

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 Senior Warden

One Microscopic Cell in the Body of Christ

In a recent Sunday School class, we were talking about the word "mission," and I had to confess to the class that this is a scary word for me. It intimidates me, because I know that I am not up to the task. Thank God for Gary Powell, because there is no way I could ever do what he is doing. I do not have the faith or the courage to pursue anything even approaching the mission he has taken on.

As Christians, we are called to be the body of Christ in this broken world; to do what we can to alleviate misery and need; to work against violence, strife, injustice, and exploitation; and not to give in to weakness, selfishness, or fear in those efforts.

But what can one person do? When there is so much misery, pain, and need everywhere, how can one person even begin to alleviate it? In the face of so much hatred, strife, and violence all over the world, what can one person do to bring about peace and reconciliation? With injustice and exploitation rampant in our society, how can any of us avoid simply throwing up our arms in apathy and despair?

A poignant answer to these questions may be found in the words of 19th-century American writer and historian, Edward Everett Hale:

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." Someone in that Sunday School class captured this thought more simply:

"Start small, start here, and start now."

With that in mind, here are a few possibilities of what one person can do, starting small, starting here, and starting now:

- 1. Pray. If you find yourself daunted by the immensity of the pain and need in the world, and wondering what on earth you can do to make it better, one thing – the best thing - you can do is pray. Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in faith will be given to you." I think we should take Jesus at his word. Prayer is powerful. Prayer can change things. Identify one place in the world, or one situation in the world, that you can devote your prayer to, to make a change, and make the world a better place.
- 2. Pray for opportunities to serve, and then keep your eyes open. Our mission will often not be grand. It's the little things, the small ways that we serve, a smile, а handshake, a hug, so that people come away from interacting with us feeling better, hopeful, like there is kindness, and goodness, and love in the world. That's what we are called to be and to do. Pray for an opportunity to make things better in some small way, and be alert for that opportunity.
- 3. Look for opportunities at the Church of the Redeemer. If you see something that can be

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

improved, get involved with improving it. If you see a ministry that you think would be enjoyable or meaningful to you, join it. Our church is not a big one in terms of numbers of bodies, but it is very big in terms of spiritual vitality, energy, and activity. There is something here for everyone, and it is easy to become a part of whatever is calling to you, or to start a new ministry that you believe is needed.

In speaking of the body of Christ, St. Paul evoked the image of different individuals acting as different members of the body, by which he meant different organs. Each one carries out a different function, and each is equally important. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ... If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ... There are many parts, yet one body."

So we don't all have to be Gary Powell. God does not want all of us to be Gary Powell. We each have a different role to play, a different function to fulfill. In Paul's day, there was no conception of molecular biology or the existence of cells. Had there been this knowledge then, I think that Paul might have spoken about cells of the body of Christ rather than members. This is how I think of our role as individuals in the body of Christ – not an eye or an ear or a foot, but a humble cell, along with millions of other cells, trying to do the small but critically important things that a cell does to sustain the life of the body and to create more cells to carry out that work.

Start small, start here, and start now.

-Wallace

<u>UL/TREYA</u>

Will meet Thursday night at 6:30pm on May 23rd at Holy Cross



Finance Committee The Finance Committee meets on the

2nd Tuesday of the month.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

May 5	Ted & Dot Sanders 61st
-	Anniversary
May 12	Jacob Hayes College
-	Graduation
May 19	Available for your dedication
May 26	Available for your dedication



JR. DOK

<u>The Junior DOK is collecting toiletries</u> to bag up for our friends at the Samaritan House. Please send in any new toiletry items you may have around the house such as shampoo, toothpaste, soap, shaving items, washcloths. They will be putting the bags together on May 5.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Have you made Redeemer your new church home? Are you new to Redeemer?

If so, please be sure to fill out a new member form for the office. They can be found in the back of the visitors book in the Narthex, online at www.corgsc.org, or in our weekly E-blast.

Not sure if you filled this out yet? Call Sue in the Parish Office, she can help you with all of your parish needs....864-277-4562.

We invite you to join us on May 19 for our New Faces Welcome Reception.

Dates to Remember

May 4	Duck Derby		
May 19	New Faces Reception		
	Youth Sunday		
May 23	ULTREYA at		
	Holy Cross		
May 27	Memorial Day		
	Office will be closed		



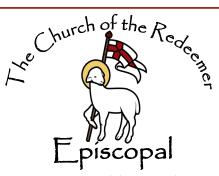
Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

- 1. Pray Daily
- 2. Gather in Worship Weekly
- 3. Study Faithfully
- 4. Serve Others
- 5. Share Your Story
- 6. Give Generously

E.Y.C. May Focus: Look on the Bright Side

Summer break is around the corner. Although you might be stressed with exams and the end of the school year, there is a bright side... YOU are a few weeks away from SUMMER TIME!!!





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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@corgsc.org

I hope everyone is having a joyful Easter season. The church was simply beautiful. From all the gorgeous flowers that filled the sanctuary, to Fr. Mark's inspiring sermon, to all the smiling happy faces that filled the pews. The egg hunt was a success and Pink Mama's Ice Cream Truck was a hit for all! Thank you to everyone that donated goodies for the eggs and thank you to the youth that stuffed and hid the eggs. It all takes team work and we are all part of that wonderful team here at Redeemer. Jesus is our incredible coach and counselor! He continues to show us the way to be the hands and feet of His church. It is so easy and natural for us to think we are the ones in control of our lives: at home, at work, even at church. Yet, Jesus is always right there with us, waiting for us to draw closer to Him. To seek Him in everything we do, and He is the one with the answers, if only we will hear Him

Sunday school classes for the youth will end on May 19. Thank you so much to all the teachers that devote their time and talent to the youth of Redeemer. We truly cannot thank you all enough for sharing your love and faith with our children: Katie and Larry Broderick, Meg Coffey, Judy Derrick, Ann Meade, June Moore, Kathy Shugart.

On May 19 the youth will lead the church service. Afterwards, we will celebrate our youth of the church and our amazing teachers.

Although we break from our traditional Sunday school classes there is still a lot going on during the summer. Plan on joining us as we begin our third year of S.O.S., June 10-14. We plan on visiting places like: Miracle Hill Men's Rescue Mission, Samaritan House, Pleasant Valley Connection, and having another First Responder's lunch at the church. It is a very special week and I hope you can join us!

God's Peace,

Upcoming E.Y.C.

(Episcopal Youth Community) MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

<u>May 4</u> Duck Derby 10AM-4PM Falls Park, Greenville EYC will be representing The Church of the Redeemer. **Come visit our table!**

<u>May 19</u> Youth Sunday Redeemer's youth will be leading our worship service. Last day of youth Sunday school EYC

June 2

Project Host Soup Kitchen

June 10 to June 14

S.O.S. (Summer of Service) Join us as we visit different locations and perform a small service project each day.



Nursery

Nursery is for ages 4 and under and opens at 9:15am every Sunday morning.

<u>We need on-going church volunteers to</u> support our paid staff in the Nursery.

Your support is needed for this vital church ministry! Please sign up for a Sunday using the sign up genius link in your e-Blast or contact Lori Hawkins. Thank you!!

Lori

Mark your calendars for our next Summer of Service at Redeemer. All are welcome and needed to make this week a success! June 10-14 from 9am-12pm.

We are planning the week of service now, so if you have any suggestions on where to visit, please contact Lori Hawkins. We will have lunch and Bowling with the Pleasant Valley Children, feed our First Responders and much more!!



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Clean up day on April 6 was a huge success!!! Thank you to all who came out to help. We spread mulch, weeded, trimmed trees and bushes and all around spruced up the campus. What a fun and beautiful day it was!!!

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

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"OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES"

GIVING THANKS!!

Once again our Redeemer family has given generously from their hearts to the United Thank Offering by lifting up their many blessings during our I thank each of you who spring ingathering. participated by donating the \$688.74 representing your thanks for the many blessings in your life, both big and small! We now have the opportunity to start fresh for the next six months until our fall ingathering. To those who follow the practice of putting coins in your Blue Box daily, thank you. For those of you who would like to begin this practice, Blue Boxes are available at the information center. There is also information about the United Thank Offering for you to take home. We at Redeemer have been blessed so many times it doesn't take long to fill up a box. I know I am very grateful for my church family and all that you bring into my life.

Always remember "From One Small Coin, Comes Great Things!"

> Phyllis Webb, Redeemer United Thank Offering Coordinator

"And who is my neighbor?"

This was the question posed to Jesus that led to the telling of one of his best-known parables, the Good Samaritan. The lesson of the parable, of course, is that it was the Samaritan, a member of a group that was distrusted and despised by the Jews, who showed brotherly love and compassion to a Jew who had been robbed, beaten, and left for dead.

In a similar vein, the Cherokee have a prayer they recite when they "go to water" by wading into a river to cleanse their spirit: "Wash away any thoughts or feelings that may hinder me from being closer to my God. Take away any thoughts or feelings that may hinder me from being closer to all my brothers and sisters on the earth."

In the final three weeks of this school year's adult Sunday School classes, we will be exploring how we can better understand and get along with persons of other faiths and backgrounds, as well as what a church like Redeemer can do to promote tolerance, understanding, face-to-face dialogue, and reconciliation in a world of increasing turbulence and religious polarization.

We will be bringing in guest speakers to provide an overview of their faith and to dispel common misconceptions about it. See www.atlanticinstitutesc.org.

Please join us for this important discussion. These classes will be held in Purser Hall following the 9:30 service.

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

Counters Needed

We are in need of more counters after for Sunday services. Counting requires two unrelated individuals after to meet service to **count** the offering monies. This takes about 10 minutes after church, it is easy, you work with a partner important and it is a very ministry! Please see or call Jane Bouton 864-907-5362 if you can help.

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.



Sponsor—A—Child Summer Enrichment Camp

June 10—August 9, 2019

Pleasant Valley Community children need your help. Many cannot afford the camp program, but are in need of supervision during the day as well as the social and academic gains this program provides. The 2019 camp will focus on: Exposing the children to cultural and

Exposing the children to cultural and educational events around Greenville.
Specific area tutoring to prep student for new grade level where needed.

•Reading Book Club with added writing skills.

•Swimming and sports activities.

•Cooking and nutrition education.

Levels of Need:

\$85-Sponsors a child for 1 week
\$340-Sponsors 1 month
\$680-Sponsors a child for the whole summer camp.

The Value of Your Support for an under-privileged child is immeasurable. Thank you for your consideration of meeting this need. If you choose to give, please mail to:

> Pleasant Valley Connection 510 Old Augusta Road Greenville, SC 29605

Samaritan House

Samaritan House, presently located in a building loaned to us by Augusta Heights Baptist Church, is seeing record numbers of clients. For the last several years, we have only allowed



clients to come once each month. This resulted in calls toward the end of the month, asking to be allowed to get more food.

We have presently moved to letting clients come twice in a one month period. In March we had 412 visits, serving 1,146 persons. This was 286 persons served per week. We distribute approximately 3,000 pounds of food per week which breaks down to about 30 pounds per family. The result of twice a month visits has been that people are not calling for extra food at the end of month.

Where do we get this much food? Harvest Hope, located in Greenville and one of two food banks in the state, allows us to get food each week, based on our monthly reports to them. They charge a modest amount of money per pound on some food, and other donations are free. We are also a part of Loaves and Fishes which travels around Greenville, picking up expired, or soon to be out of date, food from groceries and restaurants. Other food donations come from our six supporting churches.

The money that we and several other churches provide goes to paying our utilities, purchasing some food from Harvest Hope, transporting food, paying our director's stipend, and supplying all the office materials we need to file reports and keep track of our clients.

Steve Fior, our director, keeps track of all of this and keeps the facility in pristine order. We are so thankful to have him! Please feel free to stop by Samaritan House any Thursday from 9am-12pm to witness the operation in action. During our Summer of Service week, we will have a special opportunity to help. This is a great ministry, helping those truly in need.



2018 Summer of Service at SH

Safe Church Class

Christ Church Episcopal School is hosting upcoming <u>Safe Church classes.</u>

Here are the class dates: June 4 8:30am - 11:30am August 14 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Classes are at <u>Christ Church School,</u> 245 Cavalier Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

To sign up please follow the link in the e-blast or contact Sue in the office.

Employment Opportunities

Nursery Care Giver

The Church of the Redeemer, is seeking mature and caring individuals to care for infants and children Sunday mornings from 9:15am through 12pm. This is a part-time position. Applicants must be 18 or over and should have prior experience working with groups of children. Background and reference check required. Required Safe Church training will be provided. Must be willing to work occasional weeknights and holidays.

Part-time Organist/Choir Director

The Church of the Redeemer, is seeking an Organist and Choir Director for a part time position. Qualifications are as follows:

- **Required Skills:** Proficient on the organ. Knowledgeable of liturgical church music and open to both traditional and modern church music. Able to sight read music. Able to direct a choir, including coaching for harmony parts and vocal quality.
- **Education:** Degree in music (BA, BFA or higher) desired. Other formal training and related experience considered.
- **Experience:** Experience as an organist and choir director in a traditional church setting highly desired, especially in any of the liturgical denominations.
- **Other:** Employment is contingent upon providing necessary documentation to work legally in the US and successfully passing a criminal background check.
- **Please Note:** A new Allen Bravura two manual organ is located in the choir loft. An antiphonal organ is located in the front of the sanctuary. A standard upright piano is in the choir rehearsal room. A Yamaha digital piano is also available. Current weekly choir rehearsal held on Wednesday evenings.

Location: 120 Maudlin Road Greenville, S.C. 29605

Send Resume to parishadmin@corgsc.org

Contact: 864-277-4562

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May Readings					
Date	1 st Reading Psalms		2nd Reading	Gospel	
May 5	Acts 9:1-6	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19	
May 12	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30	
May 1 <i>9</i>	Acts 11:1-18	ets 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6		John 13:31-35	
May 26	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29	

All youth Sunday school classes begin following the 9:30 worship service in the Education Hall.

Samaritan Honse

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

The Search Is ON!

The search committee continues to work diligently to find the right rector for The Church of the Redeemer.

The search is back on. Since the diocese re-opened the position listing, we have received some very promising applications. Hopefully, we will have some good news very soon.

Please keep the search Committee in your daily prayers as we work hard to find the right person to be Redeemer's next rector.





Pastoral Care Ministry

Transportation

There have been requests from time to time for parishioner transportation needs (attend the Sunday and Wednesday church services, pick up prescriptions, doctor office visits, to and from hospital or doctor's office for treatments).

Pastoral Care is looking for both those individuals who have such needs, which would normally be short term, but could be long term and those who could provide transportation to fill such needs.

If you feel that this might be a ministry that could help you or the Lord is calling you to help with, please contact one of the following:

Sue Bannio (Parish Admin - 864.277.4562, parishadmin@corgsc.org)

Carol Hallman (Transportation coordinator - 864.244.0867, cphallman@yahoo.com)

Greg Brown (Pastoral Care Leader – 864.346.9124: cell/text, gregdbrown2@juno.com)



May• Ministry Schedule

	May 5	May 12	May 1 <i>9</i>	May 26
Greeters	Pat & Jack Blackburn	Anne Meade Janice Ryskamp	Diane & Bill Campbell	Meg Coffey Debbie Price
Acolytes	Will Jennings Sadie Butchko Kaleb Reardon William Meade	Katie Broderick Bill Lee Debbie Price	George Poleski Joseph Ethan Hawkins Malain Houston Jackie Houston	John Helm George Poleski Matthew Derrick
Lector 1	David Poleski	Joe Butchko	Youth Reader	David Mill
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Andrea Helm	Youth Reader	Robin Mill
2nd Chalice	Bill Lee	Dot Sanders	Youth Chalice	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 Prosio Cindy Wilson Janet Poleski
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer Cynthia Eason	TBA	ТВА	TBA
Counters	Meg Coffey John Helm	Steve Webb Cynthia Eason	Jane Bouton Meg Coffey	Carol Hallman David Mill
VERGERS	David Poleski	Judy Planck	Joe Butchko Betty Boesch	



1 Beth & Robbie Hamilton

Roger Ginn

- 2 Meta & Ralph Goodman Venus Poe
- 3 Elizabeth Koontz
- 4 Rebekah Webb
- 6 Tom Gange
- 7 Pat Blackburn Eric Cothran
- 8 Teri Landreth

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 10 Dot & Ted Sanders
- 12 Keith Poe
- Tracy Ann Poteat 14
- 15 Patti & Bill Lee Celia Jernigan
- 17 Jessica Harwood Nick McConnell
- 20 Carol Hallman
- 22 Cynthia & Bruce Eason Jackie & Steve Smith

- Tracy Butchko 23
- Charles Owings 24
- 26 Julie & Kevin Hayes Pauline & John Warren Ellie Thompson
- Dinah Johnson 30
- 31 Dot Sanders

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

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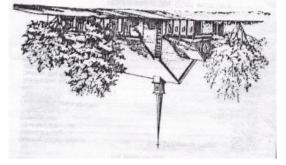
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA	2 10am Needlecraft 3 pm YAMS	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 DUCK DERBY 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept)
5 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 Sunday School 1:00 pm Hispanic Service	6 6 pm DOK 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	7 6 pm Finance Committee	8 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA	9 3 pm YAMS	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 Sunday School 1:00 pm Hispanic Service	13 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	14	 15 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 	16 10am Needlecraft	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
19 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 New Faces Reception in Purser Hall 1:00 pm Hispanic Service 5pm EYC	20 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	21	22 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA	23 3 pm YAMS 6:30 Ultreya Holy Cross	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
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Come Join Usi Wednesday 10:30 AM Service Wednesday 10:30 AM Service

\mathbf{P} rayer for our New \mathbf{R} ector

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.



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