

ECHOES

Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Senior Warden

So, where are we now?

We have begun our journey and, while we are just at the verv beginning of it. beginnings are critically important. We want to do all we can to be sure that our first steps are the right ones. We have an outstanding Search Committee in place. We have a great interim priest, Reverend Mark Moline, who is engaged to be with us throughout the transition. As I've said before, there is no one who wants more than I do to get the search started and done quickly, but we are perfectly situated to take our time to find the right person – that individual whom God is calling to lead The Church of the Redeemer forward as her next Rector.

The next step is for the Search Committee to meet with the Bishop's representative and to put together our Parish Profile that the Bishop's office will use for the posting of this opening for interested candidates. Because of summer vacation and travel plans, including a mission trip to Mexico, the meeting will likely take place in late July. Once the opening is posted, the Diocese will begin forwarding applications to the Search Committee. The Committee will

sift through the applications, decide whom they want to interview, and ultimately present the Vestry with one recommendation and one or two alternates. With the Bishop's approval, the Vestry will issue the call to the next Rector. The process typically takes six to nine months.

As we were reminded in Reverend Kellie Wilson's sermon on June 24, God is an integral and intimate part of this process. And I want to say, with all sincerity, that I have felt this to be true from the moment that Father Scott told me he would be leaving. There have not been many moments in my life when I really felt God's hand at work. No doubt this is because of my own failure to be open to His voice and perceptive to the movement of the Holy Spirit. I am a lawyer by trade and by temperament. My years in the profession have taught me to be skeptical. I like to have proof before I accept something as true, so matters of faith come hard to me.

And yet, in these last few months I have felt God's hand at work in our midst. I truly believe that God

JULY 2018

Wallace Lightsey

Vestry Meeting Summary

The summary for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found on our website or posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Go to www.CORSCG.ORG monthly for a detailed summary of the topics, discussion, and decisions which transpired during the last Vestry meeting.

From the Ukraine

Dear Coworkers for Christ,

I have been here in Uzhgorod for almost two months and have gotten somewhat settled into this new culture and wanted to give you an update on the work you and I are a part of since we began our journey to live and serve Christ to the forgotten and oppressed in The Ukraine.

I live in a small city in the southeastern portion of The Ukraine with a population of about 125,000 people. It is an old European city with most of the places within walking distance. If where I am going is too far to walk, I take a bus to where I need to go. I do, however, average about five to six miles of walking each day.

It is spring here and warm, and it is nice to have a change in seasons which I did not have in Thailand. It has been a challenge getting settled since I don't speak the language yet, but that will come as I progress with language school. I live in a Ukrainian neighborhood and most people of course don't speak English. I have great support from the small team representing One Collective, but for the most part I am out on my own almost daily in either the Roma camps or beginning to meet people from the Transform Uzhgorod Alliance that One Collective partners with. The Alliance has 36 local Ukrainian organizations and churches that work together to look at the problems and come together to provide solutions and care from within the country. Because of the ongoing war in Crimea, there are many internally displaced people, abandoned children and forgotten and persecuted people such as the Roma group. I will try to give an overview of the various ministries that One Collective is working with, and ending with the group that I am beginning to work with more and more: the Roma.

There is the orphans ministry, which includes hospital visits and abandoned children from the war. There is the University ministry in which groups have been formed to teach English, and in doing so they are planting the seeds of the Gospel, a discipleship ministry, and the Roma ministry itself. There are five camps within the city in which the Roma people live. The camps are not what the name sounds like. They are areas where the Jewish population lived before the Nazis drove them out during WWII. The Romas have now settled in these places. Thus far, I have visited in three of the five camps and am trying to be visible in these areas every day.

The Romas are considered squatters on the land and the government does not recognize them or provide very much social assistance. There is no running water, many of the houses — if you can call them houses — have no windows and the roads are all but impassable for those traveling by car. The local Roma churches attempt to provide what medical care they can by partnering through the Alliance that I mentioned earlier.

The main disease in the camps is active TB. About 80% of the Romas have TB. The clinic in one of the villages has an X-ray machine to help diagnose TB. This is thanks to One Collective being able to find a donor in the states.

Since most of the Roma children have no education, the Alliance offers a program of mentoring and basic education. As I get to know the culture, I am learning that the Romas migrated from India centuries ago and roamed and settled throughout Eastern Europe. They have been persecuted and unwelcome by any of the countries they live in. In coming from India there is a definite caste system in effect. They are a complex and interesting group of people.

Every Sunday afternoon I attend a Roma church in one of the camps. Several times I have been asked to read the scripture to the church, which I am blessed to do. I have found a young Roma youth that serves as a translator for me when I travel through the camps.

The first day I went into one of the largest camps with about 2,500 people living there. I was stopped numerous times by the people and invited to come into their houses and pray with them. I was

Dates to Remember

July 15 Lemonade on the Lawn with Free Ice Cream Truck July 29 Holy Chow

August 4 Yard Sale

September 9

Parish Picnic at Cleveland Park

ONLINE CALENDAR

Redeemer now has an online calendar so you can keep up to date with all the comings and goings here at the church. The calendar is linked to the weekly email.

To add your name to our email distribution please email or call the parish office.

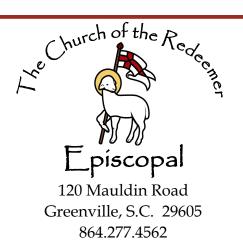
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We are collecting **Canned Fruit** for Samaritan House for the month of July. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!



Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

- 1. Pray Daily
- 2. Gather in Worship Weekly
- 3. Study Faithfully
- 4. Serve Others
- 5. Share Your Story
- 6. Give Generously



Sue Bannio, Parish Administrator Charles Owings, Music Director, Organist Catherine Johnstone, Nursery Director Lori Hawkins, Christian Ed Director Sue Bannio, Bookkeeper Gabriel Santamaria, Sexton

Vestry Members

Wallace Lightsey (2018) - Senior Warden Stephany Austell (2018) - Junior Warden Judy Planck (2020) - Worship Meg Coffey (2018) - Pastoral Care Stephany Austell(2018) -- Outreach Jason Houston (2020)-Buildings & Grounds Jack Blackburn (2019) - Finance Debbie Bauer (2020) - Communications Wallace Lightsey (2018) - Communications Joe Butchko (2019) - Christian Ed Debbie Bauer (2020) - Stewardship Wallace Lightsey (2018) - Membership Fellowship Betty Lupo(2018) & Janet Poleski (2019) Jack Blackburn- Treasurer Annette Burdette, Clerk

The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Administrator's office.

Echoes

Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer, Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month. Submit written info to the church office, fax 277-6330, or email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corgsc.org

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Christian Ed

I hope everyone is enjoying these summer months. It is a time to recharge, rest, and get out of our routine. I hope you are also enjoying some down time and a little more freedom with your schedule.

Although, our Sunday school classes are taking a break for summer it is time to plan for fall. Please consider sharing some of your time on Sunday mornings with the youth at Redeemer. Teaching is about once a month and only an hour...piece of cake right??

Oh, and I forgot to mention, the children need you, just as much as we need them!

I ask that you prayerfully consider giving your time to the youth of Redeemer and to helping our church grow. Thank you and Gods Peace Lori Hawkins



Questions ? Contact Lori Hawkins at Ihredeemer@gmail.com or 360-5845

WELCOME REV. MARK MOLINE

Rev. Mark Moline has been engaged by the Vestry to serve as long-term supply priest at Redeemer, to be our interim priest until a new rector is called. He will officiate the Sunday and Wednesday services, have office hours on Wednesdays, and by appointment, and be available for counseling and pastoral care as needed. His contact information is below, please contact him as needed for pastoral care. Please take a moment to welcome him to Redeemer when you have an opportunity.



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER **Rev. Mark Moline** Interim Priest

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LEMONADE & ICECREAM on the Lawn

Celebrate the arrival of Father Mark with a Lemonade social on the lawn.

We will have a FREE Ice Cream truck here too!

> JULY 15 after the 9:30am combined service.



July Readings					
Date	1 st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel	
JULY 1	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130	Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43	
JULY 8	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13	
JULY 15	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29	
JULY 22	2 Samuel 7:1~14a	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	
JULY 29	2 Samuel 1 1:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21	

FROM THE LOFT

"From The Loft has returned after taking some time for reflection and healing. Your Music Department continues to grow and move forward, despite some set backs.

The choir is taking a much needed break the month of July. When we start back, we will open with our normal wine and hors d'oeuvres. There are many of you, and you know who you are, that need to join us for the coming year. We are making Christmas plans including a Service Of Lessons And Carols in December.

Other things to watch for are the Joint Thanksgiving Service through ARCUM, The Christmas Eve Services, and in January Epiphany falls on Sunday so there will be a celebration that Sunday. Also, there will be an organ recital for the Fountain Inn Music Club performed by yours truly. All are invited.

With my current job, I will be gone one Sunday in September to France and one in October to Germany. We have new equipment coming and this will be part of the approval process and training. Those Sundays, Larry Loftis will again be at the console to provide organ music in my place.

The Music Department has several funds available for contributions. One is the Guest Musician Fund for extra instrumentalists that provide added beauty to our musical offerings. Another is the Evelyn Bond fund for choir vestments. We have the basic cassock but are looking to replace the worn scapulars and cottas with new liturgical scapulars. We are only a couple of thousand away from our goal. Please give as you are able without sacrificing from your normal pledge.

Handbells will be starting soon so watch for updates...

(Ukraine Continued... from p.2)

humbled and had joy in my heart to do so. I knew at that time that this is where God wants me to be right now.

This is how you and I are working together as partners to share the love of Christ with the forgotten and the oppressed. In my next letter I will go further into our work here.

I give praise and thanks for your continued support and all that you have done to enable me to work for Christ. Until then, I ask for God's blessings upon all of you.

His, Gary Powell

COMBINED SERVICES ALL SUMMER

On Sundays for the Summer we will have one combined service each Sunday at 9:30am. The Vestry made this decision with the intent of bringing our entire community together as we transition from one rector to the next.

Please join us on Sundays for our 9:30am service with coffee hour to follow.

Yard Sale—ONE day ONLY Saturday August 4th

9:00am to 100:pm

Contact Stephany Austell 864-288-2412 to volunteer or if you have questions.





Summer of Service

Monday was our first day of S.O.S. We were privileged enough to get to spend some time with some special folks at The Springs Assisted Living Home for Seniors. The youth cleaned their activity bus while others decorated for the 4th of July. We had the very talented Susan-Ware-Snow join us on guitar and helped us all make a joyful noise. We finished off with а game of shuffleboard bowling. I think the let win! springs team us It was a great first day!





Tuesday S.O.S hosted a lunch for our first responders. Redeemer volunteers prepared lunch for 150 First **Responders.**

What a great second day of S.O.S. So happy and blessed to be in the presence of these everyday heroes!

We can never thank you enough for what you do for us everyday!

We are grateful for the excellent services they provide our community every day.

May God bless and keep them safe.

Photo Credit to David Poleski— Thank you David for the great pictures!!





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Wednesday was Day 3 of S.O.S. We went to Triune Mercy Center Volunteers from Redeemer helped distribute groceries, pack hygiene kits, and help with some light grounds keeping. We had an amazing experience and were able to get a tiny glimpse of what being homeless in Greenville looks like. Thank you to everyone at Triune for letting us be a part of your day.



Find out in next months ECHOES how our day at Samaritan House and Bowling with the Pleasant Valley Children went.



Thank you to all our volunteers who shared in this SOS week! And special thanks to our donors to SOS! You make our work possible.

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<u>Congregational Survey</u> <u>July 15</u>

As part of the Rector search process, the Diocese requires that we conduct a "congregational life survey," which will be used to assess our strengths as a parish as well as our connections in the four areas, "Spiritual, Inside, Outside, and Identity."

We will have the survey forms for distribution after the service on July 15 (the same day we are having ice cream and lemonade on the lawn).

If you know that you will not be able to be here on July 15, please let the office know so that we can mail a survey form to you.

Volunteer Opportunities

Email Sue (parishadmin@corgsc.org) to volunteer for these opportunities:

- **Coffee Hour Cleanup**: One time per month, stay after service to straighten up, load and run the dishwasher, and make the transept look fresh again.
- **Office Angels**: Would you like to help in the church office with various projects that need to be completed? Sign up to receive an email when projects need completion.

Usher: one time per month during service.

- Flower Guild: once time per month. As a volunteer you are responsible for getting the flowers and setting them up in the church. (contact: Lauren McCullough)
- **Echoes Editor**: This volunteer or team of volunteers will collect and organize articles, information, and photos in an established format. Uses Microsoft Publisher and Word. Training is available.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Please note this on your calendar.

Needlecraft for the Ukraine

As Gary Powell meets the people of the Ukraine, he has been struck by the poverty

there. He recently described the houses with no windows or running water and the impassable roads. He has been struck by the fact that when winter comes, the children



will be in need of warm outerwear and has asked if we can help with hats, scarves, and mittens.

We have started our needlecraft ministry once on Thursday mornings in the parlor. If you can knit, crochet, or make warm items for children, we will meet again on

July 12 at 10 a.m. in the parlor.



Prayer for Our New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Redeemer Outreach

Pat Blackburn, a member of Redeemer, has been donating dolls, with a c o m p l e t e wardrobe, to patients at



Shriner's Hospital Greenville (SHG) for several years. The dolls and their clothes, which Pat makes, are beautiful and make the children receiving them very happy.

Recently, Pat visited SHG to personally present a doll and its wardrobe to a patient whose treatment requires her to stay in the hospital for an extended period of time. The young girl was very excited to meet Pat and loved receiving this special gift. She ended their visit with a huge hug of appreciation.

Pat said seeing the young patient's smile makes it all worthwhile!



Pastoral Care Ministry Transportation

There have been requests from time to time for parishioner transportation needs (doctor office visits, pick up prescriptions, to and from hospitals treatments, attend the Sunday and Wednesday church services). Pastoral Care is looking to develop a list of individuals who would be willing to help with such transportation needs.

If you feel that this might be a ministry that the Lord is calling you to help with please contact Sue Bannio 864.277.4562 <u>parishadmin@corgsc.org</u> or Greg Brown Pastoral Care Leader 864.346.9124 <u>gregdbrown2@juno.com</u>

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Are you receiving our monthly edition of Echoes in the mail? If you have not received Echoes, call the parish office to find out why. If you have, please share it with friends! Contributions of photos, articles or events for Echoes are always welcome. Please submit by the 22nd of the month. We are still looking for an Editor for Echoes. Please pray with us to find someone soon.

(What's Next Continued... From p.1) is shaping our path forward as a parish, that He brought about a

chain of events leading us to where we are at this point in time, and that we are poised on the brink of something quite special. What that is, of course, none of us can say. What we can do is to pray for God's direction and assistance to us in our process of discernment.

So please join with me in praying for, and expressing our heartfelt thanks to, our Search Committee – Robin, Greg, Judy, Meta, Margie, Meredith, and Ann. They have a lot of work and an important job set before them, and will need our prayers and support, but I know that this group is up to the challenge and I'm excited to see where their search takes us.

-Wallace

JULY • Ministry Schedule

COMINED 9:30 AM Service	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 2 <i>9</i>
Greeters	Louise & Bill Heizer	Wallace Lightsey Meredith Manker	Betty Lupo Dinah Johnson	Robin & David Mill	Sue & Hooper Skardon
Acolytes	Robin Mill	Matthew Derrick	Thomas Jennings	Will Derrick	Riley Hawkins
Lector 1	Bill Heizer	Elizabeth Koontz	Andrea Helm	Rod Snelson	Cynthia Wilson
Lector 2	Dot Sanders	Meta Goodman	Ted Sanders	Wallace Lightsey	Phyllis Webb
2nd Chalice	Ted Sanders	Wallace Lightsey	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee	Meg Coffey
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Betsy Walt Susan Butler Janet Poleski	Sandy Oliver Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Judy Planck Stephany Austell Cindy Wilson	Judy Planck Cindy Wilson Stephany Austell
Counters	Jane Bouton David Mill	Meg Coffey Bill Lee	John Helm John Warren	Carol Hallman Steve Webb	Jane Bouton Cynthia Eason



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Daniel McCullough

- 3 Bill Heizer
- 4 Bobby Brock
- 5 Cookie & Bobby Brock Connie Howard
- 6 Doug Parrott
- 7 Amy Broderick

10 Gretchen & Craig Grounsell Sandy Oliver 15 John Lee 16 Tom Ethridge 18 Betty Lupo 19 Larry Broderick 20 Katie Houston 22 Meg Coffey

24 Sue & Hooper Skardon

- 25 Carolyn Prosio Debbie Bauer
- 26 Tom Oliver
- Cathleen Christie
- 27 Lauren & Joe McCullough
- 28 Teri Graves
- 30 Larry Shugart

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear. Please notify parishadmin@corscg.org to update our records.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Flowers on the altar are more than just an adornment for the front of our sanctuary. It is an historical tradition to show our thanks and humility to the Lord. It is a symbol of recognition of His Glory. Dedicating the offering in the name of someone is a great honor. Our 2018 Altar dedication book is on the communication table for special dedications to be made. Special requests for flower type, color or arrangement style can be noted. Dedications are only \$35, but the awe of honoring his Glory cannot be measured.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 SURVEY DAY 9:30am Holy Eucharist Lemonade & Ice Cream On the Lawn After Service	16 6:30pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8pm AL-ANON	17	1810:30am Service Communion With healing12 pm AA	19 3 pm YAMS	20	21 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
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29 9:30am Holy Eucharist Holy Chow w/ Reception	30 6 pm ACOA 8pm AL-ANON	31				

Do you have someone on "Prayers of the People" list that is not a member of our church?

Would you like for this person to know that Redeemer is praying for them each week? If so, please provide me with the address of person and I will send them a hand written note, from The Church of the Redeemer, letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Beth Hamilton (313-2406) or bethh@blackelectricalsupply.com



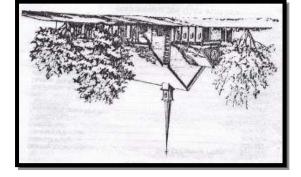
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