



ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

OCTOBER 2020

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From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

“Instructions for living life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”

Mary Oliver

The year 2020 and this ongoing time of living in a pandemic might look very different by following into these instructions.

Pay attention. I paid attention when the email said that all in-person worship services were canceled “until further notice.” We thought, then hoped that our congregation would be together again for Holy Week, for Easter. Some congregations began to say that they would celebrate Easter on whatever date they gathered again. Surely it would be soon.

Perhaps we understand a little better how the early apostles felt. Jesus would return; surely it would be soon. In the meantime, we feel a little lost, maybe abandoned.

“How long, O Lord? Will you
forget [us] forever?” we cry.
(Psalm 13.1)

The psalmist’s cry has been the cry of humankind forever. We learn now about lament, about exodus, about the richness of prayer, of praying at home, of remembering God in every time and place. We worship in small groups, waiting.

The astonishing element is that God is present! Easter happened – the Lord is risen indeed! The church doors were shut, but the church was and is alive. We have joined with others near and far, via telephone, social media, hand-written notes – Christ is alive!

How are you? Be safe. Surely God’s love infiltrates our days.

Redeemer began meeting outside in July; rain has not stopped worship. Nothing can or will stop our worship of the Lord. The gospel was never meant to be hidden. It is not hidden now.

Go and tell. Like Mary leaving the empty tomb, go and tell that Jesus Christ is alive. Do not concern yourself with scoffers; let them see for themselves that the early proclamation is true. Tell your story of faith, of hope in these and on all days. Share with friends, while you are (socially distanced) in line: in what ways is God astonishing you today? Are we paying attention?

God is good and ever-present. In the pages of this newsletter, read the many ways in which God is present right here, acting through the hands and feet and hearts of God’s beloved at Redeemer.

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Go and tell.

The Lord is risen!

In peace,
Catherine+



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Buzz From The Beehive

Last month my article in "Echoes" was entitled 'Seize The Day'! The intent was to reassure you that Redeemer continues to be an active 'beehive' of activity despite the challenges all of us are dealing with. The beehive buzz might not be quite as easy to hear due to masks, but let there be no doubt, a lot is going on. The variety of articles in last month's 'Echoes' submitted by the Vestry, Redeemer Staff and Gary Powell, Redeemer's missionary currently in Ukraine, attested to the 'buzz', mask-muffled or not!



Another point about the masks: We wear them inside the church and during portions of our Sunday morning worship Services outside but they do not and cannot hide the smiles one senses behind members' masks during our socially-distanced gatherings. That's one of the characteristics of belonging to the family of

The Church of the Redeemer. It is special as visitors to our church always point out.

We will continue to emphasize safe practices as long as it takes, but the buzz and smiles from the beehive continue!

An inspirational thought that life at Redeemer encourages:

"This is the beginning of a new day. We have been given this day to use as we will. We can waste it or use it for good. What we do today is important because we are exchanging a day of our lives for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. In its place is something that we have left behind. Let it be something good."

We are blessed,

-Bill Heizer

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.

Outdoor Worship



Join us in the parking lot for
Outdoor Holy Eucharist
Service
on Sunday at 9:00am.



- ◆ No Signup needed
- ◆ Masks are Required
- ◆ Bring your own chair
- ◆ Social Distancing Required

Bible Study

Join us in October for our on-line bible study!

It has been going great and you can join anytime!

We will Zoom together on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 6:30pm for Evening prayer.

Bible study will immediately follow.

We are reading the books of the Apocrypha.

Join us for a wonderful discussion.

To receive the zoom link email Rev.

Catherine Tatem: revctatem@gmail.com

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY**, October 12, 2020, the second Monday of the month

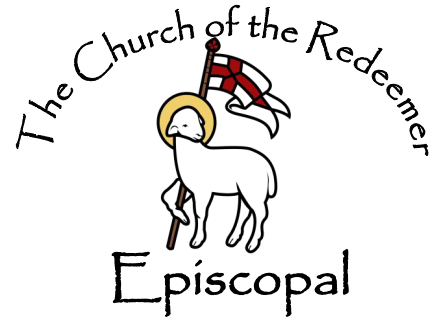
Financial Corner	through August 31, 2020
Budget Income	\$ 170,172
Actual Income	\$ 166,619
Difference	\$ (3,553)
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Faith Offering Goal	\$ 16,000
Intentional Giving - Faith	\$ 6,360
Difference (Goal = 0)	\$ (9,640)
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>	

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

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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



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER FINANCIAL PLEDGE FOR 2021



*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another
with whatever gift each of you has received. – 1 Peter 4:10*

Dear Redeemer Family and Friends,

We come to you with grateful hearts. We have so much for which to be thankful. Even in the months in which we were physically distant and unable to gather in person, the Spirit kept us together, connecting us. Many in the media or in our society kept referring to our churches as “closed,” but we were never closed — we continued following the Gospel call to live in love with our neighbors, finding new ways to seek and serve Christ in all people.

As we look to the year to come, we remain committed to the ministry and love we share with our community and our neighbors. Our ministry is funded through the gifts of its members — your generous offerings given in grace and love. This year we are asking for every member to take part in our stewardship campaign by making a pledge. Included with this letter is a pledge card for stating your gift and for sharing with one another the meaningful ways in which you participate in the life of Redeemer.

We will be hearing messages of faith-filled generosity as we move through the weeks of this year’s stewardship season. The Gospel is rich with examples of how our faith kindles our love for each other and our Christian responsibility to share our love with the world. I invite you and your household to pray and learn, taking these weeks to consider how your generous response to God’s call has been shaped by this community and the friends who gather with you. Thank you for being a part of The Church of the Redeemer and for your faithful, faith-filled gift to our annual campaign.

Our pledge in-gathering Sunday is November, 8, 2020, at which time we will present our 2021 financial pledge commitment to God. Please be part of this celebration in prayer and presence, via our in-person gathering or our online offerings. Your pledge or one-time gift will be used to the glory of God, in service to God’s will for The Church of the Redeemer. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

Faithfully,

Your Stewardship Committee,

Debbie Bauer (Vestry), Tracy Butchko, Joe Butchko

Christian Education

How can I not write about pumpkins in October??

The tough decision was made in February that we would not have our annual pumpkin patch this year. This decision came through feedback received from all the churches that represent ARCUM (Augusta Road Churches United in Ministry.) Ultimately, it was decided that we did not have enough manpower to fill the weeks and tasks that are required for such a big project. I am forever thankful to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it the success that it was for 4 years! It makes me sad that no one will call me the pumpkin lady this year, and that the front lawn of Redeemer will not be transformed into a big beautiful pumpkin patch. The patch was all about community and coming together for the common good. It was about children's smiling faces as they pick out their perfect pumpkin to put in the red wagon. It was about family and friends making the tradition to come and have their picture taken and enjoy some popcorn and pizza on a crisp fall evening. No Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin on the lawn.

Then I got to thinking...

What if WE are the pumpkins?

What if we look at ourselves and imagine that we are the pumpkins that have been planted for a time such as this, in this place at the church on the hill. A couple of years ago I gave a little children's sermon during the service one Sunday morning in October. The story was about how being a Christian is a lot like being a pumpkin. I did not come up with this concept but have come across different versions of this story over time. I told the story at the center aisle in the sanctuary and had all the props to help as the story went along.

It goes something like this...

Being a Christian is a lot like being a pumpkin.

We know that God thought it was a good idea and took the time to create human beings. He made us so that no two people would be alike just like no two pumpkins are the same. For this beautiful creation to happen seeds must be planted. There will be a time when it doesn't look like much of anything is happening. It will take time for the seeds to grow and mature.

They will need lots of Sun (Son), water (living water), and love (the greatest of these is love.) Once the pumpkins have grown and are ready to be harvested, the farmer will go out and carefully pick each of the pumpkins by hand. Of course, they will be lying in the dirt and probably have some mud and bugs stuck to them. The farmer will pick each pumpkin and wipe off whatever time and the elements have collected on them: mud, bugs, wet leaves.

He will clean each one layer by layer so that you can see the beauty of each pumpkin. The resilient skin and beautiful color are what makes everyone, (I mean every pumpkin) unique!

Once the pumpkin is picked and is ready to be carved this can take some time and effort. Sometimes the skin can be tough to get through and lots of carving and planning must happen to be able to see just what the farmer had in mind for each pumpkin. The pumpkin might look one way on the outside, but it's really about what is on the inside that counts. The farmer reaches in and pulls out all the yucky stuff. He takes out all the seeds and sludge that have been created over time.

All that muck in the pumpkin is like what we may be carrying around on the inside, things like self-doubt, fear, anger, hurt. Once all the "stuff" that the pumpkin has been holding in is taken out, it is ready for the greatest thing to happen! The farmer then has room to place a candle inside. The light from the candle will warm things up and fill the entire pumpkin with a light so bright that all who look can see it.

What if we have been the pumpkins all along?

What if God has planted us right here and right now for a reason?

God's plan and timing has placed us here during this crazy out of control time that we all are facing. The Good News is that Jesus is holding each one of us in His hands. He is dusting us off and molding each of us to be shiny and new. We are being filled with a light that cannot be snuffed out or taken away. He is guiding us and showing us how to carry that light with us each day and every where we go so that all who look can see. Let us all find the joy in being Charlie Brown and knowing that Jesus is The Greatest Pumpkin we could ever pick.

God's Peace,

Lori aka, The Pumpkin Lady
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Christian Education for our Youth

Classes for the youth will resume October 4
and two classes are offered

1. Sanctus

(Elementary School
K-5 through 5th grade)

What: Bible story focused on weekly
readings and prayer time

Where: Playground
When: 8:55 am Sundays

2. Hands of God/ Dove's Nest

(middle and high school youth)
What: Alpha for Teens

Where: Front lawn and Transept
When: 8:55 am Sundays

All classes are planned for outside. Masks
must be worn, social distancing in effect.
We encourage everyone to bring a towel to
sit on and water bottle.

UNITED IN THANKFULNESS INDIVIDUALLY

This year has brought many changes to our lives. We miss being with each other inside our church but are thankful for our outdoor service, continuing Wednesday morning Service, and our Sunday recorded Morning Prayer. We have missed participation in various outreach projects but are thankful that Samaritan House found a way to serve those in need of nourishment. We have missed the two 2020 United Thank Offering Ingathering dates in which we present at the altar our Blue UTO Boxes filled with coins representing all our blessings. Perhaps it has been a challenge each day to find a blessing to be thankful for, but they are there. To that end we are going to embark on a new United Thank Offering project in November.

I invite you to take part in the National United Thank Offering November Gratitude Challenge. This challenge asks us to spend the 30 days in November intentionally practicing gratitude. You are encouraged to spend each week focusing on areas in our lives we often overlook or take for granted. We will provide weekly sheets covering the theme for that week with ideas on how you might give thanks. This challenge is designed to be done individually or with family (all ages). Please take the time to be thankful each week not only by participating in this challenge but also by continuing to use your Blue Boxes.

You continue to be a
blessing to me!

Peace, Phyllis Webb



Worship Update

October 2020

The Church of the Redeemer and all of the churches in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina continue to work closely with the Diocese and the Task Force on guidelines for worship during this time. Newly revised guidelines may be found on the diocesan website at: edusc.org.

In addition, Redeemer’s vestry is working with the specifics, which include room capacity, ventilation, and percent of positive coronavirus tests in SC in order for us to outline indoor worship and gathering options. We hope to have a local mid-October update, but do not expect large inside gatherings any time soon. We are fortunate to have temperate weather that gives us a chance to gather. The parishes in many Episcopal dioceses are just now beginning to meet, inside or outside.

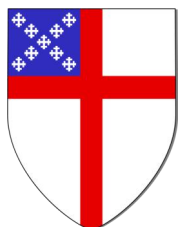
Be thankful in all things. Pray for all communities of worship who share our deep longing to be together and who are learning to be the church in ever-new ways.

2021 Nominating Committee

Would you like to know more about the inner workings of the church?

Would you like to be a part of the decision making?

If so, have you considered becoming a member of the Vestry?



If the Lord is speaking to you regarding this service, please contact Debbie Bauer, Jason Houston, or Judy Planck, your nominating committee to the Vestry.

Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee has been busy with its plans to conduct its “How To Make A Beautiful Fall Wreath” workshop. It will occur at 9am on October 3rd in the Transept. All appropriate safe practices will be observed. A videotaped version of the workshop has been made for those who would rather make the wreath at home using the \$25 materials kit obtained at registration. NOTE: September 27th was the last day to register.

The success of this workshop will determine whether or not the Fellowship Committee conducts more of these hands-on workshops in the future. This year’s Fellowship Committee consists of Louise Heizer, Jane Bouton, Ann Meade and June Moore. Contact any of them for details.

-Louise Heizer

Communications

Communications has been working to keep everyone informed and connected during these disengaged times. The Vestry has been calling around to individuals in the congregation to check-in, update and ask what more we can do to better serve the church. These echoes articles are a great way to get the latest news but please do not hesitate to reach out to the Vestry personally with any questions you may have. Lastly, we hope you are tuning into the YouTube online services the Church has been providing. These technologies are a powerful tool, and while nothing is as dynamic as being in-person, it is nice that we still have applications to serve and stay connected.

-Daniel McCullough

Baby Announcement

On September 12, our daughter Lauren gave birth to identical twin boys. They were born at 31



weeks. They are 3 pounds each and are at the Duke University medical center NICU. Every one is very healthy. The boys need to gain weight and thermo regulate to go home. This will probably be in about 3-4 weeks. Larry and I are thrilled to acquire our new names: Mimi and Pop.

-Katie Broderick

Lauren Broderick holding Derek Shankar



Nikhil Shankar holding Lucas Shankar

Worship

We continue to meet outside in God's natural space. This past Sunday was windy and cold. The spirit of the people; however, was very warm and supportive of one another. There is a plan being developed to safely meet inside.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care continues to send out cards, pray for our ill and recovering parishioners, and provide meals for those needing assistance. We are thinking of you! As always, please contact Dinah Johnson (864-630-5047) or Greg Brown (864-288-2431) if the pastoral care committee can help you in any way. We are at your service.

-Dinah Johnson



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. Dedications are only \$35, but the awe of honoring his Glory cannot be measured.

Send in your request for a specific occasion by mail, or by email to the parish office, or by filling in our 2020 Altar dedication book which is on the communication table in the ambulatory.

October Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
OCT 4	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalms 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
OCT 11	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
OCT 18	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalms 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
OCT 25	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

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.

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Sue Bannio
Parish Administrator

All creatures great and small ...

Sunday, October 4th is a day on which to remember St. Francis, patron saint of pets and ecology. Pray this collect and blessing with your pet today!

God, whose nature and whose name is Love: We thank you for this relationship between [me] and [my pet]. Let their home be filled with kindness and care; let them be the delight of one another's hearts; and watch over and keep them from this day forward in safety and peace; for your Name's sake. Amen.

The Lord God made them all.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Susan Butler | 13 Mary Vaughn | 21 Sean Reardon |
| 4 Nathan Reardon | 13 Ryan Ginn | 21 Wallace Lightsey |
| 5 Janet & David Poleski | 14 Beth Hamilton | 22 Connor Witham |
| 8 Asheton Skardon | 16 Judy & Scott Derrick | 23 Bennett Helm |
| 8 Joan Mullin | 17 Cynthia Eason | 24 Lisa & Jim Brooks |
| 10 Riley Jernigan | 18 Kaleb Reardon | 24 Steve Fior |
| 11 Ann & Kyle Meade | 18 Sarah Meade | 26 Frances Zacher |
| 12 Ann Meade | 20 Betty Boesch | 28 Joseph Ethan Hawkins |

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

October 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
4 9:00am Outdoor Worship with Holy Eucharist Christian Education PLUS Online Video of Morning Prayer	5 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	6	7 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) 6:30PM ZOOM Bible Study	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
11 9:30 am Indoor Worship with Holy Eucharist Christian Education PLUS Online Video of Morning Prayer	12 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) Finance Meeting (zoom)	13 	14 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
18 9:30 am Indoor Worship with Holy Eucharist PLUS Online Video of Morning Prayer	19 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) Vestry Meeting (zoom)	20	21 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) 6:30PM ZOOM Bible Study	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 11 am AA (Purser Hall)
25 9:30 am Indoor Worship with Holy Eucharist Christian Education PLUS Online Video of Morning Prayer	26 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	27	28 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)	29 	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 11 am AA (Purser Hall)

OCTOBER Lector Schedule			
Date	Time	Worship Leader I	Worship Leader II
4-Oct	9:00 AM	Bill Heizer	Phyllis Webb
11-Oct	9:30 AM	Rick Hankinson	Wallace Lightsey
18-Oct	9:30 AM	Betty Boesch	Judy Planck
25-Oct	9:30 AM	Lori Hawkins	Robin Mill



Samaritan House

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



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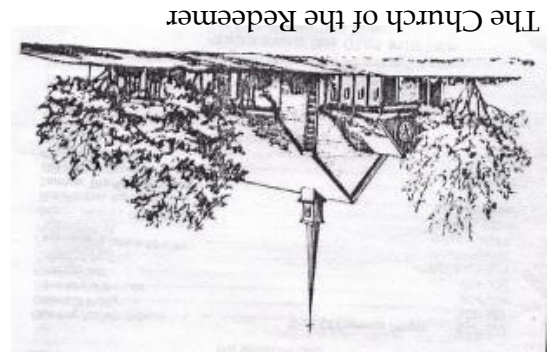
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or Wednesdays at 9:30 am
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