



# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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**September 2018**



"We Gather Together"

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## **Labor Day: What The Bible and Jesus *Really* Talk About**

This first Monday in September is Labor Day in this country [many other countries celebrate it at the beginning of May]. This holiday was instituted nationally in 1894 to celebrate the achievements of American workers and of the labor movement. [It was also rushed through Congress to make nice with the unions after a number of workers were killed by troops and U.S. Marshalls during the Pullman Strike earlier that year.] Although it is not on our Church's official calendar, *The Book of Common Prayer* does contain a set of "propers" [a collect, lessons and psalm especially picked for this occasion] for Labor Day.

Jesus and the Bible talk a whole lot more about money than about matters which concern sexuality. We who seek to follow God's leadership and show forth Christ's teachings and love would do well to concentrate more on our stewardship (and our society's stewardship) of what we have been given than disputes over who sleeps with whom when. Our society's fascination (when speaking of sin) with matters sexual and disinterest in matters financial does not serve us well spiritually or materially.

The meaning of resisting this sideshow, and concentrating on the main things Jesus and the rest of the Bible talk about (especially as we keep Labor Day), is that God calls us to honor the worker in our society, and to make sure that appropriate care and compensation is given to those who labor for the good of us all. A common theme running through both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures (also called the Old and New Testaments) is God's call to care for the worker and to

treat workers with honesty and generosity. Much of the economic content of the Law in the Hebrew Scriptures was aimed at avoiding the development of a two-tier society of the very wealthy and the very poor.

As this issue becomes ever more pressing in our own society, we are well advised to note how important a theme this was for God's chosen people then, even as we may find different ways of achieving the goal. [For instance, re-instituting the Law's demand that all debts be forgiven at the end of each seven-year period seems like something which might be fairly difficult to get through Congress at this point. Somehow this never comes up when people talk about applying Biblical standards for our political decisions now.]

Jesus also talks about caring for the poor and treating each other with respect and dignity. Over and over again Jesus talks about the dangers of simply piling up wealth for its own sake, and neglecting our duty to those with less. St. James, in his epistle, gets downright direct about it [We'll get a chance to hear from St. James this fall in our second lessons]: the first part of chapter five talks directly to the rich, and notes that unfairly compensating workers is an affront which cries out to God, who listens and will act.

Different people have different ways they see as best to support the common welfare of all. God does not endorse the political program of any party of ideology. What God does, and that very clearly, is set forth the demands of a just and equitable society for God's children to share. Labor Day is a good reminder of one of the means by which we have worked toward this in the past. It is a good day to reflect and renew our commitment to this work in the present and future.

--Fr. Wand

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**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.



**Faith Community Food Pantry:** Collection bins in front of the choir seating to be collected each Sunday and delivered to the Pantry. ***Please be sure to check dates, we cannot accept expired food.*** **UPDATED NEEDS:** **Cereal** (kid friendly brands, adult brands and oatmeal) — **Canned Foods** (Veggies, chicken, tuna, soups, chili, sloppy joes, Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti sauces, Alfredo sauces, Fruit) — **Boxed Foods** (Instant potatoes, pasta sides, rice sides, spaghetti/pasta, crackers) — **Drinks** (Kid friendly juices and adult) — **Others** (Cookies, rice crispy treats, any snack foods, pudding snack packs, peanut butter, crackers, apple sauce, PBJ filled cracker, cheese filled crackers) — **Paper Products** (Paper towels, toilet paper) — **Pet Foods** (cat, dog).

SUNDAY	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
<b>September 2</b> <b>LAST SUNDAY OF</b> <b>SUMMER SERVICES!</b> <b>The Fifteenth Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <i>9am Rite II Eucharist</i>	3 LABOR DAY— OFFICE CLOSED	4 <i>PRESCHOOL</i> <i>BEGINS</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting @ 7pm</i>
<b>September 9</b> <b>The Sixteenth Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist—</i> <i>Children's Service</i> <b>FREE WAFFLES AFTER</b> <b>SERVICES!</b>	10	11 <i>Finance Meeting @</i> <i>2pm</i>	12	13 <i>Vestry Meeting @ 7pm</i>	14	15 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting @ 7pm</i>
<b>September 16</b> <b>The Seventeenth</b> <b>Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Stewardship Committee</i> <i>Meeting @ 4pm</i> <i>American Legion Ladies</i> <i>Auxiliary @ 6pm</i>	21	22 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting @ 7pm</i>
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<b>September 30</b> <b>The Nineteenth Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <i>8am Rite I Eucharist</i> <i>10am Rite II Eucharist</i> <i>w/Sunday School—</i> <i>Healing Service</i>	<b>OCT. 1</b>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Lenni Lifeline/AA</i> <i>Meeting @ 7pm</i>

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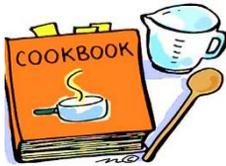
**LIDS FOR LIMBS:** Helen Dunlap is collecting all size plastic caps/lids for children who lost their limbs due to land mines. The lids are turned into prostheses. Containers will be labeled in the Narthex and the Undercroft for you to place your lids. Thank you!!!



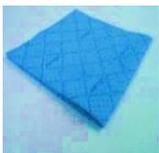
**ADOPT-A-LIGHT:** Watt a bright idea! More information to come on the LED lightbulb campaign.



**SCARECROW PROJECT: *SAVE-THE-DATE (OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>)*** We will be doing a scarecrow project table on Aston Community Day at the Community Center. We will be asking for volunteers to help the day of, as well as, donations of hay, wooden poles, sacks, etc. More information to come in September. Any questions, please contact Terri Burrell @ [tesss67@aol.com](mailto:tesss67@aol.com)



**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.



**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.



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



**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!



**GIVE A GUY A BREAK (IN PARTICULAR, CHARLIE SIMPSON)**—Charlie Simpson has moved to 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. Talk to Diane Mundell about how to get involved. Thanks.



**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.



**VESTRY:** Vestry meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Undercroft. Vestry meetings are always open to everyone. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.



**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.



**ECW (Episcopal Church Women):** The ECW Committee met on August 24, 2018 and made a determination that Karen Warren (President), Dale Tibbetts (Vice President) and Helen Dunlap (Treasurer) will be resigning immediately. We would like to thank them for their years of dedicated service. The ECW will take a sabbatical on the recommendation of Father Wand. There will be no meeting in September.



**OFFICE STAFFING NEEDED:** The Church Office needs to be staffed while Fr. Wand has appointments Monday and Thursday afternoons and early evenings. If you can assist with this occasional ministry, please contact Fr. Wand or one of the Wardens.



## **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.



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

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