



# ECHOES

September 2023

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### From the Rector...

Welcome to September! This is a very active time in our life together. The vestry, through recommendations of the Garden Club, other parishioners, and experts in their fields, has approved the funding of needed grounds maintenance and improvements. Take a look at the new mulch in the playground, funded through an existing memorial fund. Repairs are in process for the equipment. We have trees and shrubbery that are being pruned, fed, or taken down. I am already looking forward to the planned butterfly garden that will take shape along the driveway, and how our property along the sidewalk and around our sign will show Redeemer's love and care for this little corner of God's creation. Roof repairs are in process. Buildings need maintenance and grounds need ongoing care. And while maintenance and repairs are very important, those are the details, not the foundation of our life together.

We are part of the church that Jesus brings into being. Jesus is our center and our foundation, the apostle Peter our representative rock on which the church stands. Being the church and disciples also requires ongoing maintenance. Over the next month, you will be invited to attend a small Focus Group so that we can discern our community gifts and the way in which are called to use these gifts now and into the future. I strongly encourage everyone to take part in one of the groups; there will be sign up sheets soon. We are the voices, hands and feet of the church in this time and place. Looking through the lens of our strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities, we will tend to our life together.

This parish is strong, full of saints, abundant in faith and perseverance. We need your input, your gifts, your call, carried out in community in the name of Jesus, with the power of the Holy Spirit.

In all things, thanks be to God!



**Dates for the Focus Groups: September 10, 13, 24**  
**Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.**

**In Christ, Catherine +**

# FELLOWSHIP

## Annual Church Picnic



**Sunday, September 17**

Service time: 10:30am

Location: Bob & Jane Bouton's lakeside home:  
42 Lake Ridge Drive, Greenville, SC 29611

- ◆ Please carpool if you can so we can park all the cars
- ◆ Bring a side dish to share - sign-up sheet available in the narthex. Redeemer will provide the main dish, iced tea, lemonade, and water.

## Card Ministry

We are looking for a few good folks to join the card ministry. Write birthday cards to parishioners for a month or to a variety of folks that just need a little pick-me-up after surgery or an illness. All supplies provided, we just need the writing

Contact Meg Coffey for more information at [megcoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com) or 864-525-6681.

## Stewardship Drive!

Well it is that time of year again, the anxiously awaited Stewardship Drive! Pledging is a serious commitment. The church depends on your pledge so a budget can be made for the upcoming year. The finances are used for the daily functions of the church but also to give back to the community. We ask that you please put some thought and prayers into your pledge. Reflect on the blessings that you have received this year and see how you can share them in the next.

We are sure that you are all looking forward to hearing from us soon,

Your Stewardship Committee,

*Laurie Ethridge, Debbie Price, Kathryn Swilley*



## MEMBERS CORNER



### Getting to Know William Meade

**School:** Saint Joseph's Catholic School

**Pets:** Belle (dog), Cleo (cat)

**Fun Fact:** Star Wars is my favorite movie

**Favorite Hobby:** Board Games

**Favorite Memory at Church of the Redeemer:**  
Helping all the little kids with different projects at Vacation Bible School.

### Getting to Know Laurie Ethridge



Laurie and Tommy Ethridge signing their marriage license in 1984.

#### **Favorite Memory at Church of the Redeemer:**

Playing basketball for Redeemer. We had so many kids that we had 5 or 6 teams. Bill Lee was a coach as was Doc Morgan. We would practice in the Parish Hall, as it was known then (before Father Purser) and have a big banquet at the end of the season to receive trophies. Our out-of-town tournaments were notorious. I am not sure who had more fun, the players or the chaperones. Judy and Mark Derrick, along with Debbie Price remember those days!

**Occupation:** Preschool Teacher at Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Pets:** Stinky, a Chihuahua

**Favorite Hobby:** Reading

**Fun Fact:** My brother, sister, both of my children, and I have been baptized from the same baptismal font.

If you would like to submit someone to be in the members corner please contact Kathryn Swilley at [kethri0382@gmail.com](mailto:kethri0382@gmail.com).

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Youth Christian Education

**Classes begin October 1!**

- ♦ Nursery: Available for children ages 4 and under
- ♦ Godly Play: children ages 3 – 2nd grade  
Starting Oct 1st at 9:30 in room 210 in the Education Hall.

### Redeemer is thrilled to announce that Godly Play is back!

Godly Play is a program of Christian education and spiritual formation for children ages 3 – 2nd grade. Utilizing a Montessori approach, Godly Play teaches children the art of using religious language to help them *become more fully aware of God's presence in their lives*. Developed by Episcopal priest, author and teacher, Jerome Berryman, this worship service for children follows the pattern of the liturgy of the Episcopal church.



If you would like to volunteer to assist in the classroom, please email Lori at [Lhredeemer@gmail.com](mailto:Lhredeemer@gmail.com).

Lori Hawkins, Family Ministries

## Adult Christian Education

The Adult Christian education class will meet September 3rd and 17th. We have started a new adventure in learning: "I wonder ..." aka "ask the rector" - and ourselves! Bring your questions about faith, the bible, traditions, and what is on your mind.

## SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 3:1-15	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15
<b>Response</b>	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Psalms 149	Psalms 114	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16



# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS

## Update from Ukraine

Thank you, my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at COR and beyond, for your continued prayers for the people and Ukraine. God keeps opening doors for me to continue in prayer and try to share light in the midst of darkness, death and destruction of the ongoing war. The US (and the world in general) moves on but the people and soldiers facing loss of home and freedom is incomprehensible. I have attended funerals of families that have lost fathers – the grief is overwhelming. As I have mentioned, the reason I go east near the frontlines is to try and give hope through the gospel message and individual prayer for people.

I leave Sunday to go to a city I have been to twice before. It is a place totally leveled and still the Russians are shelling it. I go with a team and then travel to the city. In each place of the city where we stop, I am able to pray for people either individually or for the group. I have an interpreter so we can understand each other. The last time we went we had to travel in the fields instead of the road because we would have been hit by incoming shelling.

I believe this is what God expects us to do as followers of Christ whether it is in a war zone or in our country, town or city. We can be a beacon of light in a world of darkness!

Blessings, His,

*Gary Powell*

## Laundry Love



Our parish recently received news that we have received a Matthew 25 grant from the Diocese for our Laundry Love project. The Matthew 25 Committee draws its name and vision from the words of our Lord in 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."

So many people in our parish have helped us spread the love of Jesus to our neighbors! Many have been faithfully donating quarters in the box in the nave. Others have donated packaged treats and bottled water for our laundry friends. Still others have come to help out at the

laundry. And still others have prayed for us as we minister to those at the Launderette. We are finding renewal as we reach out with the love of Christ to the "least" of His family.

We are scheduled for Saturday, September 2 and on-going first Saturdays of the month. We are planning other evening pop-up events. We are becoming known in the neighborhood...how nice to be "known for our love!" If you would like to come to the Launderette with us for several hours, please let me know:

*Margie Hankinson — 864-569-2610 margiehank@gmail.com.*

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<b>Verger</b>	Jack Blackburn	Betty Boesch	Greg Brown	Margie Hankinson
<b>Usher</b>	Steve Webb	Ken Wood	Josh Hawkins	Joe McCullough
<b>Crucifer</b>	Robin Mill	Debbie Price	Sarah Meade	Riley Hawkins
<b>Lector 1</b>	Rick Hankinson	David Poleski	Bill Heizer	Bob Bouton
<b>Lector 2</b>	John Helm	Robin Mill	Bill Lee	John Helm
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Robin Mill	Cynthia Eason & Morgan Helm	Louise Heizer	Lauren McCullough
<b>Counters</b>	Bill Lee & Carol Hallman	Steve Webb & Meg Coffey	Jane Bouton & John Helm	Carol Hallman & Bill Lee
<b>Video</b>	Rick Hankinson	John Helm	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton

## FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP

If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor of someone special in your life,  
the 2023 altar dedication book is on the communication table.

We ask for a donation of \$40 to offset the cost of the flowers. We appreciate your generosity.

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Please sign up to bring simple snacks for coffee hour after Sunday services.  
There is a sign up sheet in the transept. Thank you!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Paulette Carpenter  
9 Bryan Christie  
9 Riley Hawkins  
10 Sandra Brown  
10 Evan Mill  
12 Jack Jackson  
12 Cayce McCullough

16 Sue Skardon  
17 Hooper Skardon  
18 Michael Reardon  
21 Jane Bouton  
21 Robin Mill  
23 Bill Johnson

25 Raina Harwood  
25 Bill Lee  
25 Courtney Papadopoulos  
27 Kathryn Ethridge  
30 Lauren Broderick

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>The International Ballet continues to provide ballet lessons to children at Pleasant Valley Connection. They meet in Purser Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30 PM throughout the school year!</div>					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
3 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	5	6 8:30 AM - Men's Study Breakfast (F) 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	7	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
10 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	11 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	12 11:00 AM DOK (P) 12:00 PM - Clergy Lunch (T)	13 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:00 PM - Finance Meeting (WR) 6:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal (CR)	14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
17 8:30 AM -Holy Eucharist (N) <b>10:30 AM Parish Picnic*</b> 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	18 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	19 6:30 PM - Vestry Meeting (V)	20 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
24 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	25 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	26	27 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

## Key for facilities and spaces:

(T): Transept; (PH): Purser Hall; (P): Parlor; (N): Nave; (V): Vestry Meeting Room/Media Room;  
(WR): Work Room; (F): Floating Location; (EH): Education Hall; (CR): Choir Room:

\*Parish Picnic will be held at Bob & Jane Bouton's home: 42 Lake Ridge Drive, Greenville, SC 29611

## Note:

Sunday Services of Holy Eucharist are offered in-person and on-line;  
Wednesday Holy Eucharist is offered in-person.



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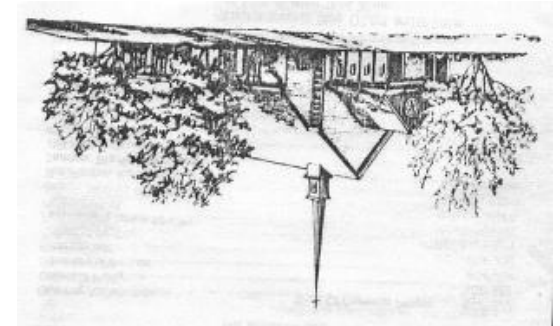
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**Come Join Us!**