



ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

AUGUST 2018

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From The Senior Warden

Wallace Lightsey

Can you feel it?

Something quite special is happening at Redeemer. The Holy Spirit is at work in our church, with us and within us, and it is a palpable experience. The summer Sundays have been filled with joy, love, enthusiasm, even – dare I say it? – excitement! Our experiment with a combined service at 9:30 seems to have worked out even better than we expected. Church attendance has been up. Father Moline has been a true blessing, an inspirational voice from the pulpit and a creative and energetic new spark behind the scenes. We are beginning to see some old familiar faces returning that we haven't seen for a while. God is in our midst, moving us along a path to a better place.

The Rector Search Committee is, of course, a key player in this journey forward. Preparation for the Search Committee's work has been going on for some time now, and the Committee will "launch" on August 5 when it meets with the Bishop's representative. The Vestry's charge to the Search Committee is included in this issue of *Echoes*. If you take time to read it, and as you think about what gifts our church should look for in our next rector, keep in mind that no one person can bring all of the attributes, qualifications, and talents that we might need or want. As St. Paul taught, we are all members of the body of Christ, and different members have different gifts. In the charge, the Vestry sought to express what we felt

was most important in a new rector, at this time, in the life of our parish.

In the meantime, a lot is coming up. The Yard Sale will take place on August 4. We will have Holy Chow on August 26. The Church picnic is on September 9. The following week, September 16, we will kick off Sunday School with a Bike Rodeo, and Betty Boesch, Rick Hankinson, Tom Oliver, Annette Burdette, and Meg Coffey are at work on a new and very interesting program for adult Christian education. I am hoping we will have another Lunch & Learn on September 23, with Janet Poleski leading a talk on "Cooking and Entertaining Tips from a Professional Caterer."

All of this is very exciting, and fun! – but let's not lose sight that God has called us to make time with Him our highest priority. We live in a world that glorifies busyness, that pushes a fake message that more is always better: more events, more programs, more activity. I have to remind myself often not to be like Martha of Bethany, who was "distracted by all the preparations that had to be made" and "cumbered by many things," and to try to be more like her sister Mary, who "has chosen what is better" – quietly listening to the Word of God. The real worth of Redeemer lies in the opportunities it provides for us to come together to be in God's presence, and it is there that we truly excel.



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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.

(Can you feel itcont'd from p. 1)

The Holy Spirit is with us and within us. I invite you to reflect on this, to feel it inside yourself and in our midst when we gather together to worship.

Finally, I ask that you all pray for Redeemer, for its Vestry, for its Search Committee, and for me as we move forward together into the future.

Direct us, o Lord, in all our doings with your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer for Guidance, The Book of Common Prayer)

-Wallace

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

September 9, 2018 at 10:30am

The fun is about to begin!!! Join the parish as we celebrate another year of fellowship with our annual picnic at the park!

This year we will be headed to Cleveland Park in downtown Greenville. **You know the place. It's at the Greenville Zoo. Yes, literally at the Zoo!** We have reserved the picnic shelter right there at the parking lot entrance to the zoo. We will have use of the shelter, the playground, a field for games, and if you would like to visit the zoo after the picnic for a small fee you can do that too!!

Our picnic will begin with service at 10:30am right there at the park in **shelter #29**. The church will provide chicken strips, tea, lemonade and water. We ask all attending to bring a side dish to share, yard games, and a folding chair. You may bring other beverages too, but there is no alcohol permitted. Bring your friends and neighbors too!! More information will be available closer to the dates. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



Church Picnic

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.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Please note this on your calendar.

Dates to Remember

- August 4** Yard Sale
August 9 & 23
 Knitting Club
August 26 Holy Chow
September 6 & 20
 Knitting Club
September 9
 Parish Picnic at Cleveland Park
September 16 Bike Rodeo
September 17 Ukraine Crafts Due
September 23 Sunday School
 Soup Kitchen
 Blessings of Knitting
October 6
 Pumpkins Arrive
October 7
 Pumpkin Sales OPEN!
October 12
 Movie Night at the Patch
October 21
 Stewardship Sunday



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



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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*
 treasurer@corgsc.org
 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

Christian Ed

The countdown is on! I hope everyone has had a great summer. There are only a few more weeks before a new school year begins. I don't know about you, but I'm never ready for summer to end. However, there is always something exciting about the possibilities of a new year... a chance to do things differently, make new habits, a fresh start.

We are in two seasons: a season of transition and a season of change. I will say it again and again, **Redeemer is an awesome place to be!!**

In our transition, we have been blessed with an amazing Interim Rector - Father Mark. He is doing a great job getting to know us and wants to be involved in all we do and are at Redeemer.

In our season of change, this is a time for all of us to truly BE THE CHURCH. Be the change you want to see. If you want more children at church, bring your children to church and Sunday school. Invite your neighbors, volunteer for something you have never done, participate in a class, lead a class, share your ideas, and voice your concerns. Redeemer is a great place to be, to raise a family, to just BE a part of. Let His light shine brightly!!! I am looking forward to this school year and to what our church has in store.

**God's Peace,
Lori Hawkins**

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 19

Backpack Blessings

If you are attending school as a student, teacher, or administrator bring your backpack, lunchbox, or teacher bag to receive a special blessing as we begin a new school year.

September 16

Bicycle Rodeo and Fall Kickoff

All elementary age children bring your decorated bikes and trikes to church with you. Following the service we will learn about bicycle safety, children will get to pedal through an obstacle course, and there will be a judging for the best decorated bike. We will also have lunch and fellowship for the entire church, no wheels required.

September 23

Sunday school classes resume
Project Host Soup Kitchen

September 30

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October 6

The Pumpkins Arrive!!!

Come help build up the patch!

CRAFTS DUE September 17

All craft projects for the Ukraine mission must be turned in by September 17. You may give to Margie Hankinson or drop them off at the Parish Office. These crafts will be blessed at service on September 23 then shipped to Gary Powell for distribution in the Ukraine. Help them have a warmer winter!

Lemonade On the Lawn



On July 15 we welcomed Rev. Mark Moline with an ice cream truck, lemonade and cookies on the lawn. What a fun celebration right here at the church after services.



Photos by David Poleski

Welcome Mother Mia McDowell to Redeemer

On Sunday August 19, Rev. Mark will be visiting with his out of town family. He has wonderfully arranged for Rev. Mia to celebrate with us, both on Sunday and again on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Deacon Mia, is a native of Greenville, SC currently working in Spartanburg at St. Matthew's Church. She graduated in 2015 from The School of Theology at The University of the South, Sewanee .

"I am passionate about how beauty, music and, liturgy have the power to help those who follow Jesus Christ experience the majesty and love God has for all His creation. I take special interest in the areas of pastoral care, and spirituality, especially the balance between vocation, silence and stillness in our lives." - Mia McDowell

Join us for the 9:30am service as we welcome Mother Mia to our service and show her a great Redeemer welcome!!!



HOLY CHOW



It is time for Holy Chow!

Join us on August 26 after the 9:30am service, as the men in our

community host a Holy Chow for us! YUMMY!!!

This is when all our men folk come out and provide a delicious meal for us to enjoy while we enjoy each others company.

Thank you to all of the men for stepping up to help out with this meal. It is so appreciated by everyone in the community.

MEN- we will set up on Saturday, August 25 starting at 12:30pm. Call Betty Lupo to let her know you plan to be there to help.

We sure are having a lot of great fellowship moments this year! Hope everyone joins us for this!!

Samaritan House
We are collecting Macaroni & Cheese for Samaritan House for the month of August. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!



SHOP THE Yard Sale ONE day ONLY Saturday August 4th 9:00am to 10:pm

COME SEE THE FABULOUS TREASURES! And help some great charities too! Every penny goes to outreach or mission work!

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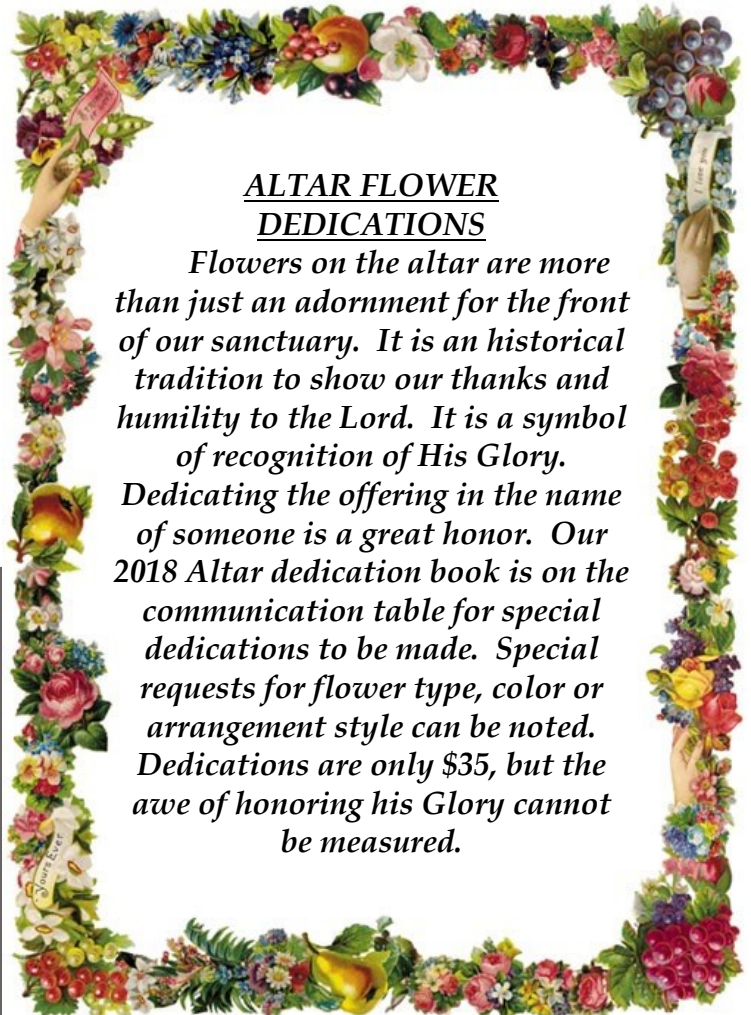
Are you receiving our monthly edition of Echoes in the mail? If you have not received Echoes, call the parish office to find out why. If you have, please share it with friends!

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.



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.

Charge from the Vestry for the Search for a New Rector

You are charged with the sacred duty of discerning whom God is calling to be the next Rector of The Church of the Redeemer. On behalf of the Vestry and all members of The Church of the Redeemer, we thank you for accepting this responsibility and ask you to select and recommend to the Vestry a final candidate and one or two acceptable alternate candidates. We are blessed with a warm and loving congregation and a parish that is financially sound and internally stable, and we now look forward to finding an outstanding new Rector who will move our church forward and upward in the next stage of our spiritual journey together.

We know that you are up to this challenge, and want you to know that you have our confidence and full support throughout your search.

How you do your work is up to you, but we charge you to look for candidates with the following characteristics as you conduct your search:

- Is loving and caring to people of all types, with a warm personal touch that will fit well with the welcoming atmosphere of Redeemer;
- Is gifted in preaching and teaching, with a talent for giving inspiring and emotionally moving sermons;
- Can provide loving and compassionate care to the members of our church, with a sincere interest in and gift for pastoral care, home visits (even when the parishioner does not have a medical crisis or other hardship), and reaching out to church members who may have become disaffected or uncertain about remaining at Redeemer;
- Is interested in attracting new members, especially families with young or school-age children, and gifted in helping our church achieve moderate growth; in this regard we view the following as positive factors:
 - Having a child or children still at home and in school (consequently, having previous experience as a rector is not a prerequisite – we are open to considering a strong candidate for whom this will be the first calling as a rector);
 - Works well with children, adolescents, and young adults, and will show great love to the children and youth of Redeemer;
- Has a “servant leadership” style of management, as opposed to an autocratic or dictatorial style;
- May be of either gender, but we would like to actively search for and consider female as well as male candidates.

Throughout your work, we also charge you to be aware of what you can and cannot discuss with others in the church (including the Wardens and Vestry), and to ensure that you have a method for secure, confidential communications.

Know that we and the other members of Redeemer will be praying for you, and in turn the Vestry asks that you be prayerful and attuned to the movement and will of the Holy Spirit as you do your work.

Finally, we ask that you listen deeply and respectfully to one another, embracing the potential tension of having diverse and varied thoughts and ideas, remaining mindful that each of you comes from a different place than the others, and ultimately being open to compromise and consensus as you strive to reach decisions based on what is best for the whole of our church.

We are grateful for your willingness to accept this charge. We believe that you will find this work enjoyable and fulfilling and, in the end, a source of great pride. Know that we are proud of you and wish you the best in this undertaking.

God's peace,
The Vestry

Stewardship

Financial Stewardship 2018

Again we address the question: *what is the purpose of a financial stewardship campaign?* We usually list raising money to pay Redeemer's bills, to improve our facilities, to increase wages of staff and to do good things in immediate community and maybe even beyond. We concluded that all were needs indeed, but that the real need relates to us.

As Stewards, we have a need to give back to God a portion of our blessings so we and our church can do God's work. Our stewardship campaign creates an intentional record of our generosity as participants in our mission of *Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ.*

Gary Powell, our missionary to The Ukraine has shared with us many times, the challenges and gifts that his mission provides. He has described his work with refugees living in Thailand and now with the people living The Ukraine. Gary uses basically all his personal income to support himself and his work with minimal assistance from those of us at Redeemer. In a November 2014 letter Gary penned to us from Thailand - he wrote:

I reflect upon a sermon I heard in Calvary church here on doing what God calls us to do outside the church, I thought back to what COR does within the city of Greenville and it is amazing. The church is committed to help bring the message of the Gospels to people in need. That is one thing that attracted me to the church some years ago. I encourage all in the church to take time out of their everyday lives and concerns and to deeply listen to what God expects them to do for the poor and oppressed. It may mean a total change in thinking or lifestyle but God will work His plan with you and guide and protect you along the way.

We continue to support those in need at Redeemer through Samaritan House and other outreach resources. Creativity and awareness allow support through such organizations as Shoes for Water. However, even with our creative efforts, financial support is critical to the outreach work that we are dedicated to at Redeemer. There are many more needs in our community and beyond. With your help and your commitment we can touch so many lives and bring God's love to those who may not know His healing touch.

Stewardship Sunday will be October 21st. Please be prayerful as you prepare to make your 2018 financial pledge.

Faithfully,

Your Stewardship committee:

Debbie Bauer (Vestry), Jack Blackburn (Vestry), Betty Boesch,
Wallace Lightsey (Vestry), Dot Sanders

August Readings				
Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
August 5	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Psalms 51:1-13	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 12	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalms 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 19	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Psalms 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 26	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43	Psalms 84:1-6	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69



The Church of the Redeemer
First Bicycle Rodeo
Sunday September 16th



Redeemer Children and their friends, pre-school through fifth grade, are invited to bring their two and three-wheel vehicles to our September 16th 9:30am Service. Training wheels welcome.

Follow the Cross in the procession to the front of the congregation where Father Mark will conduct a brief "Blessing of the Fleet."

Immediately following the service we will run our first Bicycle (& Tricycle) Rodeo on the Church parking lot. Competition categories Include:

- Best Decorated**
- Best Safety Equipped**
- Best Balance (Bikes Only)**
- Best Use of Brakes**
- Best Maneuvers**
- Many Others**



Ribbons will be awarded. Hot Dogs, snacks and beverages will be served. Photo Ops Galore! Plan now to attend and bring a friend. Contact Rev. Mark or Lori Hawkins with questions.

August • Ministry Schedule

COMBINED SERVICES

On Sundays 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.

COMINED 9:30 AM Service	AUGUST 5 9:30am	AUGUST 12 9:30am	AUGUST 19 9:30am	AUGUST 26 9:30am
Greeters	Dot & Ted Sanders	Debbie Bauer Elizabeth Koontz	Carol Hallman Fay Chadwick	Kathy & Larry Shugart
Acolytes	Katie Broderick	John Helm	Bill Lee	Debbie Price
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	Betty Boesch	David Mill	Joe Butchko
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Bill Lee	Robin Mill	Dot Sanders
2nd Chalice	Robin Mill	Meta Goodman	Wallace Lightsey	Ted Sanders
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 Cindy Wilson Stephany Austell
Counters	David Mill Meg Coffey	Bill Lee John Helm	John Warren Carol Hallman	Steve Webb Jane Bouton



August Birthdays & Anniversaries




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| 1 Carolyn & Ed Pro시오
Steve McCullough | 9 Rhonda & Steve Rutterbush
Gwen & Joe Batson | 15 Wendy Caney
Margaret Lee |
| 2 Andrea Helm | Micki Brown | Tony Wilson |
| 3 Leslie Entwistle
Jacob Hayes
Rod Snelson | 10 Andrea & John Helm | 18 Fay Chadwick |
| 6 Ray Campbell | 11 JoAnn Lynn | 19 Janice Ryskamp |
| 7 Phyllis & Steve Webb | 14 Margie Howard | 22 Ellie & Carl Thompson
Robbie Hamilton |
| | 14 Jackie Houston | 28 Richard Caney |
| | | 29 Pauline Warren |

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

AUGUST

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4 9:00am-1:00pm Yard Sale (Purser Hall) 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic	
5 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	6 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	7	8 10:30am Service Communion With healing Rev. Mark Moline 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	9 10 am Needle Craft 3 pm YAMS	10	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service	
12 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	13 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON 6 pm Stewardship Meeting	14 6:0 pm Finance Meeting	15 10:30 am Service Communion With healing Rev. Mark Moline 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	16 3 pm YAMS	17	18 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service	
19 Rev. Mia McDowell 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Back Pack Blessings 12:00 pm DOK 	20 9am-3pm Classical Conversations 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	21	22 10:30 am Service Communion With healing Rev. Mia McDowell 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	23 10 am Needle Craft 3 pm YAMS 6:30 pm Ultreya at Holy Cross	24	25 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service	
26 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Holy Chow	27 9am-3pm Classical Conversations 4 pm Tutoring 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	28	29 10:30 am Service Communion With healing Rev. Mark Moline 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	30 3 pm YAMS	31		



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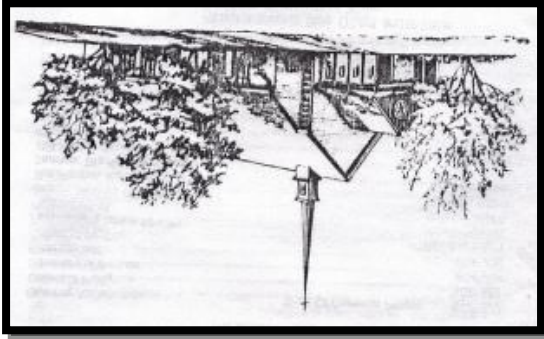
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Prayer for our Rector
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church,
and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish,
that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and
equip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

Come Join Us!