



# ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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## From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

### Abundant Life

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* John 10:10

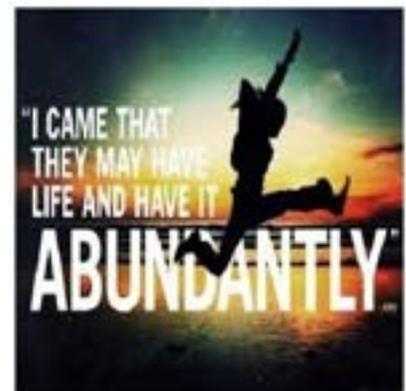
There are many signs of life, abundant life, at Redeemer.

- Parishioners provided Pleasant Valley Connection with 41 backpacks and corresponding school supplies. Wow!
- With your generous contributions, we can provide a mid-year refill on supplies.
- Our pews have a few more people in them each week.
- The beautiful "welcome" banners that Pat Blackburn made help us distance ourselves by pew. Beautiful flowers adorn the altar each week.
- Silver Eucharistic vessels given in memory of Mary Vaughn have been consecrated and are in use. Two new palls cover our chalices.
- The altar guild makes sure that supplies are ready and the altar is set for every service.
- The choir's voices add to the organ music; we are enjoying anthems and hymns.
- Ushers, vergers, crucifers, lectors, video recorders, and all, the list continues of the many volunteers that put together our services.
- Fellowship, hospitality – a night of baseball at the Fluor field!

- Christian formation, a men's bible study – we have so much to offer a hurting world!

Thank you, members and friends of Redeemer. As we enter another season of taking health precautions because of Coronavirus, these restrictions move into a place of inconvenience and **not** the end of the faithful gathering, giving and witness of The Church of the Redeemer.

There are diverse ministries that might speak to your heart. Lector, usher, fold bulletins, teach, record, prepare food for the freezer for pastoral care needs, help with maintenance of the Garth or pet garden or send cards. All of these ministries bless the congregation and the volunteers. We come closer together in Christ as we share our gifts and lives.



This is a letter of encouragement, my friends, to continue walking in love and in Christ, experiencing not only life, but abundant life at all times.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

In Christ, Catherine+



## Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

## What's In It for YOU... and for ME?

Phil Purser, retired Rector of Redeemer, used to say that Rectors come and Rectors go, but the church is its community and that's what continues on and on. I've come to appreciate the wisdom of Father Purser's observation more and more over time. We've made great strides in building back to where we were before the pandemic, but it's a fact that we are still missing some faces we were used to seeing. "Missing" as in physical presence as well as in our hearts. You might have known some of them better than others, but all of them made a difference in our community.

Here's are some quotes worth reading about church community; they are from an article written by Pastor Shayne Looper of Lockwood Community Church in Michigan:

*"There is much more to the church than 'attending services'. The mindset that views the local church as an entertainment venue that happens to be open on Sunday mornings makes an authentic experience of church life all but impossible. A meaningful experience of the church requires participation in a community. Such participation involves both what one receives and what one gives. Further,*

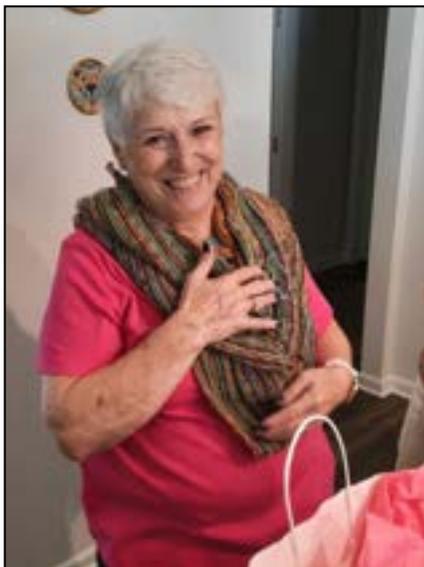
*participation in the church means serving, caring for, and helping other people. In the church, every person is a minister."*

And now, active and soon-to-be active again fellow Redeemer 'ministers', consider this:

*"It is through serving each other, putting up with each other, contributing to each other that the church becomes a fellowship of holy love, a community that embraces one another even in life's messiest moments. That embrace enables a process of a transformation to take place both on an individual and a corporate level. This transformation doesn't happen to consumerist churchgoers but to participants. It doesn't happen while attending church as much as while being the church".*

Summer is over, school is in, cooler weather's coming and being 'the church' is what it is all about. What a great feeling and blessing for you and for me to share in these unpredictable times!

-Bill Heizer  
Senior Warden



After 41 years of living in South Carolina as a member of The Church of the Redeemer Judy Planck will be moving back to her home state of Michigan to be with her sister. Her new address will be 307 Westbrook Ct. Marshall MI 49068. We wish her well on her journey and know that she will be back to visit.

Thank you, Judy, for your many years of service to the members of Redeemer as lector, altar guild member, office worker and friend! You will be missed!



### Organist On Vacation

Our organist, Bob Powell, will be on vacation from September 12 through September 26. We wish Bob and his wife Nancy safe and wonderful travels as they visit with their family.

In his absence Stephany Austell will fill in for him with hymns recorded and loaded on the electric organ. Come enjoy the variety of music that our organ can play.

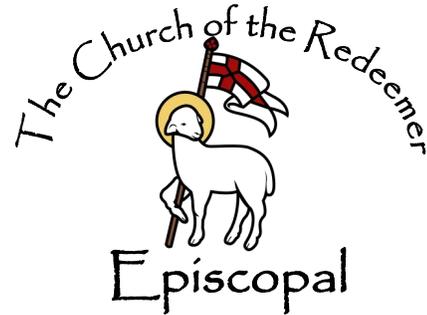
- September 12**  
Church Picnic
- September 19**  
Christian Education Begins
- September 25**  
Election of new Bishop
- September 26**  
EYC 5-7pm

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on **MONDAY**, September 14 on the second Monday of the month

Financial Corner		through July 31, 2021
<b>Total Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
Budget	\$	158,198
Actual	\$	153,666
Difference	\$	(4,532)
<b>Faith Offering (Included in above)</b>		
Budget	\$	13,825
Actual	\$	2,566
Difference	\$	(11,259)
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>		

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### The Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

- The Rev. Deacon Janet Atkins, *Deacon*
- Sue Bannio, *Parish Administrator*
- Lori Hawkins, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*
- Sue Bannio, *Bookkeeper*
- Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

### Vestry Members

- Bill Heizer (2021) - *Senior Warden*
- Stephany Austell (2023) - *Junior Warden*
- Annette Burdette (2022) - *Fellowship*
- Betty Herrin (2021) - *Pastoral Care*
- Robin Mill (2022) - *Outreach*
- Stephany Austell (2023) - *Buildings & Grounds*
- Rebekah Webb (2021) - *Finance*
- Daniel McCullough (2022) - *Communications*
- Margie Hankinson (2021) - *Christian Ed*
- OPEN (2023) - *Stewardship*
- Greg Brown (2022) - *Membership*
- Betty Boesch (2023) - *Worship*
- Rebekah Webb - *Treasurer*  
 rwebb5476@gmail.com
- Jack Blackburn - *Assistant Treasurer*
- Terry Landreth *Clerk*

### *The Vestry meets the third Tuesday 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

## Christian Education

Seems like I keep running into the word *Grace* lately, so maybe I should try and write about it. There's nothing like 36 tornado warnings and 5 tornados to really start the school year off with a bang. Maybe I should be writing about storms instead of grace, but we will see how it goes.

I don't know about you, but up until recently, I was feeling good about where we were headed. Plans for the fall were looking normal and it was a welcome change to get back to the business of the way things are done. What's the saying about the best laid plans? Just when we think we have things figured out, God reminds us that He's the one in control. The world can be a scary place and the future can seem uncertain. Sometimes the only thing we can do is put one foot in front of the other and take it one day at a time. We are all just trying to do the best we can and sometimes, a lot of times, we fall short. The church can also fall short. Our church is made up of humans which means we are not perfect...not even close! Like everything else, church is no exception: balls get dropped, mistakes happen, feelings will get hurt.

Here's where that word *Grace* comes in... What if we all showed each other some extra grace right now? *Grace* is hard to give, and I need to be reminded of it often. In fact, I don't usually think of it until after the situation has passed, but I am trying.

Redeemer can be described as a small, tight knit, loving faith community. We are small but mighty. We continue to help those in need and serve our local community. We are tightly knit; everyone knows everybody. Redeemer is a loving faith community. Everyone really cares. If someone needs help how many times have you called someone from church to lend a hand? When someone is sick or has an emergency who do you reach out to first? Redeemer is filled with some

powerful prayer warriors. We are a community. We are a family. We are a family of faith that gathers week after week. We come from all over town, all walks of life, all ages, all different experiences, and journeys. We keep coming back time after time hoping to do things better next week. We keep coming back to be renewed, refreshed, and held in love. We want to love as God loves us. We will all walk through storms at some point, and we continue to gather and hold each other close because that is what we do, that is who we are. May we all hold each other up when we stumble. It is through these small acts of faith, love, hope, and grace that we can spread light and love to one another here at Redeemer, and out into the world.

God's Peace,

Lori Hawkins

lhredeemer@gmail.com  
864-360-5845



## Save the Date

**September 19**

**Classes begin** following the service. At this time we will meet as a group of all ages. We will discuss heroes in the Bible and begin Bible journaling.

**September 26 5pm to 7pm**  
**EYC**

Look for more information to come via email to parents and caregivers.

## Adult Christian Ed.

You can feel the excitement in the air, whether you are 3 or 103. It is the start of a new school year, when the days of relaxation and lack of accountability morph into the frenzy of a new way of life. Wee ones go off to school, with tiny backpacks and a lingering sense of excitement mixed with dread of what the future holds. The more mature youngster knows that new friends and experiences await, but also feels that dread of what the newness may hold. We oldsters smile and nod as we mentally relive our own "first days" and secretly long for a chance to begin again and renew that strange excitement, tinged with fear of the unknown.

Our Christian Education department is giving us a chance to renew our excitement of a new start with the advent of adult classes here at Redeemer. Following our service and social time, we have the opportunity to engage in our own ongoing education and lifetime formation. On September 19 and 26, we will hear a theatrical reading of Mark's gospel, half of the gospel in each session. In October we will resume our weekday Zoom bible study and have Sunday classes about our prayer book: for example, there's a lot of bible in it!

The time is right. Advent may be the official start of the church year, and January 1 the start of the calendar year, but we all know that NOW is the start of the education year. We can fill ourselves anew with the excitement of a new start and a new opportunity to grow in Christ.

- Margie Hankinson

### Join us in OCTOBER for our NEW on-line bible study!

We will Zoom together on the first and third Wednesdays starting October 6 at 6:30pm for Evening prayer. Bible study will immediately follow. Everyone is welcome!

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

An important event in the life of the church takes place this month. Our current bishop, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo retires at the end of this calendar year. At a special election on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Cathedral, The Church of the Redeemer exercises its voice in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Our rector, Catherine, and delegates, Bill Heizer, Stephany Austell, Rebekah Webb and Steve Webb will travel to Columbia and vote for the next bishop of the diocese!

Familiarize yourself with the slate of candidates by reading about them on the Diocesan website: [edusc.org](http://edusc.org), and **let a delegate know** who you might choose. Your input will help our delegates make a decision on behalf of the congregation.

Pray for the candidates, for the election, and for all the delegates of the Diocese. We are part of the church in action. Thanks be to God!



### September 11, 2021

On this day we remember in prayer those who lost their lives twenty years ago in the attack.

*Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack.*

*We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93.*

*Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died.*

## Redeemer T-shirts for Sale

Beautiful royal blue Redeemer t-shirts are available for purchase. The shirts are from a local area business and are made to last. They are a lightweight cotton/poly blend with a heathered look. T-shirts are \$15 each, which allows us to provide a free t-shirt to all youth ages 17 and under.

Sizes available are: S, M, L, XL, XXL (unisex cut)  
Please fill out an order form with your payment and place it in the offering plate, or return to Sue in the office.



Thank you for your support!



### The Church of the Redeemer T-shirt Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Circle Sizes: \_\_\_ Small \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

#### Office Use

T-shirts Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment: Cash Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Peace

What does it mean when we “pass the peace” in church? We might like to say “hello!” to those we haven’t seen in a while, or make quick lunch plans for later in the week. How have you been? As nice as these are, none of these greetings is actually what the Peace is all about. In the liturgy, the Peace comes after the confession and before the offertory.

At Redeemer we have announcements after the Peace, as well. Let’s look a little more closely. The service of Holy Eucharist has two main parts: the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table.

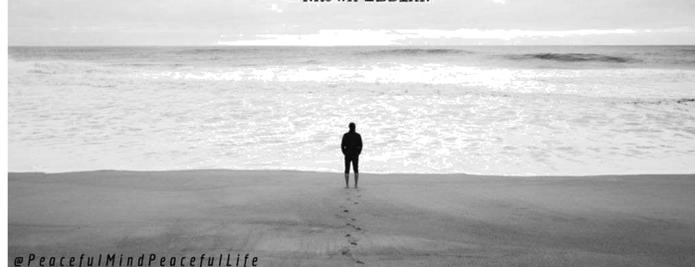
We come in praising God in song, and then we offer each other, celebrant and congregation, a blessing: “the Lord be with you! *And also with you.*” Following the readings from scripture, we hear one person’s response or interpretation of the Good News; that is the sermon. With the Creed, we affirm our faith. Grounded in the word and our belief, we offer prayers for one another, ourselves, and the world. We confess our sins and are forgiven them.

Now comes the Peace. We then turn to our neighbors and offer them Peace – the peace of Christ. We are, in this action, reconciling ourselves to one another before we present all of ourselves, and our gifts: bread and wine = life/sustenance, and money = our work, or labor. Reconciled with God and having offered that reconciliation to our neighbor through the peace, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, the liturgy of the Table. We come forward as the body of Christ, arms outstretched, to receive Christ into ourselves. We are offered and partake of “*efharisto*,” thanksgiving, the body and blood of Christ. Putting all of this together, we see that the Peace is an integral part of our *worship* and not a time of light, quick conversation.

Joy, yes! Christ’s peace comes with joy; it also came at great cost to Jesus. The peace of Christ came through his horrible crucifixion and glorious resurrection. At the Peace, greet one another with complex, profound and joyful words: “peace be with you!”

Fall asleep with nothing  
but love and forgiveness in  
your heart. What's meant  
for you will be for you  
tomorrow or the day after.  
Trust your journey.  
Rest your soul.

—NAJWA ZEBIAN



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## Transportation

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

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

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

Dean McKinley (Transportation coordinator - 864.395.1101)

Betty Herrin  
(Pastoral Care  
Leader -  
864.884.6780)





I am extremely grateful to everyone at The Church of the Redeemer for everything you have done for me since I have been unable to attend services in person.

You could not have been nicer! You have made me feel that I am still a part of the church where I have been a member since 1958, over 60 years!

I am so grateful that I have been able to watch the service each Sunday morning, I feel like I have been to church with you. The prayers, cards, Echoes, bulletins, phone calls, communion visits and flowers have all brightened my days.

Thank you again, you will never know how much your thoughtfulness has meant to me.

Yours in Christ,  
Jean Ohmsen



Jean currently resides at: NHC Room 216 B  
1305 Boiling Springs Road Greer SC 29650.  
She would love to hear from you!

## Samaritan House

We are collecting canned **FRUIT** for Samaritan House this month.

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

Thank you!



## New Chalice



Through a generous donation we were able to purchase a beautiful silver and gold paten and chalice for use at our Eucharistic services. In addition two beautiful palls were donated as well.

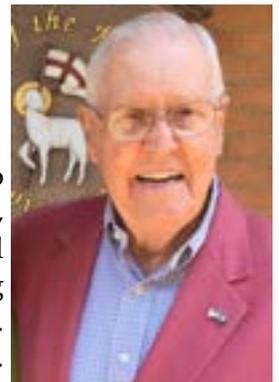
Each piece is engraved with the words "To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Mary Vaughn".

Mary was a member of The Church of the Redeemer for over 60 years, she served as St. Cecilia Guild Leader, taught Sunday School, and was active in ECW. She and her husband were among the first communicants of Redeemer. She was spiritually devoted and loved people unconditionally. She treasured her time at healing services on Wednesday mornings and had a vibrant love of the Eucharist.



## A Note from Greg Shorey

Dear Redeemer Friends,  
We make few trips back to Greenville, but when we do, we will attend service and look forward to reconnecting and meeting new members. We enjoy the monthly Echoes. Records will show that I was on the original Vestry and one of the first five families that started Redeemer - so many great memories! My children were raised at Redeemer, three were married there and we had the funeral for my wife of 67 years, Betty, at Redeemer.



In our prayers, Greg Shorey (age 97)

## Uncle Ben

Beverley Norton “Ben” Skardon was born in 1917 in St. Francisville, Louisiana. His father was an Episcopal priest. He spent his childhood in Walterboro, SC with his four brothers and one sister.

He graduated from Clemson College and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the US Army. In 1941 he was stationed in the Philippines training the Army troops. On December 8 of that year the islands were invaded by Japan. During the next three months they fought, sometimes hand to hand, against an overwhelming Japanese army. In the end, the troops that remained were surrendered to the Japanese.

Ben was forced to march to prison camps, which later became known as the Bataan Death March, in which some 20,000 captives died.



Dec. 15, 1961, B. Skardon

“On April 9, 1942 tens of thousands of American and Filipino Soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces and were forced to march more than 60 miles in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died and those who survived faced the hardships of prisoner of war camps. “There is a cost to the freedom,” said Col. Loren Traugutt, brigade commander, 111th MI Bde., during the opening ceremony.”

2021 Bataan Memorial Death March 4/10/21  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

While in Cabanatuan POW camp Ben met two Clemson classmates. Ben fell ill and was told he needed to trade his beloved Clemson 1938 class ring for food. He had kept it hidden for just over 18 months. His classmates made the deal, kept him fed, and he regained his health, however his classmates did not survive. Ben says he owes them a debt of gratitude he can never repay. Today every graduating class at Clemson hears his story before they receive their class ring.

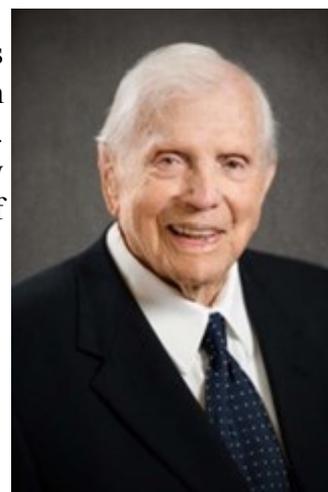
Ben spent 3.5 years in POW camps and was transferred to Japan. On the way, the two ships he was on were attacked and sunk by US Navy Aircraft. He survived both attacks and finished the war in a coal mine in Manchuria (China) and was liberated by the Russian Army. He spent six months after being liberated in hospitals recovering from his ordeals.

Ben went on to serve in Korea and Germany before returning to Clemson to teach with the ROTC department. During Ben’s time in combat he was awarded the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, four bronze stars, two with Valor and the Purple Heart. He also earned the combat Infantry Badge. He retired as a full Colonel.

Ben taught English at Clemson for 27 years and retired in 1985. He was named Alumni Master Teacher in 1977 and in 2002 he received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. On his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday he was awarded the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Henry McMaster. In 2020 he was awarded the Clemson Medallion, the highest award the University can give. He is also a proud recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal. At 104 years old Ben currently lives in Clemson and attends the home games at Memorial Stadium. Ben is the Uncle of Sue & Hooper Skardon.

In 2016 Clemson honored Ben by dedicating the flag pole at Memorial Stadium in his honor. In recent years, Ben has become well known in military circles as the only survivor who walks in the annual Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, New Mexico. In 2016 he walked eight-and-a-half miles in the event which was the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row that he had attended.

Ben is currently 104 years old and living in Clemson, South Carolina. Yes, he did walk a few miles this year in honor of his friends.



Written by  
Ben’s nephew  
Hooper Skardon

## Ways to Pray

A common remark from people everywhere is:

**“I don’t know how to pray.”**

Writer Anne Lamott asserts that the three essential prayers are:

**“Help. Thanks. Wow.”**

We ask God when we are in need: **“help,”** whether that is for healing, patience, understanding, forgiveness.

We say **“thanks”** for the many gifts that we have: each new day, for friends, family, pets, food, jobs. One way to bring a “thank you” mentality to our life is to begin a gratitude journal. Each day, write down three to five things for which you are thankful. For example, today I am thankful for the handmade sign on my desk that expresses a positive thought in words, beads, and paint. I am thankful for my “flat Jesus,” a comic on my bulletin board, the leftover dessert that became today’s breakfast, and the sound of my “Ring” doorbell notification. For what are you thankful?”

**“Wow”** speaks to the many places and ways in which we see and experience God: in sunshine, trees whose leaves change almost every day, the variegated fur on our pets, the gurgle of a baby – all miraculous and beautiful. Pray today. **How will you say: help, thanks, wow?**



## Membership

We are four persons strong on the committee for the Membership Commission and we have an important role in the life of the church.

Our mission is to develop and implement ways/activities to attract visitors, new members and retain existing members. Development of such activities requires understanding what visitors, new members, and existing members are looking for.

Visitors/newcomers are looking for a church where the church family is welcoming, where they can develop a connection, and where they feel comfortable as they worship. New members are exploring ways to share their talents, ways to offer and contribute to the church. Existing members are motivated to stay for many reasons. They want to feel appreciated and needed as they continue to contribute their time and talents to the church.

Let’s not forget that the children of potential new members are equally important. These children must have good Christian and social experiences at church so they look forward to coming back each week. It is also important for children to have a positive worship and education experiences.

Over the last year the Membership Committee has been instrumental in organizing the Congregation Call-Ins . We welcome any new thoughts on the subject. We especially welcome you to provide us with your personal insight by becoming part of this Membership Committee. We need members to help provide new ideas, new perspective, additional diversity in our thoughts and how we execute our work.

If you feel that God is calling you to help our church grow, please contact me: Greg Brown (text/call: 864.346.9124 or email: [gregdbrown2@juno.com](mailto:gregdbrown2@juno.com)), or Sue, our Parish Administrator.

## Worship

Did you know that there are eight different ministries under the heading of Worship? And all eight ministries would love to have your help!

### Acolytes

Those are the people serving the priest on the altar. It's a wonderful ministry for youths or adults. So, if you have children who would be interested in learning more about this important ministry (or, if you, as an adult, would like to serve) please contact Wallace Lightsey or John Helm.

### Lectors

These are the other Lay people on the altar who read the Scriptures and assist with communion. This, too, is a very important ministry. If you are interested in finding out more please call Katie Houston.

### Ushers

These are the frontline people who are the first ones that people meet when they walk in the door and they serve a very important function before and during the service. To learn more call Steve Webb.

### Vergers

These are the behind-the-scenes people who see to it that everything in the service is ready to go and keep things moving. It's fun. If interested in finding out more call Bill Heizer.

### Mevo Recorders

Do you even know what that is? Remember the little camera that is set up down front. That's the Mevo Recorder and it requires a person to set it up each week and operate it during the service for all the people at home who are not able to get to our in-person worship. You don't have to be a techie genius

to do this job (even though our operators are techie geniuses). Take a leap. Call Rick Hankinson.

### Altar Guild and Flower Guild

More behind-the-scenes people who do so much that we don't even know about. Our altar is prepared each week for worship, the flowers adorn the altar each week to the Glory of God and it's all done by loving hands that we never see. So, if you've ever played with a flower arrangement in your home and stood back and thought, "that's not bad for an amateur!" maybe the Flower Guild is for you. Want to learn more? For Altar Guild call Margie Hankinson and for Flower Guild call Lauren McCullough.

### Weddings and Funerals

This ministry guides families through two of the most significant events of their lives. David and Janet Poleski and Robin Mill head this ministry.

### Greeters

We necessarily suspended this ministry during Covid and have not reactivated yet. But when we do, we'll need your help. This is a fun and rewarding ministry. You will be the first face people see when they walk through the door. You get to greet the visitors. I first started being a greeter as a brand new member of Redeemer. It was a great way for me to get to know people.

So there you have it. Which of these ministries is calling to you? Put another way, to which of these ministries is GOD calling YOU?

Come on, jump in. You won't regret it and you will have fun!

-Betty Boesch Worship

# Pastoral Care

The pastoral care commission at The Church of the Redeemer is comprised of a group of volunteers whose purpose is to support our congregation emotionally, socially and spiritually.

One of the ways we give support is through compiling and publishing a prayer list. This list is found in our bulletin each week. The names are added to this list by members who have a special needs and the members also request prayer for their friends and families.

Every Sunday, we pray for each person by name and many members include each name in their daily prayers.

From time to time our volunteers, Carol Hallman and Betty Lupo, contact the people on the list to check in on them and let them

know we are praying for their needs. It is important to contact the parish office when a person no longer feels the need to remain on the list. The reason it is important is we can then celebrate and thank God for their healing or peace.



Please know that the prayer list is a vital part of our pastoral care commission and it connects us in prayer with all of our members, including the ones that are unable to attend services.

Thanks be to God for all of his many blessings!

Betty Herrin,  
Vestry member



## Backpacks

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful donations of backpacks and school supplies for the children of Pleasant Valley Connection!



Thank you also to those that gave monetarily. We received over \$300 in cash donations to fill any gaps of what was still needed.

There are 40 elementary and middle school students who attend a Greenville County school during the day, and then go to the PVC after school program. The students are well stocked with new backpacks and plenty of school supplies to start the year off on the right foot. Our goal was to focus on getting 40 new backpacks. Well... we ended up with 41 backpacks and enough school supplies for each student!



Your love and generosity always shine through and goes way beyond the church building!

Thank you again.

Peace and Blessings,  
Lori Hawkins

# September Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sep 5	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Psalms 125	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sep 12	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalms 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sep 19	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalms 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sep 26	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	Psalms 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

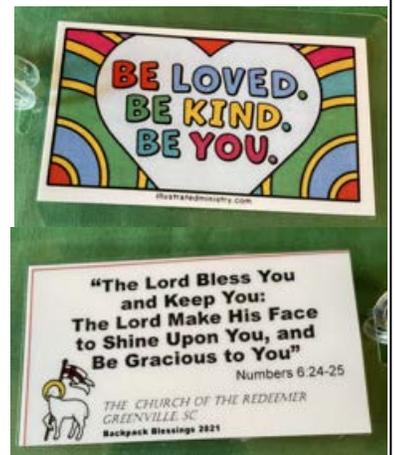
A great time was had at the Greenville Drive Game on July 21 for all who volunteered to work at the concessions stand. Thank you for helping!



## Backpack Blessings



On August 15 we blessed our backpacks, our students and our teachers as they begin the new school year. Everyone received a backpack tag.





**September**

**2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><b>1</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12 pm AA</p>	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL-Anon (Transept)
<p>5 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>2:00pm Hispanic Service</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>6:00 pm ACOA</p> <p>7:00 pm ALANON</p>	7	<p>8 9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p>	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL-Anon (Transept)
<p>12 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p><b>Church Picnic</b></p> <p>2:00pm Hispanic Service</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm ACOA</p> <p>7:00 pm ALANON</p> <p><b>6pm Finance Meeting</b></p>	14	<p>15 8:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12 pm AA</p>	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL-Anon (Transept)
<p>19 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN ED</b></p> <p>2:00pm Hispanic Service</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm ACOA</p> <p>7:00 pm ALANON</p>	<p>21 5:30 pm PVC Board Meeting</p> <p><b>6:30pm Vestry Meeting</b></p>	<p>22 9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p>	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL-Anon (Transept) <b>SPECIAL CONVOCATION MEETING for the Election of the Bishop</b>
<p>26 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN ED</b></p> <p>2:00pm Hispanic Service</p> <p>5:00pm EYC</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm ACOA</p> <p>7:00 pm ALANON</p>	28	<p>29 9:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p>	30		



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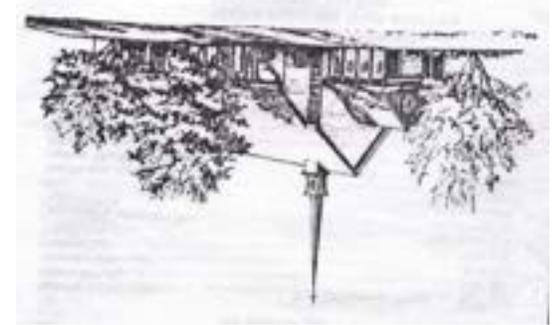
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