easter Season comes to its close and our Church School classes finish, I’m hoping they will be able to bring something upstairs at the Offertory to show the rest of us what they’ve been doing, We’ll all be renewing

our baptismal vows as we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us all. A lot coming up. A lot of climaxes as we finish up our program year. Rossini’s got nothing on us for a thrilling and extended ending to a wonderful song of the Spirit at Resurrection. But I bet we really wouldn’t have it any other way. It’s a stirring and busy way to come to the end of a year, what my grandfather would call a “whiz-bang” ending.

And it’s going to be great—See you there.

--Fr. Wand



# 2017 Calendar

May Counters: Charlie Simpson and Helen Dunlap

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**03 FINANCE Committee Meeting – 4 PM**

**04 Vestry and Mission Task Force Meeting at – 7 PM**

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06 **ECW Meeting at 10 AM – with BINGO to follow**

**Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting—7PM**

## 07 THE FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER – Annual Meeting

Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Alex Dike and Family for God’s Blessing.

**9:00 AM—Rite II Service**

Altar Guild: Helen Dunlap and Gale Spencer

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| Lectors: | 1st Lesson: Debbie Ney |
|  | 2nd Lesson:  Marissa Cervantez |
| Intercessor: | Helen Dunlap |
| Chalicer: | Jude Winters |
| Crucifer: | Ellen Stone |
| Ushers: | John Gallen |
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13 **Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting—7PM**

## 14 The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Dunlap Family in loving memory of Christine Dunlap

**8am—Rite I Service**

Altar Guild: Nancy Webber and Sandy Brynes

Lay Reader: Robin Krider

Chalicer: Linda Leiby

Ushers: Charlie Simpson and Joe Bardroff

Coffee Hour:

**10am—Rite II Service**

Altar Guild: Karen Warren and Kate Idun

Lectors: 1st Lesson: Ellen Stone

2nd Lesson: Michelle Saunders

Intercessor: Jude Winters

Chalicer: Karen Warren

Crucifer: Ellen Stone

Ushers: Bruce Warren and John Gallen

Sunday School Connie Allison and Barbara Krisack

Coffee Hour:

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18 **STEWARDSHIP Meeting – 6PM**

**LADIES AUXUALIARY – 6 PM**

**VESTRY MEETING – 7PM**

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20 **Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting—7PM**

## 21 The Sixth Sunday of EASTER – Rogation Sunday

Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Charlie Simpson for Loved Ones

**8am—Rite I Service**

Altar Guild: Carole Sorokanych

Lay Reader: Rick Dunlap

Chalicer: Helen Dunlap

Ushers: Charlie Simpson and Joe Bardroff

Coffee Hour:

**10am—Rite II Service**

Altar Guild: Karen Warren and Kate Idun

Lectors: 1st Lesson: Kylie Benditt

2nd Lesson: Marissa Cervantez

Intercessor: Jude Winters

Chalicer: Karen Warren

Crucifer: Ellen Stone

Ushers: Bruce Warren and John Gallen

Sunday School Connie Allison and Barbara Krisack

Coffee Hour:

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25 **PROPERTY COMMITTEE Meeting – 6 PM**

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**27 Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting—7PM**

## 28 The Sunday after Ascension Day

Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jill Graham for her father Ralph and all military personnel.

**9 AM—Rite II Service**

Altar Guild: Helen Dunlap and Carol Sorokanych

Lectors: 1st Lesson: Jude Winters

2nd Lesson: Rosemary Bezuidenhout

Intercessor: Joan Riccardi

Chalicer: Pieter Bezuidenhout

Crucifer: Ellen Stone

Ushers: Bruce Warren and John Gallen

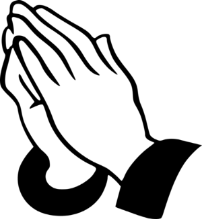
Coffee Hour:

**29: MEMORIAL DAY**

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**During May -prayers are requested for this congregation, especially those in any need or trouble**

Laura and David, Chris and Dana, Kathren Beebe, the BeVier

Family, Bill Boyd, Jeannie Brancato, Father Arthur Brunner, Joan Bullard, J.D., Terri Devlin, Dolores Gray, David Evans, Will and Ellie Evans, Kristine Franklin, Chris and Jessica Geiger, Doris Kolodi, the Loop Family, Dorothy Meehan, All Military Personnel, Ben Obenchain, Phyllis Russell, Bill Scott, Gale Spencer, Charlie Simpson, Becky Thomas, Dale Tibbetts, Aileen Traynor, Bruce Warren, and Louis Wand.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



***ANNUAL MEETING*:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7th after the 9:00 service for the Annual Meeting. It will be held in the undercroft. Any questions, please contact a vestry member.

***SUMMER SCHEDULE***

**Please be AWARE that beginning SUNDAY, MAY 28- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 – there will only be a 9:00 Service!!!!**



**It’s not what your church can do for you, BUT what you can do for your church….**

1. **Altar Guild for 10 AM Service. –** desperate need forhelp to clear the altar after service – we only have 2 women currently. Please contact Bridget Thomas if you can help.
2. **Chalicer and/or Readers for 8 AM Service –** we currently have only 2 regular chalicers and one relief chalicer. You do not have to be a regular at 8:00 AM service to help. Please contact Helen Dunlap or Ernestine Franz***.***
3. **Vestry Members –** We are seeking at least three vestry nominees for 3 positions. Eligible members must have been able to vote in the last annual meeting, should be a member in good standing, regular in attendance, and pledging to the church. ***.***
4. **Coffee Hour *– 8 AM and 10 AM –*** More people are needed to assist with coffee hour setup before 8:00 AM service and to clean-up and set up for the 10 AM service and clean after the 10 AM service. Please let Joe Bardroff know if you can help***.***
5. **Choir at 10 AM Service -**  If you can sing (no music reading required), please consider joining us now on Sunday mornings for Choir practice – 9:15 before the 10 AM service. Please contact Debbie Ney, organist.
6. **Monthly Newsletter -** The two women who have been doing the newsletter for 18 months – wish to have a break. Minimal computer skills needed. If there is no interest in doing the newsletter – then there will be no newsletters during the summer and possible in the fall. Please contact Ernestine Franz or Helen Dunlap.

***MISSION TASK FORCE:***

Over the last two years Resurrection Episcopal Church (REC) has arisen from the combining of

Calvary Episcopal Church of Rockdale and St. James Episcopal Church, Aston.

The joining of parishes was deemed necessary in our current religious environment.

The goal is to have one flourishing church. To complete this goal, Resurrection Church's mission must be to serve our Episcopal religious community in the most effective way possible. The Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church has created the Mission Development Task Force for Resurrection’s Future to ensure our church is on the correct path. Members of this task force believe that reaching out to our current parishioners, past parishioners and future parishioners to discover your likes, dislikes, goals, desires and needs will enable us to most effectively suggest ideas for this church’s future.

We meet as a whole church community on Sunday, March 26 after the 9:00 AM service with Fr. Tate and collect information to be used as data for the creating of goals.

Members of the Task Force are: Rick Dunlap, Chair, Janet Russello, Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Marissa Blunt, Terri Burrell and David Haley.

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***PROPERTY COMMITTEE:*** We are in **DESPERATE** need for

help on the property committee**. No experience necessary!**

We will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6PM in the undercroft.

Please contact Phyllis Russell (610)358-0258 or Helen Dunlap (610) 742-4300.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 25, 2017**

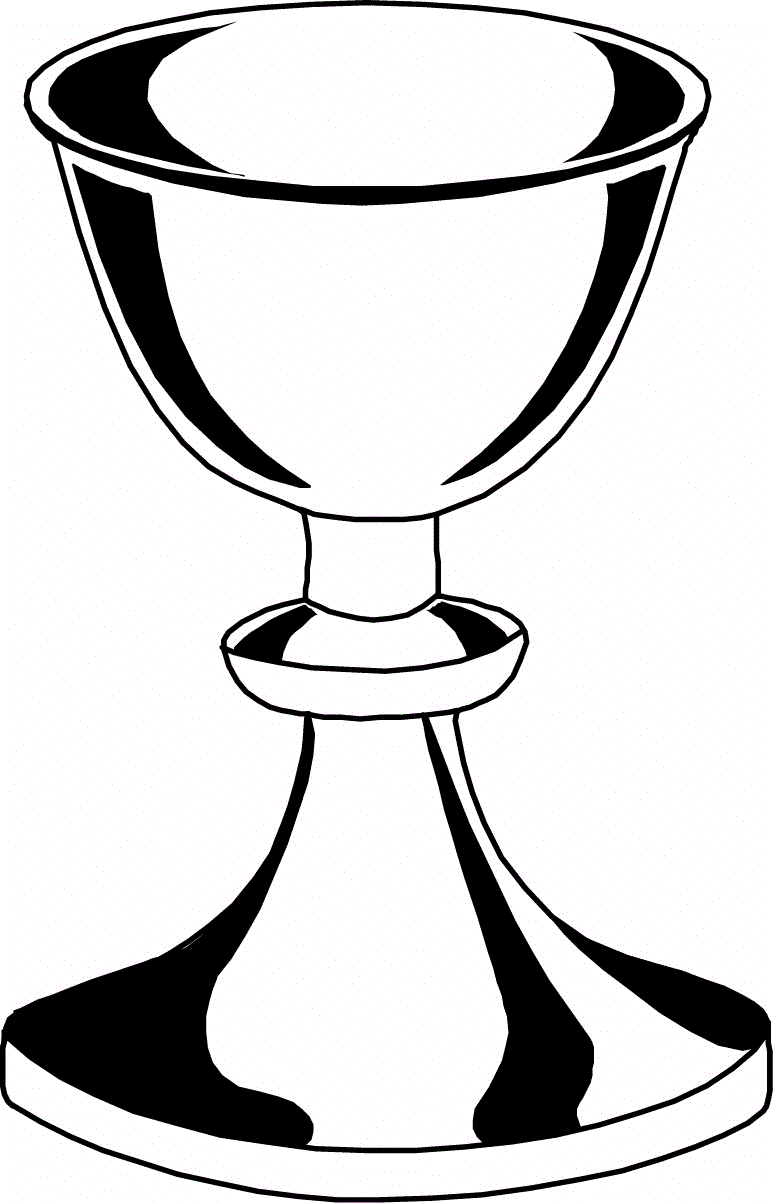
***OUTREACH:*** Outreach (like the rest of stewardship) is **a year-round,**

**24/7/365 thing**. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for the opportunities to practice Christian love as Leigh brings them to our attention.

**Top Needs:** Tomato sauce – Condiments (ketchup, yellow mustard, mayo, salad dressings, etc), Baking items as well as dessert boxes – soup – any variety- potatoes (canned or boxed)

**Other Items:** Pasta—Sauces—Seasonings/Baking—Rice—Cereal—Snack Foods—Coffee— Tea—Hot Cocoa—Juice or other drink mixes—Peanut Butter—Jelly—Cookies—Canned veggies—Canned fruit—they will also take pet food and toiletries

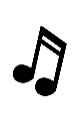
***COFFEE HOUR: THE KITCHEN IS OPEN, but we are still doing a few renovations.*** If you are interested in helping to provide snacks, and clean-up before the 8:00 AM and after the 10:00AM service, please sign up in the undercroft. If there is a Sunday when no one has signed up – there will be no coffee hour. Please let Joe Bardroff or Susan Stopper know if you can help.

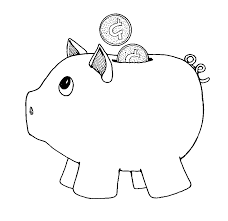
 ***CHALICERS and READERS:*** If you are interested in becoming a Chalicer and Reader please talk to Ernestine Franz or Helen Dunlap.

**PLEASE submit in writing when you will not be able to serve or read during June, July, and August, so we do not schedule you over the summer.** – Thank you- Ernestine Franz or Helen Dunlap.

***ALTAR FLOWERS:*** As of JANUARY 1, 2017—the price of the altar flowers is $35.00 due the increase by the florist. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthax for the New Year. Any questions, please contact: Karen Warren.

***OFFICE STAFFING Needed:*** The Church office needs to be staffed while Fr. Wand has appointments on Monday and Thursday afternoon and early evenings. If you can assist with this occasional ministry, please contact Fr. Wand or one of the Wardens (Ernestine Franz and Helen Dunlap)

***CHOIR:***  If you can sing (no music reading required), please consider joining us now on Sunday mornings for Choir practice at 9AM in the church. For further information, contact Debbie Ney, organist.

***FINANCE COMMITTEE:* Please be aware of the new starting time for the FINANCE MEETINGS—4 PM.** There will be a Finance Committee meeting on **Wednesday, May 3, 2017** at 4pm in the office.

***VESTRY:*** The Vestry meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is **THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017** at 7PM in the undercroft. Vestry meetings are always open to everyone.

***ECW:*** ECW meets the first Saturday of each month at 10AM. Our next meeting is **Saturday, May 6, 2017**.

**May 6**: BINGO for all females of the parish – with a “regifting” exchange as prizes. Any questions, please contact **Karen Warren 610-246-2082**

***STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:*** There will be a Stewardship meeting on **Thursday, May 18, 2017** at 6PM in the office.



**Resurrection Pre-School**

9 AM until 12 noon

3 and 4 year olds

We offer 5 day classes for our 4 year olds

3 day classes (M/W/F) for our 3 year olds.

**Reasonable Rates**

Children need to be toilet trained for enrollment.

Please call the office for more information and pricing.

DAWN VISCUSI

Pre-School Administrator

610-459-2013

## HOAGIE SALE

Our WaWa hoagie coupon sale continues! We are selling coupons at $3.50 each for a WaWa “shorie” hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from each sale. The coupons can be used at all WaWa’s and have NO expiration date. If you are interested, please fill out the order form below and return it with payment to the church office. Thank you for your support!

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### Vestry: Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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| Helen Dunlap | Rector’s Warden | 610-485-5623 |
| Ernestine Franz | People’s Warden | 610-485-3958 |
| Rosemary Bezuidenhout  Marsha Litwin | Treasurer  Secretary | 541-246-0780  610-485-5531 |
| Barbara Krisack |  | 610-497-1603 |
| Phyllis Russell |  | 610-358-0258 |
| Charlie Simpson |  | 610-494-6899 |
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