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THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Senior Warden

Wallace Lightsey

We are now in Advent, the beginning of the Church calendar, but for me it's difficult not to think of this time as one of things coming to an end. As we approach the close of another year, one's mind invariably turns to certain things ... memories of the past year ... what's in store for next year... football playoffs!

We should all feel good about the year we have had at Redeemer. We were thrown a bit of a curve ball not too far into the year, when we learned that our Rector would be leaving us for a different calling in Montana. This was not something that any of us expected, including Father Scott. But we handled his departure with love and mutual encouragement, and we stepped onto our path forward without any regret over the fact that we were now being called as a congregation to start a new journey. God was with us, blessing us with a wonderful interim priest and a renewed sense of energy for making Redeemer better.

What is particularly gratifying is how so many people have stepped up to keep Redeemer moving forward. Because of the hard work of many of our parishioners, we had our second, inspiring Summer of Service and our first ever bicycle rodeo, a successful yard sale, movie night at the Pumpkin Patch, pumpkin sales of over \$16,000 that raised nearly \$6,000 in donations for Samaritan House, Mother Teresa House, and the Pleasant Valley Connection, and a Halloween Trunk or Treat that provided a safe and fun

night for over 100 neighborhood kids. Redeemer became the only church in our diocese to have a Junior Daughters of the King chapter, and we hosted a joint assembly of the Daughters of the King and Episcopal Church Women. Substantial time and work have gone into fixing up and beautifying our buildings and grounds. We've enjoyed great fellowship events together, like our Lunch 'n' Learn in May, lemonade and ice cream on the lawn during the summer, Holy Chow brunches, and this Sunday, our annual Christmas Party. We had a very thought-provoking Adult Sunday School program with a discussion of the book, "Toxic Charity," culminating with visits with representatives of the three local charities mentioned above to discuss with us how we can best support the great work they are doing in our community.

In addition to all this, every week we have experienced beautiful and moving church services as a result of the dedication and hard work of our choir, altar guild, flower guild, greeters, ushers, vergers, lectors, and acolytes. And Father Mark continues to be an inspiration and blessing to us.

So there is much to be proud of, and thankful for, as this year at Redeemer comes to a close.

And much is in store for the coming year. In January we will be hosting a Sunday brunch and presentation by representatives of One Collective, the missionary organization that has



Vestry Meeting Summary

The summary for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found posted on the bulletin board outside the office.



It's Christmas Party Time!!!

This year the Redeemer Christmas Party will be on

Sunday, December 2 at 4:00PM

at the home of Clark & Celia Jernigan. As we have done in the past, this is an adult party and we ask that children not attend. Members and friends of Redeemer are welcome to attend.

Ham, Wine & Beer will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or hors d'oeuvre to share.

At the Jernigan House
710 Crescent Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Being The Face of Jesus With One Collective

Please join Bill and Diane Campbell on Sunday, January 27, for a special program on the ministry of One Collective.

This is the same organization with which Gary Powell is affiliated in his mission to the Ukraine. We will gather in Purser Hall immediately after the 9:30 service.

Janet Poleski will cater an African themed brunch for us to enjoy. Bill and Diane will give a short presentation of their recent South African trip, and Anna Pavey, Scott White, and James Callahan with One Collective will talk about the mission work that One Collective is doing across the globe.

Please join us to hear about Bill and Diane's trip and the great work that One Collective is carrying out.



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supported Gary Powell's mission in the Ukraine, and we hope to have other similar programs throughout the year. Our youth program is planning some fun and meaningful activities for the spring. There are several very exciting projects that are underway for the continuing improvement of our grounds and facilities – you will be hearing more about this over the next few months. And, although nothing can be stated with certainty, it is likely that we will call our new Rector sometime this year!

The Holy Spirit continues to move with us on our journey together. As we close out 2018 and begin a new year, let us all renew our commitment to doing

those things that truly expose us to more of God's wisdom and love, to opening our hearts and minds to new and wonderful things in the teachings of the Bible, and to strengthening our love and support for each other and for those less fortunate in our community.

As we read in the Letter to the Hebrews:

"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

-Wallace

Dates to Remember

December 2

10:45 AM Advent Wreaths
4:00 PM Christmas Party

December 9

5:00 PM EYC

December 16

3:00 PM Lessons & Carols
5:00 PM EYC

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:30 PM Family Service
10:00 PM Solemn Service

December 27

6:30 PM Ultreya at
Redeemer

December 23 & 30

No Sunday School

Finance Committee

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



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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Sue Bannio, *Parish Administrator*
Charles Owings, *Music Director, Organist*
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*
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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.*

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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,
email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

Christian Education

Can you believe it's December? It is one of the most wonderful times of year. I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family, food, and friends. Now, it is time to move on to December! There is always a lot going on at Redeemer, but especially this month.

Have you been to the Education Hall lately? There have been lots of busy bees hard at work improving and updating the nursery and the classrooms. If you and your family have not been to a Sunday school class lately you are in for a treat! There are dedicated and loving volunteers each week ready to teach, pray, and grow with your children.

This time of year is especially busy, but don't miss out on all the wonderful things Redeemer has to offer. Our church is truly a hidden gem and we want to spread the word! There has never been another church where my family and I have felt so loved and at home. We all want our church to grow, so that everyone can feel the love and support that comes from being part of a church family. We all must do our part, so that Redeemer will grow and continue to be the wonderful place that it is.

The church is not just the building. WE are the church. A living, breathing, example of God's love to carry out into Greenville and the world. December is the perfect time to invite your neighbors, coworkers, and friends...there is always room!

May we all experience God's Peace and joy this Advent and Christmas Season.
- Lori

Upcoming Events

Intergenerational Advent Wreath Activity

Dec. 2

Join us and make your own Advent Wreath to enjoy at home this season. We will meet in Purser Hall after the church service. Sign up in the Narthex to ensure we have enough supplies.

Angel Tree

Nov 25 thru Dec 16

supporting White Horse Academy
Take a tag off the tree in the Narthex if you would like to participate.

Christmas Eve 5:30 service

December 24

All children and youth are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant. Families and children alike look forward to this joyful tradition at Redeemer. The story of the birth of our dear Savior is told through the children's shining faces, costumes, and music. ALL children are invited to take part. You do not have to be a member to join in. There are no speaking parts to learn. Meet us in the Sanctus room between 4:30 and 5:00 to get into costume.

EYC

December 9 and 16

Youth group (grades 6-12) will meet from 5-7pm in The Dove's Nest.

Questions: Contact Lori Hawkins
lhredeemer@gmail.com



Adult Sunday School

Dog in the Manger

By Episcopal priest Tim Schenck



This Advent Season we will be reading and discussing this marvelous book by Father Tim Schenck. His humor infuses this short read and it is highlighted by illustrations from another priest, Jay Sidebotham. You will see yourself in his descriptions of the pre-Christmas distractions that lead us astray from the meaning of Christmas.

Here is a quote by Father Tim in the Forward.

"Our faith is a gift, but it isn't a perfectly wrapped present with exact folds or precisely tied bow. It is more like the way I wrap. Fortunately faith isn't about being neat and tidy. You may burn the Christmas roast, Santa may not bring your child exactly what she wanted, you might even get sick and miss out on the best party of the year. But through it all, God remains. "

Our discussions in Adult Sunday School on this book will help revive the source of our Joy in preparing for this Christmas. Join us on December 9, 16, & 23 after service.

The first chapter is entitled Preparing the Way. (Subtitle "I can't wait"). The book will be available in the Transept on Sunday, December 2, so you can read the first chapter. That Sunday you can light your first Advent candle after you make your wreath during Sunday School. The cost is \$10 or less if you have already exceeded your Christmas budget. Leave the money or check (payable to Rick Hankinson) in the container next to the books.



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



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



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

Pastoral Care

Gary Powell in the Ukraine



Please keep our missionary Gary Powell in your prayers. He is in the Ukraine sharing the Gospel with the Ukrainian people. Included here is an email Bill Lee received from Gary and some photos of Gary with the Ukrainian people.

Greetings from a chilly Ukraine. I am getting a taste of the change in seasons here which I did not have in Thailand. It gets down to the mid 30's at night with the daytime temps in the mid 50. It is actually one of the warmer parts of the country since we have the Transcarpathian mountains buffering the cold. It is much colder say in Kiev or Lviv in the central part of the country. I am sure using all the heavy coats and sweaters people gave me.

I have been in the Roma camps the past few days meeting with the Roma pastors in each camp and gave them the knitting to give out to the neediest people. I was advised to go through the Roma churches and the pastors I have established contact with to help with the knitting. I have to be careful on my approach with this culture group and always go with one of the Romas that are known in each camp as well as my interpreter. Even though I have been seen in each of the camps and go into their homes, it could be dangerous for me to into the camps alone.

I can not describe what doors God has opened up for me in going into the homes. My interpreter who is known throughout the camps took some pictures of several camps and me giving out some of the knitting. I don't take pictures as there has been



problems in the past with foreigners taking pictures. Several of the pictures show the desperate condition of the camps.

Another reason I am writing is to ask for your

prayers and Redeemers prayers for guidance and safety. I have a trip scheduled to the East of the country on the front lines of the ongoing war with Russia. I will be going with my Ukrainian pastor from December 4 to December 11. Traveling by train to Kiev and then to a city on the front lines.



I had to first get permission from my team leader to go into the war zone because the Russians had been bombing the city, but the Ukrainian army pushed the Russians back and the bombing has stopped and it is relatively safe. I will be joining a young lady working with youth in the war area. I am

going to provide any support they need and provide prayer support. This is not something I immediately decided to do. God put it on my heart to go but I put it on the shelf to pray about because I wanted to get further confirmation this was God led and not my idea. I hope that I will be able to share Christ's love to these young people.

I hope that this note finds you and Patty doing well. Please share my prayer requests as you can. Let me hear from you when you get a chance.

His,

Gary Powell



Email Gary at gspowell52@gmail.com



Angel Tree at Redeemer

Help us as we support White Horse Academy for our Christmas Outreach Project this year. White Horse Academy is a 16 bed residential treatment program for adolescent males ages 13-17 who are struggling with problems related with substance abuse.

The Angel Tree in the Narthex has tags with gifts that are needed for these boys. If you would like to participate, please take a tag with the item that you wish to purchase. If you are buying pajamas, please bring them back wrapped together with the tag on the outside showing the size.

Deadline to bring in your item is no later than December 16

Gifts can be dropped off Monday to Thursday during office hours or place your gift under the tree on Sunday mornings.

A Little Back Story...

White Horse Academy is part of The Phoenix Center which is an on-profit organization that assists the citizens of Greenville County with the prevention and treatment of substance abuse. In the summer of 2017 as part of our S.O.S., Redeemer parishioner's spent a day at another facility that is part of The Phoenix Center, Serenity Place- a home for women and young mothers battling substance abuse.

If you have any questions please contact the Outreach Committee.

ARCUM Donates Pumpkin Patch Proceeds

We had our most successful patch so far!!!! Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success! On November 20 members of ARCUM went to the three charities to give them the proceeds of the pumpkin patch. Each charity received a check for: \$1,868.54 after we raised over \$5,600 from the sales.

Mother Teresa House, Samaritan House, and Pleasant Valley Connection were so excited to think of all the people they can now help with these funds.





Christmas Pageant

The children and adults look forward to this wonderful tradition at Redeemer every year. Our pageant will take place on Christmas Eve at the 5:30 service. This is for all children and youth.

You do not have to be a member of Redeemer to participate. There are no lines to rehearse or assigned parts all you have to do is show up and pick out a costume. Meet us in the Sanctus room between 4:30 and 5:00 to get into costume.

Join us for **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Christmas EVE

Sunday, December 24

5:30 PM Family Service

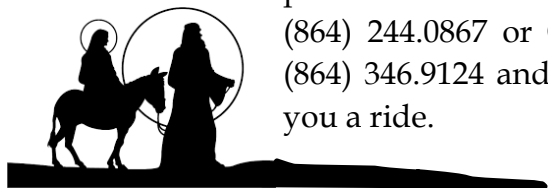
Children should arrive between 4:30-4:45 to prepare for the Christmas Pageant. We will meet in the Godly Play room.

10:00 pm Festival Service

Music with the Choir & Special Musicians

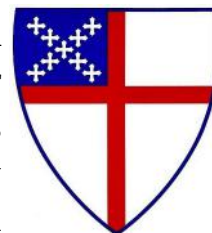
CHRISTMAS MORNING

We will not be having a church service on Christmas morning this year. If you would like to come to our Christmas Eve services, but are reluctant to do so, because of transportation, please contact Carol Hallman (864) 244.0867 or Greg Brown (864) 346.9124 and we will get you a ride.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting to elect our convention delegates and welcome our new Vestry members will be on Sunday, January 20, 2019, immediately following the conclusion of the 9:30am service. Please plan to attend this important meeting and welcome our 2019 Vestry.



All members of the 2019 Vestry will be installed on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

The first Vestry meeting of 2019 will be the annual retreat on January 11 & 12.

December Readings				
Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
December 2	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-9	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
December 9	Baruch 5:1-9	Canticle 16	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
December 16	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Canticle 9	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
December 23	Micah 5:2-5a	Canticle 15	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
December 30	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalms 147:13-21	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	John 1:1-18

Samaritan House

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




PHOTO DIRECTORY

It is time to update the photo directory! Let Sue know that you would like a new photo in the directory. We need 4 more families to have their photo taken in order to get new directories. No cost. Just tell Sue: 864-277-4562 or parishadmin@corgsc.org.




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.

Sunday Service Time

Since the single 9:30am combined service has been so well received, the Vestry has decided to continue having one service at 9:30am on Sundays until we have a new rector. Sunday School follows the service, from 10:45am to 11:45am.



The Search Is ON!

Our search committee met with Rev. D'Rue Hazel to receive the names of eligible candidates for the rector position on Sunday, October 21.



RECTOR SEARCH

Interviews started on October 25. As candidates are selected the committee will then travel to their location to see them in action in their current roles.

Stay tuned for more information.



Redeemer can now be selected as a charity when you shop with Amazon Smile. The direct link is:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0347692>

December • Ministry Schedule

	Dec 2 9:30am	Dec 9 9:30am	Dec 16 9:30am	Dec 23 9:30am	Dec 30 9:30am
Greeters	Debbie Bauer Elizabeth Koontz	Josh Hawkins Bill Lee	Cynthia & Bruce Eason	Lee Quinn Jack Jackson	Beth & Robbie Hamilton
Acolytes	Katie Broderick Matthew Derrick Will Derrick	Riley Hawkins JE.Hawkins Jackie Houston Malain Houston	Ryan Ginn George Poleski John Helm	Robin Mill Sadie Butchko Sarah Meade William Meade	Will Jennings Bill Lee John Helm
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	David Poleski	Bill Heizer	David Mill	Betty Boesch
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Andrea Helm	Ted Sanders	Robin Mill	Bill Lee
2nd Chalice	Wallace Lightsey	Judy Planck	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee	Betty Boesch
Altar Guild	Katie Broderick Margie Hankinson Dick & Margaret Lee	Stephany Austell Susan Butler Betsy Walt	Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick Judy Planck	Sandy Oliver Janet Poleski Carolyn Pro시오 Cindy Wilson	Meta Goodman Margie Hankinson Sandy Oliver Carolyn Pro시오
Flower Guild	Robin Mill / Carolyn Pro시오	Louise Heizer	Lauren McCullough	All Arrangers	June Moore / Cynthia Eason
Counters	Meg Coffey David Mill	Bill Lee John Helm	Carol Hallman	Steve Webb Jane Bouton	Cynthia Eason David Mill





December Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Judy Planck	15 Lori Hawkins
4 Lori & Josh Hawkins	Neil Massey
Patrick Pryor	19 Mona Ferguson
Andrew Reardon	22 Betsy Chiles
8 Clark Jernigan	Carolyn McCullough
Earlene Nall	23 Kevin Hayes
10 Janet Poleski	24 Frances Steele
12 Samantha Warren	25 Zeager Evan
13 Ellison Christie	28 George Poleski
Heather Johnson	29 Judy Derrick
14 Beth Plante	30 Cindy Wilson

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

	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Greeters	Louise & Bill Heizer	Janet & David Poleski
Crucifer	Matthew Derrick	George Poleski
Banner	Will Derrick	
Torch 1	Kaleb Reardon	Debbie Price
Torch 2	J. E. Hawkins	Katie Broderick
Lector 1	Rick Hankinson	Joe Butchko
Lector 2	Meta Goodman	Wallace Lightsey
2nd Chalice	Katie Houston	Meg Coffey
Altar Guild	Margaret & Dick Lee Margie Hankinson	Stephany Austell Janet Poleski
Flower Guild	ALL ARRANGERS	
Counters	Bill Lee	

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
2 ADVENT 1 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Advent Wreath Activity 4 pm Christmas Party	3 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	4 6pm Handbells	5 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	6 10 am Needle Craft 3 pm YAMS	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
9 ADVENT 2 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Sunday School 5pm EYC	10 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	11 6pm Finance Committee 6pm Handbells	12 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	13 3 pm YAMS	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
16 ADVENT 3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Sunday School 5pm EYC	17 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	18 6pm Handbells	19 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	20 3 pm YAMS	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
23 ADVENT 4 9:30 am Holy Eucharist No Sunday School	24 OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	25 OFFICE CLOSED 	26 OFFICE CLOSED 12 pm AA	27 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Ultreya @ Redeemer	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
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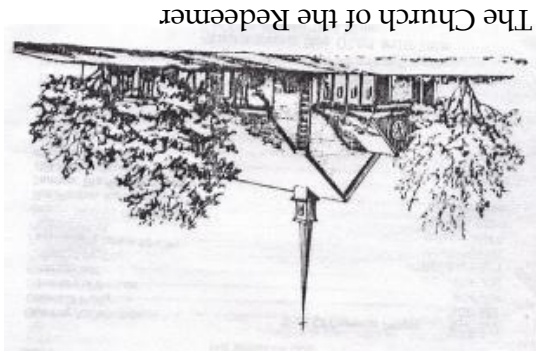
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Prayer for our Rector
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church,
and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish,
that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and
equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come Join Us!
Sunday 9:30AM Service
Wednesday 10:30 AM Service