



Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Anticipation is in the Air

December brings with it anticipation of a variety of activities and gatherings, most of which are joyful and positive. Sure, there are taxes too (boo, hiss!), but for the most part, all is upbeat in December.

At Redeemer we can anticipate great fun decorating the outside of the church, a Christmas Party for all at the Jernigan's and, particularly important, those beautiful and wondrous Worship Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. The hymns we sing at Christmas are favorites that help make the story come vividly alive once again. So, there are especially glorious and reverential times ahead this month for our church family to celebrate and cherish.

In the December "Echoes" you can anticipate brief news updates from our various Vestry members about what's going on in their assigned areas of responsibility at Redeemer. It always amazes me how much a church of our size does whenever I pause to think about it. But then, The Church of the Redeemer has existed for 55+ years now and clearly is a church with and on a mission!

As the days of December pass, we realize Bishop Andrew Waldo's tenure at the Diocese is drawing to a close and his well-deserved

retirement begins. He has been a personal friend and staunch supporter of Redeemer all along and we will miss his genuine smile and gentle, though determined, visionary leadership actions we have witnessed during some difficult times for all churches over the years.

Everything has a season though and as we bid Bishop Waldo farewell, we can anticipate our times ahead with The Very Reverend Daniel P. Richards as the Ninth Bishop of Upper South Carolina. He will be consecrated in February, 2022. This will be the beginning of an exciting relationship for Redeemer as well as all of the member churches of the Diocese!

In the meantime, we can anticipate Redeemer's staying power to be even more evident as the challenges of Covid-19 continue to lessen. For 2022 and beyond, I believe our Vestry and congregation will seek to be flexible and open-minded more than ever as "what if" possibilities surface. We are blessed with a great staff and Rector in place, an enthusiastic, proven new Bishop on the way, a congregation that cares and best of all, the Almighty's blessing and guidance from above.

Merry Christmas,

-Bill Heizer
Senior Warden



Join us for decorating the church grounds on

December 12th from 4:00 to 6:00.

There will be hot chocolate, beer and wine along with s'mores and sausage balls. Christmas carols will be joyously sung. There are seven areas to be decorated. The sign up for this is in the narthex. Some decorations will be at the church, but bring some with you to make it awesome.

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 5 5 pm EYC

DECEMBER 12 4pm-6pm

Decorate the church grounds

DECEMBER 19 3pm-6pm

Christmas Party @ Jernigan's

DECEMBER 24 4:00pm & 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Services

DECEMBER 25 10:00 am

Christmas Day Service

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 on the second
Monday of the month

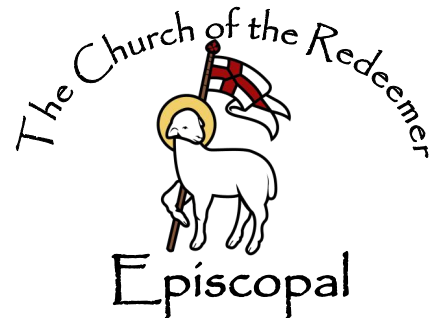
Financial Corner through OCT 31, 2021	
Total Tithes & Offerings	
Budget	\$ 214,010
Actual	\$ 202,640
Difference	\$ (11,370)
Faith Offering (Included in above)	
Budget	\$ 19,750
Actual	\$ 3,771
Difference	\$ (15,979)
Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.	

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The Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

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*
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Jack Blackburn - *Assistant Treasurer*
Terry Landreth *Clerk*

The Vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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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 - corgsc29605@gmail.com.

Christian Education

As we begin the new church year, it is always a particularly good thing to look back and reflect on the last year and remember all we should be thankful for in the place we call our church home. Redeemer is a wonderful place of life, love, and faith. In 2021, we faced another year of dealing with a pandemic. Through all the challenges, our church rose to the occasion, and we have seen so many wonderful things transpire. We have been at work finding new ways while keeping our long-standing traditions to reach within the church and thrive.

- ◆ Redeemer held its first "Pancake Supper To-Go" and along with it raised more money than ever for the youth!
- ◆ Living Lent Bags and a Micro practices booklet showed us a new way we could live into the season of Lent at home.
- ◆ We had even more reasons to proclaim, "Hallelujah" when we celebrated Easter back in our beautiful sanctuary filled with those we love.
- ◆ In June, we were able to joyfully celebrate our high school graduate.
- ◆ A welcomed summer break took us to Pleasant Valley Connection for a day filled with fun, laughter, and education.
- ◆ The fall brought us vibrant colors of red, orange and gold leaves on our campus and blew us into Christian Education for adults and youth.
- ◆ Redeemer held its first Bonfires and Brews for young adults.
- ◆ November came with Prayer Pumpkins, Trivia Night, and ended with a beautiful bounty of food and flowers that would later go to those in need.

This is just a sampling of all the amazing and wonderful things happening at Redeemer.

What is your favorite memory of 2021?

I look forward to a Holy Advent, a joyous Christmas, and all that lies in store for us in the new year!

God's Peace,



Lori

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Upcoming Events

EYC

December 5

We will meet 5-7pm
in Purser Hall.

Outreach

Look for the angel tree in the narthex,
benefiting children
in need at Pleasant Valley Connection.
All items due on or before December 13.



Sarah,
William &
Tyler
helped Lori
to decorate
the
Chrismon
Tree



**Decorating the
Chrismon Tree**



Episcopal Worship for Advent – Christmas – Epiphany

The first seasons of the church year pass quickly. Our year begins with Advent, which encompasses the four Sundays prior to Christmas day.

Advent is a time of hopeful waiting for Christ to break into our world.

We have an Advent wreath in the church during Advent, marking time with four candles and marking eternity with a circle of greens. We welcome the Christ with one more flicker of light each week. It is appropriate to mark our waiting time simply, without ceremony. We will invite a family to light the week's Advent candle prior to the service each Sunday of Advent.

The candle for the third Sunday of Advent is pink. This is the day in which ancient liturgies began with the word "Rejoice!" We take a small break from the quiet character of the season and sing "rejoice!"

The white candle in the center of the Advent wreath is the Christ candle; it is lit at the first service of Christmas, which we hold on Christmas Eve.

Worship services:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021: 4:00pm and 6:30pm

Christmas Day, December 25, 2021: 10:00am Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day: the light of Christ breaks into our world soon after the darkest night of the year. We celebrate Christmas for a season of twelve days, until January 6th. This season is a time for joy. The Christ candle on our Advent wreaths shines brightly, our vestments and liturgical hangings are white and often trimmed in gold. Jesus has arrived!

There are several feast days between Christmas and the Epiphany which we may observe. These days represent events that took place over many years and not in the first Christmas. We might say that these are in "liturgical order," and not chronological order in the way that we mark time.

On December 26 we honor **St. Stephen**, the first martyr of the church.

On December 27 we honor **St. John the apostle**, and

On December 28, we honor **"the holy innocents,"** those children killed by order of King Herod in his quest to kill the infant Jesus. Not everyone was happy with a baby that others called "king."

January 1 is called **"Holy Name"** day, and commemorates the naming of Jesus.

On January 6 we celebrate **"the Feast of the Epiphany,"** when Jesus is revealed as the Christ to the three wise men, or Magi. Epiphany means "appearance" or "revealing." We sing about kings and gifts and presenting ourselves to Jesus. The one for whom we have been waiting has made himself known to the whole world.

Worship

Too often we get caught up in the madness of the holiday season with party planning, decorating the house, cleaning the house for holiday guests, shopping for presents, wrapping presents, cooking and on and on. And we lose sight of the reason for the season.

So, it's nice to have a time of refreshing and recharging by spending some time in worship. Redeemer is offering Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services for you to come and worship our King.

I invite you to come and enjoy this time of drawing near to Jesus in thanksgiving for His presence in the world and in our lives.

Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- Betty Boesch (Worship)

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the thanksgiving altar!! We collected \$700 in altar dedications. The bounty of food was donated to Samaritan House and the money will go to charity. Thank you!



Garth

The garth committee met in November to discuss the next set of objectives for garth maintenance. We have created a laundry list of areas, trees and plants that need pruning, dividing, replanting and repurposing. Most of this work will occur in late February before the start of the growing season.

In the meantime, we will be removing the stump located in the center circle and will be brainstorming ideas for new concepts for this space. If you have an idea for the center circle that you are passionate about please reach out and share with us!

After careful collaboration, we have decided to restore the existing fence by repairing the weak areas, power washing the sides and repainting. This will be a low cost option that we can analyze after completion and determine if it is acceptable before deciding if it is preferred to go with a more expensive solution and replace the fence with something different. We want to be conservative in our operations before making any expensive and irreversible decisions.

Ken Wood was kind enough to volunteer to pressure wash the fence and a very special thanks to him for his hard and handy work repairing the door behind the fence along Purser Hall. His diligence is greatly appreciated!

- Daniel J. McCullough (Communications)

Buildings and Grounds

For those of you who found yourselves in the dark this past month with the time change, it was not all in your mind. Ken Wood replaced the outside light fixture at the entrance to the parish office and then Duke energy came to replace the bulb in the light over our main driveway. What a difference that makes for Trivia Night, choir rehearsal and our evening meetings.

We are steadily working on the various projects. Up next is the repainting of the exterior of Purser Hall and repainting the main church doors. contractor has been hired and will begin soon! McCown Co. came this week to do the maintenance on all HVAC systems.

-Stephany Austell (Jr. Warden/ B&G)

Eucharistic Visitor & Friend of the EV

As a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) you have the privilege of taking and sharing the Eucharist with our homebound church family members. This is a very fulfilling ministry. Two benefits of this ministry are: first and foremost, sharing communion with your fellow parishioner, being an extension of the communion that was just performed in church; thus, making the one receiving communion from you feel like they are actually sharing this communion with their fellow communicants that was just performed at church, and second, the opportunity to socialize with them afterward like we do right after the service at church. Hence, receiving two blessings: (1) bringing and sharing communion with a member of your congregation, who otherwise would not have had this opportunity to receive the body and blood of our Lord, and (2) learning what is going on in their life which you can share with the minister and other church family members as well as informing them about the latest happenings with their church family.

Fellow parishioners have voiced a wanting to see certain of our homebound. They cannot believe how long it has been since they have seen a particular church friend. They just cannot seem to find the time. If you still are

not sure about becoming an EV and you do miss seeing homebound church family members, then how about becoming a friend of the EV, someone who would be willing to accompany an EV on their visit. The visit would be set up at least either the Friday or Saturday, or earlier, before that Sunday's visit. Such a person would (1) provide a second person during the visit, which would be in the interest of Safe Church, (2) allow that individual to see what all is involved in being an EV without any pressure, and (3) after the Eucharistic Visit, allow some social time with the parishioner being visited.

We could still use one or two more trained Eucharistic Visitors. Presently, we have three active EVs. We could use at least one more woman. I'll tell you, if you either become a friend of the EV or a trained EV, you will truly love your experiences and realize each time you go out that you are receiving one of God's blessings.

If you feel God calling you to be either a Friend of the Eucharistic Visitor or to become a trained Eucharistic Visitor, please contact Rev. Catherine Tatem, Betty Herrin, Rick Hankinson or myself, Greg Brown.

-Greg Brown (Membership)

Flowers on the altar are more than just an adornment for the front of our sanctuary. It is an historical tradition to show our thanks and humility to the Lord. It is a symbol of recognition of His Glory.

Dedicating the offering in the name of someone is a great honor.

Our 2021 Altar dedication book is on the communication table for special dedications to be made.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



At the end of April, Rev Catherine asked me to become a member of the Vestry for the remainder of the year and oversee the Pastoral Care Commission.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who agreed to serve and provide the various services that fall under the Pastoral Care Commission.

Pastoral care is very important to the life of the Church and I am so thankful for the caring manner in which everyone I contacted agreed to help and responded when the needs arose.

God bless, "bendiciones", to all

-Betty Herrin (Pastoral Care)

Beginnings

As we begin our new worship year, we continue to move toward our more usual style of worshipping together. We have made many accommodations in the name of safety because of the coronavirus, which we will modify as needed. A few movements in the liturgy, perhaps new to Redeemer, are in line with 1979 Prayer Book worship.

The service of Holy Eucharist begins just as we know it today, page 355 in the prayer book.

We continue as usual through the reading of the Holy Gospel. You may be seated after the gospel reading without waiting for an invitation from the preacher.

The Peace

Please continue with modest (and joyful) movement in the pews as we offer one another Christ's peace.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The offertory basin represents the people's offerings, and is brought to the altar during the offertory anthem or hymn, after the altar is set for the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Prayer

- We are using Eucharistic Prayer B for Advent and Christmas; note its words about the Word made flesh, Jesus; the incarnational emphasis of

this prayer makes it a good choice for this time as we welcome God-with-us, Emmanuel.

- We are adding the fraction anthem, "Lamb of God," at the breaking of the bread.
- You may return to kneeling or standing at the altar rail to receive Communion. While spreading out in this fashion is not the best for recording, more of our congregation is gathering in person, so we will go back to our more usual practice.
- The altar rail is left open. Visually, this helps us remember that Jesus' resurrection opened the gates of heaven to the whole world and that nothing separates us from the love of Christ. In practice, having this "open" portion helps the celebrant give communion to those who have a walker or wheel chair or who prefer to stand. She can reach the communicant without leaning across the altar rail – a serendipitous gift of this space.

We are still prayerfully working out receiving both bread and wine in the Eucharist and hope to make this happen soon.

Peace in Christ,
Catherine+

Coffee Hour

Be sure to join us for coffee hour each week in the transept. Donations of items are still welcome. You may sign up in the transept to host a coffee hour...a simple snack is all that is needed.



December Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
Dec 5	Baruch 5:1-9	Canticle 16	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Dec 12	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Canticle 9	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Dec 19	Micah 5:2-5a	Canticle 15	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55
Dec 26	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalms 147:13-21	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	John 1:1-18

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) or Betty Herrin (Pastoral Care Leader - 864.884.6780)



Samaritan House

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

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

Thank you!

POP TABS for RMH

We continue to collect all aluminum tabs from your canned goods: soda, tuna fish, pet food, and others. Make sure they are 100% aluminum (if a magnet sticks, it is not aluminum).



Keeping families close

We deliver the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, who then sends the tabs to be recycled. All proceeds from the recycling are used to support general operating expenses of the House. Approximately one gallon of tabs equals the cost of a one night's stay for a family in need. Ask your friends and neighbors to collect for you too!

Thank you for your continued support!

Ronald McDonald House

706 Grove Road, Greenville, SC 29605

Nursery

The nursery space is available for children 4 and under with their parents to use during the 9:30am service.

The nursery will remain unstaffed. Parents and caregivers are welcome to use the space for their child's needs. Please make sure to sign in on the sheet in the nursery to let us know you have been there.

We ask that you clean everything that was used during your time in the nursery.

Sanitizing products are provided.

Please contact Lori Hawkins at lhredeemer@gmail.com with any questions.

Server Schedule

	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26
Verger	Betty Boesch	Greg Brown	Meg Coffey	Margie Hankinson
Ushers	Bill Lee	Steve Webb	Daniel McCullough	Ken Wood
Crucifer	Sadie Butchko	Debbie Price	Robin Mill	Riley Hawkins
Lector 1		David Poleski	Betty Boesch	Bill Heizer
Lector 2	Phyllis Webb	Katie Houston	Bill Lee	Wallace Lightsey
Altar Guild	Ann Meade Sarah Meade Judy Derrick	Betsy Walt Susan Butler	Debbie Price Margie Hankinson	Janet Poleski Margie Hankinson Joanie Mullin
Flower Guild	Cynthia Eason	June Moore	Lauren McCullough	All Arrangers
Counters	Steve Webb Meg Coffey	Steve Webb Jane Bouton	Bill Lee John Helm	Meg Coffey John Helm
Video	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer	John Helm	Rick Hankinson

Opportunities to share your gifts of ministry:

Counters (Jane Bouton) Ushers (Steve Webb) Video Service (Rick Hankinson)
 Vergers (Bill Heizer) Acolytes (Wallace Lightsey) Lectors (Katie Houston)
 Altar Guild (Margie Hankinson) Flower Guild (Lauren McCullough)

If you are considering helping at a service, please contact the leader, or
 call the parish office to volunteer. **We need YOU!**

Thank you to all of our volunteers! We are thankful for you!



DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Judy Planck	12 Cayce & Daniel McCullough	22 Carolyn McCullough
4 Lori & Josh Hawkins	12 Samantha Warren	23 Kevin Hayes
4 Patrick Pryor	13 Ellison Christie	24 Frances Steele
4 Margaret White	13 Heather Johnson	25 Evan Zeager
4 Andrew Reardon	14 Beth Plante	28 George Poleski
8 Clark Jernigan	15 Lori Hawkins	28 Sandy & Greg Brown
10 Janet Poleski	22 Betsy Chiles	29 Judy Derrick

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear. Please notify corgsc29605@gmail.com to update our records.

DECEMBER					2021	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA (Purser Hall) 6:30pm Choir	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am AL-Anon (Transept)
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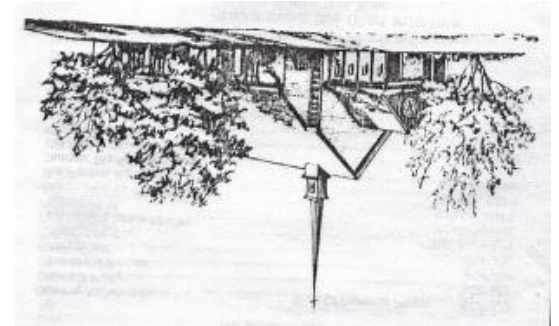
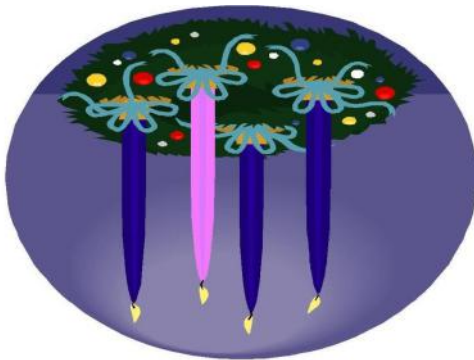
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