



ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

OCTOBER 2018

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From The Senior Warden

Wallace Lightsey

What is needed, what is important, and what is vital?

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference, because something that is needed may be vitally important, even a necessity, but nonetheless may not be what gives a person or organization vitality.

I was reminded of this distinction recently. Over the previous several months, I had been intently focused on getting our buildings and grounds fixed up and spruced up. I felt that this was not just needed, but absolutely necessary. A number of people put in a huge amount of time and labor into the effort. The Vestry allocated funds to spend on it. And – you can see the results! Redeemer looks better now than it has in a good while, and at the Daughters of the King assembly on September 22, we received a lot of compliments on the appearance of the church.

This is important. It's important for our existing members to feel good about the physical environs at church. It's important for potential new members to see buildings and grounds that are cared for when they come to visit. We will continue to work on it.

But it's not what makes Redeemer spiritually vital and alive.

Last July most of us participated in a survey that is part of our rector search process. As you may or may not have noticed at the time, the survey is titled, "Congregational Vitality Survey." The organization that wrote the survey

questions, compiled our responses, and provided us with its analysis of our responses, is part of an ongoing research project to assess the vitality of existing worship communities. In the course of drafting the survey, this organization reviewed prior research on congregational vitality and the results of a 2016 symposium. This process led it to distill seven marks of congregational vitality:

- Lifelong discipleship formation –
*from the cradle to the grave,
seeking to be formed for right
living with God and all people*
- Intentional authentic evangelism –
*intentionally sharing the Good
News of Jesus Christ, not just
acts of kindness*
- Outward incarnational focus –
*exploration, awareness, and
focus on our neighbors and
neighborhood*
- Empowering servant leadership –
*identify, nurture, and support
the use of spiritual gifts of all
people to serve*
- Spirit-inspired worship – *coming on
holy ground to encounter God
and experience wonder*
- Caring relationships – *instead of a
closed, judgmental community,
people find freedom to share sto-
ries, encounter the Savior, and
ask for help*
- Ecclesial health – *clarity in mission,
core values to ministry, passion
and joy in being the church*



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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.

(...cont'd from p. 1) The first three marks all relate closely to Christian formation at the individual level. The final four marks relate more to structural issues that need to be in place before churches can really do a good job helping members grow as disciples.

So ... how did Redeemer do? Because we are the first congregation in the country to take this survey, there is not a base of data with which we can compare ourselves to other congregations around the country. However, the sponsoring organization had done "Beta testing" with the survey questions, and I was able to compare our results with those.

Overall, our results are very strong. On every mark but one, we were equal to or better than the Beta test group, and the summary of our composite results concluded, "This church is spiritually vital and alive."

We scored particularly high on the marks of caring relationships and ecclesial health. This was not a surprise to me, and probably would not be for many of us. Caring relationships is about a sense of belonging, about how we welcome and care for each other. It's about walking with people in tragedy and rejoicing in their triumphs. It doesn't come through hospitality programs and welcoming committees, but through an environment that is genuine and sincere in being the household of God. We have this at Redeemer, and we have it in spades.

Ecclesial health is about whether our mission, vision, and values match up with the ways we live together. It requires being attentive and aware in asking, "are we who we say we are?", and even more importantly, "are we who God is calling us to be?" Components of ecclesial health include good decision making processes, stewardship of budget and resources, and clarity in mission and ministries. Here again, Redeemer is very strong.

Our weakest mark, the only one where we were below the Beta group and the one on which our worshipers scored us lowest, is lifelong discipleship formation. This mark is about how we claim and proclaim our identity as followers of Christ, how we practice our faith on a daily basis, and how we grow in faith into a relationship with God in which we are called to "seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." Lifelong discipleship formation requires an awakened and engaged commitment to God and all God's people. This is an area in which we, as a group, need to work. I believe that the new Adult Sunday School program we have just started is an exciting step forward in that endeavor.

So let us all feel pride and joy in our strengths and commit ourselves to improve in the other areas. Above all, let us remember that Christ is not finished with any of us yet, individually or as a whole.

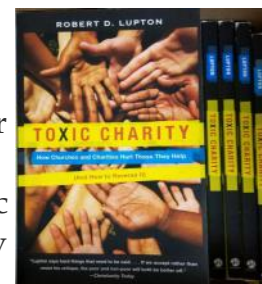
-Wallace

TOXIC CHARITY

Adult Sunday School Meeting in October!

Most people feel good giving to charities, but how do those charities serve their clientele with donations of dollars, time, or material goods?

Join Adult Sunday School as we take a "book club" approach to the book, Toxic Charity. Together we may be able to work on a better solution and make charity an effective gift. **Join us after service as we begin our study.**



Class Schedule:

For Oct. 7 read Ch. 3 and 4

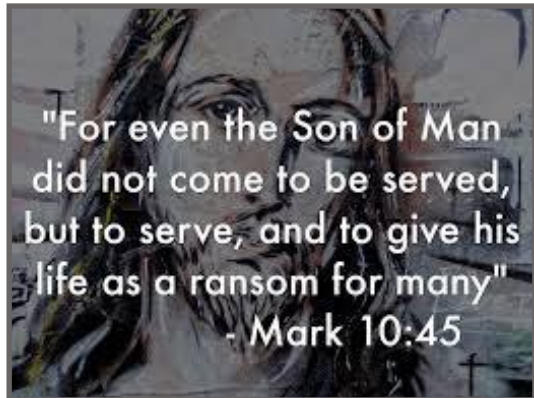
For Oct. 14 read Ch. 5 and 6

For Oct. 21 read Ch. 7, 8 and 9

For Oct. 28 (final class) read Ch. 10

Dates to Remember

- October 4**
7:00pm Blessings of Pets
- October 6**
8:45am UNLOAD PUMPKINS
- October 7**
Pumpkin Sales OPEN!
- October 12**
6:00pm Movie Night at the Patch
- October 21**
Stewardship Sunday
- October 26**
6:00pm Trunk or Treat
Spaghetti Dinner



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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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, fax 277-6330, or email
to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

Christian Ed

Fall has officially arrived. That's what the calendar says anyway. Hopefully, our temperatures will catch up to the calendar very soon!

We have lots of things happening in October. Sunday school has resumed. The teachers and I have missed the kids, and are ready to see them on a regular basis. Now that we are having one service there have been some changes to the schedule. Service begins at 9:30 and Sunday school classes will follow immediately after church at 10:45. Godly Play (ages 3- first grade) is the only exception. It begins at 9:30 and will end when the children process into the Sanctuary after The Peace is exchanged.

If it has been a while since your child has attended classes come and see what we have to offer. We have excellent curriculums that teach the kids where they are for their age, and encourage curiosity and growth in their faith. It is also a time of fellowship and fostering important friendships with their peers.

Peace and Blessings, 😊
Lori Hawkins

Project Host Soup Kitchen

Thank you to those that served at the soup kitchen on September 23. It was a busy day. We served 115 people in the span of an hour!

Thank you for your time and willingness to serve in this very important and needed ministry: Will Derrick, Joseph Ethan, Riley, and Lori Hawkins, Betty Herrin, George and Janet Poleski, Janice Ryskamp, Ken Wood.

Sunday School Youth Classes

Class	Grade	Start	Room
Godly Play	3yr—1st grade	9:30am (ends during service)	208
Sanctus	Grade 2-5	10:45am	210
Dove's Nest	Grade 6-12	10:45am	215

UPCOMING EVENTS

E.Y.C. - Youth Group
Grades 6-12 meets every other Sunday in The Dove's Nest from 5-7pm

E.Y.C. upcoming dates and events:

9/30- Bowling

10/14- Denver Downs

10/28- EYC will staff the pumpkin patch.

Save the date!

Friday October 12,
Movie Night at the Patch 6-8pm

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





Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins!



The patch opens for business Oct 7-31
OCTOBER 6- Pumpkins arrive 9:00am
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers needed to help unload pumpkins and staff the patch.

There is a job for everyone that works the patch. Carrying and lifting pumpkins is not a requirement to volunteer. You can be a tremendous help by greeting customers and processing sales of pumpkins.

This is our third year of hosting the A.R.C.U.M. Pumpkin Patch. In a week our front lawn will be transformed into a giant pumpkin patch. It is a great sight to see and something our churches and community look forward to every year. The patch is a lot of fun and supports three very worthy causes: Mother Teresa House, Pleasant Valley Connection, and Samaritan House. We raised a total of \$4,200 last year! Each charity received a check for \$1,400.00.

Fall is such a beautiful time of the year. The days and nights are getting a little cooler and it is a perfect time to be outside.

Please sign up to work a shift or two or three... :) You will be surprised at how much fun you have, and it is a great way to get to know each other better.

We also need your help getting the word out. Tell your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers.

Tell *EVERYONE* who will listen about the patch.
The more we sell the more money our charities receive!
With each purchase children get a FREE book.
While supplies last.

To sign up to volunteer and/or movie night go to corgsc.org and follow the signup genius link
Or contact Lori Hawkins at lhredeemer@gmail.com with any questions.

Augusta Road Churches United Pumpkin Patch

October 7 through October 31

AT THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
120 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE SC 29605

Pumpkins Gourds Mini Pumpkins

11:00am – 7:00pm Sunday Through Friday

10:00am – 6:00pm Saturday

Free Books for Children (with purchase)
while supplies last.

Cash, Credit, and Debit accepted



All proceeds will benefit these local charities serving the poor of the community

★ Samaritan House ★ Pleasant Valley Connection ★ Mother Teresa House ★

Dig out your decorations, have fun, and get some candy!

It is time for Trunk or Treat at Redeemer!

6-8pm on Friday, October 26

Join us for spaghetti dinner, games, and trunk or treat fun! Go from car to car and "Trick or Treat" in your costume. Fun for adults and children alike!

Donations needed:

* Candy, Spaghetti, sauce, bread etc. and of course....20+ Decorated Trunks

Sign up in the Narthex to decorate your trunk for the event. All you need is some fall décor and candy or treats to distribute. Call Leslie Entwistle (607-2238) to help!

Bring your children in costume to Trunk or Treat!



The Church of the Redeemer - Financial Pledge for 2019



Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue! We give not because God needs our money, but because it is good for us to give.

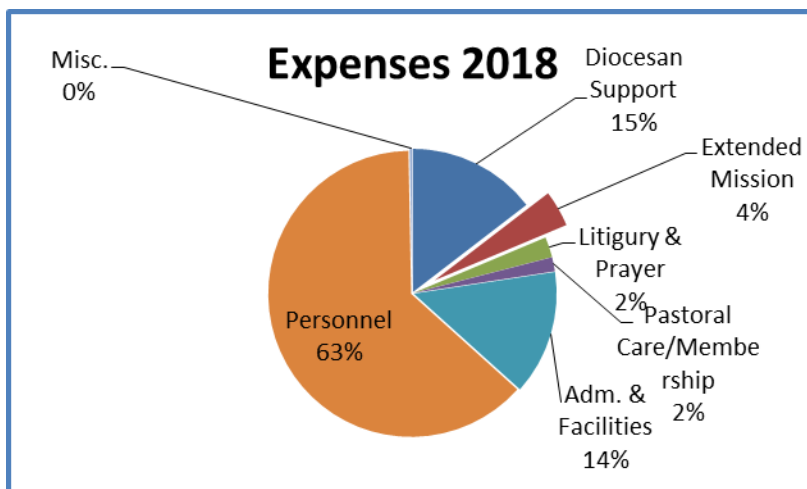
Stewardship is a FAITH issue! It is forward looking; a commitment to the future. It is God Trusting and Mission Centered.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our Financial Stewardship campaign is underway and culminates Sunday October 21st. On this special day, each of us will have the opportunity to intentionally record our generosity as participants in God’s mission at Redeemer.

Our budget for 2018 was again extremely tight, with every effort made to control expenses and still provide Diocesan Support and Extended Mission Work. Most of our local charitable/mission support is covered by the funding of Personnel and Administrative and Facilities. The pie chart below shows how our funds were utilized.

Please look prayerfully at the coming year and decide what portion of your blessings you can return to God. Please fill out the information on the pledge card that is at the bottom of the next page and bring it with you on **Stewardship Sunday, October 21st**. You will have the opportunity to turn your pledge in as you come forward to receive the Eucharist. These pledges will be consecrated at the altar as a glorious response to a loving God.



With your help we can do more in 2019.

Faithfully,
Your Stewardship Committee,
Debbie Bauer (Vestry), Betty Boesch, Debbie Price, and Dot Sanders

October Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
October 7	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Psalms 26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 14	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalms 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 21	Job 38:1-7	Psalms 104:1-9, 25, 37b	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 28	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalms 34:1-8	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

Rector Search Update

On August 5, the search committee and vestry had a very productive meeting with the Transition Representative for the diocese, d'Rue Hazel. We gave her the parish information to post the rector position. Thanks to the vestry and members of the search committee for their proactive compilation of this important information.

The position has now been posted on the diocesan website and will remain there until September 28. In October the diocese will begin a preliminary screening of the candidates and forward the "good fit" priests to our search committee. Interviews here at Redeemer will begin soon after we receive them.

We are well on our way in the process of selection of a new rector. Please continue to pray for God's direction for all of us.



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.

Join us for Service on Sundays in October, invite your friends, neighbors and family too!



2019 PLEDGE CARD – Tear off Pledge Card and mail to the parish office or place in offering on Sunday, OCT 21

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With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, We (I) make this commitment to Christ's church and the ministry of this congregation.

Our (my) 2019 commitment is: \$ _____ weekly, or General Fund _____
 \$ _____ monthly Capital Fund _____

We understand that we may adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the church office.

Name: _____ Date: _____

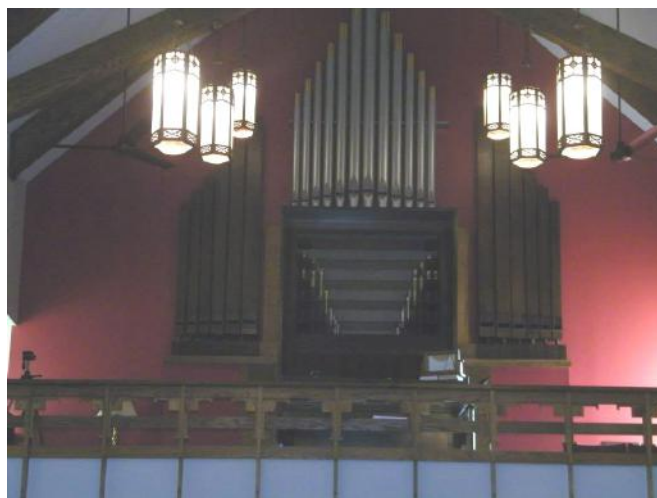
Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

WWW.CORGSC.ORG

FROM THE LOFT

As I am writing this month, I am in the old city of Lyon, France. This is the last day here. The weather has been really beautiful and I have walked all over the city. I have seen some of the really old churches and spoke to one about how to restore their organ. The last



quote they received was for 1,000,000 euros. That is roughly \$1,173,000. I have given them some instructions on how to do part of the work themselves. The organ is pictured below.

Christmas is coming and I need all available singers ready. We are doing a service of Lesson and Carols in the afternoon on December 16 and then Christmas Eve. Why not make your Christmas even more special by giving music to others during this season. We really want to use our music as a calling card to others to come visit and maybe join us.

Bells begin again in November.



Blessings Overflow

A big thank you to all who contributed to our collection of winter gear to send to Gary Powell, our missionary in the Ukraine. Not only did we have contributions of goods, but many contributed yarn to help defray the cost of our crafting.

We are sending 246 hats, 36 scarves, 7 blankets, 6 sweaters, 12 pairs of gloves, and 3 pairs of socks. We are now in the process of trying to find the cheapest method to ship these goods. The Outreach Committee has donated a good start, but we may be asking for monetary contributions to pay the full shipping.

Thank you Redeemer!



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



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals

Thursday October 4, 2018
7:00 pm

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis.

Saint Francis was an 11th-century Italian friar who founded the Franciscan Order for men and the Order of Saint Clare for women, and he is also widely known for his love of nature and animals.

Bring your leashed or caged pets to the front of the church at 7:00PM.



Samaritan House

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

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

October • Ministry Schedule

	OCT 7 9:30am	OCT 14 9:30am	OCT 21 9:30am	OCT 28 9:30am
Verger	Wallace Lightsey	John Helm	Janet Poleski	Meg Coffey
Greeters	Judy Planck Ken Wood Louise & Bill Heizer	Bill Lee Tracy Butchko Jackie & Steve Smith	Beth & Robbie Hamilton Betty Lupo Wallace Lightsey	Celia Jernigan Margaret Lee Janet & David Poleski
Acolytes	Robin Mill Kimberlee Warren Will Derrick Daniel Derrick	Riley Hawkins Joseph Ethan Hawkins Malain Houston Jackie Houston	Will Jennings / Debbie Price Matthew Derrick Katie Broderick Ryan Ginn	George Poleski Sadie Butchko / John Helm John Helm / William Meade Sarah Meade
Lector 1	Elizabeth Koontz	Joe Butchko	David Mill	Cynthia Wilson
Lector 2	Meta Goodman	Andrea Helm	Judy Planck	Wallace Lightsey
2nd Chalice	Judy Planck	Judy Planck	Ted Sanders	Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Betsy Walt Susan Butler Janet Poleski	Judy Planck Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Sandy Oliver Cindy Wilson Stephany Austell
Flower Guild	Robin Mill Carolyn Pro시오	Cynthia Eason Louise Heizer	Lauren McCullough	June Moore Robin Mill
Counters	Bill Lee John Helm	John Warren Carol Hallman	Steve Webb Jane Bouton	Cynthia Eason David Mill



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Susan Butler | 13 Mary Vaughn | 22 Connor Witham |
| 3 Connor Cothren | Ryan Ginn | 23 Bennett Helm |
| 4 Nathan Reardon | 14 Beth Hamilton | 24 Lisa & Jim Brooks |
| 5 Janet & David Poleski | 16 Judy & Scott Derrick | Steve Fior |
| 7 Leslie Myers | 17 Cynthia Eason | Jolly Lance |
| 8 Asheton Skardon | 18 Kaleb Reardon | 26 Frances Zacher |
| 9 Gwen & Jolly Lance | Sarah Meade | 28 Robin & David Mill |
| 11 Ann & Kyle Meade | 20 Betty Boesch | Joseph Ethan Hawkins |
| 12 Ann Meade | 21 Sean Reardon | |
| | Wallace Lightsey | |

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

OCTOBER

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am-3pm Classical Conversations 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	2	3 10:30am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir	4 3 pm YAMS 7pm Blessing of the Animals 	5	6 8:45am Pumpkin patch set-up 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
7 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Sunday School 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	8 9am-3pm Classical Conversations 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	9 6pm Finance Meeting 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	10 10:30am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	11 10 am Needle Craft 3 pm YAMS 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	12 OFFICE CLOSED 6PM ARCUM Movie Night @ The Patch 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	13 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service 10am-6pm Pumpkin Patch
14 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Sunday School 3pm EYC to Denver Downs 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	15 9am-3pm Classical Conversations 6:30 Vestry Mtg. 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	16 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	17 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	18 3 pm YAMS 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	19 OFFICE CLOSED 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	20 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service 10am-6pm Pumpkin Patch
21 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Stewardship Sunday 10:45am Sunday School 12pm DOK 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	22 9am-3pm Classical Conversations 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	23 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	24 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 7 pm Choir 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	25 10 am Needle Craft 3 pm YAMS 6:30pm Ultreya at Christ Church 11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6pm -8pm  11am-7pm Pumpkin Patch	27 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service 10am-6pm Pumpkin Patch
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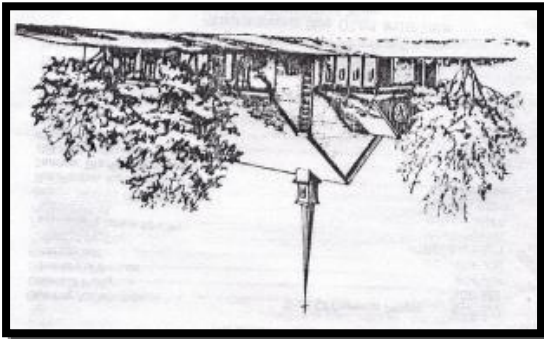
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Has your address changed?
Do you know anyone who would like a copy
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changes via email: parishadmin@corpsc.org.

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!