



# ECHOES

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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MAY 2023

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### From The Rector

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” *Matthew 25.40*

The hard work of Margie Hankinson, Laundry Love volunteers, and generous contributions from the parish inspired Redeemer to apply for a diocesan Matthew 25 Grant as an additional source of funding for the Laundry Love ministry. One of the questions on the grant application is “How will you know that lives are being transformed by this ministry?” That question is staying with me right now.

We often do not actually want to be transformed. Transformation sounds hard, and it is. On the Israelites journey to the Promised Land, transformation happened this way:

Moses had by now died, leaving Joshua to bring the people of Israel, thousands upon thousands of them, into the Promised Land. Under Moses’ leadership, they had turned what should have been a week’s journey to the Promised Land into a miserable forty-year trip in the wilderness. It ended up taking them forty years because

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they were a very obstinate people intent on having this new nation their way instead of God’s. They kicked and bucked most of the way, so it took a long time for them to get broken enough to follow God’s guidance. (*Your Faith: Memorial, Memory, or Miracle? David Bena, p.81*)

It takes a long time to change the heart of a people. How broken do we have to be? We may wander in a personal desert for a long time, as long as it takes us to recognize our own brokenness. Then, we need the humility, courage, and faith to ask God for healing, to be open to having God transform our lives. When we give ourselves over to God’s will, transformation is not that hard; we know that God is with us.

Every time we participate in the Eucharist, we open up ourselves to the healing transformation of Christ. We approach the altar, the Lord’s table, after repenting of the ways in which we separate ourselves from God – our sins. Forgiven, we approach, offering our lives to God. We join together as a body in the name of God through Jesus Christ. Eucharist is not a magical formula, but a real and



## From the Sr. Warden:

What does Redeemer’s vestry do? Who are they? How are they organized? What is the decision-making process? All good questions and an effective way to get answers to these and other questions is to attend a meeting or meetings in person.

According to our by-laws, members of Redeemer are welcome to attend vestry meetings. There are no secrets, and I would encourage you to occasionally pay us a visit. It would be most beneficial to anyone with an interest in future vestry service.

Mark your calendars. Your vestry meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the large conference room near the end of the education wing. Meetings start at 6:30pm and end at approximately 8:00pm. Looking forward to your visits.

Blessings to all,  
 Jack Blackburn  
 Senior Warden

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true act of worship and faith. We return again and again, transformed as and into the body of Christ. We take Christ into ourselves, bread and wine, body and blood.

How will we know that people are transformed? Transformed, we are strengthened for service in and to a broken world. Redeemer’s many ministries speak to the transforming power of Christ. Redeemer’s ministries go well beyond Laundry Love, caring for so many people through worship, study, prayer, gardening, funding, and volunteering in the world. We help others with visits, food, rides, and many forms of active love and care. Invite your friend and neighbors to join us, to be transformed by a life in Christ. Together, it’s not that hard.

May we continue to be Christ’s hands and feet in this world, transformed by the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,  
 Catherine+

## May Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
May 7	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104: 25-35, 37	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23

## From the Jr. Warden:

### What will it take?

With our aging congregation and the distractions of the world, we are experiencing some challenges in the life of our church. It is obvious. We need willingness for involvement in our activities and missions of the church.

Outreach missions are numerous, very important, and what God has charged us to do. Take care of the poor, orphaned, widowed, and aliens among us and be good stewards of the earth. Many of our parish family are happily involved and Lord knows there is plenty to do.

In reach is more troublesome. There are smaller numbers of able-bodied parishioners. And those that are, have many distractions in their busy lives, like earning a living and taking care of family. We are tempted to throw money at needs and hire it done. There is temptation to ignore fellowship opportunities: I can have better food at a restaurant, and I won't have the hassle of preparation, cooking, and cleaning up. There is temptation not to attend services: Sunday is the only chance to sleep, I don't want to ask for a ride, and the kids don't like it.

I don't think we need a survey to find out what makes church more attractive in order to meet the needs of our parish. People of faith have the first and second commandments. Loving God requires worship, and not just in a prayer closet or on a hike (which is great), but in community. This requires a community space, and to have a community space requires some work. As we fulfill God's commandments, we will find joy and life everlasting...and the people say, "Amen".

P.S. We (you), are doing better. Attendance was up at events during Lent and Easter. The vestry has grown in number and willingness to work. Let's keep improving. Come, enjoy work and fellowship. The grounds and building needs attention, and people to lead in those efforts. If you don't know how to get involved, ask... and the door will be opened.

Rick Hankinson  
Junior Warden



### Online Worship Update

To make it easier to access our online worship service, we have added a new page to our website. From the home page, select the WORSHIP tab, then click on the online service page. Here you'll find links to the service (streaming on Facebook), the week's bulletin and readings. We've also added an online link to the Book of Common Prayer. Let us know how this works for you and any changes/improvements you might suggest!

**From Lori:****Hero Hotline****Called Together to Serve God!****Who:** Redeemer friends, family, and Pleasant Valley Connection Summer Program

Ages 4-Rising 5th Grade

**What:** Vacation Bible School**When:** June 26-30, 9:30am-12noon**Where:** The Church of the Redeemer

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**Our Laundry Love** project continues on May 13. Thus far we have washed clothes for close to fifty people...spreading our love through financing loads of wash. We are thankful for all who have contributed their quarters, and continue to need contributions in the white box in the Narthex. We are writing a Matthew 25 grant to help finance our endeavors, but our need continues. Thanks to all who have contributed time, snacks, and quarters!!

**Samaritan House Needs 150 CANS for May!**

Samaritan House has been seeing more people, more homeless, and has more need! At the same time, they are getting fewer and fewer canned vegetables from Harvest Hope.

For the next 3 months, Redeemer is having a HUGE canned food drive! We CAN do this!

For the month of May, we are collecting canned corn. Bring in your donations and drop them off in the narthex. Redeemer's youngest members will bring the donations into the service in the little red wagon each Sunday to a blessing.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Samaritan House!  
The Outreach Ministry





## Garden Club Update:

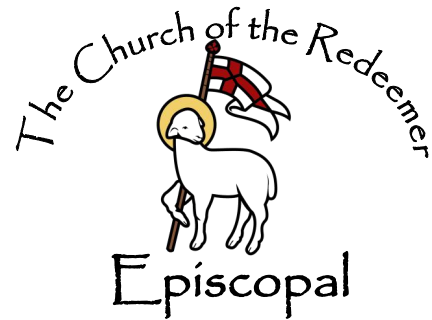
The small, but mighty, garden club is busy bringing some Spring to the church grounds.



**Next Garden Club meeting:  
May 7**  
(Purser Hall after coffee hour)



Plant a dish (container) garden. Bring three small house plants and a dish/bowl. A small selection of plants will be available and potting soil will be provided.



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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*  
David Poleski (2025) *Christian Education*  
Meg Coffey (2024) *Fellowship*  
Cynthia Easton (2023) *Communication*  
Celia Jernigan (2024) *Pastoral Care*  
Jim Briggs (2025) - *Outreach*  
Kathryn Ethridge (2025) *Stewardship*  
Debbie Price *Vestry Clerks*

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

### Echoes:

a monthly newsletter from  
The Church of the Redeemer.

- Deadline for submissions is usually the 22nd of each month.
- Submit written information to the parish administrator at [corgsc29605@gmail.com](mailto:corgsc29605@gmail.com).

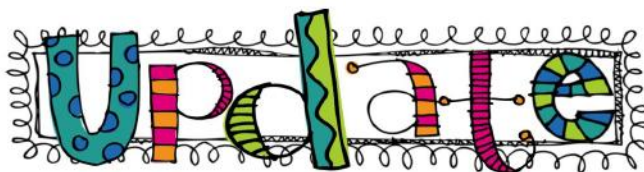
Grace and Peace to you.

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As God has sent me, so I send you."  
When he had said this, he breathed on them  
and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."  
—John 20.21-22*

Jesus returned not to prove a point,  
not to give us something to profess centuries later,  
but to give us his spirit,  
to breathe his eternal, loving Life into us  
so that we would be his new risen body,  
raised not as one individual but as a community.  
He returned from his grave to send us out of our graves,  
send us into the world to love, to forgive, to bless,  
to do justice, to labor with God for the mending of the world,  
empowered not merely by optimism  
but by the infinite Spirit that cannot be killed,  
that endures tragedy and overpowers evil  
and burrows through death to new life.  
Breathe deeply of this mystery.  
As God breathes into Eden's dirt and it becomes a living being,  
Jesus breathes into us and we are transformed;  
we rise from the dust of our own graves,  
and become living beings, risen, reborn, truly alive.

Deep Blessings,

*Excerpted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes Unfolding Light [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)*



### **New Parish Directory in the works**

We're working on a new parish directory to replace the 2020 directory. If you are attending Sunday services, you have had the opportunity to review and update the contact information currently on file. We're in the process of calling others. Please help us to produce an accurate directory! Feel free to contact Deborah in the church office at [corgsc29605@gmail.com](mailto:corgsc29605@gmail.com) or 277-4562 with your current contact information. We hope to have the new directory out by early June.





### St. Therese Chapter, The Order of the Daughters of the King ®

The Diocesan Assembly of Upper SC DOK held its Spring Retreat on April 22 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Boiling Springs, SC. Attending from the St. Therese Chapter were Carol Hallman, president; Betty Boesch, secretary; Margie Hankinson, treasurer; and Melody Daniel, who chairs the Diocesan DOK task force on prayers for Ukrainian women.

Melody gave a presentation on the prayer project. Starting with a private Facebook page in March, the only Americans are the five members of the task force, keeping the focus on confidential prayer requests from Ukrainian women. These women are located mostly in Ukraine, but include some who have been displaced to other parts of the world. We were struck by the strength of their faith, their humility and their gratitude for being “seen.” Some of the prayer requests are war-related, but many are quite personal and similar to those we receive right here at Redeemer. Some send photos of themselves or their families, which Melody shared as she gave updates about their particular situations. The power of intentional prayer by many, focused on a particular person's need wherever they may be, is significant. Melody closed her presentation by leading a prayer mentioning each person by name and need.

We were excited and honored to have Nancy Severin, National President, as our featured speaker. Nancy lives near Denver, Colorado, and her topic was Evangelism. More about this in the June issue of Echoes!

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As a reminder, your own confidential prayer requests are important and faithfully tended to. Use the prayer request box in the narthex, or contact any member of the order.

For His Sake,  
St. Therese Chapter  
The Order of the Daughters of the King ®



## Christian Education:

It is a vibrant time at The Church of the Redeemer. You can feel a renewed spirit as surely as the scent of springtime (and pollen) in the air.

I thought our recent Lenten and Holy Week services were very moving. A much needed time for reflection and prayer. Easter Sunday was joy-filled, with the help of our terrific organist and choir. We are grateful for their efforts.

I've recently rediscovered our Wednesday Eucharist Service - a very intimate way to share and celebrate the sacrament. I highly recommend it. There are many people to thank for their contributions to make our Church such a beautiful and special place to worship, learn and grow spiritually.

And many volunteers who selflessly donate their time and efforts to help the less fortunate in our community. "Walking the walk . . ." We all play a part in the life and well-being of our church family. Try to make an effort to get involved, and give a little back for our many blessings.

God's Peace  
David Poleski

## Powell Scholarship Choral Festival

**Sunday June 4 at 4:00 PM**  
**Christ Church Episcopal**



On Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 PM at Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville, we will celebrate the significant contributions of Bob and Nancy Powell at a choral and organ festival with guests from the Greenville chapter of the American Guild of Organists and other churches across the Upstate. A celebratory reception will follow the concert.

A scholarship fund was established in 2022 to honor Robert Powell, FAGO, organist and composer of hundreds of choral and organ service pieces of published music, along with his wife, Nancy Powell, AAGO, also a consummate organist. They have served the Greenville community for decades as leaders and role models for the organists and church musicians of this community.

This concert is an exciting fundraising event for the Robert and Nancy Powell Scholarship Fund, established to honor the Powell's legacy by promoting the study of the organ and by encouraging today's organ students to pursue a career as an organist. For more information, to join the festival choir, or to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, contact Donald Duncan at [dduncan@ccgsc.org](mailto:dduncan@ccgsc.org) or visit <https://greenvilleago.org/scholarship.shtm>



## 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.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

**May 7:** Dot & Ted Sanders 65th Anniversary

**May 21:** Children, grandchildren and many blessings by Dinah & Bill Johnson

**May 28:** In honor of her children and grandchildren's baptismal birthdays by Suzanne Webster.

Thank you everyone for providing such wonderful morning snacks!!

## Coffee Sign-up



|        |      |
|--------|------|
| May 7  | open |
| May 14 | open |
| May 21 | open |
| May 28 | 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.



## Vestry Meeting

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, **May 16 at 6:30 PM** in the Vestry Room.

The minutes for monthly vestry meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on **Wednesday, May 10** at 6:00 PM in the parish workroom (second Wednesday of each month).

## Financial Corner— March 2023

### Tithes & Offerings

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Budget | \$21,850.97 |
| Actual | \$15,496.00 |

### Expenses

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Budget | \$23,285.01 |
| Actual | \$17,346.71 |

### Net Total

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Budget | -\$1,434.04 |
| Actual | -\$1,850.71 |

## Server Schedule

|                     | May 7                      | May 14                      | May 21                      | May 28                                     |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Verger</b>       | Meg Coffey                 | Margie Hankinson            | John Helm                   | Bill Heizer                                |
| <b>Ushers</b>       | Joe McCullough             | Ken Wood                    | Bill Lee                    | Steve Webb                                 |
| <b>Crucifer</b>     | Debbie Price               | Sarah Meade                 | Robin Mill                  | Riley Hawkins                              |
| <b>Lector 1</b>     | Rick Hankinson             | Bob Bouton                  | Bill Heizer                 | Betty Boesch                               |
| <b>Lector 2</b>     | John Helm                  | Robin Mill                  | Wallace Lightsey            | Bill Lee                                   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | Ann & Sarah Meade          | Betsy Walt & Susan Butler   | Debbie Price & Edie Parrott | Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin |
| <b>Flower Guild</b> | Louise Heizer              | Cynthia Eason & Morgan Helm | Robin Mill                  | Lauren McCullough                          |
| <b>Counters</b>     | Carol Hallman & Steve Webb | John Helm & Jane Bouton     | Meg Coffey & Bill Lee       | Steve Webb & Carol Hallman                 |
| <b>Video</b>        | Rick Hankinson             | Jim Briggs                  | Jane and Bob Bouton         | John Helm                                  |

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Roger Ginn
- 2 Venus Poe
- 3 Elizabeth Koontz
- 4 Rebekah Webb
- 6 Tom Gange
- 7 Eric Cothran
- 8 Terry Landreth
- 10 Dot and Ted Sanders**
- 12 Keith Poe
- 12 Gabriel Santamaria
- 14 Tracy Ann Poteat
- 15 Celia Jernigan
- 15 Patti and Bill Lee**
- 17 Jessica Harwood
- 17 Nick McConnell
- 20 Carol Hallman
- 22 Cynthia and Bruce Eason**
- 22 Jackie and Steve Smith**
- 26 Ellie Thompson
- 26 Julie and Kevin Hayes**
- 26 Pauline and John Warren**
- 30 Dinah Johnson
- 31 Dot Sanders

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear or is incorrect, please notify 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 willing to help 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.**

# MAY 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                           | TUESDAY                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                         | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                         | SATURDAY                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Christian Education is held after the Sunday service on most Sundays.</p>                                   | <p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM ACOA<br/>7:00 PM ALANON</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>11:00 AM<br/>DOK-Music Room</p> | <p>3</p> <p>8:30AM Men's Bible Study<br/>9:30AM Holy Eucharist<br/>12 PM AA<br/>6:30 PM—Choir</p> | <p>4</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>  | <p>6</p> <p>11 am AA (Purser Hall)<br/>11 am Al-Anon (transept)</p>  |
| <p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>Garden Club-Purser Hall<br/>2:00PM Hispanic Service<br/>Purser Hall</p> | <p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM ACOA<br/>7:00 PM ALANON</p>  | <p>9</p>                                    | <p>10</p> <p>9:30AM Holy Eucharist<br/>12 PM AA<br/>6:00 PM Finance<br/>6:30 PM-Choir</p>         | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>13</p> <p>11 am AA (Purser Hall)<br/>11 am Al-Anon (transept)</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>2:00PM Hispanic Service<br/>Purse Hall</p>                             | <p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM ACOA<br/>7:00 PM ALANON</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:30PM Vestry</p>              | <p>17</p> <p>8:30 AMen's Bible Study<br/>9:30AM Holy Eucharist<br/>12 PM AA<br/>6:30 PM—Choir</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>20</p> <p>11 am AA (Purser Hall)<br/>11 am Al-Anon (transept)</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>2:00PM Hispanic Service<br/>Purser Hall</p>                            | <p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM ACOA<br/>7:00 PM ALANON</p> | <p>23</p>                                   | <p>24</p> <p>9:30AM Holy Eucharist<br/>12 PMAA<br/>6:30 PM—Choir</p>                              | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>27</p> <p>11 am AA (Purser Hall)<br/>11 am Al-Anon (transept)</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist<br/>2:00PM Hispanic Service<br/>Purser Hall</p>                            | <p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM ACOA<br/>7:00 PM ALANON</p> | <p>30</p>                                   | <p>31</p> <p>9:30AM Holy Eucharist<br/>12 PMAA<br/>6:30 PM—Choir</p>                              |           |                                |                                                                      |





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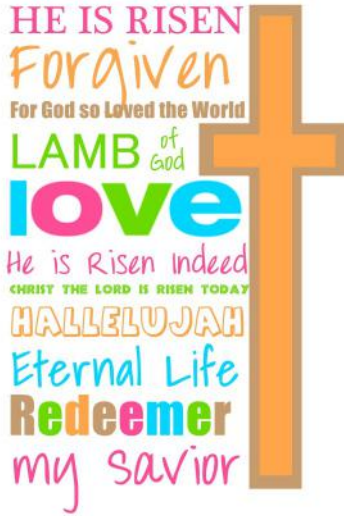
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