



Resurrection Review

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 20

1:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, December 21

4:30 pm Yogalign Lvl 1

5:45 pm Yogalign Lvl 2

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Mtg

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 22

9:00 am Prayers &
Squares

Sunday, December 24

7:00 pm Family Service

9:00 pm Evening Service

Monday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

*Fourth Sunday of
Advent*

Office hours: Mon 11-2pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm, Thur 10-1pm

Dear Friends,

Sometimes I love to share my friends from afar with you. This recent Facebook message was penned by a dear friend of ours, the Rev. Bud Holland. It speaks of the political rhetoric that saturates our nation today, which of course affect even our attempts to celebrate Christmas in a spirit of unity and peace. I hope that when we hear divisiveness from those who lead us that we all pray for them. But the message below is clearly meant for us all. We are all servant leaders, as I mentioned last Sunday, and can lead from any chair:

“Do you remember the phrase: sticks and stones will break my bones but words will never hurt me? Of course, we now know that is not true. Words can be the lifeline of hope, encouragement, and promise and can be demeaning, de-valuing, disregarding, and destructive. They can help heal and they can tear down. For sure we are experiencing their affects in our present life. Recently I heard some advice for Donald Trump. It goes something like this: think before you speak. Choose your words wisely, and tell the truth. These words came from the mother of the young woman, Heather Heyer, who was killed during the white nationalists' march in Charlottesville.

Over the years I have experienced and borne witnesses to tragic violence and murder. I learned about the contagion of psychopathology. It occurs when one horrendous event spawns other similar events. We might refer to them as copycat incidences. But even words that spew hate or divisiveness can create in some others a reaction that may lead them to engage in similar behavior, harm others, or harm themselves. Bullying by any person at any age can become catastrophic in its consequences. It is incumbent upon any leaders to use their words wisely and not create, inadvertently, or by intent exchanges that will be harmful to others in our communities or around the world.

What words do we like to use? What are the important words we yearn to hear? What words and hymns do we want to hear now as we approach Christmas? Some of these words for me are: I love you; You are of great value; Your ideas are important and welcomed; There is hope; Nothing can separate us from the love of God or our love for each other; Justice is for all and not just a few; We condemn discrimination and prejudice; Truth will set us free; Mercy and compassion are at the heart of who we are and can become; and..... What are those words for you? For some of us at Christmas or any other major celebratory time of the year can bring back memories in ways that contribute to our sadness and grief. Hearing the words: I hear you and want you to know I am with you in your pain can be life-giving.

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It is likely that the poisonous atmosphere of political and occasionally religious rhetoric will be with us for some time to come. Are we going to let it define us or might we seek to set a new course of discourse, a renewed commitment to be for others, and continue our lifelong journey of learning, accepting accountability, and shouldering our part to birth new words and actions that set a new tone of behavior. The words we utter as well as the actions we take from the very core of our beings might just make all the difference. May it be so.” Blessings, as we live into the wonder of Christ coming to this hurting world, Rev. Linda



Tree of Sharing

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our Tree of Sharing this year. Thanks to you, we were able to help relieve some of the holiday pressure on two families, a total of 4 adults and 6 children. As always the school was amazed by your generosity as we unloaded the gifts which filled the middle and back of an SUV. We are blessed to have such wonderful and giving Parishioners!

Christmas Pageant

Do you have a child or grandchild or know some little person who might enjoy being a part of the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the Family service at 7 pm? Please bring them to the service at **6:15pm**, downstairs so we can get them ready.



Calling all cookies and goodies!

Following each Christmas Eve service, we have a coffee/cookie social. If you can help us, by providing some yummy treats, please let Ann Newton know 928-8540. If you would like to help organizing this event, we also welcome that help as well.



Blessing Corner



Would you like to share what you feel blessed for? Send an email to the office so we can add your blessing to our newsletter. Already submitted one? Feel free to submit another.



Once again our Tree of Sharing was a huge success this year, thanks to the wonderful and generous families of our church.

Christmas Worship Schedule

There will be **no morning services on Sunday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th**. The Family Service with Pageant will be at 7 pm and the Evening Service at 9 pm. There will be festive goodies in the parish Hall after each service, and a Christmas Hymn Singing Fest beginning at 8:30.

On Monday, December 25th, there will be one morning service at 10:00 am



Resurrection Annual Meeting



Our Annual Meeting is in many ways one of the rare times to get the Parish Family together. On January 14th, we will gather as one family at 9:00am. If you would like to bring something to share for the brunch at 10am, do so, otherwise, just come!

As people enjoy delicious desserts, we will begin our Annual Meeting. It is very important that we are all there to look back on last year and dream of next.

Please let us know asap if you would like childcare for that hour.

Rev John Hay



Many of you may remember the much loved Rev. John Hay and his beloved wife Marj. They gave many years of service in this Diocese, and were instrumental in the life of the Church of the Holy Spirit, one of the two communities that went into forming The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection years ago. Both John and Marj died within a week of each last week. Their combined memorial service is being planned at the Cathedral, and the date and time will soon be available to all.

Food Bank



Did you know that people who have Food Stamps can't buy the items listed below with that money?

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| Hand soap | Laundry soap | Dish soap, |
| Clorox Bleach | Body Soap | Sanitary pads, |
| Handi wipes | Tooth Brushes | Cleaning supplies |

Please consider donating one or more of these items to the food bank, as your budget allows.



Need a Helping Hand?

If you have a need for a meal to be brought to you, if you are ill or in crisis, please contact the Daughters of the King. Arlene Lee 509-443-5273

Assisting with Worship December 24

SubDeacon:

7pm John Richardson
9pm N/A

LEM:

7pm Scott Oakshott
9pm Carol Allen

Lectors:

7pm Deborah Chan
9pm Roger Barenz

Cross Bearer

7pm Colin Geffrey-Bowler
9pm Jeremy Armstrong

Candle Bearer 1

7pm Tristan Geffrey-Bowler
9pm Pat Munts

Candle Bearer 2

7pm Brooke Geffrey-Bowler
9pm Carol Allen

Altar Guild:

Arlene Lee
Meloni Armstrong

Ushers

7pm Tom Sernka
Dave Newton

9pm Tim Lape
Scott Oakshott

Counters:

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Tim Lape



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Please send all correspondence
(especially monetary) to:

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Lessons for December 24

FIRST LESSON: (Isaiah 9:2-7) A hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem.

SECOND LESSON: (Titus 3:4-7) A summary of the story of our salvation.

GOSPEL: (John 1:1-18) A hymn to the expression of God's very being, his Word, who has now become flesh and lived among us.



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