



# 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

What challenges you right now? Lent begins on February 22, so I am preparing for that season: what will we do as a church community, as well as what disciplines will I personally undertake in Lent? The challenge in these weeks is not to miss these remaining days of Epiphany, as we intentionally carry the light of Christ in our hearts and into the world. To honor Epiphany requires staying in these days, living in today even as we prepare for what's ahead.

Staying in the moment is not a new challenge, or one unique to fading liturgical seasons. How many times do we look at our cell phones and thereby remove ourselves from what is immediately around us? We distract ourselves and miss our actual present lives. Cell phone cameras make this escape even easier. After the last earth-darkening eclipse, a woman in a group of watchers was disappointed. "Oh," she said. "I wish I had watched it and not taken so many pictures." She missed out on a unique experience because she chose to look at it through the lens of a camera, and not with her face looking at the sky or at the shadows on the ground, seen through our homemade cereal box viewers. She missed out, as her regret expressed, on her own life.

We have a few weeks to continue to view Jesus as the light of the world. Where will you find him? See or experience his presence and light? I am making a bit of art these days, and will spend a little time each day in these crafts: knitting, cross stitch,

### The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem

sewing, continuing to clean and organize my art space. If I paint or do collage work, my

dining room table gets a little full from my supplies. I hope to see the importance of those art times rather than a messy table. Where will you seek Jesus? In art, creating, walking in nature, finding seeds to plant in just a few weeks? Maybe your cooking and sharing shines the light of Christ to others. Or quiet time brings Jesus to you.

In whatever ways you seek and find the light of Christ, participate in those ways right now. We'll need to remember the light when we enter our desert days of Lent.

From Isaiah 60.1

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen up on you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

And from a Cursillo song: "Shine, Jesus, Shine – fill our hearts with your awesome glory!" Live fully and present to these days.

In Christ,

In Christ,  
Catherine+



## From the Jr. Warden:

### Issue Resolved:

The three-inch rain we had in January flooded the basement under the parlor as the sump pump was not working and lines were clogged. The water required 10 hours of pumping and then the problem created by the flood was found. Ken Wood and Robbie Hamilton figured out that the tank that was collecting sewage from the bathroom above floated up. That broke off the pipes leading to and from that tank and it tipped over and some sewage was put in the flood waters in the basement. The sump pump in that tank was damaged as well as the other malfunctioning one. Deborah and Ken put out the word to potential repair persons and the insurance agent. The story has a happy ending as a very competent contractor gave us a low bid and the lines are now open and sump pumps and the sewage tank were replaced, and basement cleaned up. And, our insurance covered it minus our deductible.

Part of this problem highlighted a need to keep the three stair wells cleaned up so drains are not clogged. Volunteers?

Another need is helping to keep the Garth maintained. Mowing, trimming, leaf removal, mulching, head stone adjustments, red ant killing, staining the cleaned fence, and general gardening. Volunteers?

Inside, the kitchen ceiling needs repaired/replaced, and a small water leak identified and repaired. This will need to be done before the planned kitchen cleanup can move forward. Could use suggestions on who could accomplish this.

We had some serious printer problems in January, which have been resolved. Thank you to Jack Blackburn and Steve Fior for helping us get connected and up and running again.

If you would like to volunteer or have suggestions, please call or text me at 864-569-2615.

Faithfully,  
Rick Hankinson  
Junior Warden

## What is a convocation? By Margie Hankinson

Although I am a cradle Episcopalian, I had never heard the term **convocation** used in our church until moving to South Carolina. Being the librarian that I am, I looked it up on the Diocesan web site and found the definition: “a meeting of clergy and lay representatives from a section or area of a diocese. The term may also indicate the section or area of the diocese that is represented by the assembly.” I found that we have five convocations in our diocese: Midlands (Columbia area), Catawba (Rock Hill area), Foothills (Greenville area), Gravatt (Aiken area), and Piedmont (Spartanburg areas). I was delighted to further find that the priest in charge of the Foothills Convocation is our own Mother Catherine+! This is why Catherine+ is called “The **Very** Rev. Catherine Tatem, Rector” on the cover of our program. She is the Dean of the Foothills Convocation.

## Vestry updates:

**Rector Rev. Catherine Tatem**

**Senior Warden**

Jack Blackburn (2023)

**Building & Grounds**

Rick Hankinson

**Membership**

Jane Bouton (2025)

**Outreach**

Jim Briggs (2025)

**Communication**

Cynthia Eason (2023)

**Junior Warden**

Rick Hankinson (2024)

**Christian Education**

David Poleski (2025)

**Pastoral Care**

Celia Jernigan (2024)

**Fellowship**

Meg Coffey (2024)

**Worship**

Betty Boesch (2023)

**Stewardship**

Kathryn Ethridge (2025)

**Treasurer**

Rebekah Webb

**Assistant Treasurer**

Jack Blackburn

**Vestry Clerks: Ann Meade/Debbie Price**

**Convention Delegates**

**Senior Warden Jack Blackburn (2023)**

**Junior Warden Rick Hankinson (2024)**

**Delegates**

Jim Briggs (2024)

Carol Hallman (2024)

**Alternates**

Josh Hawkins

Betty Herrin



The Redeemer Garden Club had a wonderful bird watching experience at Conestee Park.

Thank you Bob Bouton for your insights and leadership.

For the next meeting, join us after coffee hour Sunday, February 12 at the Poleski home, 209 Trails End, Greenville.



We will brainstorm ideas for plant material and ground cover that survive in shady areas. Janet and David have completed their hardscape area and are trying to figure out their next step.

All are welcome. Contact Louise Heizer with questions.

## From Lori:

I hope everyone's year is off to a good start. February is a busy month! Have you completed your Safe Church yet? It is time to renew your certificate. If you work in the nursery, are on the vestry, visit the homebound, or volunteer in any capacity then you need Safe Church! It is all online and can be done in the comfort of your home.

Simply send an email to: [formation@edusc.org](mailto:formation@edusc.org) and request that you be sent an invitation. (If you have done Safe Church in the past, you should have already received an invite back in November.) Make sure to check your spam folder. If you have any questions please contact Lori at [Lhredeemer@gmail.com](mailto:Lhredeemer@gmail.com).



### Save the date for Shrove Tuesday!!

Join us on Feb. 21 from 5:30-7:30 PM in Purser Hall. This year we are jazzing things up and will offer something new. We will still have our traditional pancakes and sausage, *BUT* to go along with, we will have Janet Poleski's delicious jambalaya...YUM! We will also have great door prizes! It will be a fun night that you don't want to miss as we have one last hoorah before we begin Lent. Invite a friend and enjoy a night off from cooking. Sign up in the Narthex and let us know you will be there.

## Community Outreach Update:

### Laundry Love

Laundry Love was first started in 2004 and is a ministry that has spread throughout the United States. The Laundry ministry consists of regular opportunities to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. Laundry Love partners with local laundromats in cleaning clothes and linens of low-income or no-income families and individuals. The idea is to provide detergent and coins for the machines for a two hour period once a month.



We are going to enter into Laundry Love at a local laundromat just down the street from the church, where Pleasant Valley neighbors come. It is called "The Laundry Center Launderette". We want to show our love by assisting in this very basic need. As such, we are asking for **four to six** parishioners to assist in this endeavor, starting on February 11 from 10 to noon.

From the Laundry Love web site: "Most of the time, expect nothing but gratitude. Most people who are truly under-resourced will welcome not only the LL care but your conversation and friendship. Be mindful and considerate of those who come with mental impairments, chemical addictions, physical and emotional abuse, or an attitude of entitlement due to the rigors of marginalization and poverty. Each person carries a story that is original to them and will require patience, graciousness and discernment from you and your team."

Contact Margie Hankinson if you can assist in this ministry. It will be a true act of love in reaching out to our marginalized neighbors.



## Eucharistic Visits:

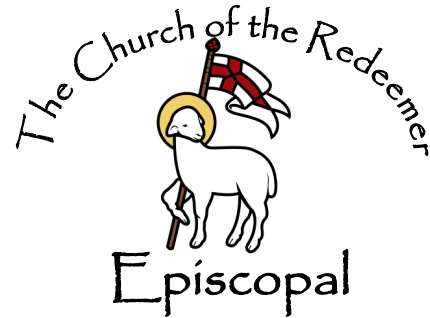
*From Rick Hankinson:*

I have had some questions about who I visit when I take out the Eucharist to homes or hospitals. Most times I can tell those asking where I am going and why the person I am visiting is not coming to Church. A few I cannot, due to privacy requests.

I think many of us wonder sometimes why someone is on the prayer list or not coming to Church. Most of the time it comes from a true interest in the wellbeing of someone in our community and not just curiosity. However, my suggestion for those that have concern for some missing parishioner is to write or call them. All the people on the prayer list would be happy to get a note from you. For some it is difficult to contact them by phone. All those that are mostly homebound like Jean Ohmsen, Ed and Wayne Roberts, Carolyn and Amos Irwin, Claire Allen, and Lee Quinn, would love to know they are not forgotten. As it says at the end of the prayer when you send me out, “nothing can ever separate us” from the Church community and Christ. It is good to remind people of that. In fact, it is good to do that even if they are coming to Church.

And you don’t have to be a Eucharistic visitor to visit. I remember how well received Ray and Shirley Campbell and Camille Killian were when they went out to visit or called parishioners. And, you could arrange to come along with Betty, Greg, or I when we take communion out.

You can learn from those that can’t come how blessed we are that can.



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Lori Hawkins, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*  
Deborah Dunlap, *Parish Administrator*  
Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

## Vestry Members

Jack Blackburn (2023)- *Senior Warden*  
Rick Hankinson (2024) – *Junior Warden*  
Rick Hankinson - *Buildings & Grounds*  
Jane Bouton (2025) *Membership*  
Betty Boesch (2023) *Worship*  
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Jim Briggs (2025) - *Outreach*  
Kathryn Ethridge (2025) *Stewardship*  
Ann Meade/Debbie Price *Vestry Clerks*

Rebekah Webb - *Treasurer*  
rwebb5476@gmail.com  
Jack Blackburn – *Assistant Treasurer*

## Echoes:

a monthly newsletter from  
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- Deadline for submissions is usually the 22nd of each month.
- Submit written information to the parish administrator at corgsc29605@gmail.com.

# Fellowship

## CARDS, SCHMARDS?!? By Meg Coffey

Cards that arrive by mail often provide a little pick-me-up or a smile marking an occasion. The church, through its Card Ministry, writes hundreds of cards each year.

Think of the following church members who give freely of their time to write anniversary, birthday, or special occasion cards to our church family. My hat is off to our COR card Ministry team: Laurie Ethridge, Gretchen Grounsell, Betty Herrin, Jack Jackson, Celia Jernigan, Joanie Mullins, Beverly Poe, and Debbie Price. You are fantastic!!



Maybe you've received a card at a time where it lifted you up in a down moment or made you smile because it was for your birthday. We are in need of card writers. It is a month-long commitment and can involve 20 or so cards a month (birthdays and less than that for special occasions and anniversaries). Please contact Meg Coffey by email or text ([megcoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com) or 864-525-6681) to volunteer.

## From Meg Coffey:

Greetings all Church of Redeemerites! I am honored to serve on the Vestry for the next two years having assumed an unexpired term. I've taken on the Fellowship commission and want you to know that I'm here for suggestions, comments, ways to improve, or things that aren't working.

Coffee hour: I'm sure you've noticed that when the food is better than Oreos, there's more fellowship. Sign up, if you're able, and help provide a welcoming, enjoyable fellowship time after our service on Sundays. Don't be surprised if I come-a-knocking to get more sign-ups.

FEAST (Friends Eating And Socializing Together): We have 3 different groups established:

- Lunch out group
- Dinner out group
- Dinner at someone in the group's home

If you're interested in joining a FEAST group, let me know at [megcoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com). Do you have an idea to form another group that caters to say, breakfast, or something else unique about it? Let me know.

- Holy Chow: A fun 5th Sunday event that often gets handled by the men of the church. Thanks, guys!!!
- Church picnic: A fall event with church service and fellowship - usually an outdoor venue, with nice weather a must!
- Bishop's Visit: We all know how to show out for that - that's the least of our worries. What else? I'd love to hear from you so don't hesitate to call/text (864-525-6681) or email me at [megcoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com).

## FEBRUARY Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
February 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalms 112:1-9	I Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Sirach 15 15-20	Psalms 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 19	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalms 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
February 26	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalms 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11



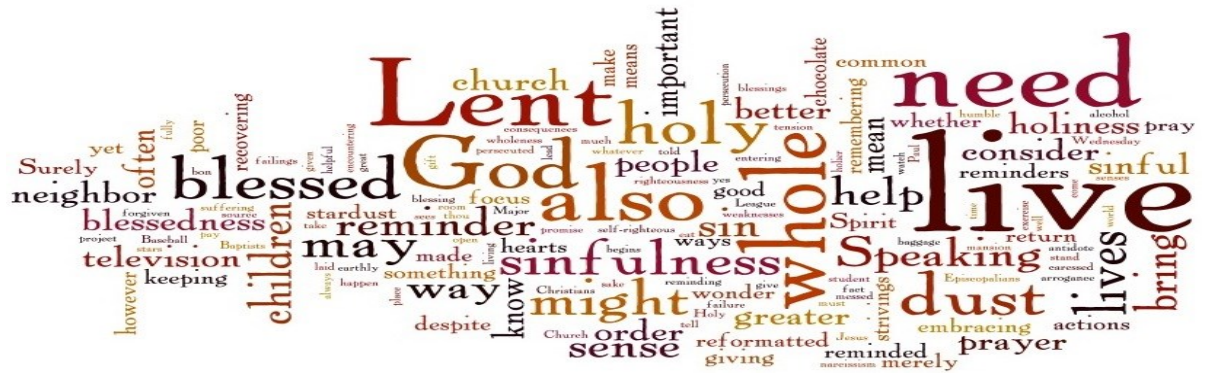
We are excited to invite the women of the parish to brunch after coffee hour on Sunday, February 19. We simply want to share with you, briefly, as we enjoy a meal together, what it means to be a Daughter – no pressure, no strings attached! We look forward to this time of fellowship together. RSVP by February 15 to Carol at (864) 275-4075, call or text.

If you are at all curious or open to learning more about the Daughters of the King (DOK), we are happy to answer your questions.

For Lent, our chapter is offering the DOK Study Guide as part of a Lenten discipline for anyone interested, without any commitment to membership. After Lent, the study continues through Eastertide.

For prospective new members, the next Service of Admission will be in early June. Members of the St. Therese chapter are women age 18 and up, who are members of the Episcopal Church at the Church of the Redeemer. Before a new member can be admitted, there is a period of discernment that includes the 12-week Study Guide.

For His Sake,  
Carol Hallman



## Lenten Happenings

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 21 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Services: February 22—9:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Soup Supper & Lenten Study (Tuesdays): February 28-March 28, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday – April 2 at 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday – April 6 at 6:30 PM

Good Friday – April 7 at Noon and 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 9 at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

***Tuesday Night Lenten Study topic: God is still with us***

**Lent** is a 40 day season in the church year; it follows the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. The last day of Epiphany is called several names: Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Fasnacht Day. “*Shrove*” comes from the old English word “to shrive,” which means to listen to one’s sins and to assure him/her of God’s forgiveness. The other names honor the tradition of using up the fats in the house that we would not be using during the fasting time of Lent.

Each year, Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** and lasts 40 days, ending with Holy Saturday, which is the day before Easter. The word “*Lent*” comes from an Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* meaning lengthen - the time of year in which the days are growing longer. In the early church, the season of Lent was the time for the preparation of people for baptism and membership in the church. During this season, they were expected to study, pray and fast. On Easter Even (Saturday before Easter) they were baptized, received communion and were made members of the church. In 2023, Lent begins on February 22. Redeemer will have Ash Wednesday services at 9:30am and at 6:00pm.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, representing royalty and penitence. Churches sometimes use burlap or other rough cloth to remind us of sack-cloth, a biblical-era cloth of mourning. The music in Lent is more somber than that of other seasons. Notice that we do not say “alleluia” in the service from Ash Wednesday until Easter day. We “bury” our alleluias and raise them when our Lord is raised.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads as we hear the words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The ashes come from the palm branches that we use on Palm Sunday. The palms that we used in Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem become the ashes with which we are reminded of our own death.

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## Altar Flowers

Have a special event or a tribute you'd like to make to a loved one? Make an Altar Flower Dedication and let us all know what is dear to you. It's \$40 and you can specify your preferences. Here's what the February dedications look like:



### February 5: Catherine Tatem

*In honor of Bill & Sandy Tatem's 67th Anniversary*

### February 12: Phyllis & Steve Webb

*In memory of Philip & Frances Fletcher*

### February 19: Carol Hallman

*In memory of my mother, Martha Stublely Pace*

### February 26: open

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It is a common practice to give up something for Lent. From what will we fast in order to feast on the Word of God? We are called during Lent to be faithful; to worship; to think on, and repent of, our sins; to turn to the Lord ... to feast on the Word.

From what do you need to fast in order to feast on the grace of our Lord? Lent is a beautiful, holy time, full of the richness of our faith and of our Lord's presence. We will all be invited to a holy Lent.

## Vestry Meeting

The next vestry meeting is February 21 at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room.

The minutes for the monthly Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on **Monday, February 13** at 6:00 PM. (the second Monday of each month)

Thank you everyone for providing such wonderful morning snacks!!

## Coffee Sign-up



February 5	open
February 12	Janet Poleski
February 19	Hankinsons
February 26	open

We ask your ongoing prayers for missionary Gary Powell as he spreads God's light and hope to people in war torn Ukraine. Gary's ministry takes him into the dangers of war zones and the many destructions of the ongoing war. He is following God's call and asks for our intentional prayers.



## Financial Corner— Year End 2022

### Tithes & Offerings

YTD Budget	\$274,135.00
Actual	\$261,925.47

### Expenses

YTD Budget	\$302,269.00
Actual	\$296,687.70

### Net Total

YTD Budget	-\$23,834.00
YTD Actual	-\$31,275.63

## Server Schedule

	<b>February 5</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>February 26</b>
<b>Verger</b>	Betty Boesch	Meg Coffey	Greg Brown	Margie Hankinson
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Webb	Ken Wood	Joe McCullough	Wallace Lightsey
<b>Crucifer</b>	Robin Mill	Sarah Meade	Debbie Price	Robin Mill
<b>Lector 1</b>	Betty Boesch	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer	Betty Boesch
<b>Lector 2</b>	Robin Mill	Bill Lee	Wallace Lightsey	Robin Mill
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann & Sarah Meade	Debbie Price & Susan Butler	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick & Joanie Mullin
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Robin Mill & Cynthia Eason	Lauren McCullough	TBA	Lauren McCullough
<b>Counters</b>	Meg Coffey & Steven Webb	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee	John Helm & Jane Bouton	Steve Webb & Meg Coffey
<b>Video</b>	Jim Briggs	Rick Hankinson	John Helm	David Poleski



## February Birthdays

### FEBRUARY



- 5 John Helm
- 5 Trip Ethridge
- 6 Scott Derrick
- 8 Bill Campbell
- 18 Jacob Lightsey
- 24 Louise Heizer
- 27 Lee Quinn
- 27 Ted Sanders

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear or is incorrect, please notify [corgsc29605@gmail.com](mailto:corgsc29605@gmail.com) to update our records.

### Opportunities to share your gifts of ministry:

Counters: Jane Bouton  
 Ushers: Steve Webb  
 Video Service: Rick Hankinson  
 Vergers: Daniel McCullough  
 Acolytes: Lori Hawkins  
 Lectors: Bob Bouton  
 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.

**Thank you to all volunteers! We are grateful for you!**



**Prayers for peace, restoration, forgiveness, love, strength and healing in Ukraine and for all of their people.**



# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christian Education is held after the Sunday service on most Sundays.			1 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30 PM—Choir	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (Transept)
5 9:30am Holy Eucharist 2:00pm Hispanic Service	6 6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON	7 DOK 11:00 AM Parlor	8 9:30am Holy Eucharist 12 pm AA 6:30pm Choir	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (Transept) Laundry Love 10 AM-Noon
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