



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

RISE & SHINE

The Rev. Charles R. Colwell, Interim

Serving God, Helping others, Living hope

Dear Parishioners
and friends,



The other day, or maybe it was last February, Ruth noticed this **OUT-GOING** man in our midst; Jane described him as **HUMBLE**. A **LOVING** man said Gina, while Mary Pat suggested **COMPASSIONATE**.

Sometime later, Liz remarked that he was always **ACCESSIBLE**. Joan could not believe how **FAITHFUL** he was; Rhonda added that he seemed so **UNDERSTANDING**.

Then Linda entered the conversation saying he was **CARING**, while John added how **SERENE** he was. Carol, laughingly, replied how much she enjoyed his sense of **HUMOR**. Paul said he's **WONDERFUL**; Colin piped up, he's **OUTSTANDING!** A most **INSPIRING** man, praised Dottie. Pat loved his **AUTHENTICITY**. Patty thought he was just plain **FUNNY!**

Are they talking about Jesus? Of course they are. After all, we are a house of worship, and He is always in our midst. Well, guess what?

This man I describe as humble is none other than **FATHER CHARLIE** - our interim priest - whom we have been blessed to have with us during our time of healing, and for all of our Covid quarantine.

**GOD BLESS YOU, FR. CHARLIE
WE LOVE YOU!**

September 6, 2020

First time in house of worship
Since Sunday March 8th



Nurse Ratchet armed
with thermometer and
contact list
AKA Pat Calvert



Into action when
Joan and Paul
Servinskas
arrive.

**We were blessed with 21
parishioners returning
on this first day back!**

Thanks be to God!

YES/AND



We have spent the past seven months encircled and shrouded in darkness. The COVID death count continues to swell - boggling our collective minds. All our mourning rituals are proscribed. The news blares the tragedy of climate crisis. Systemic racism murders souls across our nation. Birthdays, weddings, family gatherings, even a simple brunch assume risks of sickness.

As Isaiah wrote, "darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples." *Isaiah 60*

We zoom. We skype.
We cry in solitude.

That is the global, collective grief we share.

We at Resurrection faced our own personal dire world last February. Our annual meeting surfaced our anger at "closing." We denied that possibility. We fought words like "hospice." We bargained with everyone in the diocese.

Like the Israelites of the Psalms, we implored God "not to let enemies exult over us, to lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation."
Psalms 25

We prayed. How we prayed!

When we called on God to help us, when we listed God's amazing power and love, we were prodding, goading, inveighing God to be that ruler and lover God promised to be.

Should we really be astonished that God answered?

And, God did answer. Twice!

We received the reprieve of months and the incredible healing presence of Fr. Charlie. We could breathe again. We began to hope. We trusted the Spirit.

And, Fr. Manuel arrived.

We have prayed the Prayer of St. Chrysostom every Sunday: "*Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us.*" God answered our prayers. We continue as Resurrection people!

Yes, the larger world remains in peril.

And, our smaller Resurrection world prays for it and rejoices because we have learned yet again what Martin Buber affirmed:

Where I wander - You!
Where I ponder - You!
Only You, You again, always You!
You! You! You!
When I was gladdened - You!

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

11 Audrey Gutkes
26 Mary Pat Gannon
30 Helen Niemann

OCTOBER

15 Karen Lasek

NOVEMBER

4 Jane Colgrove

Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

7 Diane & Robert Petraglia
8 Rhonda & Colin Kaletsky
17 Cynthia & James Robinson
21 Liz & Fritz Weinrich

OCTOBER

11 Karen & Robert Callegari

Heavenly Saints

SEPTEMBER

2006 Arthur Thompson
2012 Mae K Clarke
2013 Anthonine Baraniak
2013 Gladys Norian

OCTOBER

2006 Agnes Oldenborg
2007 Ruth Tagliabue
2008 Peter Figueiredo
2012 Louise Brandt

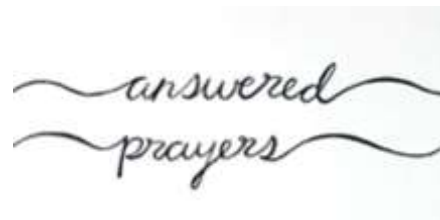
NOVEMBER

2014 Kitty Kuske

When I was saddened - You!
Only You, You again, always You!
You! You! You!
Sky is You! Earth is You!
You above! You below!
In every trend, at every end,
Only You, You again, always You!
You! You! You!

Martin Buber, Tales of the Hasidim

Mary Pat





Vestry Vibes

Meeting 6/1/2020

- Purpose: to prepare for interview with The Rev. Anandsekar Joseph Manuel, candidate for retired priest in charge.

Meeting 6/15/2020

- Purpose: to interview Fr. Manuel. Introduction of Vestry members, followed with each member asking questions of Fr. Manuel.

Meeting 6/22/2020

- Purpose: to evaluate interview with candidate; to discuss vision of future of Resurrection with candidate.

Meeting 6/29/2020

- Purpose: following interview & attendance at worship zoom service—to come to a decision.
- Decision: To hire Fr. Manuel to be our retired priest in charge.

Meeting 7/20/2020

- Purpose: to discuss having Morning Prayer Zoom services (approved).
- To request \$15,000 from Capital Improvement Endowment Fund for necessary renovations to the rectory (approved).
- Financial contract with Fr. Manuel to be negotiated further—cannot earn more than \$40,000/year.
- Letter of Agreement with JMC: 1 year contract, \$1600/month, 50% utilities (will meet with JMC after Covid under control for discussion).

Meeting 8/18/2020

- Purpose: to review the memo received; to discuss appropriate response for clarification. We are not looking to merge—we simply want to hire a priest. All who walk in the door shall be welcomed.
- We need to receive the Letter of Agreement soon.

Letter of Agreement received 9/1/2020

Signed by the Bishop; in effect as of 10/1/2020

Meeting 9/21/2020

- Purpose: to have Mo. Lindsay pray us into the final phase of our 2020 journey; and to remind us how the Holy Spirit continues to guide us each day.
- To report the progress of preparing the rectory. \$13,505 so far. Outstanding expenses include Williston Plumbing, Albertson Electric, bi-fold door in kitchen.
- The Manuel family moves in Friday, October 2nd.



Parish Administrator: Patricia Hayes

Organist: Ellen Schutt

Rise & Shine Editor: Jane Colgrove

Vestry:

Jane Colgrove, Warden; Don Josling, Warden; Mary Pat Gannon, Treasurer; Sharron Friedlander, Marjorie Mahoney, Paul Servinkas, Fritz Weinrich, Liz Weinrich. Clerk: Pat Calvert





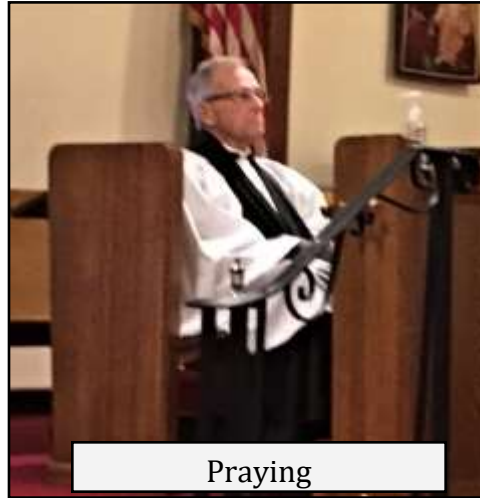
Annual Parish Meeting



Sacristy



Wed Coffee Hour



Praying



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Season After Pentecost