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*Notes from the Rector*

### Giving and Other Adventures in Church Life

On any given Sunday morning at Resurrection as we gather to worship, the resources given by parishioners fund the lights, the coffee, and the Sunday School curriculum. When we reach out to newcomers and visitors, your giving provides welcome materials and a place to sit and get to know them. When we drop off groceries and a check at Papa's Pantry and support Young Life, your donations supply that need. When we are at work during the week in the office, your giving provides the staples, computers, and paper supplies. Staff salaries, building costs, and insurance premiums are all funded by generous giving.

**"...we pray and work toward spending resources wisely and with an eye toward our mission."**

But as essential as giving is, we pastors and church leaders don't often do a good job of talking about it. The issue of money has in many places, unfortunately, been handled in legalistic, manipulative, or evasive ways. But the simple fact remains that local parishes are funded by God through the giving of parishioners. In fact, this partnership in ministry has helped the church in America thrive over the past 200+ years. The system of local giving, however imperfect, works well in many situations.

The Apostle Paul said it like this, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

I think most of the people who attend Resurrection already believe in generous, voluntary giving to church, to charity, and to those in need in our families and community. Most have encountered the historic Christian pattern of giving ten percent to one's local church, a pattern taken from the Old Testament People of God. As I've gotten to know you, I've realized that you affirm the biblical faith that Christ is the Lord of all we own, and that all we own is given completely to him for his use. We know that giving is a blessing in itself, and that giving to a faithful church is giving to God and his work. We have seen God supply our needs over and over again.

If these are beliefs you share, and you have yet to take the step of giving to this parish, please feel free to see Dick Fossum, our treasurer. We understand that many families are under severe strain at this time, and want to encourage you and not add to your burdens. But whatever your financial situation, if you've not given to RAC, I would encourage you to talk with Dick or our pledge drive chairperson, Joe Drewry. Both are graceful, wise men who care about God's work and about each person in this parish. They can pray with you about discerning your calling in terms of this area. This year's Thanksgiving Pledge Drive may be a great way to get plugged in.

We want you to know that we pray and work toward spending resources wisely and with an eye toward our mission. We have teams in place in various areas of resourcing, competent and spiritual people who seek to discern God's leading. Our financial books are public, and our Leadership Team meetings are open as well. We want you to have full access to the information you need to understand how your tithes and offerings are being used. We welcome you into the process of discernment as you are led to do so.

Blessings,  
Greg+

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# Resurrection life



## Sundays

### 9:30a Christian Education

*Classes are offered for preschool through adults.  
Learn and grow together as disciples of Christ.*

### 10:30a Holy Communion

*Our worship blends the ancient with the contemporary in praise to God.*

### 11:55a Coffee Hour

*Enjoy Rwandan coffee and get to know others.*

## Inside...

*See inside for more details on ministries, service opportunities, groups, and special events.*

### New to Resurrection?

*If you are new or exploring life at Resurrection, we offer Resurrection Basics, a chance to sit down with Fr Greg and find out more about our community. We meet again starting on November 15, Sundays at 9:30am.*

## WELCOME

We're glad that you're worshipping with us today. We invite you to stay for coffee and conversation after worship, and please feel free to ask questions or explore who we are as a church.

# NOVEMBER 2009

## FIND OUT MORE

on the web at  
[www.resurrectionwoodstock.org](http://www.resurrectionwoodstock.org)  
on our blog at  
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## COMMUNITY LIFE



### ARIEL CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We meet regularly for discipleship and learning, using the ARIEL program. Contact Joanie Fossum, phone, 770.704.6953 or email, [mussof@comcast.net](mailto:mussof@comcast.net). *Tuesdays at 9:00am.*

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children aged 3-6 leave the service during the sermon with Joe and Sharon and friends, to work on a coloring sheet that is based on the Scripture lessons. They return to the service during the Creed and Prayers. Please let Joe or Sharon know if you are willing and able to be trained to serve with them once a month in this ministry. *Sundays during worship.*

### CHOIR

Join master music teacher Marissa Woodall for a great time of devotion and music. *Third Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm.*

### MEMBERSHIP AT RESURRECTION

Baptized Christians who are eighteen years of age or older, are recognized by the Rector and Sr Leader as regular attendees, and who regularly contribute support are eligible for membership. Members meet annually in October to elect the members of the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team is made up of lay members nominated to three years of service on that body. Members regularly attend worship and other events. If you have completed the Resurrection Basics class and would like to discuss becoming a member, please see Fr Greg.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Get together with the guys for fellowship, food, and inspiration on the third Saturday of every month. *Third Saturdays, 8:00am.*

### NURSERY

Nursery volunteers are needed to serve once a quarter. Please contact Jennifer at [office@resurrectionwoodstock.org](mailto:office@resurrectionwoodstock.org) or at 770.591.0040 for more information.

### PRAYER TEAM

Prayers for healing (body, mind, soul and spirit) have always been part of the ministry of the Church. Every Sunday morning, after Holy Communion, all are offered the opportunity of receiving the sacramental act of Healing with Anointing with Oil and the Laying on of Hands. There will be prayer teams available to pray with you for yourself or for others in the Prayer Room, which is the third door on the left in the entrance hall going toward the main entrance to the Church.

throughout the month, look for updates at...

[blog.resurrectionwoodstock.org](http://blog.resurrectionwoodstock.org)

## DAILY PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Check out the following online resources for Daily Prayer:

- Morning and Evening Prayer: [www.missionstclare.com](http://www.missionstclare.com)
- The Daily Office Scripture Readings (text and audio): [www.gnpceb.org/esv/devotions/bcp](http://www.gnpceb.org/esv/devotions/bcp)
- This Day in the Word, Commentary on the Daily Office: [www.thisdayblog.com](http://www.thisdayblog.com)
- Oremus Hymnal Site: [www.oremus.org/hymnal](http://www.oremus.org/hymnal)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Join up on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for an ongoing class discussing the basics of the Christian Faith. We are also working on creative designs for Christmas Cards, to be sold in November to raise money for youth programming. Watch for our Christmas Card order forms soon!

### Windy Gap

Every December our youth invite friends in the community to join them at Windy Gap camp for a weekend away in hundreds of kids from around the country. Windy Gap is owned and operated by Young Life. It is located fifteen minutes north of Asheville, North Carolina in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Built on 2,200 pristine acres, our beautiful setting includes amazing views of the surrounding mountains, lush forest, and Upper Flat Creek.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Fall 2009 Sundays, 9:30am

Learn and grow as a Christian, together with the other believers in this parish. All Ages - Kids through Adults.

November 22

No Class, Thanksgiving Break

December 13 & 20

Christmas Pageant Practice

**Preschool** kids are studying Bible stories based on the lectionary, led by teaching team leader Becky Summers. Biweekly music times start in October.

The **Elementary** class is using "Show Me Jesus" from Great Commission Publications, along with Catechism. Biweekly music times start in October.

**Youth** enjoy food, music, and study "Know Your Faith" with Fr Greg. (Suite 200).

**Adults** are studying "Space for God" with John Rivenbark. To purchase a book, see John in class or visit our online bookstore, linked on our website at [www.resurrectionwoodstock.org](http://www.resurrectionwoodstock.org)



### RESURRECTION CHOIR

The choir is getting together to pray, study, and sing! Rehearsals for the rest of the year are as follows:

Nov. 15th 5:00 - 6:30 Sunday

Dec. 13th 5:00 - 6:30 Sunday

We usually meet the 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month but Dec. is changed due to Christmas! Thanks, Marissa



### THANKSGIVING PLEDGE DRIVE

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!* I Chronicles 16:34

This month we are conducting our Thanksgiving Pledge drive for fiscal year 2010. On **Sunday, November 1st** we will be kicking off. You have probably already received an email letter from Fr Greg and Sandi Harding and information from the Pledge the team, led by Joe Drewry. Pledges will be collected on **Sunday, November 22nd** during our worship service, with prayers for blessing.

Every year we have the task of projecting our budget and spending for the upcoming year. As we do so, it is a great help to our finance team to receive estimates from each of our families in terms of projected giving. This greatly aids us in planning and preparation, and some families find it helpful in terms of preparing the family

budget as well. Many families have already given and can base future estimates on current gifts and/or expectations of future giving

goals. If you have not yet begun to give to RAC, please feel free to see our Treasurer, Dick Fossum, for help in discerning how to get started.

Please contact our Thanksgiving Pledge Drive chairperson Joe Drewry at [jdrewry@live.com](mailto:jdrewry@live.com) for more information.



### FIRSTFRUITS REPORT

We have received **86.7%** of our budgeted operations for the current fiscal year to date (January 1 through October 31, 2009). We have received **\$119,801** towards the budget amount of **\$138,164**. This means that we are receiving less giving income than we need to operate at this point in the year, and therefore we are dipping into our reserves (which

are not that deep). Our total operations income budget for the entire year is **\$166,272** and with our giving as of October 31 being **\$119,801** we would need to receive tithes (offerings) of **\$46,471** by the end of the year (Nov/Dec).

### UPCOMING HOLY DAYS AND SEASONS

**1 NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS DAY**

*Commemorating the One Body of Christ in heaven and on earth.*

**22 NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

*The Last Sunday after Pentecost is the day we celebrate Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.*

**29 NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NEW CHURCH YEAR STARTS (C)**

*Preparation and reflection on the four Sundays before Christmas.*



### RESURRECTION BASICS

Resurrection Basics is a class for newcomers, led by Fr Greg, in which we discuss our faith, mission, and worship. If you are new, we'd love to have you join us. *Sundays starting November 15, 9:30am.*

### THEOLOGS

A theological book study with Fr Greg. We meet one Sunday night a month at the Goebel house. Call 770.928.9857 for more information or directions. The November book is *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. *November 15th, 6pm.*

### WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Jen and Micah George invite you and your family to their home for a time of fellowship and preparation for worship on Sunday. Spend time in worship through song, prayer for all who attend and for those who don't and spend time in the Word with some discussion and time of reflection. Everyone welcome. Contact 770-885-0753 or [micahgeorge@comcast.net](mailto:micahgeorge@comcast.net). *Wednesdays, 7pm.*

### ANGLICAN COMMUNION NOTES

This week the Vatican announced a new arrangement to accept Anglicans into the Roman Catholic Church. For those Anglicans who have already embraced a more Roman approach, but still want to retain the rich Anglican liturgical and spiritual tradition, this is fantastic. And the fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury celebrated this, rather than seeing it as a threat to ecumenical talks is also a great thing.

But the question of catholicity remains. What does it mean to be catholic? This new arrangement by the Vatican, in essence, continues to define catholicity as acceptance of papal exclusivity, non-essential (from an Anglican perspective) Roman dogmas such as clerical celibacy, and of course particular Roman Marian dogmas. In the final analysis, Rome believes that the entirety of its dogmatic theology is necessary for full catholicity.

Much has changed since the Reformation, but this is still a sticking point. Anglicanism has defined catholicity, in a basic sense, as fully present in a church that has the Bible, the Creeds, the two Sacraments, and the historic episcopate (stated in the Lambeth Quadrilateral). If we take this seriously as a list of essentials, we cannot accept the idea that we are not already catholic Christians.

The ANiC has a fantastic statement to this affect, which includes this gem:

After hearing the news today, an ANiC priest wrote Bishop Harvey: "As for me and my house, we will remain ever faithful to the authority and primacy of the Holy Scriptures and the Faith and Order of the undivided Catholic Church. I need not become a Roman Catholic to be a Catholic Christian. As an Anglican, I am a Catholic Christian."

We continue to hold fast to the authority of Scripture, the teaching of the Apostles, the two Sacraments of Our Lord, and the historic order of ministry, believe these to be the basic essentials of the Catholic faith.

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## SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>All Saints Sunday</b> 9:30am - Classes 10:30am - Holy Communion 12pm - All Saints Luncheon		9am - ARIEL Bible Study 9am - Compass Prep School 7pm - Todd Wilson	7pm - Fellowship Group @	9am - Compass Prep School	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	10am - Financial Peace
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>23 Pentecost</b> 9:30am - Classes 10:30am - Holy Communion 12pm - Coffee Hour @ Church		9am - ARIEL Bible Study 9am - Compass Prep School	7pm - Fellowship Group @	9am - Compass Prep School	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>24 Pentecost</b> 9:30am - Classes 9:30am - Resurrection Basics 10:30am - Holy Communion 12pm - Coffee Hour @ Church 5pm - Choir		9am - ARIEL Bible Study 9am - Compass Prep School	7pm - Fellowship Group @	9am - Compass Prep School	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	8am - Men's Breakfast @ 231
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Christ the King</b> 9:30am - Resurrection Basics 10:30am - Holy Communion 12pm - Coffee Hour @ Church		9am - ARIEL Bible Study 9am - Compass Prep School	7pm - Fellowship Group @	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>1 Advent</b> <b>Papa's Pantry Offering</b> 9:30am - Classes 9:30am - Resurrection Basics 10:30am - Holy Communion 12pm - Coffee Hour @ Church		9am - ARIEL Bible Study 9am - Compass Prep School	7pm - Fellowship Group @	9am - Compass Prep School	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	

**NOV 1** -----  
*Lectors* John/Tammy Rivenbark  
*Acolyte/Crucifer* John Rivenbark  
*Chalice* John Rivenbark/Ron Hooks  
*Sound* David Morris  
*Projection* Michele Sherk  
*Prayer Team* Ginny/David Collins  
*Kid's Church* Victoria Goebel/Madonna George

**NOV 8** -----  
*Lectors* Bob/JoAnne Anderson  
*Acolyte/Crucifer* Erika Hudson  
*Chalice* Claudia Campbell/Ron Hooks  
*Sound* Chuck Summers  
*Projection* Dick Fossum  
*Prayer Team* Sandi Harding/Claudia Campbell  
*Kid's Church* Jenny Rubick/Evy Blasi

**NOV 15** -----  
*Lectors* Joe/Reni DeSort  
*Acolyte/Crucifer* Malarry Giamp  
*Chalice* Brent George/Paul Wood  
*Sound* David Morris  
*Projection* Michele Sherk  
*Prayer Team* Joanne/Bob Anderson  
*Kid's Church* Ary Knox/Christa Prince

**NOV 22** -----  
*Lectors* Dick/Joan Fossum  
*Acolyte/Crucifer* Erika Hudson  
*Chalice* Jen George/Chuck Summers  
*Sound* Marshall Boykin  
*Projection* Jim LoRusso  
*Prayer Team* Reni/Joe DeSort  
*Kid's Church* Joe/Sharon Drewry

**NOV 29** -----  
*Lectors* Sandi Harding/Ary Knox  
*Acolyte/Crucifer* Bill Humble  
*Chalice* Jen George/Chuck Summers  
*Sound* Marshall Boykin  
*Projection* Michele Sherk  
*Prayer Team* Linda/Lynn Morrison  
*Kid's Church* Joe/Sharon Drewry/Elizabeth Wood