



ECHOES

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From the Rector...

"The Holy Spirit speaks many languages"

We probably don't think about language very often. When we do, what comes to mind is the spoken languages of the world: English, Spanish, French, etc. The late and former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold wrote the above quotation about the Holy Spirit speaking many languages; the quotation continued in mentioning art as one of those languages. That helped me consider several other languages.

Body language tells us a lot about another person and what that person may be thinking and feeling. Arms crossed and held tightly, the body rigid indicates that someone is closed off, has shut out with limbs and core and demeanor whatever is happening or being said. Maybe we could call that the language of "no." It is at least the language of protection, of protecting oneself.

The language of love comes in words, embraces, things done for other. There is a book entitled "The Five Love Languages," and it is about the languages of relationship love. Do you communicate with and respond to gifts, positive affirmations, *doing* things? Sometimes love is physical touch, an embrace. Sometimes love is doing the dishes, grocery shopping, or taking the trash can to and from the curb. There are many ways, if not English words, of showing many types of love.

There is a language to liturgy, to worship. We move intentionally, set the space with pews, pulpit, flowers (or the absence of them), music, and particular prayers. We set a table to participate in thanks-giving. We partake a language of sacrifice, giving, and praise while taking into ourselves bread and wine, body and blood. We take in Jesus, the Christ and carry him with us.

Many among us are communicating in the language of grief. Yes, grief is a language. We cry or we do not cry; we withdraw or act other than our "usual" selves. We think and remember; emotions are right at the surface, or buried deep within: sorrow, anger, longing, disbelief that the world goes on – how can it? There might be relief, and sometimes when we laugh we wonder if we are allowed to laugh in these moments, this time. Grief is a language with many expressions; there is an individuality to this form of speaking. However you live the language of grief, know this: you are not alone. Others speak this language right now. Above all, God speaks the language of grief. God's son died an agonizing death; and even Jesus felt abandoned by his own Father, his own self. In Jesus' new life, some scars remained; we can see them. We know Jesus with scars, Jesus who weeps and gets angry, who loves and who says "forgive them." Be gentle with yourself in expressing yourself in the language of grief. Do not judge yourself or others in their grief. Simply be. Breathe. Give thanks for the gift of whatever or whomever you loved so much that in their absence there is grief.

Mental health professional Dr. John Deloney says often that "grief demands a witness." However you speak grief, give witness to it. Share about dreams that are lost, or lives that are lost, (*Continued on p.2*)

In Christ, Catherine +

FELLOWSHIP

(Continued from p. 1) the new ways in which love will live. Grieve well so that you can live well and love well again. At the core of this language of grief is knowing that life is changed and not ended. Invite God into every place in which you hold grief, for it is God who can mend it, heal it, and honor it the best.

There is also the language of joy. Joy embodies a way of living deeply, knowing that God is as close as our breath, giving God all of our burdens, actively practicing being in God's presence. When we reach into ourselves and encounter joy, it flows. Let your joy pour into the world; we need it so. Speak your many languages. Share your witness of life, of love, of grief and of joy. We are with you. We live together as the body of Christ. Do not be alone, but part of the body. You are essential, and we need the very language that you are speaking today. Come, speak, give thanks. Grieve. Laugh. Give thanks.

In peace, praise, and prayer,
Catherine+



Having just returned from a week at a retreat, thank you to all who encouraged me to go, prayed, and helped along the way. Thank you to all who helped with the many pieces of congregational life that allowed me to be away and do the soul and practical work that helps me be a better pastor, priest, and teacher. Redeemer continued on with administration, worship, attention to buildings and grounds, prayer, varied ministries, stewardship, meals and pastoral care; many played a part in making sure that “everything” happened. Some of you might not have known that I was gone, and that’s okay, too; your help in “usual” life at Redeemer contributed to the foundation of this body of Christ. It was good, and intense, to examine my life and vocation with colleagues, mentors, and specialists in vocation, finances, psychological and physical health. We had varied worship services and quiet prayer times. I hope that I have returned as a little bit improved – and refreshed – priest and rector. For our life together, I give abundant thanks. For Jesus at our center, I give abundant thanks. For each of you, I give abundant thanks.

Catherine+

MEMBERS CORNER

Getting to Know Daniel McCullough

School & Occupation: I Went to St. Joseph's Catholic School for middle and high school and graduated from The Citadel in 2015 with a degree in Civil Engineering. I have a Professional Engineering License in Civil Engineering and practice through my own LLC while also working for my Dad, Joe, at his Company, CO Riddle Surveying Company, as a Land Surveyor as I work towards getting my Professional Surveyors License.

Children: My wife, Cayce, and I have a 7-month-old little girl named Maggie.

Pets: Black Lab named Bandit

Fun Fact: I am an Eagle Scout and my Eagle Scout Project was building the Pleasant Valley Connection playground that still stands in their backyard.

Hobbies: My wife tells me I have too many hobbies. I like mechanic-ing, working on cars and small engines. More recently I've gotten into fixing up old vintage chainsaws. Outside of that, I like to grill and BBQ with my traditional offset smoker as well as bird hunt and bow hunt.

Favorite Memory at Church of the Redeemer: I'd say my favorite church memory was as a youth in EYC when we would go on the ski trips in the mountains or to Edisto Beach.



Getting to Know Sarah Meade

School: Greenville High School

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Fun Fact: I work at a pie shop

Favorite Hobby: Soccer and Speech and Debate

Favorite Memory at Church of the Redeemer: Our fall pumpkin patch, and unloading the pumpkin truck. I loved going inside it, and it was always so cool to see how everyone got together to make it happen

Photo: Sarah and William Meade.

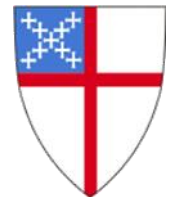
If you would like to submit someone to be in the members corner, please contact: Kathryn Swilley at kethri0382@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education

The Adult Christian Education class will meet start a new study on October 1st! We will begin exploring the polity, structure and governance of The Episcopal Church. Come join in our next study adventure!

Adult Christian Education class meets on Sundays at 10:45 AM in the Vestry Room



Youth Christian Education



Godly Play Classes begin October 1!

- ◆Nursery: Available for children ages 4 and under
- ◆Godly Play: children ages 3 – 2nd grade

Starting at 9:30am in room 209 in the Education Hall

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 help with Godly play, please email *Lori Hawkins* at Lhredeemer@gmail.com.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
First Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Response	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	Psalms 19	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Psalms 99	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
Second Reading	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS

Samaritan House

Samaritan House continues to grow at a record pace. During August we saw over 200 clients on Thursday mornings...far greater than our usual 130 or so. September has seen Thursdays approaching the 200 mark. "Why?" you may ask. When we look at the numbers, we find

that over 75% of our clients are in the over age 62 range...retired and many unable to work. New clients tell us of horrendous rent raises...sometimes as much as 50% over what they were paying just six months ago. Other new clients report that they are renting a room in someone's house to make ends meet. There seem to have been modest raises in Social Security, but our single clients all receive under \$1695 a month. Combine that income with rents approaching \$1000 a month, and you see why the food pantry has become so important.

On top of increasing numbers, we also find that in fulfilling new government requirements, we now must weigh all the individual food donations from Loaves and Fishes, Aldis, Big Lots, and individuals. More paperwork and the purchase of an appropriate scales have made more work for the volunteers. We now have seven volunteers with ties to Redeemer. We care and show our love of our neighbors! To volunteer with Samaritan House, please contact: *Rick Hankinson*: hankinsonsc@gmail.com

Update from Ukraine



We would like to sincerely thank you for your faithfulness and constant financial and prayer support of our church in Ukraine! May God richly bless you and give you the strength to overcome everything.

We continue to develop in our ministry in a city that is 35 km away from the Russian border and, unfortunately, we are under constant threat of military action. Sometimes Russian missiles and combat drones fly into our city and cause a lot of death and damage, destroying educational institutions and residential buildings, but, thank God, no one from the church was hurt and everyone is alive and unharmed. A 20-kilometer zone on the border suffers from artillery shelling from the Russian side, and there is a lot of destruction and grief in the villages and towns there.

That is why many people have evacuated to our city, many of them go to our church and the children's center.

Your support is important because it allows us to serve people more effectively. So, with your funds, we are equipping the church premises, making repairs there. We also help our military (our brothers from the church are also in the army) with necessary things at the front. In addition, we were able to organize a trip for our youth to a Christian camp for two days in Kropyvnytskyi. With these funds, we print advertising materials for the church and refuel the church car that serves our needs. Thank you for your support, loyalty and constancy. We pray that God will meet all your needs in Jesus Christ and give you peace!

Gary Powell

Laundry Love

Oct 7th, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd from 10am-12pm at the Launderette.

Laundry Love continues to be a blessing to so many in the Pleasant Valley area. Eric, the owner of the Laundromat, says that homeless come and

look for us (and he has done laundry for some!) He thinks that coming on weekends is the best time. Starting in September, we are going to be at the Laundromat twice a month—on the first Saturdays and another date TBD. We are thankful for the Matthew 25 grant from the Diocese that helps us, along with the generous contributions from everyone at Redeemer. Besides quarters for the laundry, we provide cold water, snacks, and laundry detergent. If you would like to be a part of a Laundry Love Saturday, please let Margie Hankinson know. All you need to help is a smile, and you can be a blessing to someone in need.

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Verger	Meg Coffey	John Helm	Bill Heizer	Greg Brown	David Poleski
Usher	Bill Lee	Steve Webb	Ken Wood	Josh Hawkins	Joe McCullough
Crucifer	William Meade	Robin Mill	Debbie Price	Riley Hawkins	Sarah Meade
Lector 1	Betty Boesch	Rick Hankinson	David Poleski	Bill Heizer	Bob Bouton
Lector 2	Robin Mill	John Helm	Bill Lee	Robin Mill	John Helm
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin	Margie Hankinson & Edie Parrott
Flower Guild	Robin Mill	Louise Heizer	Cynthia Eason	Lauren McCullough	Robin Mill
Counters	Meg Coffey & Steve Webb	John Helm & Carol Hallman	Betsy Chiles & Bill Lee	Jane Bouton & Meg Coffey	Steve Webb & John Helm
Video	Jim Briggs	Rick Hankinson	John Helm	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton

FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP

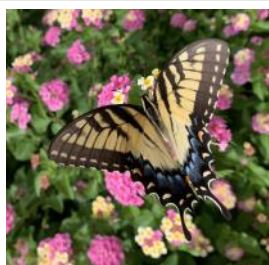
If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor of someone special in your life, the 2023 altar dedication book is on the communication table. We ask for a donation of \$40 to offset the cost of the flowers. We appreciate your generosity.

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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!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Susan Butler	12 Ann Meade	21 Sean Reardon
4 Nathan Reardon	17 Cynthia Eason	21 Wallace Lightsey
8 Asheton Skardon	18 Kaleb Reardon	23 Bennett Helm
8 Joan Mullin	18 Sarah Meade	24 Steve Fior
10 Riley Jernigan	20 Betty Boesch	28 Joseph Ethan Hawkins



REDEEMER GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting: **October 8th** following the Sunday coffee social.

Celia Jernigan and Cynthia Eason will explain our landscape designer's plan for the butterfly garden and the area along the curved driveway entrance. Hope you will join us to add your suggestions as we plan how and when to get started.

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Ed (V) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	2 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	3	4 8:30 AM - Men's Study Breakfast (F) 9:30 AM - Morning Prayer(N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
8 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Ed (V) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	9 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	10 11:00 AM DOK (P) 12:00 PM - Clergy Lunch (T)	11 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:00 PM - Finance Meeting (WR) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	12	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
15 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Ed (V) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	16 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	17 6:30 PM - Vestry Meeting (V)	18 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)	19 12:00 PM - Clericus (T)	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
22 9:30 AM -Holy Eucharist (N) Stewardship/ Pledge Ingathering 2:00 PM - Hispanic	23 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	24	25 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	26	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
29 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Ed (V) 2:00 PM - Hispanic Service (PH)	30 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 8:00 PM - ALANON (T)	31 HALLOWEEN	<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>			

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:

Note:

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



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Come Join Us!

**Everyone is welcome to join us
for Worship on Sundays at 9:30 am
and Wednesdays at 9:30 am.**

**Watch services online at:
[Facebook.com/corgsc](https://www.facebook.com/corgsc)**

Daughters of the King

As you may know, the mission of The Order of the Daughters of the King is the extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism.

Part of our Rule of Prayer is to pray daily:

For the unity of Christ's church.

For the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among women and girls.

For God's blessing upon the members of The Order.

For the spiritual growth of the parish and for the clergy of the parish to which the chapter owes allegiance [in our case, The Church of the Redeemer].

For the grace to follow the Rule, and for our own needs.

Within our chapter, we offer daily prayers of supplication and intercessions on behalf of anyone needing prayer. This includes those listed in our weekly bulletins, and those whose needs have been made known to us through a prayer list shared at our monthly chapter meetings. For those on our prayer list, we pray daily for 30 days.

So, when I was reviewing our chapter's activities for our Annual Report to the Diocesan Assembly for the Order's fiscal year which ended August 31, 2023, I was struck by a random thought – how do we quantify prayer? Mostly, annual reports deal with statistics: how many members, how many meetings, how many service projects? But what if someone wanted to know, how many prayers?

To be clear, that was not a question on the form. However, I decided to attempt to figure it out, not counting those prayers that would be part of our Rule of Prayer, nor even those listed in the weekly bulletins, but only tallying those additional prayers of supplications and intercessions made known to us either in our monthly meetings or by special requests from anyone in our parish at any time. The cumulative total of special prayers offered up by our DOK chapter members in one year totaled over 85,000!

What is the point? We take each individual prayer request and respond with intentional prayer. We invite you to entrust us with your own confidential prayer needs, which are important and faithfully tended to. Make them known to us either in person, phone call, email, or by dropping a note in the wooden box in the Narthex.

For His Sake,

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