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

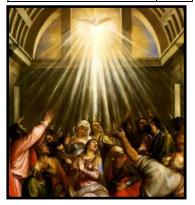
THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Senior Warden

What does "swan song" mean anyway?

According to Wikipedia, "swan song" means a final appearance, gesture, or performance given just before retirement or death. The phrase refers to an ancient belief that swans sing a beautiful song just before they die. "This belief, whose basis in actuality is long-debated, had become proverbial in ancient Greece by the 3rd century BC and was reiterated many times in later Western poetry and art."

I will soon be stepping down as Senior Warden, and this will be my final "from the Senior Warden" in Echoes. Last year the Vestry decided, and Stephany and I agreed, that it would be good for the church for the two of us to stay on as Junior and Senior Wardens beyond the normal term of office at the end of 2018, and to remain in office while the search for a new Rector was ongoing. As I write this article, the search process has not yet come to a conclusion, but it appears to be close to wrapping up, and Stephany and I both felt the timing was right for us to step down. This way, when the new Rector arrives, Redeemer won't be changing over to new Wardens at the same time.

As this is my swan song, I'd like to leave with a few parting comments.

First, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve Redeemer as its Senior Warden for the past 17 months. I have truly enjoyed it, and it has been a very important step in my personal spiritual journey. As I've written before in *Echoes*, faith does not come

easily to me. I am skeptical by nature, and my training and career as a lawyer has taught me not to accept what cannot be proved with logic or evidence. Throughout our journey as a parish over the past year, however, I have felt an undeniable conviction that God was with us, shaping our path forward, bringing about a chain of events in order to lead us to a place that He has in mind for us. For me, this has been a time when I could really feel God's hand at work, and I am immensely thankful for that experience.

Second, I urge everyone to think of stewardship as a year-long, continuous process. It's not just about the annual campaign to persuade folks to make a pledge. It's not just about money. Stewardship means taking care of what God has given us. A major focus this past year has been getting the church buildings and grounds into decent shape after a period of benign neglect and Band-Aid fixes. These efforts need to continue, they need to be ongoing, and everyone needs to be a part of it. As you walk around the buildings and grounds, keep your eyes open. If you see something that needs to be repaired, spruced up, or made better in some way, at the very least say something about it to one of the Wardens or Vestry members. Better yet, offer to help with what needs to be done.

Finally, don't let Redeemer's light be hidden under a bushel. Visitors and

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

newcomers to Redeemer almost invariably remark that ours is the warmest, friendliest church they have ever been to. And this is true. Our church and congregation have a remarkable spiritual vitality and a genuine sense of loving community. Redeemer is a gem, a real treasure, but sometimes I worry that our church is such a warm and comforting haven that we allow ourselves to be cloistered within it. We have a tremendous light at Redeemer. Let's make sure that it shines before all, in a world that greatly needs it. This means that we should be out in the world, bringing the light of Jesus through Redeemer into the darkness. This means embracing outreach and mission in our community.

As to the derivation of the expression, "swan song," anyone who has stood near me during the singing of a hymn would likely agree with Samuel Taylor Coleridge's comic use of the legend:

Swans sing before they die – *T'were no bad thing* Should certain persons die Before they sing.

It's time for me to take flight from my job as Senior Warden, but I will continue to "make a joyful noise" at Redeemer for many years to come.

-Wallace

The Trinity Campus of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church is launching a fund They are raiser for Samaritan House. selling pictures, suitable for framing, of their Stained Glass window of

Jesus Praying.

If you would like one, make your check out to BSUMC and give it to Rick or Margie Hankinson. Orders are due by 30 June. Costs are: 8x10 = \$10,11x14 = \$15; 12x24 \$25.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- *June 2* Available for your dedication
- June 9 For Bill & Dinah Johnson on their 40th wedding anniversary and for the Baptismal Birthday of Suzanne Webster's Grandchildren, and all baptized today
- *June 16* For all of our Fathers
- *June 23 & 30 Available for your dedication*



Employment Opportunity

Part-time Organist/Choir Director

The Church of the Redeemer, is seeking an Organist and Choir Director for a part time position.

Oualifications are as follows:

- Skills: Proficient on the organ. Required 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.
- 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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Dates to Remember

June 2 Soup Kitchen June 3 DOK (6pm) June 4 Vestry Meeting (6:30pm) June 9 Pentecost / Baptism Day June 10-14

Summer of Service June 27 Ultreya @Redeeemer



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*

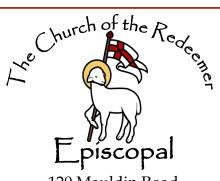
E.Y.C. Focus for June Pay more Attention to Others

<u>Instead of Myself</u> Being humble and helping out others will do wonders for us, even without us realizing it!

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The next Vestry meeting did not take place at the regular time on May 20, but instead will be on Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30.



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Sue Bannio, Parish Administrator Lori Hawkins, Christian Ed Director Sue Bannio, Bookkeeper Gabriel Santamaria, Sexton

Vestry Members

Jack Blackburn (2019) – Senior Warden Jason Houston (2020) - Junior Warden Judy Planck (2020) - Worship Dinah Johnson (2021) - Pastoral Care Katie Broderick (2021) - Outreach & ARCUM Jason Houston (2020)-Buildings & Grounds Rebekah Webb(2021) -Finance Debbie Bauer (2020) - Communications Joe Butchko (2019) - Christian Ed Debbie Bauer (2020) - Stewardship Bill Heizer (2021) - Membership Janet Poleski (2019) & Judy Planck (2020) Fellowship Rebekah Webb- Treasurer rwebb5476@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.

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Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer, Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month. Submit written info to the church office, email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corgsc.org

June 2

<u>June 10 to</u> June 14

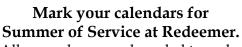
About a week ago, I gave a children's talk during the service.

The talk was about God having a toolbox, and how we are all in it. Redeemer has a large silver Craftsman toolbox. I would quess it has been around for a while. It is mostly silver in color, but some rust has added to the character and aging process over the years. Now, in this toolbox is what you would expect to find: a hammer, screwdriver, tape measure, ever useful butter knife, wrench, and other odds and ends. To make it a little more interesting, I added a few things that would not be found in the average toolbox: a spatula, whisk, stethoscope, sheet music, doll clothes, and a Bible. The point of my talk, or moral of the story, was that God has given all of us special gifts. When we figure out what those gifts are, we can choose to use them as a tool to share the gospel and show the love of Jesus. For some of us, it can take a long time. I for one, am a very late bloomer and am still trying to figure out God's path for me. Our gifts and callings can also change over time. As long as we pray, study, and seek a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father He will continue to show us His path for us.

Life is a journey and a gift. We know that Jesus died for us so that we may have everlasting life, and that His love for us surpasses all understanding. It doesn't matter if we use a hammer, whisk, or stethoscope in our daily lives. Our most important gift we have been given is to first follow Him. Be a disciple for Him. Yes, we will stumble and may fall every day. But He is always with us, and through us we can shine His light to others.

God's Peace. Lori

Questions: Contact Lori Hawkins Ihredeemer@gmail.com 🙂



Upcoming E.Y.C. (Episcopal Youth Community)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Project Host Soup Kitchen

S.O.S. (Summer of Service)

Join us as we visit different locations and

perform a small service project each day.

All are welcome and needed to make this week a success! June 10-14 from 9am-12pm.

SIGN UP NOW from our website www.corgsc.org

Safe Church Class

Christ Church Episcopal School is hosting upcoming Safe Church classes.

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

Classes are at Christ Church School, 245 Cavalier Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

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

All youth Sunday school classes will break for the summer. Classes will resume in September. Nursery is for ages 4 and under and opens at 9:15am every Sunday morning.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the men out there that show us God the Father's love in all that they do!

Stepping Out Or Staying In?

Hope the words above got your attention! The question asked has to do with this brief update on the landscape/patio project. The concept drawing showing where the landscape designer recommends additional trees and shrubbery be added to spruce up the front yard of Redeemer is completed...ditto for the large patio under consideration. Now the conversation must involve next step(s).

Visually improving the appearance of the church grounds to help make them more inviting to passers-by who may be looking for a church home is not a controversial step to take. Adding a large patio alongside the Sunday School wing to serve a variety of church functions is fun and exciting to think about. New and invigorating outside space for worship, educational and fellowship uses jump immediately to mind. A compilation is being put together of these various events and functions and their frequency of occurrence throughout the year. Amazing possibilities come to mind!

At the same time, an estimate of the expenses involved to implement the proposed landscape/patio project is being worked up by the landscape designer. Before long the critical pieces of the project puzzle will come together which can then be shared with you and with the Vestry, then the direction to be taken will be decided.

Bill Heizer Membership Commission

Father Mark will be on vacation from June 7 to June 22. Rev. Bill Burt will be celebrating with us on Sunday, June 9 & 16. We will only have Wednesday service on June 5 and June 26.



GRADUATES



Hats off to our Graduates!!!

Please be sure to congratulate these fine students on their recent graduation!

Savanna Bannio

Savanna, daughter of Sue & Mike Bannio, graduated summa cum laude from Winthrop University on May 4 with a Bachelors of Arts in Independent Studies.

Lauren Broderick

Lauren, daughter of Katie & Larry Broderick, will graduate summa cum laude from Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard on June 16. She will be a Doctor of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital/McLean psychiatry.

Amy Broderick

Amy, daughter of Katie & Larry Broderick, graduated summa cum laude from Mercer University School of Physical Therapy on May 11, being recognized by the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She will be a Doctor of Physical Therapy seeking employment in the Greenville area.

Jacob Hayes

Jacob, grandson of Diane & Bill Campbell, son of Julie & Kevin Hayes, graduated magna cum laude in Organic Chemistry May 11 from College Of Charleston. He is pursuing a PhD in Organic Chemistry at University of Delaware if the fall of 2019.

Thomas Herrin

Thomas, grandson of Betty Herrin, graduated on May 7 as an honors student with his Masters Degree in Accounting from Kennesaw State in Kennesaw, Georgia. He will be working with Price Waterhouse.

Billy Lewis

Billy, grandson of Betty Herrin, graduated from Wren High School on May 24. He will be attending Anderson University in the fall where he will major in Theology.



UKRAINE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



It is finally Spring in Ukraine and after what I considered a brutal Winter — as I was used to hot weather year round in Thailand — the countryside and Uzhgorod is full of color and the locals are all out

walking with families throughout the city and along the river here.

When I look back at being here in Ukraine this past year, it never ceases to amaze me how God has — and continues to — open doors to spread the love of Christ to not only to the Roma people, but with poor Ukrainian families that I



now visit as part of a new ministry I have partnered with another missionary. On the walk you have joined me on, Jesus shows himself through our interactions with many non believers just by showing the love of Christ and asking if they would like prayer. I will give

you several examples that I encountered this past week.

I attend different Roma church services on Sunday evenings in the camps in Uzhgorod. One memorable one was in the celebration of Easter. It was a joyful praise and worship service with a clear, simple message from the Roma pastor, which focused on the Risen Lord and God's love

for all people. Some of the Roma do not read or write, so the message has to be one that they can relate to in their personal circumstances. At the end of the service the pastor was the passing out loaves of special Easter bread for all the families. I was presented with a loaf and when I told the



pastor through my interpreter that I had no family, he said that I was family with the Roma people. I was so humbled and feel that wherever I go in the camps they know that I come not as a foreigner, but as a follower of Jesus and with His love.

One day I was walking down a street through one of the camps and an older man who had been drinking came up to



me and asked for money. Through my interpreter I told the man I would pray with him since he had also said he was sick. He sat down on the street, as did I, and he showed me his feet which had open sores and gave him much pain. I put my hands on his feet and prayed for God's healing and for God to give him relief from the pain. How blessed I am to be able to show God's love and the power of prayer.



Several days ago, I shared a meal with a Roma family where I was welcomed into The father and I discussed their home. scripture and fellowship and а bond developed between us. Over the past several weeks, I have started to go back into each of the camps to reconnect with families and meet new families within each camp. I have seen answers to the prayers offered up for certain people in the past and have been asked to come into the homes of new families that previously have been closed to me. Some ask me to offer up blessings upon

their babies or their children, or to bless their homes. This to me is what walking with Christ and sharing His love should be.



One other example was when I visited a very poor older Ukrainian lady in her room in a run down Soviet style apartment block building where floors were falling in and light was almost nonexistent. The lady had suffered a stroke was left alone during the day, so that her daughter could work. She would be left with water and food she could eat with one hand as the rest of her body was paralyzed. She could not talk, but understood what I said through my Ukrainian missionary friend. Ι mentioned to her that I am sure she must feel terribly lonely and forgotten and that I too have felt alone in the past because I have no family left. I told her that she and I are never alone and that God loves her and cherishes her and she can always go to Him and He will shine His love to her. Tears began to flow from all of us and we prayed over her.

These are only a few examples of how we show the love of Jesus to people who are forgotten, oppressed and who are hated by many people in this country. It has had a powerful impact upon not only me, but others, as well. It is a humbling experience to be a servant of The Kingdom.





With all I read about Redeemer with the Summer of Service coming up and the involvement you have outside our church's walls, I know that you get what The Great Commission is all about. I know because you are practicing it! Thanks to The Daughters of the King for your continued prayers, for quidance on His path and for all the prayers I have been offered up each Sunday. informed that the knitting group has prepared another shipment of knitting for the families over here and I can't wait until it arrives. I do hope that some of you would some day consider a short term mission trip here to Uzhqorod to see what our walk with Christ is doing. I ask God's blessings upon each one of you.

> His, Gary Powell



OUTREACH

Samaritan Honse

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

We have many willing Samaritan House volunteers who are also our clients. They come faithfully every week on Thursdays to pack food or screen clients, some coming at other times to unload produce or help with our Harvest Hope pick-up.

We are planning an "appreciation" lunch for them on June 20 following our food distribution and would like to give them some small gifts as acknowledgement of their hard work. If you have any small items you could contribute, it would be appreciated. We are thinking things like key chains, pens, gift cards, candy, etc. We are planning to give to ten persons, so groups of ten would be helpful.

Thank you! Margie Hankinson

Thanks to all of you who answer the call for providing food and assistance to our church family members whenever asked. I often hear about the gratitude of the recipients and know this would not be possible without your continued support. This is one of the many things that makes Redeemer so special. Thank you!

> Dinah Johnson, Pastoral Care Vestry Commission

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Sponsor—A—Child _{for} 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.

•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

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June Readings					
Date	1 st Reading Psalms 2nd Read		2nd Reading	Gospel	
June 2	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-21	John 17:20-26	
June 9	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53	
June 16	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15	
June 23	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:18-27	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39	
June 30	1 Kings 19:15-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62	

The Search Is ON!



The search committee has presented our two rector candidates to the vestry.



It is now in their most capable hands to make the final decision, with the approval of Bishop Waldo.

We appreciate all of your prayers as we progressed through the search process.

Eucharistic Visitor (EV)

There is a need within the Pastoral Care Ministry for at least two or three additional Eucharistic Visitors or EV's as they are also referred. EV ministry consists of lay people who have been trained to take and minister the Eucharist/Sacraments to those in our parish family who cannot attend church.

You will be trained, shadow an experienced EV during their visits, then lead a visit or two with the experienced EV shadowing you, so you can better understand what it is like putting into practice what you have learned. Then when you feel comfortable, you will be given your own wings to fly.

This ministry is a great way to become more involved with your church, interact, and learn more with your fellow church members.

If you feel that this might be a ministry that the Lord is calling you to help with, please contact: Greg Brown Pastoral Care Leader 864.346.9124; gregdbrown2@juno.com

St. Francis Pet Garden

Initial construction is complete and on Saturday, June 1st my scout troop along with the help of the EYC we will add the finishing touches.

We're are hoping to have a dedication on Sunday, June 2nd, following the 9:30 service.

I would like to thank the Vestry, the Pet Garden Committee, Fr. Mark, and all those who supported me during the project.

I hope the St. Francis pet garden will provide a peaceful resting place for our beloved pets



June• Ministry Schedule					
	June 2	June 9 June 16		June 23	June 30
Greeters	Ken Wood Tom Oliver	Gretchen & Craig Grounsell	Jackie & Steve Smith	Jack Jackson	Lauren & Joe McCullough
Acolytes	Katie Broderick	Will Jennings	Bill Lee	Bill Lee	Debbie Price
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer	Cindy Wilson	David Mill
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Phyllis Webb	Wallace Lightsey	Katie Houston	Dot Sanders
2nd Chalice	Bill Lee	Katie Houston	Meta Goodman	Andrea Helm	Robin Mill
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	ТВА
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough	Carolyn Prosio Robin Mill	Louise Heizer Cynthia Eason	Carolyn Prosio June Moore	Lauren McCullough
Counters	John Helm Bill Lee	Steve Webb Meg Coffey	Jane Bouton Cynthia Eason	Carol Hallman David Mill	Bill Lee John Helm
VERGERS	Bill Heizer	Katie Broderick	Dinah Johnson	John Helm	Meg Coffey





Steve Smith Louise & Bill Heizer 23 Cookie Brock 8 1 Marsha Lightsey Michael Plante 2 Rick Hankinson Phyllis Webb 24 Clark Elliott Jernigan Price Poe Matthew Derrick 25 Carolyn & Amos Irwin 3 Ed Roberts 9 10 Dinah & Bill Johnson Beverly Poe 6 Jack Blackburn 26 Betsy Walt Joe Butchko 12 Judy & Mark Moline Chelsea Witham 14 Tracy-Ann & Chris Poteat 27 June Moore 15 Kathy & Bob Moore Elliott Webb

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear. Please notify parishadmin@corgsc.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. Dedications are only \$35, but the awe of honoring his Glory cannot be measured.

June

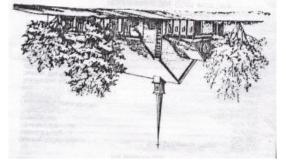
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ret	1 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept)					
2 8:30 am Soup Kitchen 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Hispanic Service	3 6 pm DOK 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	4 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting	5 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA	6 3 pm YAMS	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
9 PENTECOST BAPTISM SUNDAY 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	10 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	11 6 pm Finance Committee	12 No Service 12 pm AA	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept)
1:00 pm Hispanic Service	SUMMER OF SERVICE 9-12pm					
16 FATHERS DAY 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Hispanic Service 2:00 pm Convocation Meeting	17 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	18	19 No Service 12 pm AA	20 3 pm YAMS	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 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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