



Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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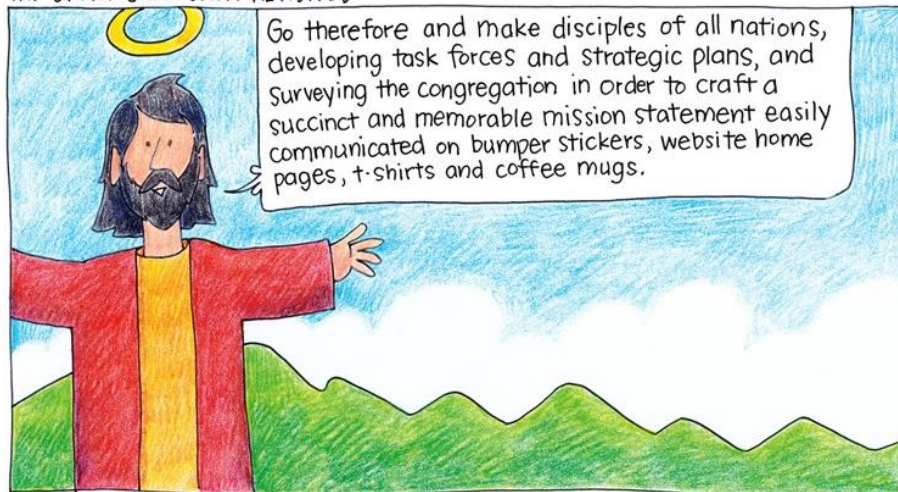
(610) 459-2013

November 2018



"We Gather Together"

THE GREAT COMMISSION REVISITED



"ASTON LA VISTA, BABY!"


CONNECTING MORE CLOSELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY

We have a calm and peaceful location for our parish church. We are set off from major thoroughfares, and surrounded by our parish churchyard [As my son remarked when he was part of AmeriCorps living in a former caretaker's house in a cemetery in Coatesville, "The neighbors are really quiet."]. The downside of that is that we are "out of sight, out of mind" for most of those in our community. Changing this is a part of our work to implement our mission statement and goals as a parish.

A theme of several activities this fall is connecting more closely with those around us. There are a number of examples in our recent past and near future:

- On **Saturday, October 6**, several of our parishioners, led by the indefatigable Terri Burrell, staffed an exhibit area at Aston Community Day. Armed with games, small candies as prizes (each one bearing a Resurrection Church sticker with our contact info), and friendly faces, our folks interacted with about 500 small neighbors. Rosemary Bezuidenhout told a number of parents and grandparents about our Pre-School, and got us a new student out of the process. This deserves to become an annual tradition, whether the Township ever lets us make scarecrows or not!
- On **Sunday, October 7**, we blessed pets in commemoration of St. Francis Day, and urged our members to invite their neighbors and friends. The turnout for this initial year was small (but enthusiastic!), and we hope that additional publicity will bring more of our neighbors and friends to join us in years to come.
- For **Sunday, November 11**, we have invited local veterans and first responders (police, fire, EMT's) to be blessed and thanked at our 10:00 am Eucharist, and to join us for a thank-you luncheon following the service (or even just come to the lunch, if that's all their schedule permits). You are asked to support this in two ways (besides your prayers and presence): (1) extend a personal invitation to any veteran or first responder you know [a personal, one-on-one invitation is the most effective kind]; and (2) bring a starter dish or a dessert to the luncheon (Please coordinate your offering with Jill Graham and Rosemary Bezuidenhout—you can sign up on the sheet in the Undercroft). We owe so much to those who give so bravely and generously to our community and nation—This is our chance to tell them so!
- On **Sunday, November 18**, at Aston Presbyterian Church [2401 Baldwin Run Drive, Aston], we are joining with other area congregations in the Aston Ministerium Thanksgiving Service. I will be representing the parish in taking part in the service, as will some of our choir members. One of the fascinating aspects of this service is that a rabbi (representing Judaism) and an imam (representing Islam) will join the host pastor (representing Christianity) in giving readings, prayers, and short talks about the meaning of Thanksgiving in their respective faith traditions. A spiritually rewarding and edifying experience for us all as we join with faith communities in the Aston area to give thanks together to God.
- During **December**, we will keep Advent by (among other things) gathering gifts for those at Fair Acres and others in need in our community. Watch for Leigh Oppelt's notice of how you can participate!

Being of service to our community isn't new for us—we do it all the time. Growing into an awareness of how central that is to our mission, and making ourselves known to those around us—that's a renewed emphasis and an opportunity for growth for us now. Thanks for all your help and prayers as we move forward connecting more completely with the community of which we are a part and which we are called to serve.

SUNDAY	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
October 28 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sun.School—Healing Service</i>	29	30	31	NOV. 1 <i>Finance Meeting @ 2pm</i>	2	3 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</i>
November 4 All Saints' Sunday <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children's Service</i> Pledge In-Gathering WAFFLES AFTER SERVICES!	5 <i>Property Committee Meeting @ 6pm</i>	6	7 <i>Girl Scout Troup Meeting 6:30pm</i>	8 <i>Vestry Meeting @ 7pm</i>	9 <i>Diocesan Convention</i>	10 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</i> <i>Diocesan Convention</i>
November 11 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Blue Mass/Veterans' Day <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Stewardship Committee Meeting @ 4pm</i> <i>American Legion Ladies Auxiliary @ 6pm</i> <i>Vestry Meeting @ 7pm</i>	16	17 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</i>
November 18 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i>	19 <i>Vestry/ Mission Steering Committee @ 7pm</i>	20	21 <i>Girl Scout Troup Meeting 6:30pm</i>	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23	24 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</i>
November 25 Last Sunday of Pentecost <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School—Healing Service</i>	26 <i>Diocesan Clergy Conference</i>	27 <i>Diocesan Clergy Conference</i>	28 <i>Diocesan Clergy Conference</i>	29	30	DEC 1 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</i>
December 2 The First Sunday of Advent <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children's Service</i> FREE WAFFLES AFTER SERVICES!	3	4	5	6 <i>Finance Meeting @ 2pm</i>	7	8 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA Meeting @ 7pm</i>

<p>November 4 All Saints' Sunday Counters: Barbara Krisack Marsha Litwin</p>	<p>8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Helen Dunlap <u>Reader</u> Linda Leiby <u>Intercessor</u> Robin Krider</p>	<p>10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>Children's</i> <i>Service</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Rosemary Bezuidenhout <u>Reader</u> 1st: Marissa Cervantez 2nd: Nikolien Bezuidenhout <u>Intercessor</u> Kylie Benditt</p>
<p>November 11 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Blue Mass/ Veterans' Day Counters: Phyllis Russell Janet Russello</p>	<p>8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Janet Russello <u>Reader</u> Robin Krider <u>Intercessor</u> Jan Knight</p>	<p>10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday</i> <i>School</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Reader(both)</u> Pieter Bezuidenhout <u>Intercessor</u> Joan Riccardi</p>
<p>November 18 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Counters: Barbara Krisack Rose Schwitters</p>	<p>8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Diane Mundell <u>Reader</u> Robin Krider <u>Intercessor</u> Linda Leiby</p>	<p>10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday</i> <i>School</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Jude Winters <u>Reader(both)</u> Karen Warren <u>Intercessor</u> Rose Schwitters</p>
<p>November 25 Last Sunday of Pentecost Counters: Phyllis Russell Janet Russello</p>	<p>8am <i>Rite I</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>(Healing)</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Linda Leiby <u>Reader</u> Robin Krider <u>Intercessor</u> Jan Myers Knight</p>	<p>10am <i>Rite II</i> <i>Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday</i> <i>School</i> <i>(Healing)</i></p>	<p><u>Chalicer</u> Pieter Bezuidenhout <u>Reader(both)</u> Phyllis Russell <u>Intercessor</u> Janet Russello</p>
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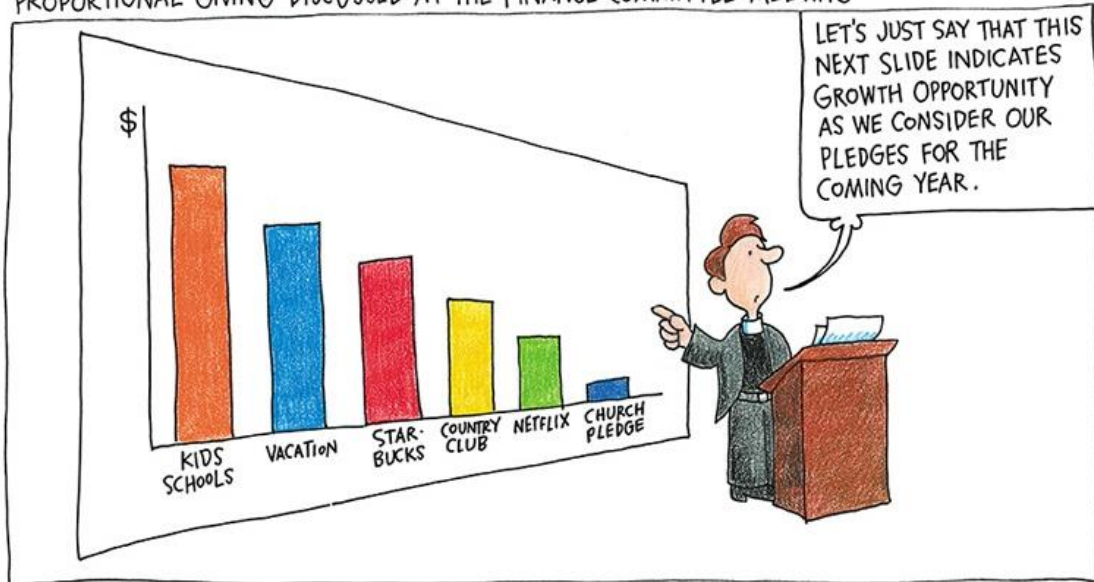




FIRST RESPONDER AND VETERAN LUNCH ON NOVEMBER 11th

We would like to honor our first responders and veterans with a luncheon immediately following the 10am service. We are asking for donations of salads and desserts. Please talk to Jill Graham for additional information.

PROPORTIONAL GIVING DISCUSSED AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING



PLEDGE CARDS: Pledge cards were mailed out. Please return your pledge card by **Sunday, November 4th**. Additional pledge cards are in the narthex. We thank you for your continued support.



LIDS FOR LIMBS: Helen Dunlap is collecting all size plastic caps/lids for children who lost their limbs due to land mines. The lids are turned into prostheses. Containers will be labeled in the Narthex and the Undercroft for you to place your lids. Thank you!!!



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!



Christmas Poinsettias

Would you like to help decorate our altar for Christmas services?

To those who wish to remember loved ones, or have a special thanksgiving, we are asking for a \$10.00 donation. **ALL FLOWERS WILL REMAIN IN THE SANCTUARY UNTIL JANUARY 27, 2018.**

In Loving Memory of: _____

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In Thanksgiving for: _____

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Given By: _____

*Please attach \$10.00 cash or check and place this offering in the collection plate or drop it off at the Church Office no later than Sunday, **December 9th.**

Thank you!

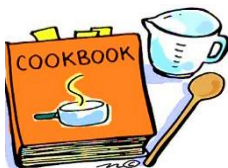
Looking forward:



Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 on Monday, December 24: Let your family and friends know! Invite one and all to join us for a joyful Christmas Eve at 4:00 (before it gets too dark) this year. Let your invitation give our parish a chance to welcome everyone to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Renewal of Marriage Vows during worship on January 20, 2019. This coming year our readings include the Wedding Feast at Cana on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. 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!



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.



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)**



Resurrection Pre-School

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.



(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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