



ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

JANUARY 2019

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From The Senior Warden

Wallace Lightsey

As we are reminded by Christmas, God is constantly surprising us. The Messiah comes, not as an earthly ruler, not as a mighty warrior, but as a child in a manger. The witnesses are not Roman rulers and generals, nor priests and leaders of the Jewish nation, but poor shepherds and a few wandering foreigners. Jesus's whole earthly life consisted of a series of acts and teachings that defied expectations and caught people – both his followers and his enemies – off guard.

God continues to surprise us. Sometimes those surprises are positive, even miraculous, and we rejoice in them. Other times those surprises upset our carefully crafted plans.

We at Redeemer had to deal with a big surprise last spring. It was not what I would have wished for at the beginning of the year, and yet God transformed it into a meaningful and beneficial experience for us. It quickly became clear that the Holy Spirit was with us as we journeyed along our new path. Many, many people stepped up to help. There seemed to be a newfound sense of joy and fellowship in our gatherings. Folks we had not seen for a while started coming back to church. Being temporarily without a rector became a catalyst for creativity, change, and improvement.

Recently we have been presented with another surprise, Charles Owings, our organist and music director, will be moving on to First Methodist Church of Laurens. We will begin the search

for an organist soon and keep you updated. Again, it is not what I would have wished for, but again I have no doubt that it will be a good and positive change for us and for Charles. We wish him the best.

As we celebrate the beginning of a new year, the challenge for us is to carry throughout the year our ability to be surprised by what God is doing and to allow God to use us to surprise the world. We make God known by doing God's work in the world. We continue to have vital partnerships with Mother Teresa House, the Pleasant Valley Connection, and Samaritan House, and we hope to strengthen and build upon those partnerships this year. As a community, we are growing how we share Christ with the world around us.

Epiphany is a good time to meditate on the mystery of God coming to dwell with us and what that means for us as disciples of Jesus. It reminds us of the work to be done. There's a poem called "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, that has fitting words for this time of the year:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,*

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NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

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*To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

As a new year begins, let us resolve to keep these words in our hearts throughout the weeks and

months ahead. Our community and our world are in great need, and more than ever, we need to be people of prayer, faith, and compassion. We need to love each other and love God above all else. We need to draw near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ.

-Wallace



PHOTO DIRECTORY

A new 2019 Photo directory will be replacing the 2017 version. If you would like your picture in our parish directory please sign up for a time on

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 between 2pm and 9pm

This photo day is for:

- 1) New members
- 2) Members who want their photo updated
- 3) Members who did not get a photo in the 2017 directory
- 4) Anyone who wants to change their photo, or be added to the directory

We will be using the 2017 photos and information as our base and adding and updating with those who shows up for this photo day. This is a great opportunity to get that family photo you have always wanted or to just get a new professional photo of you and your loved ones! There will be signup information in the bulletin on January 13.

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 a 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.



Dates to Remember

January 6

5 PM EYC

January 11

Vestry Retreat Weekend

January 20

Annual Parish Meeting
2PM Convocation Meeting
5PM EYC

January 24

ULTREYA at Christ Church

January 27

One Collective Presentation

January 29

2PM—9PM Photo Day

February 10

HOLY CHOW

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*
blackburnjh@gmail.com
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,
email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

Christian Education

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with our Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. It is always such a sweet part of the service and something the children and adults look forward to every year. Also, thank you to E.Y.C. and Joe Butchko for the luminaries that light up the church grounds on Christmas Eve. They are always such a beautiful sight to see and such a gift for the church and community.

Now that the hustle and bustle of the season has come to an end, I am looking forward to things slowing down a bit and getting back into a routine.

I believe 2019 is going to truly be a wonderful year for Redeemer! Only God knows what this year will hold for us, and I am looking forward to seeing His plan unfold.

We have so many good things... important things in this special place.

The things that make Redeemer special are not things at all.

They are loving, caring, faithful friends that become family. They are disciples that want to serve the Lord and each other more than themselves. Although, each of us will stumble and fall short, there is great comfort to know we have our Savior and each other to lean on and learn from along the way.

Cheers to a bright new year in 2019!

- Lori

Upcoming Events

E.Y.C.

(youth group grades 6-12)

Jan. 6 and Jan. 20

We will meet in
The Dove's Nest 5-7pm

EYC Ski Trip

2/1- 2/3 at the Jernigan's mountain home in Burnsville N.C.

Questions: Contact Lori Hawkins
lhredeemer@gmail.com

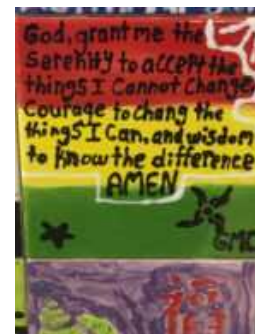


Angel Tree



Thank you to everyone that donated gifts for Redeemer's Angel Tree. Your gifts were taken to White Horse Academy and placed under their tree for Christmas.

Because of your generosity, each teen received a pair of pajamas, a \$10 Chick-fil-a gift card, and a \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift card.



In loving memory of our family and friends who were called home by the Lord in 2018

*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure.*
~ Renee Wood

Don Williams
April 6, 1930 – March 17, 2018

Rebecca Ginn
April 11, 1960 – April 3, 2018

Dr. Gene Cornett
March 2, 1930 – June 12, 2018

Adult Sunday School

What a Fabulous line up we have to start the new year off right in Sunday School for all of our adults!!

Join us after Sunday Services on this spiritual journey!

January 6 & 13

Take a Journey with the Magi as we celebrate Epiphany and find out more about these mysterious men

January 20

Attend our Annual parish meeting. We will not have Sunday School this week so that EVERYONE can meet the new vestry and hear the State of Redeemer address!

January 27

Diane and Bill Campbell will host a One Collective brunch and presentations in Purser Hall. You do not want to miss this! Janet Poleski is cooking us a delicious brunch.

In February

Betty Boesch will be leading a discussion on "How Do I Know?" More details will be in the February Echoes.

February 10

HOLY CHOW our men folk will cook for us in Purser Hall after service. What a great time to fellowship with everyone.

As **March** approaches, believe it or not, we will be starting our Lenten journey with Father Mark leading Wednesday night sessions and Sunday School will have a program from the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

**There is so much going on here at Redeemer!
We encourage you to come and be a part of all of it!**

2019 Vestry Information



The Episcopal Church Canons allow a church that is without a rector to ask the Bishop to allow the outgoing vestry or wardens to stay in office past the end of their term until a new rector is called.

At the November meeting the Vestry adopted a resolution to make this request of the Bishop. Through an email to Rev. d'Rue Hazel we have received permission from Bishop Waldo for Wallace Lightsey to stay on as the Vestry Senior Warden, and Stephany Austell to stay on as the Vestry Junior Warden. They will stay on in their current positions until a Rector is chosen.

Please be sure to thank and encourage Wallace & Stephany as they begin their extended stay on Vestry.



Father Mark's Remarks

Perhaps it is living in the "Information Age" that leads one to the fallacy that "wisdom" is comprised solely of accumulated informational knowledge. It is not! Wise thinking is so much more than processing bits of information. Real thinking may include concepts such as reason, logic, philosophy, prudence, discernment, insight and even belief, hope and faith. We read early in the Proverbs of Solomon that, "Fear (sovereign respect) of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom." An awareness of humankind's subordination to a higher power brings great insight to the knowledge we do accumulate. It brings even more insight to the knowledge we don't possess, for we understand far less about our universe than we know to be scientific fact.

T.S. Eliot wrote:

"The endless cycle of idea and action,
Endless invention, endless experiment,
Brings knowledge of motion, but not of
stillness;

Knowledge of speech, but not of silence;
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of
the Word.

All our knowledge brings us nearer to
our ignorance,

All our ignorance brings us nearer to
death,

But nearness to death not nearer to God.
Where is the Life we have lost in living?
Where is the wisdom we have lost in
knowledge?

Where is the knowledge we have lost in
information?

The cycles of Heaven in twenty
centuries

Bring us farther from God and nearer to
the Dust."

Let us not just be God's thinking people; let us
be God's wise and thinking people.

- Father Mark

Certified Wildlife Habitat

Thanks to the work of Father Mark, Redeemer is now certified as a Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation and South Carolina Wildlife Federation. Ask Father Mark about this certification!



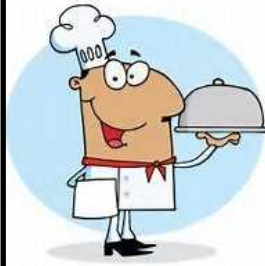
"We are so proud to recognize you as a friend of wildlife who is helping birds, butterflies and other local wildlife. Your certification puts us one habitat closer to the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, a national effort to restore critical habitat for pollinators. Your efforts also contribute to a growing corridor of hundreds of certified habitats in your state through our partnership with South Carolina Wildlife Federation."

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



Join us for **HOLY CHOW**
On February 10.

Calling all the men in the parish to cook for this fellowship event. It is a great time to gather as a church and enjoy a brunch together.

With the men doing the cooking!

Thank you Redeemer

Our members have been so generous to those in need this year within our community. Please take time to stop by and read the thank you notes posted on the bulletin board outside the parish office.



Christmas at Redeemer

Christmas Eve at Redeemer was beautiful! The children's Christmas Pageant brought home the true meaning of this glorious day. The luminaries light the way to our church. The night was made special with music from the joint hand bell choir of Trinity and Redeemer and added to our already deep and spiritual celebration of Rite I at the 10:00pm service.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously for the Christmas offering and for being present!





2018 Memories



January Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
January 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalms 72:1-7,10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalms 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 20	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalms 36:5-10	1 Cor 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 27	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalms 19	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

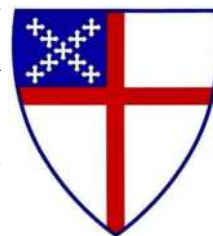
Samaritan House

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



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.

Keep them in your prayers as they make decisions for the parish.



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>

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.


Still busy at work through the holidays.....
Stay tuned for more information.

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.

January • Ministry Schedule

	Jan 6 9:30am	Jan 13 9:30am	Jan 20 9:30am	Jan 27 9:30am
Greeters	Louise & Bill Heizer	Wallace Lightsey Meredith Manker	Betty Lupo Dinah Johnson	Robin & David Mill
Acolytes	Robin Mill Matthew Derrick Will Derrick	Riley Hawkins Joseph Ethan Hawkins Kaleb Reardon William Meade	Ryan Ginn Will Jennings Katie Broderick	Bill Lee Sadie Butchko Malain Houston Jackie Houston
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	Rick Hankinson	Betty Boesch	Elizabeth Koontz
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Phyllis Webb	Meta Goodman	Dot Sanders
2nd Chalice	Bill Lee	Robin Mill	Betty Boesch	Ted Sanders
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Betsy Walt Susan Butler Stephany Austell	Sandy Oliver Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Judy Planck Carolyn Pro시오 Cindy Wilson Janet Poleski
Counters	Jane Bouton John Helm	Carol Hallman Steve Webb	Jane Bouton Cynthia Eason	Meg Coffey David Mill




January Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Bruce Eason	11 Gretchen Grounsell	18 Morgan Helm
2 Kyle Meade	11 Maria Webb	20 Ralph Goodman
West Plante	13 Delmas Allen	21 Joe McCullough
Trey Skardon	14 Jason Houston	22 Debbie Price
3 Ann & Kyle Meade	15 William Meade	26 Craig Groundsell
5 Paige Russo	16 Betty Herrin	Margaret Plante
7 Judy & Scott Derrick	Lauren McCullough	27 Pat & Jack Blackburn
Laurie & Tom Ethridge	17 Daniel Derrick	31 Katie Broderick
8 Frances & Jason Zacher	Will Derrick	Gwen Lance
10 Julie Hayes		

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



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 2019 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.

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR Office closed	2 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA	3 10am Needle Craft 3 pm YAMS	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
6  9:30 am Holy Eucharist Installation of Vestry 10:45 Sunday school 5pm EYC	7 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	8 5 pm 12-step Yoga 6 pm Handbells	9 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	10 3 pm YAMS	11 OFFICE CLOSED VESTRY RETREAT WEEKEND	12 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
13 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Sunday School	14 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	15 5 pm 12-step Yoga 6 pm Finance Committee 6 pm Handbells	16 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	17 10am Needlecraft 3 pm YAMS	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
20 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am ANNUAL MEETING 2 pm Convocation Meeting at Redeemer 5pm EYC	21 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	22 5 pm 12-step Yoga 6 pm Handbells	23 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	24 3 pm YAMS 6:30pm Ultreya Christ Church	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
27 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Sunday School One Collective Presentation and brunch	28 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	29 2:00pm-9pm PICTURES for new Photo Directory 5 pm 12-step Yoga	30 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	31 3 pm YAMS		



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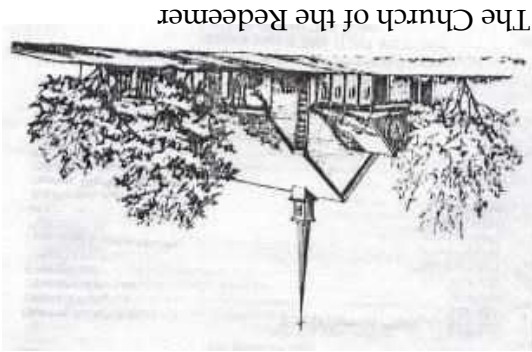
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changes via email: parishadmin@corpsc.org.

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