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

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

JUNE 2023

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From The Rector

The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem

Our prayers and praise

We are just beyond a few days known in the church as Rogation Days. The “major” Rogation Day is April 25th; the minor Rogations Days are the three days before Ascension Day. (This year, Ascension Day was May 18, and it is the day on which we celebrate Jesus’ return to the Father.) The word *rogation* comes from the Latin word *rogatio*, meaning “to ask,” and on Rogation Days the church asks for God’s protection, particularly at the time of planting, and for the blessing of farmer’s fields. Older-time practices included priests and congregations walking the boundaries of the parish, a practice called “beating the bounds,” while praying for God’s protection in the coming year.

Early colonists from Britain brought Rogation Day rituals to Barbados, Jamaica, and South Carolina. In fact, St. John’s Episcopal Church, John’s Island, SC, continues holding a yearly Rogation Day service. The Episcopal Church has expanded the prayers for these days; they now include prayers for rural life,

agriculture, fishing, commerce and industry, and for the stewardship of all creation.

This information may seem far from Redeemer and Greenville, SC, but it is not. For thirty-one days, beginning May 31, 2023, the Daughters of the King at Redeemer are praying daily with intentional prayers for the growth of Redeemer. Over the years this parish has planted many seeds of faith, has seen growth and harvest in faith, people, stewardship, and ministry. We’re ready for a renewed cycle of planting and growth. Some of us may walk the boundaries of our property while we pray, making our prayers include our words, hands, and feet.

I invite you to join in our prayers. Betty Boesch has provided us with a book of prayers; you may order that one or another of your choosing. Pray with us in thankfulness for all of God’s goodness, for appropriate seeds of faith, nourishment, growth, and eventual harvest in and for God’s kingdom.

*“Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise.”*

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From the Sr. Warden:

It is Monday morning, May 22 nd and I sit at my kitchen table enjoying my third cup of coffee. The TV is blurting out the morning news which is remarkably like yesterday's news as well as the news of the days before that. We are constantly reminded of who is doing what to whom and when. Then I notice yesterday's bulletin; May 21, 2023, Seventh Sunday of Easter and I scan the front page and see names and titles.

The bulletin recognizes people starting with the bishop on the front page and ending with the parish staff on the back page. In between these pages we read the names of vestry members, the names of those in need of prayers, those serving in the military as well as those studying in college. We also see the names of those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries. Then, we see who is taking part in the morning service as well as who is doing what next week. Lastly, we see a "who to contact" list just in case we want to volunteer. What we do not see in the Sunday bulletin, nor anywhere else, are the names of the dedicated Redeemer volunteers; those who quietly serve in the background week after week, month after month, or on special occasions.

You know who you are and for all at Redeemer, I say thank you for all you do.

Blessing to all,
Jack Blackburn
Senior Warden

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And a Rogation Day prayer, appropriate every day:

Holy God, you give your people a desire to know and to worship you: bless all who gather here in your name, that they may find a welcome and lift their hearts and voices in praise of you, who makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

In Christ,
Catherine+

June Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
June 4	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Canticle 13	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 11	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalms 33:1-12	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15	Psalms 116: 1, 10-17	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35 – 10:8
June 25	Genesis 21:8-21	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

From the Jr. Warden:

Buildings and Grounds Update

Recycling and shredding of old documents: We are making a big effort to do some Spring cleaning. Old file discards have been consolidated to 11 boxes. The Manual of Business Affairs for Church Offices was used as a guideline to dispose and keep appropriate materials. The electronics are also being disposed of and recycled.

Kitchen Renovation: The Kitchen Committee (Janet Poleski, Dot Sanders, Ken Wood, Betty Boesch, Meg Coffey and Rick Hankinson) has done two waves of discarding surplus pots, trays, etc. completed with the help of Lori and more is ongoing. With a successful silent auction and appropriated funds, we are deciding about the ceiling repair and other renovations. One thought is a new dishwasher (\$5000). The Hobart needs maintenance and there are many people uncertain about the operation of that dishwasher.

Other miscellaneous updates: The faucet in the wall near the transept entrance is now unlocked and drip contained. The sprinkler system is functioning. Homeless people walking through the grounds are leaving debris...considering adding a garbage can outside.

Please note: It would be extremely helpful to have a person come forward to coordinate the ongoing needs of the grounds.

Rick Hankinson, Junior Warden

Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and “Ordinary Time”

Pentecost Sunday ends “The Great Fifty Days” of Easter season. The Jewish Feast of Weeks takes place fifty days after Passover, and commemorates the calling of the Israelites into covenant with God at Mount Sinai. The Christian church adapted this occasion as a recognition of the new covenant in Christ. We also celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church, as written in the book of Acts.

Trinity Sunday follows Pentecost Sunday, and this is the day that the church specifically celebrates God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The day is not about a specific event, but a belief or dogma.

The season after the Day of Pentecost is sometimes called the “long green season;” it is our longest liturgical season of the year, and green is the season’s color. Ordinary used in this sense is not about being “not unusual,” but “ordered time,” as in “numbered.” Think about the Spirit of God bringing form or “order” to the formless void in Genesis 1, which gives rise to all creation. Ordinary time is, as one church describes, “a time to deepen one’s prayer life, read the scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in our faith. It is a time for us to grow. Consider how you might grow in Christ in this season: daily prayer, volunteering, bringing friends to church, engaging in a bible study or Sunday Christian Education are all great practices during this season of growth.

From Lori:



Hero Hotline- Called together to serve God!

It is almost time for Vacation Bible School!

VBS will take place June 26-30 from 9:30am-12noon at Redeemer. It is for ages 4-rising 5th graders and there is no charge to attend.

For the second year in a row, we will host the children from Pleasant Valley Connection. Children from Redeemer and their friends are all welcome to attend, everyone is invited! We have amazing volunteers that are ready for a wonderful God filled week. Stop by during VBS hours to get a view for yourself of all the wonderful things happening,...you might even catch a glimpse of Super Meer and Science Man!

Here we go again!

Samaritan House Needs 150 CANS for June!



Samaritan House is calling us for more help with filling their pantry with canned goods.

For the month of June, we are collecting canned tomatoes—regular sized cans (14 to 15 ounces). 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:

Let the fun begin!



The next Garden Club meeting is June 11. This Garden Club Meeting will give us all a chance to become one with the garth!

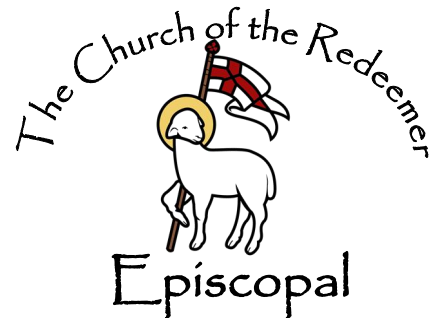
Bring your work clothes and gear (lopping shears, gloves, weed collecting bag/bucket, clippers, etc.) and we'll tame some of the foliage, plant some summer annuals, and brainstorm ideas for an improved and inviting garth.

Any and all are welcome so bring your gear on June 11th and join us after coffee hour in the garth.

Canned Corn donation update:

At the time of Echoes printing, we had collected 209 cans of corn.

Thank you for being so A-maze-ing!!!



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The Very Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

Lori Hawkins, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*
Deborah Dunlap, *Parish Administrator/bookkeeper*
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
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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.

Israel musings & memories...

Janet Poleski shares:

The trip was truly amazing... from the great group we traveled with to the incredible ancient sights we saw to the moving Bible readings that came alive to the unique landscape and topography to our very knowledgeable and humorous guide, to the great food we shared and new friends we made ...it really was a trip of a lifetime !

From Lauren McCullough:

This trip was emotional, historical, educational, joyful, exhausting and inspiring. It was full of laughter and sometimes tears. Israel is amazing. It is such a complicated country, politically, religiously, socially and historically. But it is still possible, amid the multicultural chaos, to quiet yourself and feel the presence of Jesus in the place where he presented himself to us and taught. This experience was one which we will all be reflecting on for years to come.



Robin Mill's favorite picture... looking out from Masada



Outreach:

Our Laundry Love project has submitted a Matthew 25 grant. The Matthew 25 Committee comes from the Gospel of Matthew 25:40: "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."



"The vision of the Matthew 25 Committee is to see every congregation in the diocese planting ministries of compassion and justice; every ministry seeking God's transformation for the poor and those at risk; and every congregation finding renewal as it reaches out with the love of Christ to the "least" of his family."

Right now we are at the laundry once a month, spending about \$150 + each time. With the grant, we should be able to expand our times and provide more snacks and drinks as the Summer warms up. We usually have four or five people helping by greeting people and handing out quarters. Many interesting conversations happen and we are happy to be able to spread the love of Jesus to our neighbors in this way.

You can sign up to help on the sheet in the narthex.

Altar Guild:

The Altar Guild continues to work to prepare the church for each worship service.

Betsy Walt has retired from Altar Guild. We are very grateful to Betsy for her years of valuable insight and knowledge, as well as, countless hours of service to Redeemer on Altar Guild.

The overall goal of the Altar Guild is to see that the worship space is kept beautiful and in good order, both to glorify God and to provide a setting which enables the congregation to worship in a meaningful way.

Anyone interested in joining the Altar Guild can speak with Margie Hankinson or Mother Catherine to learn more about the commitment.

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

Evangelism. Not a word typically associated with Episcopalians. More likely, you hear some quip about the “frozen chosen.” Yet, it is a duty we take on at baptism and reaffirm at confirmation:

Q: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

A: I will, with God's help.

So, what can we do to change those perceptions, and more to the point, to change our own attitudes and behaviors to more effectively carry out this duty? For many of us, it is more of a problem to “proclaim by word” so we rely on the “example” part. But, it isn't either/or; it says “... by word *and example*....” *The truth is, it takes practice. Do you talk about how you came to be a Christian, or how you came to be an Episcopalian? That is your story, and it takes practice to tell it well. Have you ever invited someone to visit our church? Being open about our faith and looking for opportunities to share it takes practice, too.*

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, invites us to equip ourselves as disciples of Christ. He has scheduled a gathering for the whole Episcopal Church in Baltimore, “It's All About Love: A Festival for the Jesus Movement.” He says it is because we couldn't all get together last year for the General Convention. So this event is presented as a Festival, a celebration of our faith! It will be July 9 – 12 in Baltimore, at the Baltimore Convention Center. Perhaps, even if you don't attend personally, there will be transformative ripples of inspiration from this event that will affect all of us, so that Episcopalians will no longer fit the mold of the “frozen chosen!” Let us go forth and spread the Good News of God in Christ!

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





Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

Why don't miracles happen any more?
 Because we don't need them.
 Because we're too smart for them.
 We think we're better than primitive people
 who believed in spirits and unseen forces.
 Because we have explanations now, and AI,
 and there's nothing we can't do
 so who needs miracles,
 or one who performs them?
 Anyway, if we really wanted miracles
 how could we possibly go back now,
 unlearn all we know,
 unbelieve all our powers?

Our openness is too primitive,
 our humility undeveloped.
 We'd have to practice.
 We'd have to live in wonder.
 We'd have to pay attention.

Deep Blessings,
 Pastor Steve

Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Unfolding Light
www.unfoldinglight.net

Pastoral Care:

Greetings,

I am delighted to be serving as your Vestry Liaison for the Pastoral Care Commission. This ministry includes Eucharistic Visitors, prayer list, greeting cards, handyman services, phone calls, meals, and transportation.

Many people have contributed so much to this ministry and many continue to do so. Ray Campbell regularly visited the homebound, the sick, and the lonely for many, many years. Betty Lupo sent regular emails for prayer requests and to update parishioners on news and needs of others. Greg Brown has delivered and coordinated countless meals and made Eucharistic Visits. Ken Wood can and has fixed anything and everything, including my 84 year old attic stairs! Rick Hankinson, Betty Herrin, Lee Quinn, Steve and Jackie Smith and many others have taken the Eucharist to those who were homebound or ill. Meg Coffey writes cards and coordinates the faithful folks who help with our card ministry. Daughters of the King faithfully pray for all of us. I am certain there are many others who have and continue to minister in these and so many other ways – forgive me if I have left you unnamed. You are loved and appreciated!

I welcome your ideas and requests for how we can serve you with our hands, feet, hearts and bodies in response to Jesus' command to help others and go the extra steps to show God's love.

Let Matthew 25 verses 35-40 guide you.

In His service,
 Celia Jernigan

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,
June 11: In memory of Frances Raikes by Marguerite Brace.

Thank you everyone for providing such wonderful morning snacks!!

Coffee Sign-up



June 4	Hankinson
June 11	open
June 18	open
June 25	open



We ask your ongoing prayers for missionary Gary Powell as he spreads God's light and hope to people in war torn Ukraine.

Vestry Meeting

The next vestry meeting is Tuesday, **June 20 at 6:30 PM** in the Vestry Room (third Tuesday of each month).

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

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on **Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 PM** in the parish workroom (second Wednesday of each month).

Financial Corner— March 2023

Tithes & Offerings

Budget	\$22,144.88
Actual	\$35,354.25

Expenses

Budget	\$23,700.41
Actual	\$19,517.10

Net Total

Budget	-\$1,555.53
Actual	\$15,837.15

Server Schedule

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Verger	Wallace Lightsey	David Poleski	Bill Heizer	Jack Blackburn
Ushers	Josh Hawkins	Joe McCullough	Bill Lee	Steve Webb
Crucifer	Debbie Price	William Meade	Robin Mill	Riley Hawkins
Lector 1	David Poleski	Rick Hankison	Bob Bouton	Bill Heizer
Lector 2	Robin Mill	Wallace Lightsey	John Helm	Bill Lee
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Joanie Mullin	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski & Judy Derrick
Flower Guild	Cynthia Eason	Robin Mill & Morgan Helm	Louise Heizer	Lauren McCullough
Counters	Jane Bouton & Steve Webb	Meg Coffey & Bill Lee	Carol Hallman & Steve Webb	John Helm & Jane Bouton
Video	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton	Jim Briggs	Rick Hankinson



Anniversaries

8 Louise & Bill Heizer
10 Dinah & Bill Johnson
12 Judy & Mark Moline
14 Tracy-Ann & Chris Poteat
15 Kathy & Bob Moore
21 Leslie & Skylar Entwistle
25 Carolyn & Amos Irwin
27 Campbell & Logan Todd

*If your birthday or anniversary does not appear or is incorrect, please notify
corgsc29605@gmail.com to update our records.*



June Birthdays

1 Steve Smith
 2 Rick Hankinson
 2 Phyllis Webb
 3 Ed Roberts
 6 Jack Blackburn
 8 Marsha Lightsey
 8 Price Poe
 9 Matthew Derrick
 18 Linda Laird
 22 Chelsea Witham
 23 Cookie Brock
 24 Clark Elliott Jernigan
 25 Beverly Poe
 26 Betsy Walt
 26 Eva (Edie) Parrott
 27 June Moore

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.**

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christian Education is held after the Sunday service on most Sundays.				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (transept)
4 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 2:00PM Hispanic Service Purser Hall	5 6:00 PM ACOA 7:00 PM ALANON	6	7 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 12 PM AA 6:30 PM Choir	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (transept)
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18 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 2:00PM Hispanic Service Purser Hall	19 6:00 PM ACOA 7:00 PM ALANON	20 6:30PM Vestry	21 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 12 PM AA 6:30 PM Choir	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 11 am AA (Purser Hall) 11 am Al-Anon (transept)
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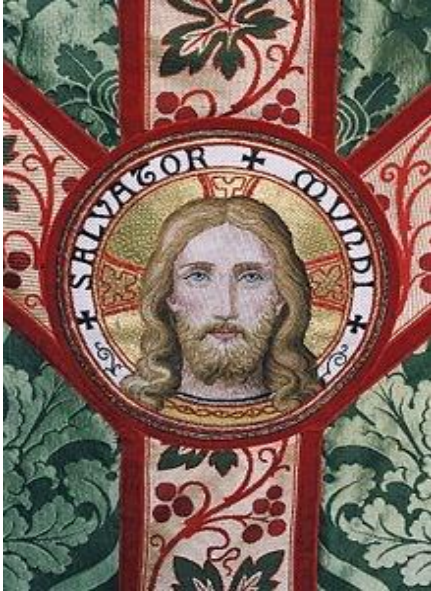
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