



ECHOES

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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

JULY & AUGUST 2020

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From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

The Love of God

Welcome to the 2-month, summer edition of The Church of the Redeemer "Echoes" newsletter.

I hope this finds you well in a year in which a virus, shortages of essentials, murder hornets, murder, protests, riots, and a Saharan dust storm have stolen the headlines. While all those things matter and shape our lives, they do not have the power to steal our lives. We are defined first by being God's beloved children, and nothing will overcome that. As written in Paul's letter to the Romans,

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Rom 8:38-39)

Have we been so persuaded? It is easy to get caught up in negativity and even delving into despair. Christ's assurance is that we need not be afraid; we are loved. In every day there is good news, from the Good News of Jesus Christ to the smallest of things we might notice. At Redeemer, we are meeting for worship inside in small groups. We are recording the service and it can be accessed at any time after it's posted; in so doing, we are reaching people other than our parishioners and well beyond our walls. Several people have shared that they watch or listen to a variety of

services on Sunday mornings, and thus hear a variety of voices responding to scripture. These practices are small gifts in an uncertain world.

There is more good news on the worship front. I am expecting approval for outside worship, which will allow more of us to meet, weather permitting. At that time, Redeemer will most likely move to one, 9:00am service. Rick Hankinson has plotted out "family circles" spaced 6 feet apart, in a part of the parking lot that will be shady at that time.

And ... we have been approved to hold baptisms! We have three children waiting for this sacrament, and I am looking forward to these services; we have a new copper bowl to use as our portable baptismal font. Copper was chosen for its anti-bacterial properties. God is at work!

To be sure, every day is a challenge; health guidelines change daily, our technological resources do not always work exactly as we'd like them to, and oh, how I miss all of you!

Keep faith dear friends; keep reaching out to one another in the name of Christ. God will see us through every challenge, not as we envision, but in God's eternal love, presence, and purpose.

Be safe, sign up for church services on our website or by calling Lori Hawkins. In all things, give thanks.

Peace and prayers,

Catherine+

Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

From the Jr. Warden

It's been rather light and things have been quiet around the church. We continue to maintain the building and grounds. I am aware of the efforts and time of some of our members to keep our landscape spruced up and I am thankful to them. I welcome others who may have a desire to freshen up landscaping, flowerbeds, or other Building and Grounds maintenance needs to contact me for suggestions and assistance.

For those who may not be aware, in May, we cleared out a large area of brush and debris along the back edge of the parking lot as an effort to beautify our property and improve visibility and safety in the parking area.

I hope everyone is staying safe and well.

Sincerely,

Jason Houston

Things you'll never regret:

Praying
 Putting your phone down
 Listening over talking
 Visiting grandma
 Reading the Bible
 Kindness on social media
 Investing in memories over things
 Not gossiping
 Thankfulness over comparison
 Buying lemonade at the stand
 Taking the higher road
 Catching fireflies with your kids
 Forgiving others
 Forgiving yourself
 Doing that scary thing
 Giving the compliment
 Drinking more water
 Saying "I love you"
 Trusting God

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July Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
July 5	Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67	Psalms 45:11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalms 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 19	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 26	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalms 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

August Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
Aug. 2	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalms 17:1-7,16	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug. 9	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Psalms 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug. 16	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalms 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
Aug. 23	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalms 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Aug. 30	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

Can't wait to see you!

SIGN UP for SERVICE

Sign up today to attend in person worship services on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Call Lori Hawkins (277-4562) or sign up on the electronic signup genius sent out in the E-blast and on our website: www.corgsc.org.

These three remain:

*Faith, Hope
Love*

and the greatest of these is LOVE.



Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY**, July 13, 2020, the second Monday of the month

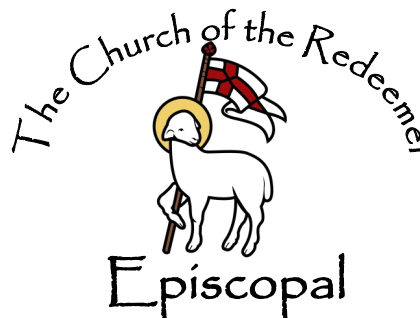
Financial Corner	through May 31, 2020
Budget Income	\$ 117,697
Actual Income	\$ 110,654
Difference	\$ (7,043)
Faith Offering Goal	\$ 16,000
Intentional Giving - Faith	\$ 4,875
Difference (Goal = 0)	\$ (11,125)
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>	

Be sure to use **AMAZON SMILE** and let Redeemer benefit from your online purchases.

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[Smile.Amazon.com/ch/57-0347692](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0347692)

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Sue Bannio, *Bookkeeper*
Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

Vestry Members

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@corgsc.org

Christian Education

I hope this finds you well and you are enjoying some fun in the sun. The summer of 2020 is not ordinary. How is your summer going? At my house, there is way too much video gaming and a lot of sleeping in. Some neglected house projects are moving along and getting checked off the honey do list.

How is your church and prayer life? For most of us, "church" continues to be online. Online church has been a great way to connect with each other. Very small (up to 10 people) church services began in June, and it has been nice to have a little sense of normalcy. Mostly though, we are still missing our church family so much. Can you imagine the day we get to gather normally? I bet there will be more hugging and peace passing than we can count on all our fingers and toes! I think we will realize how much of our old normal we took for granted when we remember the importance of a hug, sitting next to our pew buddy, enjoying a hot cup of Redeemer coffee, or a sweet treat from Craig and Gretchen. That my friends, will be a truly wonderful gift that has come from this terrible virus. Until then, let us take one day at a time and rest in the presence and comfort of the one who loves us the most.

Let me know what you are doing over the summer. Send photos of your vacation, a new or rediscovered hobby, a favorite book, or even a mundane chore. It doesn't matter what you are doing, what will matter, is staying connected to each other!

Sending lots of love and prayers for abundant blessings!

Lori

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Project Host Soup Kitchen Volunteer Opportunities

The soup kitchen that Redeemer serves throughout the year has some limited volunteer opportunities.

They are currently serving those in need by way of daily bagged lunches that are given out at the door.

Project Host is looking for 1-2 volunteers for a couple of hours on weekday afternoons for various tasks.

All of the tasks will be done following the CDC guidelines for Covid-19 and gloves and masks will be provided.

Volunteers must be 18 or over.

If you are interested please contact Lori Hawkins.

She will send you a copy of the current guidelines from Project Host for volunteering at this time, and give you the information you need to get in touch with the manager of the soup kitchen.

Intergenerational Summer Series

Redeemer is offering a creative and fun way to help bring the Bible to life at home this summer!

Join us as we walk through the readings each week with a special series of devotions and artwork from our friends at Illustrated Ministry.

The series is from June 28-August 30. It's okay if you miss a week just jump in when you can. Each week there is a devotion to read, a bulletin with activities, and a beautiful coloring page. This is a great resource for families and adults. No one is ever too old to color, right?!

There are hard copies of the entire series available for pick up in the office.

If you prefer to print them at home email Lori Hawkins.

Bible Study

Join us for Summer Bible Study starting on July 8 at 6:30pm

6:30pm Evening Prayer

7-8pm Apocrypha Books of the Bible

We will set up a Zoom link for you to join as we study the Apocryphal books of the Bible. You may purchase the book "Invitation to the Apocrypha" on line, but it is not necessary for the study.

The focus of the book is a summary of each of the 18 books of the Apocrypha.

Email or call the parish office to sign up and get the invitation link.

Have you considered automating your pledge payments to Redeemer?

Many banks and credit unions will set up a scheduled payment directly to the church. You may already have other bills set up this way.

You will write fewer checks, always be up to date on your pledge, and Redeemer will have a consistent budget with which to pay our ongoing bills. Be sure that your bank includes your envelope number or last name on the check in the memo line so it can be properly accounted for by our book keeper.

Set your payment up through online banking or contact your bank for more information.

Stewardship

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

Summer is well underway. Our longest days are with us now. These are the times that our ancestors took the time to give thanks for the growing fields, sunny days, and the Gifts of God. As we move through our days, they may seem long and stifling due to the impact of COVID-19. We must not, however, forget that our sunny days are still with us, as are the growing fields, and the unending Gifts of God.

As stewards of the Word of the Lord, we must continue to find the good and to be grateful for the gifts, bringing them to light for others who may not see them readily. One gift that I was able to experience this last Sunday was worship together. What a gift it was! As we work through the challenges of summer, remember the gifts – the blooming flowers, the shade of the trees, and the gift of worship. Bring your stewardship forward through your annual pledge and help us continue bringing those gifts to those less fortunate through our outreach programs. Be a strong steward and bring the light of those gifts to the forefront for others as a guide to understanding the love and caring that God gives us.

-Debbie Bauer

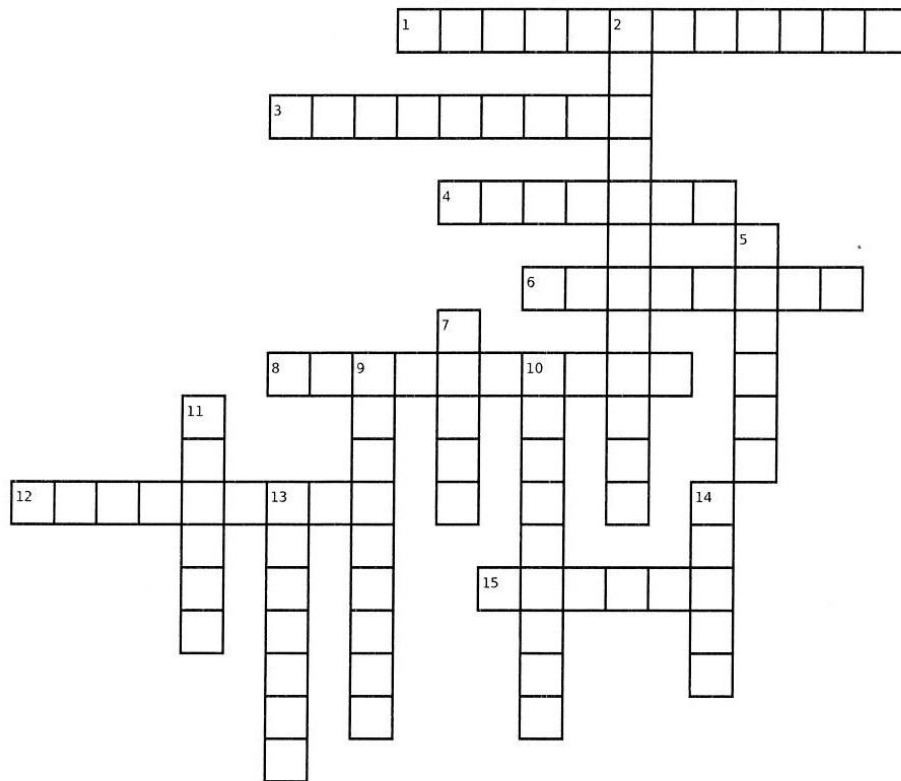


The parish office will be closed on July 6 in observance of Independence Day.

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

Service will be pre-recorded on our website for Sunday, July 5.

Prayer book



Down:

2. rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ (p.860)
5. Saint Mary the _____ whose day is August 15
7. Saint who we remember on July 25 as the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom
9. an outline of the faith (p. 845)
10. the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts (p. 13)
11. eternal life in our enjoyment of God (p. 862)
13. Order for the Worship for the _____ on page 108
14. the fourth of this month is Easter next year (page 883)

Across:

1. bringing to God the needs of others (p. 857)
3. lifting up of the heart and mind to God, being in His presence (p. 857)
4. _____ of the sick is the rite of anointing the sick with oil, or the laying on of hands (p. 861)
6. Daily Devotions for Individuals and _____ on page 136
8. outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace (p. 857)
12. Mary _____ Saint who we remember on July 22 who was a witness of the resurrection
15. responding to God, by thought and by deeds (p.856)

What's the Buzz?

As a Christian we ask God to work through us in doing his will. This includes helping our fellow man. However, not only should we be helping other humans but also all of God's creation. In reading Genesis it becomes clear that God intentionally created all things both big and small and their environment.

The new "buzz" word for responsibly caring for all of God's creation is sustainability. This means we live in harmony with nature to insure that nature will support the present and future generations. The earth belongs to God and must be respected. His creation should be treated with a sense of stewardship. This translates into guarding our world and using it wisely.

Concern for the environment was described by Chief Seattle (1786 – 1866) in the following quote:

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together."

The industrial revolution changed our world. Instead of living in harmony with nature, resources were used without thinking of future needs. The attitude was that all resources could and would be used for man's benefit. Machines began doing much of the work formerly done by humans. Coal was used to provide the fuel. This led to pollution of the air and with that come the demise of various species of plants and animals. This is still occurring but there is hope.

There is currently a new approach to reverse this type of thinking. Landscape Architects are now focused on projects that emphasize sustainability. In Greenville a corridor of parks already exists with trees and flowers to promote pollinators and bees in nature. This corridor will be extended with the unity park connecting to Fall's Park.

What can individuals do in their own yard? They can have less lawn since lawns are an ecological wasteland. Lawn irrigation consumes 8 billion gallons water per year and adds nothing to sustainability. Some of our lawn areas can be dramatically reduced leaving room for plants to support pollinators and bees.

-Annette Burdette



Grit & Grace

I am no longer waiting for a special occasion;
I burn the best candles on ordinary days.

I am no longer waiting for the house to be clean;
I fill it with people who understand that
even dust is Sacred.

I am no longer waiting for everyone
to understand me; It's just not their task

I am no longer waiting for the perfect children;
my children have their own names that burn as
brightly as any star.

I am no longer waiting for the other shoe to
drop; It already did, and I survived.

I am no longer waiting for the time to be right;
the time is always now.

I am no longer waiting for the mate
who will complete me;
I am grateful to be so warmly, tenderly held.

I am no longer waiting for a quiet moment;
my heart can be stilled whenever it is called.

I am no longer waiting for the world to be at
peace; I unclench my grasp and
breathe peace in and out.

I am no longer waiting to do something great;
being awake to carry
my grain of sand is enough.

I am no longer waiting to be recognized;
I know that I dance in a holy circle.

I am no longer waiting for Forgiveness.

I believe, I Believe.

-Mary Anne Perrone

Candles on the Altar

A Word from the Altar Guild

Why do we have candles on the altar when we are not having Holy Eucharist?

"Candles have extensive ceremonial use in the Christian liturgical tradition. Lighted candles may be seen to symbolize the light of Christ, or the light of the gospel, or simply to remind the congregation that the time and space for worship are sacred. Candles provide illumination that enhances the beauty of the church, and may provide additional light for worship. Candles may be carried in procession by acolytes, and held as the gospel is said or sung. Candles may be placed on the altar, or on a reredos behind the altar, or on pavement lights beside the altar.

The first known mention of the use of altar lights was a twelfth-century report that two candles flanked an altar cross in the papal chapel. The injunction of Edward VI in 1547 called for there to be two lights on the high altar "for the signification that Christ is the very true light of the world." Candles have been used in some English cathedrals and churches since the seventeenth century. The use of candles at the eucharist was disputed in the Church of England and in the Episcopal Church during the nineteenth century. During the years of the ritualist controversy in the Episcopal Church, the General Conventions of 1868, 1871, and 1874 considered proposals to prohibit the use of altar candles. Use of candles in worship was strongly favored by Episcopalians of the catholic tradition and resisted by those of the evangelical tradition. The use of altar candles was never prohibited by General Convention. Use of altar lights and other candles in the worship of the church is now customary."

<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/candles>

Outreach

The Outreach Committee met with masks on and the appropriate distancing and doors open for fresh air. We had to cancel the scheduled outdoor meeting because of the rain.

One item discussed was The Pleasant Valley Connection. PVC, like most other places, is suffering from being closed down. They are hoping that they will be able to run their summer day camp for some of the neighborhood children. Not only is it fun and beneficial for the kids, it helps parents by providing a safe place for their children while they go to work. The Church of the Redeemer is asked for special support for their PVC Summer Program. So, now is your opportunity to help.

Send a check to the parish office made out to The Church of the Redeemer with "PVC Day Camp" on the memo line. And Redeemer will mail PVC a single check for their summer camp. You can ask Robin Mill, our representative on the PVC Board of Directors, if you want more information.

Another item on the agenda was finding a substitute event for the Pumpkin Patch, at least for this year. If you have some ideas get them to Lori, Catherine+, or Sue. We could use something that earns money for our neighborhood missions and brings together people in the community. The Brainstorming included substituting something for the Summer of Service. One idea could be a Youth Led Activity that might bring in kids from PVC or other churches to earn money for an outreach mission. Don't sit on your ideas; let us know.

-Outreach Committee

Thank You

Dear Ones,

I want to thank you for all of your kindnesses to me – the calls, emails, texts, cards, visits, offers of food, furniture, places to stay. I have been completely overwhelmed by your generosity, support and love.

You have no idea how much all of that has meant to me during this, the most difficult time of my life. I am blessed and thankful to be part of this wonderful Redeemer family.

You have been the hands and feet
and voice of Jesus for me.
I love you all,

Betty Boesch

Samaritan House

We are collecting **Canned Corn or Macaroni & Cheese**

for Samaritan House this month.

Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you!



If you're not currently getting our emails please call or email the church office to give us your email address.

If you don't have email or are not online call to let us know to mail the information to you and confirm your mailing address.

parishadmin@corcsc.org or 864.277.4562
Sue Bannio



July & August Birthdays & Anniversaries



JULY

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Daniel McCullough | 10 Gretchen & Craig Grounsell | 24 Sue & Hooper Skardon |
| 3 Bill Heizer | 10 Sandy Oliver | 25 Debbie Bauer |
| 4 Bobby Brock | 15 John Lee | 26 Tom Oliver |
| 5 Cookie & Bobby Brock | 18 Betty Lupo | 26 Cathleen Christie |
| 5 Connie Howard | 19 Larry Broderick | 27 Lauren & Joe McCullough |
| 6 Doug Parrott | 20 Katie Houston | 28 Teri Graves |
| 6 Candace Wilson | 22 Meg Coffey | 29 Katie & Jason Houston |
| 7 Amy Broderick | 22 Bob Powell | 30 Larry Shugart |

AUGUST

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Steve McCullough | 7 Phyllis & Steve Webb | 18 Fay Chadwick |
| 2 Andrea Helm | 9 Micki Brown | 19 Janice Ryskamp |
| 3 Leslie Entwistle | 10 Andrea & John Helm | 22 Ellie & Carl Thompson |
| 3 Jacob Hayes | 14 Jackie Houston | 22 Robbie Hamilton |
| 4 Jennifer Thompson | 15 Wendy Caney | 26 Nancy Powell |
| 6 Ray Campbell | 15 Margaret Lee | 28 Richard Caney |
| | 15 Tony Wilson | 29 Pauline Warren |

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

Returning to church ...

"With only ten people in total, social distancing was easily accomplished"

"Most of all, it felt like coming home with love all around"

"Very well planned"

"To be physically present for worship and Oh, so comforting"

"So easy to sign-up with Lori!"

"Different from a typical former Sunday to be sure, but special and peaceful in its own way"

"Well worth putting aside any qualms I had about gathering"

"Delightful to reconnect with fellow mask-wearing parishioners in person"

"Felt extremely safe and totally loved by my church community"

"I look forward to the next service"







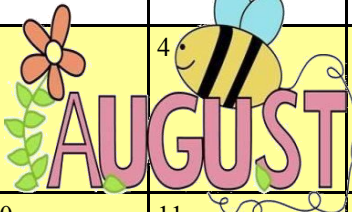


Thank you to Pat Blackburn for making our "Welcome" pew markers. These markers help us with social distancing and mark the pews that we should sit in. So creative and beautiful! Thank you Pat!

As we continue to learn more and prepare to open service to more people please keep in mind that our service times on the calendar may change.

Thank you to the worship committee for setting a plan for outdoor worship and especially to Rick Hankinson for his commitment to helping this to become a reality. Stay tuned to our E-blast and weekly bulletins for more information when we are able to begin outdoor Worship!

July & August

2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 
HAPPY 4th of July!						
5 9:30am Morning Prayer Online No In Person Service	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7	8 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
12 8:00am Morning Prayer 9:30am Morning Prayer	13 Finance Meeting (zoom)	14 	15 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
19 8:00am Morning Prayer 9:30am Morning Prayer	20 Vestry Meeting (zoom)	21	22 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
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First Day of School Greenville County						
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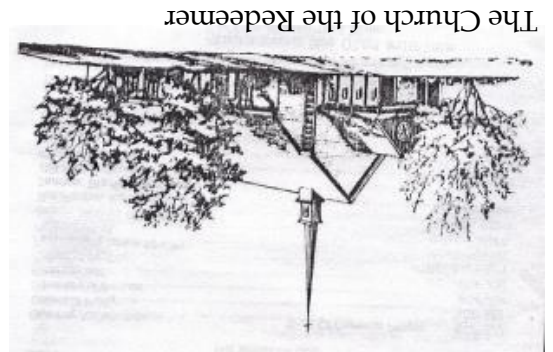
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Come Join Us!