



CHURCH
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ECHOES

March 2024

From the Senior Warden

We haven't had a priest use this opportunity since Father Purser, as both Father Bob and Father Scott decided to leave instead when they became eligible. Fortunately, Father David Upton has tentatively agreed to fill in to be our Spiritual leader and we are in the process of codifying an agreement of our mutual expectations. We are also fortunate that Redeemer has reserve funds to cover the expense of our supply priest. As plans solidify more information will be forthcoming.

Even though we will miss her during her sabbatical, we will benefit when our priest returns refreshed, and brings us ways in the coming years to renew our own Spirits in our worship of God.

- Rick Hankinson, Senior Warden

From the Rector

The word "Sabbatical" comes from the same word as "Sabbath," meaning "to cease, rest" from the Hebrew "Shabbat" שַׁבָּת. God designed for each of us to have a Sabbath day in order to cease other things and to keep that one day holy. A sabbatical is an intentional extension of Sabbath time. Sabbath is meant to be a time of enjoyment in God's creation, of rest and renewal.

The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina developed an official sabbatical policy in 1994. The bishop is an integral part of sabbatical planning; clergy must submit a proposal and meet with him for approval of the plan and time. I am grateful to the diocese and to Redeemer for including a sabbatical in my Letter of Agreement, and for the opportunity to fulfill it this year. Bishop Daniel has approved my proposal and I have shared a brief overview with the vestry. I will begin the first sabbatical of my career in on June 1, 2024, and return to Redeemer on September 1, 2024. I am happy to share that we have found a single clergy person to supply during this time. The vestry and I are working on the rest of the details for the summer, and funding is in place.

Granting your rector a sabbatical is part of a healthy and sustainable leadership model. I will have a chance to renew and grow in spirit and vocation. This is a time for the parish to renew and grow as well, as lay leadership and the vestry serve as a spiritual leadership team.

I invite your questions, and ask for your ongoing, prayerful support.

In Christ,

Catherine+

INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Ministry Spotlights,
Parish Celebrations & Community Calendars!



STEWARDSHIP

Creation Corner

God entrusts us as caretakers, stewards, of all of God’s creation. While we might think of “stewardship” as a church’s annual “budget campaign,” stewardship is much more than that, and encompasses our broad relationship with all that God gives us, starting with life itself.

Stewardship ... of creation:

The Church of the Redeemer is the caretaker of a large piece of property. At a recent garth clean up, there was conversation about taking care of this garden and our gardens at home, in environmentally friendly ways. There are, for example, ways to suppress weeds without using the chemicals found in RoundUp and other commercial treatments. Some ways to kill weeds:

- Mulch
- Landscape fabric
- Manual weeding
- Boiling water
- Or this **recipe**: 1 gallon of vinegar mixed with 1 cup of castile soap, sprayed on the plant.
 - ◊ The vinegar needs to have an acetic content of 5% or more (no higher than 20%)
 - ◊ Horticultural vinegar usually has a higher acetic content, which is what kills the foliage; use caution, as this vinegar can burn your skin and eyes
 - ◊ Acetic vinegar is biodegradable
 - ◊ Castile soap is a vegetable-based soap and is what helps the vinegar cling to the plant.
 - ◊ More than one application may be needed
 - ◊ Spray on a sunny day!



Many recipes call for salt and regular dish soap; some articles mention that these ingredients ruin the soil or end up in the water system. Research the best option for you and your yard.

FINANCIAL CORNER		Month of January 2024	
Tithes & Offerings			
MTD Budget \$27,811.28		MTD Actual \$15,261.00	
Monthly Expenses			
MTD Budget \$23,493.58		MTD Actual \$24,584.73	
Net Total			
MTD Budget \$4,317.70		MTD Actual -\$9,323.73	
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>			

BISHOP'S VISIT



The Visitation of Bishop Daniel P. Richards on February 4th

Congratulations to our newest members of the Redeemer flock who were baptized: ***William Kenneth Reardon and Thomas Entwistle Reardon***

Congratulations to those confirmed into the Episcopal Church: ***Nathan Cooper Forbes and Sarah Elizabeth Meade***

Thank you to Charlene Moyer for these wonderful photos and to all those who brought delicious food for our Holy Chow!

LENTEN ENGAGEMENT

Senior Warden Musings

I have been involved with the online Lent Madness the last several years. It is formatted like the brackets of a sporting event play off with the winner receiving the Golden Halo. The site will e-mail you daily historical competitions for you to ponder and vote for a “winner”.

What Lent Madness does is introduce you to Saints through the centuries of the Christian Tradition. It will lead you to explore the lives of marvelous people (saints like us) who displayed faith in their lives to a degree not like most of us. It may make you feel some guilt by comparison but mostly it gives you hope and a sense of wonder about Christian history.

Recently it pitted Henry Mühlberg vs. Albert Schweitzer, historical superstars, and Canaire vs. Barbara, women who stood up for their rights as followers of Christ rather than submit to family and social pressures.

I recommend it highly. Try it, you’ll like it. <https://www.lentmadness.org/>

- Rick Hankinson

Holy Week Schedule

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Palm Sunday 3/24

9:30am Liturgy
of the Palms
and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 3/26

6:30pm Lenten
Soup and Study

Wednesday 3/27

9:30am Holy Eucharist

Holy Thursday 3/28

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service



Good Friday 3/29

12:00pm Service
6:00pm Service

Easter Sunday 3/31

Christ is Risen!

9:30am Holy
Eucharist
with brass ensemble
11:30am Holy
Eucharist

WALK WITH US
FROM PALM SUNDAY
TO THE RESURRECTION

In addition to the Holy Week events listed here, there will be an

Easter Egg Hunt!



Redeemer's Egg-cellent Easter egg hunt will take place after the 9:30am service.

Bring your Easter basket and let's gather in the transept.

Egg hunt will begin at 10:45am on the playground.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Journey to Easter

As we continue our Lenten journey, a question keeps coming to mind: what is being brought to life in you? The specificity in that question becomes “what is God calling me to bring to life at Easter in this particular time and place?” That question inexorably is linked to Lent, because Jesus’ resurrection cannot happen without his death. Something must die for new life to emerge. The Lenten journey is about dying to self, - that’s the work of self-examination and denial. Of what do I deny myself in order to focus more fully on God? For some, denial means giving up dessert or TV or social media, and those are good practices. Lenten denial does go one step further: “in order to.” As we are reminded on Ash Wednesday, we do not put our practices on display “like the Pharisees” do; that is, in order to be noticed. We take on Lenten disciplines *in order to* make space in ourselves for God. When we fill ourselves with God, we are changed, and that’s the result of the work of Lent: making space for God, ever turning toward God so that God can initiate and renew our covenant of baptism, of life in Christ.

Easter is the next step, the bringing to life and to the world what has changed us *in Christ*, through God and the Holy Spirit. We might let grievances and hard feelings die so that friendships can happen or come to life again. We might set down our failings and others’ failings so that we can see Jesus in every face, every person. When I’m not spending time and money on rich foods and mindless things, then I can give the money to others and my mind to God. I can invite the Holy Spirit into every moment.

It is never too late to begin living a holy Lent, so I invite all of us again. Enter this season of fasting, almsgiving, and self-denial: indulge in God’s word, in the joy of giving outside of ourselves, in the silence, as Mary Oliver writes, “in which another voice may speak.”

As we move toward Holy Week and Easter season, I encourage everyone to make the services of Holy Week a priority. Mark “Holy Week” on your calendars and in your hearts so that you choose to walk with Jesus in that week of moving to the cross. Attend Holy Week services. A long-time friend from another Christian tradition once commented: “I can be [this other denomination] 51 weeks a year; in Holy Week I’m an Episcopalian.” Come and see, come and *experience* the walk of Holy Week: from Palm Sunday’s triumphal entry to its silent dismissal; from Maundy Thursday’s humble service to others, a holy meal, and the stripping away of almost all evidence of our living Lord. Honor the horror and the victory of God’s Friday, Good Friday. Wait expectantly on Holy Saturday ... And then, let Easter and your new life burst forth as we together proclaim:

“Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

- *The Rev. Catherine L. Tatem*

Sundays: The Adult Formation class meets each week after church in the Vestry Room.

Tuesdays in Lent: Soup and Study starting at 6:30pm in Purser Hall.



EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Childhood Christian Education

Children are welcome to stay in the church during the Sunday service or go to the Education Hall.

Nursery: Rm. 208. Ages 4 and under. Drop off begins at 9:15am.

Godly Play (Montessori based): Rm. 209, 9:30-10:30am. For ages 3- 2nd grade.

Please email Lori at: Lhredeemer@gmail.com to help out with our youngest members.

F.E.A.S.T.

Friends Eating And Socializing Together is a fun acronym and a great way to spend time outside of church with fellow parishioners. I cannot begin to tell you the interesting and unusual things that I have learned from my dinner mates this go-round.

Each year we like to shuffle around the groups and add in anyone that is interested so that you get a chance to broaden your circle, and we'll be doing that in the month of March. There are currently two robust and active groups:

- Dinner group out at a restaurant
- Lunch group out at a restaurant

Another group, dinner at someone's home, cooked by the hosts on a rotating basis was formed, but really did not take flight.

For 2024, I'd like to suggest five different options. You can sign up on one of the sheets in the narthex, or email Meg Coffey with your preference and we'll get the groups set so that each of them can be kicked off with an event before the conclusion of March. Please choose from:

- ◆ Dinner group out at a restaurant
- ◆ Lunch group out at a restaurant
- ◆ Dinner group at someone's home; rotating basis; hosts provide meal
- ◆ Breakfast group out at a restaurant
- ◆ Brunch after church group (proposing 1st or 3rd Sunday of month)

If you're interested, please sign up by March 10th. The groups will be divvied up and listed in the eblast on March 14 and posted at church on March 17.

- Meg Coffey, Fellowship Commission



TRIVIA NIGHT AND SHROVE TUESDAY



A Great Night of Trivia

Thank you to all who came out for the first Trivia Night of 2024 on February 9th! A great time was had by all. We had a crowd of 36 people that made up 6 teams. Congratulations to the winning team, "Where Have all the Vowels Gone?" (top left). Second Place went to The Globetrotters (top right). The Misfits, The Teachers, Cinco Amigas, and The Ozymorons put up a valiant effort and are still winners in our eyes.

Stay tuned...next Trivia Night coming in May.

Shrove Tuesday- Thank you

The good times rolled out for Shrove Tuesday. 52 folks attended and \$361.00 was collected for the youth. A special thank you to Janet and David Poleski. Janet's jambalaya was incredible, and the salad was both delicious and beautiful. David, thank you for always being ready to capture moments of our church life with your amazing gift of photography and dish washing skills. Thank you to Betsy Walt for the King Cake, and to Ann Meade for the fresh fruit. A big shout out to all who were able to stay and help with clean-up. Everyone's support whether in the form of a donation, food, attendance, or cleaning, is just another reason that makes Redeemer special.



Ken and Hooper, thank you!

After 50+ years in the kitchen, Ken Wood and Hooper Skardon finally got a night off. They were able to come and enjoy a great evening filled with fellowship and food. To say thank you to Ken and Hooper is not nearly enough for all the years and nights spent in the kitchen. I wonder how many pancakes they've flipped and how many life lessons they've shared with our youth?

I do know the amount of love, work, and friendships grown, are more than we could ever count. We are so blessed. Thank you.

- Lori Hawkins, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

MINISTRIES UPDATE

Garth Committee

Early signs of Spring are already showing and a glorious Easter week will be here before we know it. Like the awakening of Punxsutawney Phil, the Garth Committee (Rev. Catherine, Rick Hankinson, Celia Jernigan, Jack Blackburn and Bill Heizer) has not only awakened to shake off the winter doldrums, but has jumped into action. Phil may have retreated back to bed, but we didn't!

A maintenance "work party" to spruce up the Garth has already been held by the Committee members along with able help from David Poleski, Bobby Brock, Louise Heizer and Ken Wood. Take a look; you'll be pleased to see how much has been done and more is in the works. The goal: Let the beauty of our consecrated, reverent Memorial Garth help make our Palm Sunday and Easter Week worship week be the glorious, celebratory occasion it rightfully should be!



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- *Bill Heizer*

Office Angels



Every Thursday morning, Joanie Mullin and Sue Skardon bless our office with their presence and assistance as Office Angels. The bulletins get folded and properly distributed, the mailings for the homebound are prepared and mailed, the Prayers of the People are placed and checked. Once a month, the ECHOES newsletter are folded and prepared for mailing (to those who have requested this and to our homebound). This wonderful ministry gives great comfort to your Parish Admin in particular.

Thank you to all who have served this parish in this capacity, especially to Joanie, Sue and Betsy Walt who has filled in recently. Thank you for your consistency and willingness to do additional these needed tasks!

We love you!

- *Eliza Lynn, Parish Admin*

Brighten Someone's Day

Do you enjoy receiving a nice card in the mail? Cards, no matter the topic, often provide a little pick-me-up or a smile-making occasion. The church, through its Card Ministry, writes hundreds of cards each year.

A small team of dedicated church members give freely of their time to write anniversary, birthday, or special occasion cards to our church family. We're indebted to the continuing service of Laurie Ethridge, Betty Herrin, Ann Meade, Celia Jernigan, Joanie Mullins, Betty Boesch, and Debbie Price. You are fantastic!!

Recently retiring from the card ministry are Gretchen Grounsell, Jack Jackson, and Beverly Poe. Their dedication will be truly missed. But let's look at a way for you to get involved.

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 for the months of January, April, July, September, October, November, and December. 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 or 864-525-6681) to volunteer. The work of the Card Ministry can be done in the comfort of your home with supplies available at the church or mailed to you to complete the task. Show some love and volunteer today!

- Meg Coffey, Card Ministry

Sunday Morning Counters Needed

Would you like to give 15 minutes of your time once a month to help Church of the Redeemer with an important ministry?

Doing what, you might ask? By becoming a counter of Sunday tithes.

This involves counting the collection plate, on average once a month, taking about 15 minutes after each Sunday service. No training required! If you can count money, you can do this ministry!

Contact Jane Bouton at church, via email jjbouton@yahoo.com or at 864-907-5362 for questions or comments.

Please prayerfully consider this ministry to support the Church of the Redeemer.

FELLOWSHIP & FLOWERS

Snacks are needed March 17, 24, 31

Please sign up to bring simple snacks for coffee hour after Sunday services.

There is a sign up sheet in the transept. Thank you!

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Contributions for Easter Flowers begins Sunday, March 10th.

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	March 3	March 10	March 17	Palm Sunday March 24	Easter March 31
Verger	David Poleski	Rebekah Webb	Jack Blackburn	Betty Boesch	9:30: Greg Brown 11:30:
Usher	Ken Wood	Josh Hawkins	Joe McCullough	Steve Webb	9:30: 11:30:
Crucifer	William Meade	Sarah Meade	Debbie Price	Robin Mill	9:30: Riley Hawkins 11:30:
Lector 1	Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson	Betty Boesch	David Poleski	9:30: Bill Heizer 11:30: Bob Bouton
Lector 2	Bill Lee	Robin Mill	John Helm	Bill Lee	9:30: Robin Mill 11:30:
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin	9:30: 11:30:
Flower Guild	Louise Heizer	Robin Mill	Cynthia Eason	Lauren McCullough	Easter- All Arrangers
Counters	Carol Hallman & Betsy Chiles	Steve Webb & Bill Lee	Betsy Chiles & Jane Bouton	Steve Webb & Carol Hallman	9:30: Meg Coffey & Bill Lee 11:30:
Video	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
First Reading	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43
Response	Psalms 19	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalms 51:1-13	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 15:1-39, [40-47]	Mark 16:1-8

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Wayne Roberts	24 Will Jennings	29 Liam Harwood
8 Greg Brown	24 Judy Moline	29 Suzanne Webster
15 Josh Hawkins	25 Mark Moline	30 Patti Lee
22 Jackie Smith	26 Cameron Jernigan	30 Charlie Poe
23 Sharon Parrott	26 Katherine Jernigan	31 Skylar Papadopoulos
24 Don Howard	26 Lizzie Zeager	

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 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 . </div>					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 10:00 AM - Laundry Love 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
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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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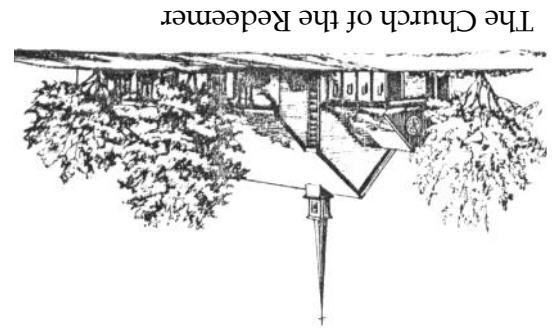
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