

Resurrection life



SUNDAYS

8:30a Holy Communion

An ancient/contemporary service of Word and Sacrament

9:45a Christian Education

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

10:45a Holy Communion

An ancient/contemporary service of Word and Sacrament

12:10p Coffee Hour

Enjoy Rwandan coffee and get to know others.

New to Resurrection?

Have lunch with Fr Greg and other visitors and newcomers on the second Sunday of each month, after worship.

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.

Fall 2010

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Worship, serve, and learn both here and in our community...

FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a Resurrection facebook page at www.facebook.com/resurrectionwoodstock. Click "like" at the bottom left of the page to receive updates.

NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON SERIES

New to Resurrection? Meet new folks and learn about Resurrection at our Newcomer's luncheons'. We meet the **second Sunday of each month** after worship for a light lunch and a short talk from Pastor Greg about our parish, with Q&A following. We will meet Sundays, September 12, October 10, and November 14.

WHO KILLED THE CHURCH?

"Who Killed the Church" Dinner and Drama at Allen Temple on **Saturday, August 28th**. Dinner at 5pm, Drama at 6pm. Adults \$5.00, kids 12 and under, \$3.00. Email reservations to lrumpjr@bellsouth.net or call 770-993-0594

WHY SMALL GROUPS?

In **September and October**, we'll be meeting from **7pm to 8:30pm** at the church on **Wednesday nights** for "one big small group" led by Gene Prince. Before starting small groups, Gene is encouraging us to ask the important "Why?" questions about our ministry and mission. This will be a time inspiration for how God can use home fellowship and prayer to form strong relationships and provide a way of reaching out to our neighbors. Email Gene at geneprince@gmail.com.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Join the team of teachers led by John Rivenbark on **Sunday Mornings at 9:45am**. John and Barry Grecu have embarked on an intriguing study that has already been a packed house. You won't want to miss.

KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes have resumed for preschoolers, elementary on **Sundays at 9:45am**. Our team of teachers, led by Becky Summers and Carol Prince, teach children the Bible, basic Christian faith, and model the love of Christ.

YOUTH SMALL GROUP

The Youth, led by Bill Humble, are meeting on **Sundays at 9:45am** for a small group. They are studying *Surprised by Hope* by Bishop N.T. Wright.

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

"The primary purpose of liturgical art is to invite the participation of all present in the act of worship."

Join Claudia Campbell and others on **Saturday, October 16 at 1pm** for an informal gathering to determine together a vision for a worship arts group at Resurrection.

From Claudia: "The aim of the group is to see a variety of gifts used to express faith in the context of our parish community. The art works will be informed by interaction with the liturgy of the Word and Sacrament.

With that vision in mind, opportunities for creative expression in visual art, sculpture, photography, textiles, and writing will be available. Individual as well as communal projects will be considered together. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is necessary."

Please let Claudia know if you are planning to attend or would like more information about this creative venture. You can email her at claudiacampbell2@claudiacampbell.net

MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

The Men's Breakfast series continues this fall on the **2nd Saturday of each month, at 8:00am**. Join Harry Griffith and Deacon Paul Hogan as the lead prayer, a short teaching, and table time with great breakfast food. If you are not on the Men's Breakfast mailing list, email Harry at griffithharry@windstream.net.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Women of Resurrection are invited to a luncheon on **Saturday, September 11th**, from **11:00am - 1:00pm**. Our first get together will be largely organizational, planning how often to hold luncheons and discussing inviting the community and friends outside of RAC. Contact Reni DeSort at renidesort@gmail.com for more information.

MORNING PRAYER

Services of morning prayer will be held this fall on **Wednesdays at 8:30am**, starting in **September**. Morning Prayer is a simple and beautiful service from the daily prayer cycle in the Book of Common Prayer. We will also be joined by students and teachers from Compass Prep.

THEOLOGS

Theologs is a theological reading group that meets with Fr Greg once a month, on usually the last Sunday night of the month at 6pm at the Goebel house. On **August 29th** we are meeting to discuss *After You Believe* by Bishop N.T. Wright. Join us!



NUTS N' BOLTS

Information about our organizational life...

FIRSTFRUITS REPORT THROUGH JULY

<i>Current Income Actual vs. Budget</i>	85%
<i>Actual Operations (Amt. Received)</i>	\$90,049
<i>Budget Operations (Amt. Needed)</i>	\$105,700

We doing better than we were but are still receiving less giving income than we need to operate at this point in the year, and therefore we are dipping into our short term reserves. Please feel free to approach Dick Fossum, our treasurer for more information.

FACILITIES REPORT

Last year were renegotiated the last 15 months of the lease at a discounted rate, which better reflected the current market situation. This past Spring, our Leadership Team retreat focused on a prayerful exploration of how our mission and our facilities go together. This retreat helped clarify our priorities in terms of a facility that will help us in our mission. As we worked on this topic, we came to agreement that our current building is our best option at this time.

We are rapidly arriving at the end of that lease period. After examining other possible locations, with much prayer and discussion, the Leadership Team with the full agreement of Fr Greg, voted to sign a new, three-year lease on our current location. This lease is a thirty-six month lease, with modest increases from our 2009/10 negotiated rates built in each year. The terms of the lease are being drafted, and we are hoping to sign sometime early this fall.

Thank you for your prayers for your Leadership Team and Rector as we seek to follow after God's will and keep moving forward as a missionary people. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Greg or any member of the Leadership Team.

ON MISSION

Serving wherever God call us...

YOUNG LIFE CHEROKEE COUNTY

Justin Chandler, Staff leader for Young Life Cherokee will be at Resurrection on **Sunday, September 12th**. Young Life reaches out to High School aged kids with the Gospel in a relational context. Resurrection supports Young Life Cherokee country through financial support and the use of office space.

BARRY AND SANDI GRECU

Barry and Sandi Grecu lead Ministry Emmaus, a non-profit Christian ministry with a focus on discipleship. They are actively involved in the areas of counseling (pre-marital and marital), spiritual direction, life coaching and leadership development. In addition, they lead retreats and conduct workshops on different aspects of the spiritual life.

This fall Sandi will be leading a Bible study for women on Paul's epistle to the Galatians. The study was developed by Tim Keller, noted pastor and author. Barry continues his work with young Christians who are either actively involved in ministry or preparing for full-time Christian ministry. He will also be leading a retreat in November at Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA for the Saint Vincent dePaul Society of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta. Sundays at RAC will find Barry teaching the adult Sunday School class along with John Rivenbark.

Barry and Sandi may be contacted at wbgrecu@juno.com or at 770.364.4016.

BRUCE CARLSON

Bruce Carlson serves with Grace Ministries International in developing discipleship ministries all over the world.

Bruce continues his travels all over the world, working with Grace Ministries to discern the best use of resources in supporting their partner ministries.

Papa's Pantry

Papa's Pantry, led by founder Lynn Saunders, provides job & financial training along with a food bank. Their immediate needs are listed below:

We can currently use financial help! As we finish the summer months, our resources are nearly depleted.

Food Donations: We are out of: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned fruit (oranges, pears, pineapple, mixed fruit), Pinto Beans, Lima Beans, Northern Beans, Chick Peas, and canned Greens (Turnip Greens, Spinach). Other Non perishable needs include canned meat, jelly, cereal, cereal bars, soup, canned pastas, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, rice, boxed and packaged potatoes/ rice side dishes, boxed meals, cooking oil, salad dressings, plastic storage bags, tin foil, garbage bags, kitty food, laundry detergent, dish soap.

Volunteer Orientation: Wednesday, September 1st, 10:00-11:30am. Please pre-register.

ANGLICAN NOTES

A CALL TO PRAYER FROM AMIA

Dear Friends,

From its inception, the Anglican Mission has been covered in prayer. As you know, prayer is one of the core values of the Mission. Scripture tells us to pray with the expectation that God hears and responds when we cry out to Him. Expectant prayer forms the foundation and supports all we do in the life of the Anglican Mission. Archbishop Kolini has expressed a desire to have the upcoming election of the new Archbishop of Rwanda covered in intentional prayer. I commend to you the Anglican Mission Prayer Leadership Team's call to fast and pray below.

In His Service,

The Rt. Rev. Charles H. Murphy, III

PRAYER POINTS

On September 17, 2010, there will be the election of the next Archbishop of Rwanda. Our bishops function as missionary bishops of the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda and they serve under the authority of the Archbishop and the House of Bishops of Rwanda. Therefore, let us as a body humbly join together with our brothers and sisters in Rwanda to seek the face of God for the man who is to be the next Archbishop.

Throughout Holy Scripture and church history the people of God have come together to pray as one, in times of great decisions, in times of change, and in times of challenge to the people of God. We find ourselves in such a time as this. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is threatened on many levels in the world and tragically even in the church. We now call Anglican Mission in the Americas, as a body of followers of Jesus Christ, to a focused time of devoted prayer and fasting during the weeks before, as well as on the day of this election.

We ask that the prayers for this election be offered up each Sunday during the Prayers of the People or wherever the individual church decides is the best for them. We also ask that individuals and groups be encouraged to add this to their regular prayer times and that fasting be encouraged. The following is a prayer point suggestion that may be used during individual prayer times. There also is a prayer that may be added to the Prayers of the People on Sundays. We ask that the Holy Spirit would guide each church in responding to this call.

1. Praise and Thanksgiving: for all that the Lord has done in the past through Archbishop Kolini and Freda and for what the Lord will do through the new Archbishop and his wife.

2. Confession of Sin: for personal sin and for the times when the church has fallen short of the will of God; things done and things left undone.

3. The Wonder of God: for His calling Anglican Mission into existence and His faithfulness in leading and directing us this past 10 and more years.

4. Faith: for our trusting the Lord to direct our future together.

5. Petition: for the man of God's choosing to be raised up, elected, and anointed by God for the office of Archbishop of Rwanda.

6. Thanksgiving: that the Lord hears the cries of His people and moves on their behalf for his purposes.

Suggested prayer to be used every Sunday until the election of the new Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Rwanda:

Sovereign God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we ask that you guide and direct those who will choose the next Archbishop of Rwanda; an archbishop who will continue to have your heart, listen to your voice and guide us in the fulfillment of your kingdom purposes.

ACNA UPDATE: 1000 PLANTS

Not long ago, Archbishop Bob Duncan issued the call for the planting of 1000 Anglican churches in the next several years. While the challenge is steep, people are quickly stepping up to embrace it. Most pivotal in this movement is the formation of Anglican 1000, an initiative that aims to provide resources and networks for accomplishing the daunting goal.

More than 300 church planters met at Christ Church in Plano, TX, on February 22-23 for Anglican 1000's initial conference. Additionally, Anglican 1000 has launched a new website that provides information, community, and church planting resources.

"This website will be our 'meeting place' for many things: Information, Connections, Networking, Resources, Great Ideas, Theological Analysis, Anglican Tools and Tips, and anything else that you think can serve the cause of planting or raising up 1000 and more congregations, churches, and communities of faith," wrote the Rev. David Rosenberry, a key leader in the Anglican 1000 movement and rector of Christ Church in Plano, on the website's weblog.

A live video feed of the Anglican 1000 conference is also available through AnglicanTV at www.anglicantv.org.



LET US PRAY

Prayers for life.

FOR JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CHURCH

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.

FOR OUR NETWORK OF CHURCHES

God, by your grace you have called us to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop John, Network Leader Victor, and our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Q & A

Why do people make the sign of the cross during worship? When is it that people traditionally sign themselves?

Making the sign of the cross upon ones self is an ancient Christian practice in both the East and the West.

The inherent meaning of the Sign of the Cross is our identification with Christ's cross. His cross is our salvation, our protection, our healing, and our victory. By making the sign of the cross, we are signifying that we live in that reality, and that his cross is upon us in Spirit and in truth.

There is also a Trinitarian aspect to this sign. People often sign themselves in rhythm with the Trinitarian formula: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

There is also a "little cross" at the Gospel reading. The Deacon or Celebrant marks small crosses on his head, his lips, and his heart. This is a prayer that the Gospel may be in our mind, upon our lips, and in our hearts.

People often ask when to make the sign of the cross in worship. There are differences in traditions, but our tradition uses the following times:

- At the pronouncement of the Trinitarian formula (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).
- Some make the sign at the name of Jesus Christ.
- At the end of the creed.
- At the absolution. ("...forgive you all your sins...")
- At Communion: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" and "Sanctify us also..."
- Receiving communion, before or after each kind.

As Anglicans, we believe that any believer present *may* use the sign of the cross, some *should* use it, and yet none *must* use it. It is simply one beautiful way to mark Christ's cross upon our lives, among many.

And here's how to sign yourself: 1)head, 2)heart, 3)left shoulder, 4)right shoulder.

TIMES & SEASONS

The following article is excerpted from www.cre-source.org and was written by (the Revd) Dennis Bratcher.

The changing seasons of the year also provide us with recurring opportunities to celebrate the Christian Faith in worship. The Christian church, following earlier Jewish tradition, has long used the seasons of the year as an opportunity for festivals and holidays, sacred time set aside to worship God as the Lord of life.

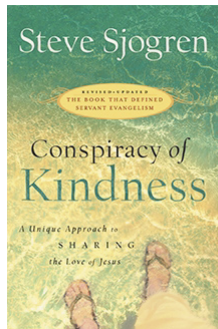
The Christian calendar is organized around two major centers of Sacred Time: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany; and Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, concluding at Pentecost. The rest of the year following Pentecost is known as Ordinary Time, from the word “ordinal,” which simply means counted time (First Sunday after Pentecost, etc.). Ordinary Time is used to focus on various aspects of the Faith, especially the mission of the church in the world.

Following the church year is more than simply marking time on a calendar or a note in the church bulletin. Every effort should be made to use the various aspects of the church year as an opportunity to tell the story of God’s redemptive work in the world.

Many churches have relied almost solely on the spoken word to carry the burden of proclamation. However, even in the Old Testament the services of worship involved all of the senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, as well as hearing. Modern learning theory also indicates that the more senses are involved in an experience, the more impact it makes, especially for children. This suggests that the worship experience should be concerned with more than just preaching and music.

One simple avenue that assists in tracking the seasons of the church year for worshippers, as well as providing a visual context for worship, is the use of Colors of the Church Year in the sanctuary.

BOOKSHELF



CONSPIRACY OF KINDNESS

by Steve Sjogren

God is seeking to enter the heart of every person on this planet. Yet for those who are not gifted evangelists, the task of communicating the gospel can seem daunting. What if there was another way? There is, and it’s called the *Conspiracy of Kindness*.

Operating on a simple premise, this exciting form of servant evangelism enables every follower of Christ, from brand-new to mature believer, to become an effective evangelist through unassuming acts of kindness.

In this book, Steve Sjogren offers a proven vision, simple strategy, and real-life stories that show the amazing impact servant evangelism has had throughout the world. Here’s how to communicate the love of God more persuasively through actions than with words. Learn how churches, groups, and individuals have used washing windows, cleaning toilets, handing out sodas and more to impact their communities with the life-changing love of Christ. Although a simple premise, the conspiracy of kindness principle affects both those serving and those being served.

“This classic book leads us into non-threatening love actions that release the power of the gospel to transform lives forever.”

--DALE GALLOWAY, Dean, The Beeson International Center, Asbury Theological Seminary

THE BACK PAGE

Notes from the Rector

Who are the Unchurched?

We have been called by God to reach out with the Gospel and love of Christ to our community. Specifically, we are charged with reaching the unchurched. What do we mean by “unchurched”?

Most people in America who are “unchurched” are non-believers, but many more are already professing Christians. Are these unchurched believers part of our mission focus? Christ is not a head without a body, so unchurched believers may know something of Christ but they don't know him in his fullness. Life with Christ is experienced together. It is a personal relationship, but personal faith is lived out together as individual members of a Body. If a person is not visibly connected to a church body, they are not visibly connected to Christ. Until everyone in our community is baptized, faith-filled, and visibly connected to a faithful church body, we are still on mission. And unchurched believers make up the largest portion of the population of our country.

Recent studies, reported by the Post and Courier (Charleston, SC) provide some background:

“A total of 28 percent of the U.S. adult population said they had not attended church in the past six months. Americans identifying themselves as Christian make up the overwhelming majority, 83 percent, according to Barna. Other polls vary slightly.

Another Barna finding from past studies showed that almost 4 in 10 (37 percent) of unchurched Americans don't attend services because of painful experiences with the church or people in the church.

The latest survey gathered “several interesting insights” that define the self-identified Christians who don't go to church:

- 18 percent said they had made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important to them today.
- 68 percent hold a view that God is all-knowing, all-powerful and the creator of the universe.
- 35 percent said the Bible is totally accurate.
- 15 percent said their religious faith is very important in their life.”

Here in Woodstock, that percentage of professing believers is probably higher, and more than half don't attend a church. In other words, there aren't very many people here who openly reject faith in Christ, but many of those who do profess faith are not part of the life of a church.

While not questioning their salvation or sincerity, we need to consider unchurched believers to be the largest part of our mission field here in the U.S., especially here in the South. So when we say our mission is to the unchurched, we mean believers and non-believers who are not visibly connected to a church. We also mean remaining a parish where church-going believers are always drawn closer to Christ, each other, and our neighbors (so we don't become unchurched ourselves!).

Blessings,

Greg+