

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 Rector

The Ride of Your Life!

In the winter of 1985, at the corner of Academy and Astrozon Blvds in Colorado Springs, I recognized a profound truth. Sitting in my car at stoplight with a Dominos Pizza sign suctioned to the top of my car, in a part of town where I was unlikely to run into any clients from my struggling commercial real estate career, I admitted to God (if he was really there, I thought to myself) that I could not journey through this life without him at my side. I know. You would expect that a proclamation such as that would be made at the end of a powerful church service with music playing and people praying. But for me it was in the midst of frustration and anger in a blue Honda Civic delivering pizza in order to buy peanut butter and pay rent. And at that moment, I felt the touch of God so profoundly that everything in my life changed. Well, at least everything was put on the path to change. When the stoplight turned green the road that I was driving on was still the same, but my life path had altered dramatically.

In the years to come from that day, God led me on a path that brought me to a type of joy and peace that had never existed in my life. Working with youth, serving in church,



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leading mission trips, learning guitar for worship, serving on vestry, volunteering at a soup kitchen, taking teenagers to a national leadership conference, playing in the bell choir... All things that I had never imagined that I would do or love so much.

As my journey with God moved into the 1990s, a song by Stephen Curtis Chapman captured my imagination and became, in many ways, how I was coming to know my life with Christ. Exciting, joyful, filled with peace, even as I built my business career and lived my life. God taught me through this song about seeing life as something bigger than my How, if we choose a making. solitary path, we wake up every morning chasing our own thoughts running in circles for the sake of our own goals.

The song revealed that the Bible, when opened and read, tells us our personal story.

"I opened up the Bible and I read about me! Said I'd been a prisoner and God's grace had

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 Senior Warden

Most of us do not like change. Even in the best of circumstances, it almost always involves some element of hassle, some departure from routines that have become accustomed and comfortable, some venturing into the unknown. In the worst of circumstances, change can cause anxiety, fear, even panic.

The changes now facing The Church of the Redeemer come in the best of Father Scott has handled the circumstances. communication of his decision to us with great love and respect for our parish and congregation. He has done everything possible to ensure that our transition is a smooth one. While it is deeply sorrowful to see a good friend leave, I am not aware of any anger or bitterness over his decision, and this is all due to the gentle and loving way in which Father Scott has dealt with Redeemer while embracing the change in where God is calling him.

We, in turn, owe it to Father Scott to do all that we can to ensure that we say farewell to him and Jane with the same love and respect they have shown to us. There will be a good-bye party for them on May 6, following the 10:30 service, in Purser Hall.

The following Sunday, May 13, will be Father Scott's last here at Redeemer.

I ask everyone who can come on either of these Sundays, please be there.

The Bible instructs us that God is all about change. "Behold, I am making all things new," He tells us in the Book of Isaiah and in the Revelation to John. The Sunday after Father Scott preaches his last sermon here - May 20 is very appropriately the Sunday of Pentecost, and also Youth Sunday. Both embody the beginning of the Church.

God is making something new at Redeemer. Let's embrace that change together, with the constant and unchanging quality of this Church - our love for God and for each other.

By Wallace Lightsey



Yard Sale—ONE day ONLY Saturday August 4th 9:00am to 100:pm

Collection dates: **May 1st until July 1st**. (No items accepted after July 1st) Contact Stephany Austell 864-288-2412 if you have questions.

GRADUATION

The season of Graduation is upon us! If you have a family

member who is graduating (or graduated since last June) please let us know so we can recognize them in our June Echoes. Send their full name, school, and level of achievement so we can acknowledge and congratulate them. High School, Trade School, College, Masters or Doctorate, send them all to parishadmin@corgsc.org.



If your student is starting a college program, send us their name for the bulletin prayer list too!

Dates to Remember

- May 5 Reedy River Duck Derby
- MAY 6 Celebrating our Rector
- May 20
- 12:30pm Lunch & Learn
- June 3 Project Host Soup Kitchen

June 25-29

9am-12pm Summer Of Service

August 4 Yard Sale

September 9

Parish Picnic at Cleveland Park

ONLINE CALENDAR

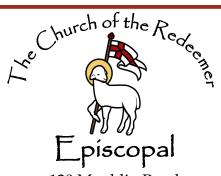
Redeemer now has an online calendar so you can keep up to date with all the comings and goings here at the church. The calendar is linked to the weekly email. To add your name to our email distribution please email or call the parish office.

Events can be added by contacting the office.



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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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

Spring took a little while to get here, but I think it has finally sprung, and hopefully for good this time. May will be a busy month. It's funny, some of us on staff say things like, "Christmas is over, things will slow down, or once we get through Easter we can take a breath." Nope, Jesus has other plans! He keeps us on our toes and has wonderful plans for Redeemer. There is always a lot to do and new things to achieve to help us get better at being the hands and feet of the church. HE is never finished with us and for that I am forever grateful.

Sunday school classes for the youth will end on May 20. Thank you so much to all the teachers that devote their time and talent to the youth of Redeemer. I say this every year, but without each of you, there would be no Christian Education. We truly cannot thank you all enough for sharing your love and faith with our children: Jane Anderson, Katie and Larry Broderick, Meg Coffey, Judy Derrick, Margie Hankinson, Andrea Helm, Sherri Houston, Ann Meade, June Moore. Courtney Papadopoulos, Debbie Price, Paige Russo, Kathy Shugart.

We will celebrate our seniors and youth on May 20 at both services.

We have three graduating seniors: Thomas Jennings Kaitlyn Massengill Elliott Webb

They have all been active in E.Y.C. and Outreach over the years. We wish you many blessings as this next chapter in your lives begin. We will miss seeing your faces and all the good times we've shared in youth group. But, you can't get rid of us, we are all family and will see you at church. In a few years I will be asking you to teach Sunday school!

Much love and God's Peace, Lori Hawkins



May 5 <u>Duck Derby at Falls Park</u> 10:00-4:00pm Redeemer will have a tent staffed by EYC... come see us!

May 20

<u>Youth Sunday</u> during both services Last day of Sunday school Last E.Y.C. while we break for summer

June 3 <u>Project Host Soup Kitchen</u>

June 25-29 <u>S.O.S.</u> <u>Summer of Service</u> 9:00am -12:00pm Help us kick start summer with Redeemer's

second annual S.O.S. More details to follow!

August 4

<u>Annual yard sale</u> Get your spring cleaning done and drop off your donations! Last day to drop off is June 30. Items located in room 209 Education Hall.

> Questions ? Contact Lori Hawkins at Ihredeemer@gmail.com



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set me free. And somewhere between the pages it hit me like a lightning bolt. I saw a big frontier in front of me and I heard someone say, 'Let's Go!'"

The second verse of this song of my life takes revelation and turns it into invitation. It invites us to the ride of our lives. It tells us that faith should not be somber our and downtrodden. It calls us to the excitement of a life with God through his Son in a community of believer within a world that needs to hear about It tells us that there are new horizons him. beyond this world that are there for us to discover and explore, explaining that that is what we were created for.

"So come on, get ready for the ride of your life! Gonna leave long-faced religion in a cloud of dust behind. And discover all the new horizons just waiting to be explored. This is what we were created for!"

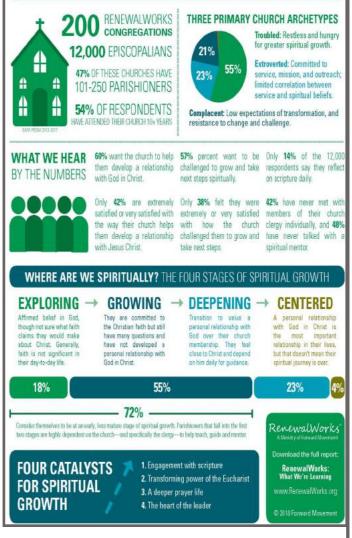
And that has been my story. Sometimes scary. Sometimes amazing. Always joyful! Come on get ready for the ride or your life! That is what we were created for. And that is what God invites us all to.

The final verse brings it home. It includes the words, "This is the greatest journey that the human heart will ever see. The love of God will take us far beyond our wildest dreams." That is the journey and the life that God promises us.

As Jane and I get ready to continue on the ride that God has put us on that will take us to a new place within his kingdom, there are not words to express how we have been blessed by our time at Redeemer. The ride of Jane's and my life has intersected with the ride of your lives, and the life of The Church of the Redeemer, and as Genesis says, "and God saw that it was good", just as he intended it to be.

What great joy lies ahead for all of us. Embracing God's call. Feeling his love. Engaging God's mission. We may not know exactly what awaits over the horizon, but we are

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invited to go there with excitement, because God is already there waiting to show us our part for that time.

The chorus between each verse from Stephen Curtis Chapman's song *The Great Adventure* goes like this...

> "Saddle up you horses! We've got a trail to blaze. Through the wild blue yonder, Of God's amazing Grace. Lets follow our leader, Into the Glorious unknown. This is the life like no other. This is the great adventure!"

> > ...And we are all invited!!



Be A Lucky Duck and join the Duck Derby

Race your duck down the Reedy River!!! Buy a duck, and join EYC downtown at the Redeemer Tent on **Saturday, May 5 from 10-4pm** Prizes awarded to the winners!



BUY A DUCK!!! \$10 per duck or 4 ducks for 30 bucks!

Redeemer EYC earns 20% of every duck purchased.

Ducks must be purchased ahead of time. If you have any questions go to Joe Butchko (864) 901-6662. Visit www.ReedyRiverDuckDerby.com

Equip - Engage -Embrace

Join the Journey of Discipleship!

Every Sunday at 9:40am

SOS SUMMER OF SERVICE

Our Summer of Service events are in the planning stages. Mark your calendars for June 25-29 and join us as we serve others during this special week. We will meet at the location at 9am and help until 12pm Monday through Friday.

We are still seeking charities to help. If you know of a location we can serve, contact Lori Hawkins at 864-360-5845.

Update on our Missionary in the Ukraine

I arrived here finally last Friday night with no problem crossing the border from Slovakia into Ukraine. I am living in a Ukrainian neighborhood and have located a market and with great difficulty am getting supplies I need because I don't speak the language. Uzhgorod is a small city where I can walk to most places that I need to go. I got out on the streets to explore the old part of the city with castles and Orthodox churches. One sees families and couples walking the streets. Something quite different from the states. I went with a member of the team to one of the biggest Roma camps. They live in a district where the Jews lived before WWII and after they fled the Romas moved in. I met with several Roma community leaders and walked the streets. The only place I have worked and saw such terrible conditions that human beings live was Calcutta. I visited 4 Roma families went into their houses and with the help of an interpreter introduced myself. Some of the houses have no

windows some with only a tin roof and no walls and the whole district has no running water. While out in the village I was asked by many to come into their house and pray with them. The roads in and around the area are hardly passable for a car and when it rains they flood. My heart aches for them and I knew that this is the place I need to be to spread Christ's love. I met a Roma pastor and was invited to his church Sunday afternoon for a service. Today I am going out again to meet with another ministry that is working with the Romas. Sickness and poverty is all around especially TB. I prayed with a woman who has TB the other day. Each day is filled with opportunities to spread God's love. There is so much to tell about the new culture and environment.

Thanks for all you do for me to continue to spread the Gospel and Christ's love.

Brother in Christ, Gary Powell ECHOES

Celebrating our Rector 12:00 pm, May 6

Please plan to join together as a congregation as we gather to wish Fr. Scott and Jane well as they answer God's call to St. Peter's Cathedral in the Diocese of Montana. While they will be truly missed, God invites us to celebrate their ministry among us, to embrace with them the new ministry to which they are being called, and to the excitement of what God is planning for The Church of the Redeemer in the future. We are all one Body in Christ, serving together in one mission, even when separated geographically. We will have a farewell party for Scott and Jane at Redeemer on May 6th after the 10:30am service in Purser Hall. The following Sunday, May 13th, will be



Fr. Scott's last Sunday at Redeemer. On that day we hope you will be in church as our worship will include The Liturgy of Leave Taking, as we send Scott and Jane out from Redeemer with our blessings to serve God in another part of God's creation.

God is good in all things! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

BETH MOORE BINGE-A-THON

(a video series based on the life and journeys of Paul, an apostle of Christ.)

OK, it's almost time for the Beth Moore Binge-A-Thon. Here are the dates (all on Saturdays): May 5 & 19 and June 2, 2018. Mark your calendars, please!!

We're calling it a Binge-A-Thon because we could easily be here three to four hours each Saturday, starting at 9am. Thus, we need to come prepared with drink and and food joy and anticipation. Also, you will want to bring pad and pen to take notes. We will meet in the Youth Room in the Education Bldg. The plan is to watch 3 sessions each week and have discussion after each video because they are so powerful.



So bring your refreshments for yourself and some to share if you desire. I would appreciate your letting me know if you're going to participate just so we can have an idea of how much seating space to prepare for. It's going to be fun! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you. Everyone is invited--even you men!!

To RSVP or if you have any questions, contact Betty Boesch, or Margie Hankinson.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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 <u>bethh@blackelectricalsupply.com</u> Pastoral Care

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Learn—Study—Create

Are you looking for something new in your life?

Redeemer's fellowship is looking to bring us together for some fun small group sessions for women to share.

Do you want to learn to knit? Crochet? What would you like to study?

Call Betty Lupo with more ideas of ways we can share time together and learn new things. Here are some ways we can get started:

- 1. <u>Knitting/Crocheting</u> Want to learn to knit or crochet? Lets have fun knitting and crocheting our projects and sharing while we teach others how to.
- Small Group Women Study Join us in a small group to share different kinds of study.
- 3. <u>Greeting Card Making</u> June 2 at 10am at Redeemer—come learn from some very talented people how to make your own greeting cards.

Contact Betty Lupo (bettyslupo@gmail.com) with ideas, questions, or to register. These will be small groups of ten or fewer.

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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.

Samaritan House

We are collecting **1 pound bags of rice** for Samaritan House for the month of **May**. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!



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May Readings				
Date	1 st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
MAY 6	Acts 10: 11 -18	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
MAY 13	Eccles 3: 1-8, 11-12	Psalm 119:89-96	2 Thess 2:13 - 3:5	John 21:1 <i>5</i> ~1 <i>9</i>
MAY20	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
MAY 27	saiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

Bishop's Visit A

April 22

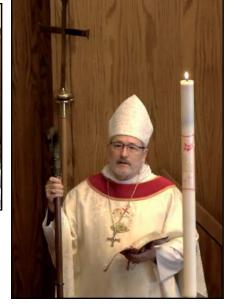
Photos by David Poleski



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Massengill & Elliott Webb on their Confirmation Day.

What a wonderful day to celebrate! We received Gretchen Grounsell, Leslie Myers and Mary Ann Williams into the faith, plus reaffirmed Craig Grounsell, Phillis Webb & Steve Webb.









CONGRATULATIONS!



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	May	• Ministry 2	Schedule		
	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	
8:30 am Greeters	Sue & Hooper Skardon	Bill Lee Meredith Manker	Marybeth Bledsoe Ann Meade	Meg Coffey Debbie Price	
Crucifer	Bill Lee	Katie Broderick	Debbie Price	George Poleski	
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	David Poleski	Elizabeth Koontz	Betty Boesch	
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Dot Sanders	Meta Goodman	Judy Planck	
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee	Betsy Walt Susan Butler	Sandy Oliver Meta Goodman	Judy Planck	
10:30 am Greeters	Katie & Jason Houston	Tom Oliver Wallace Lightsey	Judy Planck Fay Chadwick	Kathy & Larry Shugart	
Crucifer	Matthew Derrick	Robbin Mill	Riley Hawkins	Will Derrick	
Banner	Kimberlee Warren	Samantha Warren	Joseph Ethan Hawkins	Will Jennings	
Torch 1	Malain Houston	Sadie Butchko	Sarah Meade	Jonny Witham	
Torch 2	Jackie Houston	Kaleb Reardon	Maggie Plante	Kaleb Reardon	
Lector 1	Bill Heizer	Andrea Helm	David Mill	Cynthia Wilson	
Lector 2	Katie Houston	Phyllis Webb	Robin Mill	Ted Sanders	
2nd Chalice	Betty Boesch	Stephanie Austell	Wallace Lightsey	Bill Lee	
Altar Guild	Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Janet Poleski	Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Cindy Wilson Stephany Austell	
Counters	John Helm Steve Webb	Cynthia Eason John Warren	Meg Coffey Bill Lee	Carol Hallman David Mill	



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Beth & Robbie Hamilton Roger Ginn
- 2 Meta & Ralph Goodman
- 3 Elizabeth Koontz
- 4 Rebekah Webb
- 6 Tom Gange
- 7 Pat Blackburn Eric Cothran

- 8 Teri Landreth
- 10 Dot & Ted Sanders
- 14 Tracy Ann Poteat
- **15 Patti & Bill Lee** Celia Jernigan
- 17 Jessica Harwood Nick McConnell
- 20 Carol Hallman

- 22 Cynthia & Bruce Eason Jackie & Steve Smith
- 23 Tracy Butchko
- 24 Charles Owings
- 26 Julie & Kevin Hayes Pauline & John Warren Ellie Thompson
- 30 Dinah Johnson
- 31 Dot Sanders

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

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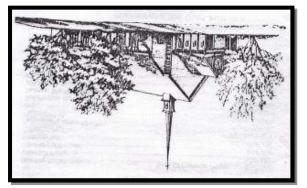
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"I will POUR out My <i>Spirit</i> on ALL flesh." Joel 2:28		1	2 10:30am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 6:00 pm Handbells 7 pm Choir	3 3 pm YAMS	4	5 9 am Beth Moore BingeAThon 10 am DUCK DERBY 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
6 8:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Rector Celebration	7 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	8 6:0pm Finance Meeting	9 10:30am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 6:00 pm Handbells 7 pm Choir	10 3 pm YAMS	11	12 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
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Come Join Us! Worship times: Worship times & 10:30am Holy Eucharist Wednesday 10:30am Healing Prayer & Holy Eucharist



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