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make and equip disciples
and to live as faithful
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THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MAY 2020

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From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

The Tomb is Empty

"The tomb is empty and we're still at home" is the title of a recent article by Emily Rutledge. That sentence is not the whole thought, because a few paragraphs later she writes:

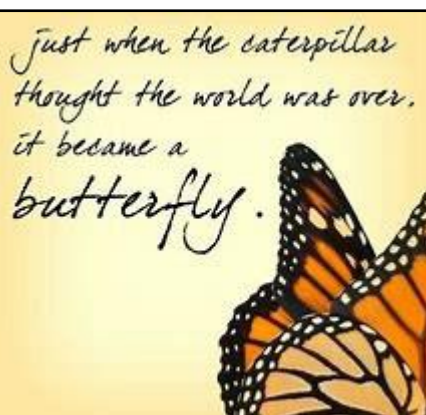
"The tomb is empty and we are home... being Christ in the world through new and uncharted ways (www.growchristians.org)."

Some of us are working, and while the ways of the world around us have changed, we still get up and go to work, driving across states, through towns, or telecommuting in our pajamas. This group of people is working. Other people have lost their jobs, might be home-schooling children, face a very uncertain future and are charting a course through unknown waters. This group of people is working. The rest of life other than COVID-19 is happening and throughout it all, people are working. We have not been saved from work during this pandemic. We have, perhaps, been saved from doing the same things in the same ways ... saved?

Twelve-step programs say that doing the same thing in the same way and expecting a different outcome is the definition of insanity. The spring of 2020 is

definitely a time of doing the same things in NEW ways, and when we find that our lives have been turned upside down, what is it that we find? We find a "who," Jesus. Jesus turns our lives upside down, expecting us to love the Lord and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, and then to realize that *everyone* is our neighbor.

As we begin to think about how we might come back together in newly-defined ways of being safe, what might we choose to do differently? We probably need to continue providing some sort of online worship opportunities; Redeemer's live Facebook Morning Prayer on April 22 reached 279 people and was viewed 291 times. That's quite a reach for a service filmed in our parlor on a cell phone. For Redeemer, that service reached into the world in a new and uncharted way. We are called to figure out how to continue to reach out into the world, beyond our parlor, into our neighborhoods ... and love our neighbors however we might. This is not the work of the outreach committee or the rector or the vestry or the office; it is the call of all the baptized, of all the members of



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Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

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Christ's church. That's us, and we'll find our way forward together, in hope.

There is good news to be found in the empty tomb. Jesus is there in every empty place we find ourselves. Jesus will never leave us.

There is good news outside of the empty tomb. Christ is risen! Jesus is in our midst as we stay and home and when we venture out, learning to love our neighbors in new ways or in very old ones: talking, listening, and sharing our journey, and feeding others with faith and hope.

Jesus is there.

Jesus is here.

Christ is risen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

In Christ,

Catherine+

Pastoral Care Commission

Greg Brown, who chairs the pastoral care committee has decided to hold off on the committee meeting to comply with the current social distancing guidelines. The next meeting will be scheduled for the summer.

Since we cannot gather at church, I have been calling various parishioners to see how they are doing and find out if they have any special needs. I have also made and delivered meals to Jackie and Steve Smith as well as Bob Powell, our new choirmaster. Everyone I spoke with has been glad to receive a phone call from a fellow church member and has said they are doing well and currently need no assistance.

Everyone's spirits seem good, for which I am most grateful. Of course with our current circumstances they are sad, but understand that we cannot be together and look forward to being an in-person community again as soon as we can do so safely.

If anyone has any needs that our pastoral care committee members can fill, or if you know of anyone who could use a phone call to boost spirits, please let us know.

Hope you and your family are doing well.

-Dinah Johnson



May Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
May 3	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 10	Acts 7:55-60	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 17	Acts 17:22-31	Psalms 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 24	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 31	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 7:37-39

LET YOURSELF REST

If you're exhausted, rest.

If you don't feel like starting a new project, don't.

If you don't feel the urge to make something new,
just rest in the beauty of the old,
the familiar, the known.

If you don't feel like talking, stay silent.

If you're fed up with the news, turn it off.

If you want to postpone something until
tomorrow, do it.

If you want to do nothing,
let yourself do nothing today.

Feel the fullness of the emptiness,
the vastness of the silence,
the sheer life in your unproductive moments.

Time does not always need to be filled.

You are enough, simply in your being.

- Jeff Foster

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom
on **MONDAY**, May 11, 2020, the second
Monday of the month

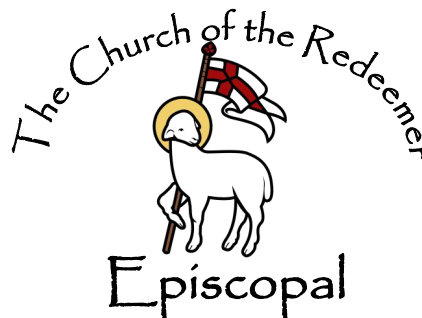
Financial Corner through March 31, 2020	
Budget Income	\$ 28,107
Actual Income	\$ 27,090
Difference	\$ (1,017)
Faith Offering Goal	\$ 16,000
Intentional Giving - Faith	\$ 4,285
Difference (Goal = 0)	\$ (11,715)
Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.	

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Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

Judy Planck (2020) – *Senior Warden*
Jason Houston (2020) – *Junior Warden*
Annette Burdette (2022) – *Worship*
Dinah Johnson (2021) – *Pastoral Care*
Robin Mill (2022) – *Outreach & ARCUM*
Jason Houston (2020) – *Buildings & Grounds*
Rebekah Webb (2021) – *Finance*
Daniel McCullough (2022) – *Communications*
Katie Broderick (2020) – *Christian Ed*
Debbie Bauer (2020) – *Stewardship*
Greg Brown (2022) – *Membership*
Bill Heizer (2021) – *Fellowship*
Rebekah Webb – *Treasurer*
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Stephany Austell – *Clerk*

*The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month
at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board
outside the Parish Administrator's office.*

Echoes

Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer,
Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month.

Submit written info to the church office,
email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

What are you UP to at home?

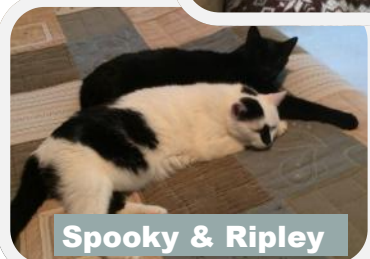


Piper

Piper, Rev. Catherine's dog, LOVES working from home, but also is practicing "social distancing" at the office.



Bug & Sammy



Spooky & Ripley



Smokey & Roxy

Sue Bannio has been busy at the office, videotaping services, and training her new puppy "Smokey".



Robin Mill has been busy sewing masks and baking with her grandchildren.



This book "How to Listen to God" is old but has GREAT insights, reasoning and ideas! I've really enjoyed it, and just like 'The Screwtape Letters', I should read this over and over again!

-Lauren McCullough



How far is 6 feet away? We measured it to see.



We asked a few of our Redeemer friends to share with us a few words about what the "Shelter at Home/Work" life looks like from their perspective. Enjoy all their goings on....feel free to send in a snippet from your life for our next Echoes.

Our lives have changed, but somehow, we are all meeting challenges and personal needs. This is a beautiful time of year.



We have spent sunny, pleasant days working in our yard, spreading mulch, preparing for summer, and enjoying the flowers.

Easter morning was very different, but special. We met neighbors – social distancing in place – on the upper part of our property for a sunrise

service to start our Easter Morning celebration. We shared readings from the Book of Common Prayer, reflected silently, and prayed. It was a wonderful experience.

Finally, we have tested our skills and learned that we can do many things. Haircuts were a little scary, but turned out great!! We are certainly depending on God to help us through this. He has given us the gift of resilience and creativity. We miss everyone.

Blessings to all.

-Debbie Bauer

During this "stay at home time" I have had more time to read, garden, contact friends and look through family pictures. Especially during this time I have found that being outside helps so much. John and I take long walks every day. Being outside is my happy place.



Being in my garden makes me even happier and grateful for my family, church family, and friends. I cherish these relationships. I try to listen for what God wants me to do. My reading includes more spiritual reading than it used to.

- Annette Burdette



Christian Education

Hi everyone!

I sure miss seeing all of you. I hope everyone had a good Easter. I know it was very different for all of us. We were not able to be in church, to celebrate in person, to see all the kids in excited anticipation of our annual egg hunt. But, as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said, "It is Easter anyway."

It is Easter anyway. This new normal that we are living is keeping us busy, but in different ways. For those of us with children, it is trying to figure out a way to keep them on some type of schedule. They have e-learning during the week, and I have teenagers that are thankfully managing well on their own without much supervision. I know that those of you with younger children are facing a much larger task and are having to spend a lot of your time helping to maneuver them through their day.

It is Easter anyway, how are you doing? I'm sure you have good days and bad days... same here. Some days I make the bed, get some cleaning done, cook supper, and manage to feel pretty good about my day. Other days I feel kind of numb and like I am not doing enough. I always get plenty of worrying done, and there is no shortage of overthinking going on over here! I am working on changing that. It's been about six weeks and I have mostly felt Stuck.In.The.Mud.

In this new normal, I have reached out to family and youth in different ways while we are unable to meet in person. Since there was no egg hunt at church this year, the kids that are in the Nursery and Sanctus class received their very own package of Resurrection Eggs to help them visualize and learn more of the Easter story at home. Riley, my 17-year-old, has gotten a lot more driving experience and has chauffeured me around to make some porch deliveries of Palm Sunday sticker sheets, butterfly alleluias, and stuffed eggs.

We all have our own struggles that we face every day, whether it is physical or mental health, the stress of a job, or the challenges that naturally come our way in our family life.

I am sure you can relate to some of the same things that I am experiencing.

How are you, and what are you doing differently in this new normal?

We are all here for each other and in this together. We are in different boats, but we are all in this together. Keep moving forward even when you don't think you can, and it's okay to just be still sometimes. Baby steps are still steps. I am learning to put more trust in my faith and lean on our great Creator that new exactly what He was doing when he made us.

Prayers for God's Peace, blessings, and understanding.

Hope to see you soon!

Lori

Ps. Don't forget to look around this edition of Echoes for all the beautiful butterfly alleluias that were colored and turned in by parishioners to help us celebrate the Easter season.

Great job everyone!

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Some Personal Goings-On

Louise and I greatly miss our Redeemer family and look forward to seeing everybody again! A little bit of so-called “virus lock-down” goes a long, long way. In the meantime, Reverend Catherine has asked some of us to submit a snapshot of what we’ve been up to during this interim period of time.

Our neighborhood has been eerily quiet since the ‘stay-at-home’ guidelines were implemented, though Louise and I have noted more walkers randomly getting in their steps lately—good for them! Ditto for us, since we’re avid walkers and have been for several years now. We walk 5-7 miles per day and certainly haven’t let the virus scare interfere with that healthy habit. If slippage tries to set in, our Fitbits reliably motivate us with a vibration nudge!

To offset the soreness of doing lots of yardwork these days, I decided to give Tai-Chi a try. I have purchased a ‘powerfully balanced mind/body program’ contained in the book Sunrise Tai Chi with an accompanying DVD. Admittedly, I am early-on in becoming immersed, but once upon a time I saw lots of Chinese seniors doing Tai Chi early in the morning in a nearby park, so maybe it’s a good fit at this particular time for me?

At Louise’s urging, I have also taken on a woodworking Project during these “stay-at-home” days.

I completed construction of a sizeable wood screen to hide an air-conditioning unit outside our house and am now staining it. The trick will be moving it into place without straining my back!



I’m in a Book Club, so a few recent reads I’ve enjoyed during these quiet days include The Water Dancer, The Elephant Company and Beneath A Scarlet Sky. Louise and I are also fans of ETV and have watched a variety of their programs in the evenings. If you are a fan of mysteries, lots of good series are being aired right now.

Though we were not able to host our traditional family gathering this Easter, we did tune in and were uplifted by Bishop Michael Curry’s televised Easter message. He is a dynamo in the pulpit and on screen. He effectively compared the irony of the ‘unrecognized, unfelt’ Easter in the beginning with Easter, 2020. This year’s Easter may not have felt like the Easter we are accustomed to, but ‘Alleluia, Christ has risen’ and yes, ‘Jesus loves us, this we know’!

-Bill Heizer



PRAYING FOR YOU

*Dear Church Family,
Your Daughters of the King continue to pray for you, our church family daily. We are committed to daily prayer as part of the vows we take as daughters. Our prayer list is completely confidential within our membership. We are offering to send up prayer needs that you may have during this time of distance. These prayer requests may only contain the name of the person needing prayer, but you may provide more information about the situation.*

Please send your prayer requests to Phyllis Webb, St. Therese Chapter President, at stphwebb65@charter.net or call her at 271-1392. Always Praying & in Communion with YOU!!

Your Daughters of St. Therese Chapter



The Houston's house has been busy packing and preparing to move. We sold our home end of March and are planning to rent in our same neighborhood while we decide on our next home project.

Fortunately, my employer has kept me busy during this time. Katie, however has been furloughed from her job as a PT for 8 weeks. Although, it's been nice having her home with Malain and Jackie during the day. We've both enjoyed plenty of walks with our 2 labs and seeing the girls play outside more than they usually do.

Buildings and Grounds are moving along. The church can expect to see clearing and cleaning up of the wooded area past our parking lot within the next couple weeks. Looks like our lawn maintenance company has trimmed and cut back much of the taller building shrubs and seems to be doing a good job keeping the grounds tidy.

I hope our church family are all healthy and fairing well and looking forward to things returning to normal.

- Jason Houston

Samaritan House continues to give out food on Thursday mornings. Pick up of food is on Tuesday from Harvest Hope Food Bank. Pictured are director, Steve Fior, and Rick Hankinson, the masked bandit, taking food from the rented U-Haul and bringing into Samaritan House for packing. We have moved to handing food out the side door to maintain distancing. On Wednesday we will have fresh produce to hand out. Hunger is not stopped by the virus!



A Message of Christian Education

Proverbs 16:16 says that having wisdom and understanding is better than having silver or gold. Nice and expensive items can be enjoyable, but there are very few things in life that can never be taken away, will never go out of style and that truly make you a better person. An EDUCATION is one of those things.

My dad was a man of few words, so when he spoke, his words were of utmost importance. From the moment that each of his children was born, my dad began saving money for our college education. At the beginning of my college sophomore year, I was miserable and homesick, I wanted to quit and return home. My dad immediately sent me a letter encouraging me to stay. In that letter was this quote from Proverbs. His message was clear and concise. I listened to his plea and I chose to stay. My parents valued a college education and a Christian Education and thus these values are cornerstones of my life.

I love learning. I love teaching. I readily said yes when Lori Hawkins asked me to teach Godly Play. After teaching Godly Play for several years, I then was asked to teach the Sanctus class. Both experiences have been so rewarding. In preparing for each Sunday School lesson, I learn more about Jesus. And while teaching, the children, through their questions and comments, I learn even more. I have been a part of Christian Education for quite some time and this has afforded me the chance to see firsthand the hard work and dedication of Lori Hawkins, Redeemers Director of youth and family ministries. Lori has created a Children's ministry filled with ways to learn and grow with Jesus.

At our January Vestry Retreat, I joyfully accepted the commission of Christian Education. Mother Catherine suggested that Christian Education include Adult Christian Education. I readily agreed that the Commission of Christian Education include both children and adult education.

Adult Christian Education at Redeemer is an excellent opportunity to grow your knowledge

and faith in Christ. We have had the chance to hear church members and leaders tell their stories with God. We have read and discussed Hilary Yancey's book, *Forgiving God*, a deeply moving account of a young mother's struggle with faith after learning that her unborn child will have severe disabilities. We have read and discussed CS Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*. We have viewed and discussed the latter part of St. Paul's ministry as depicted in the movie, *Paul, the Apostle of Christ*. A new study about the rich signs and symbols of Christianity had just started at the beginning of March and hopefully will continue soon I have found all of these classes to be a wonderful opportunity to grow my faith and learn more about Christ

What I love most about learning about Jesus is that my relationship with Christ is never static. It is forever growing. As I learn more about Jesus and my Christian faith, I stretch and grow. While I have certainly felt fear and worry during this pandemic crisis, I embrace the time to slow down and treasure what is important to me. I have learned to lean upon Jesus and His teachings. I have seen that while we are kept physically apart, we are actually closer than ever. We have created new ways to connect through technology and through prayer.

I look forward to the time when we are together again. We will continue to share our experiences, our personal stories, teach new lessons and grow our faith and knowledge of Christ.

- Katie Broderick



From the Office

Hi! I just want to assure you that we are still accomplishing the business of the church.

Although the work days look a little different, we have been learning some new skills. The church and parlor are turning into the center for our online video productions. And the kitchen table is now used as a video editing studio. Facebook Live and Youtube can now be listed in our additional skill set.

Our cars are learning to social distance and we have been working hard to maintain a 6 foot or more distance among ourselves. Rick brought us breakfast and Robin Mill brought us lunch!

I continue to get the mail, make deposits, and pay the bills. If you are concerned about your pledge being received in the mail, please call and let me know that it is on the way. I will let you know that it was received.

If you have any questions please call:

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email : parishadmin@corpsc.org.

Thank you for your continued support of The Church of the Redeemer.

- Sue Bannio




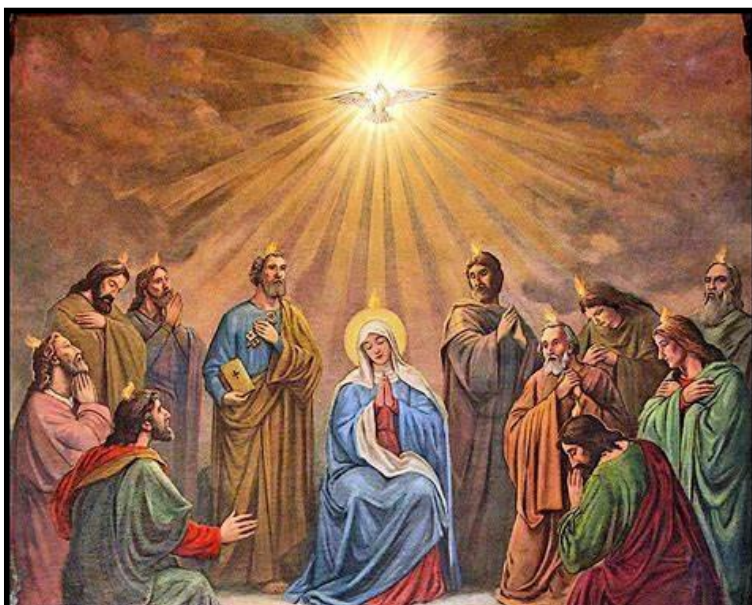
May Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 1 Beth & Robbie Hamilton | 8 Terry Landreth | 20 Carol Hallman |
| 1 Roger Ginn | 8 Joyce Bloxam | 22 Cynthia & Bruce Eason |
| 2 Meta & Ralph Goodman | 10 Dot & Ted Sanders | 22 Jackie & Steve Smith |
| 2 Venus Poe | 12 Keith Poe | 23 Tracy Butchko |
| 3 Elizabeth Koontz | 14 Tracy Ann Poteat | 26 Julie & Kevin Hayes |
| 4 Rebekah Webb | 15 Patti & Bill Lee | 26 Pauline & John Warren |
| 6 Tom Gange | 15 Celia Jernigan | 26 Ellie Thompson |
| 7 Pat Blackburn | 17 Jessica Harwood | 30 Dinah Johnson |
| 7 Eric Cothran | 17 Nick McConnell | 31 Dot Sanders |

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

MAY 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
3 9:30am Morning Prayer online	4	5	6 10:30am Morning Prayer online 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	7	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
10 9:30am Morning Prayer online	11	12	13 10:30am Morning Prayer online 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
17 Services TO BE ANNOUNCED	18	19	20 10:30am Morning Prayer online 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	21 Ascension Day	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
24 Services TO BE ANNOUNCED	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 10:30am Morning Prayer online 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
31 PENTECOST SUNDAY Services TO BE ANNOUNCED						



Samaritan House

We are collecting **Canned Green Beans** for Samaritan House this month. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!!
Thank you!





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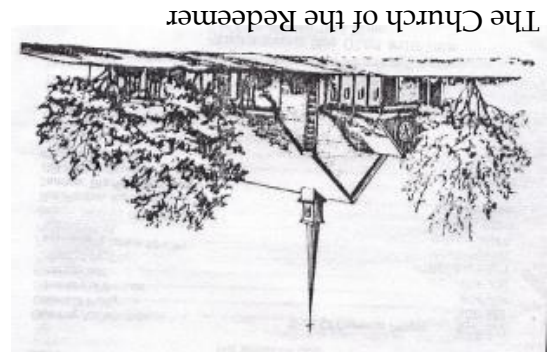
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