



CHURCH
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ECHOES

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From the Rector

The disciples weren't expecting resurrection.

Although Jesus had told them what was going to happen to him – he told them plainly and in words about the Temple being razed and then raised – it was hard to understand that Jesus would come back. It is eyewitness stories in the four gospels that tell us that Jesus did appear, beginning with Mary Magdalene outside the empty tomb.

“I have seen the Lord!” she tells the others. Peter says “we are witnesses ... we ate and drank with him after his death.” Paul writes to the Corinthians that “last of all, he appeared to me.”

How about us? Do we expect resurrection? As I think back on Lent (last week!) I wonder if I left anything behind so that new life can emerge. We, too, are resurrected at Easter; each of us has taken in bread and wine, at least the real presence of Jesus' body and blood, and we died to our life in baptism. We have been raised to new life, resurrected, over and over again. Maybe we expect resurrection because we know how the crucifixion accounts end each year; we say the refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Our mission now, from the Great Commission in Matthew, is to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, ‘I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” We live resurrection even if we weren't expecting it. We are to go ... baptize ... teach. Our great assurance in our new life, new discipleship, is that Jesus is with us. Now. Always.



Whether or not we expected resurrection, He is risen! And so are we. Alleluia!

– Catherine+

FELLOWSHIP

F.E.A.S.T. Groups

The F.E.A.S.T. (Friends Eating And Socializing Together) Groups have switched up for 2024. There are five groups and we're sure we've missed some of you known to be F.E.A.S.T.ers and others of you are just drooling to try one out. If you did not get into one of the groups but would like to, please email megcoffey@yahoo.com to be assigned to a group of your choice. We're trying to get a first event for each group to happen ASAP. Those of you on the chart with the * need to step up and plan the first event. If your schedule will not allow that, please contact someone else in the group to get the ball rolling.



—Meg Coffey, Fellowship

From the Senior Warden

Rick's musings. Yes, I am the product of my music and movies.

Does God pick winners, or losers? Does prayer influence Him to take your side? I would say no, no and maybe. James 4:3 says if we ask and do not receive, we are likely asking wrongly, expecting some worldly benefit. (Like Janis Joplin singing "can you buy me a Mercedes Benz")

God's unfailing love does give us a chance. If we love God in return, if we choose Him and follow "The Way" we can receive the ultimate gift of eternal life. When Jesus took human form, He demonstrated what the Father wants. If we pray for forgiveness when we fall short, and we demonstrate love in our lives for Him and others, we can see the answer to those prayers in the Grace that God offers us through Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL CORNER		Month of February 2024	
Tithes & Offerings			
MTD Budget \$34,840.52		MTD Actual \$34,063.20	
Monthly Expenses			
MTD Budget \$28,414.17		MTD Actual \$34,226.26	
Net Total			
MTD Budget \$6,426.35		MTD Actual -\$163.06	
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>			

Will we get the color TV? Maybe, but not because of God. Maybe we get one because of where and when we were born, with the right abilities. But, wanting it (coveting) can lead us astray. James was an echo of Mark who writes you can't love God and money. You can have only one Master. And as the old knight warned Indiana Jones, "choose wisely."

—Rick Hankinson, Senior Warden

Getting to know Jane Bouton



School: East Tennessee State University and Greenville Tech

Occupation: Worked for Texas Instruments/Siemens for 17 years in customer service and marketing development in the U.S. and one year in Germany. My second job and career was as an MRI tech for 13 years.

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday

Fun fact: My first job out of college was working at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville TN in the Scandinavian Shop...I was hired because I was blond!!!!

Favorite April Fools: I can't fool too many....but find it fun to be fooled!

Favorite Memory at Church of the Redeemer: Attending church with all the 'little' Jernigans and watching them grow up.

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

EASTER CELEBRATIONS



Thank you so much to David Poleski for capturing some of the joy of Easter Sunday at Redeemer!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Easter Season

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

With these words we enter the Easter season, “The Great Fifty Days” in the church. Easter continues until May 19th, the Day of Pentecost. Happy Eastertide!

Some notes on Easter liturgies

Alleluia! We say many alleluias in this joyful time. The prayer book rubrics give us practices specifically for this season:

We stand for the “Prayers of the People” and may omit the confession on some Sundays. Omitting the confession is about recognizing the power of the resurrection – that Christ’s resurrection overturned the powers of sin and death.

At the breaking of the bread, we specifically say “alleluia” during Easter:

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times **except during Easter Season.**

“Alleluia” returns to the dismissal out of worship and into the world:

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond “Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.”



Alleluia, alleluia. Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We're electing a Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop in The Episcopal Church is the chief pastor and primate of the national church and its nine provinces. (Redeemer is part of Province IV.) The Presiding Bishop is charged with responsibility for leadership in initiating, developing, and articulating policy and strategy, overseeing the administration of the national church staff, and speaking for the church on issues of concern and interest. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is completing his nine-year term this year, and a candidate search has just concluded. The Episcopal News Service reports a slate of four nominees to be our next Presiding Bishop:

Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe and Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright. Go to this link for more information on the nominees:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/04/02/slate-of-4-bishops-announced-for-28th-presiding-bishop-of-the-episcopal-church/>

Our next Presiding Bishop will be elected at the 83rd General Convention in Louisville, KY in June of this year. The vote is bicameral: the House of Bishops will gather in a closed session June 26 at Christ Church Cathedral for the election and then ask the House of Deputies to vote to confirm the result. The new Presiding Bishop will start his term on November 1, 2024, and be seated at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on November 2, 2024.

We were fortunate to participate in the election of a Diocesan Bishop. Now, delegates from our Diocese, including our Bishop, will elect The Episcopal Church's chief pastor.

Easter Messages from our Bishops:

From the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/03/28/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-releases-easter-message-for-2024/>



Bishop Daniel Richards' Easter message:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHds0dLhHDA>

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Strategic Planning Update

The Strategic Planning Committee is meeting monthly to continue the work begun last fall when parishioners participated in focus groups and provided valuable insight and suggestions for continuing to support COR's growth and mission.

Committee members are teamed up to address the three major goals that came out of the focus group findings. Here's an update on work to date by goal:

- **Attract and retain younger people / families**

Rick Hankinson and Wallace Lightsey are focusing on this goal, developing a concept of organizing service-related projects to attract young people and the unchurched, who may look for opportunities to serve their community. Additionally, a postcard highlighting Holy Week services at COR was mailed to approximately 800 addresses in our neighboring Augusta Road area in an effort to attract them to our church.

- **Amplify and improve use of our website, social media and other marketing tools**

Cynthia Eason and Jack Blackburn are working in this area with the aid of Parish Administrator Eliza Lynn. Plans include placing a large and easy-to-see link on the Home Page that will take users directly to the Worship Online page, adding a link to Instagram, and fine-tuning some graphics to improve readability. The Grow section is being reworked (and perhaps renamed). Godly Play and Adult Christian Formation will be part of this area. Two new posts are added to the website most weeks to keep content current. Banners, including our new QR code, are being used to draw attention to drivers along Mauldin Rd. Additionally, postcards are mailed every month highlighting upcoming events.

- **Expand parish internal activities, including opportunities for fellowship**

Bill Heizer and Jack Blackburn head up this initiative, where many ideas for increasing engagement and fellowship among parishioners have been generated. Meg Coffey has led the recent reorganization of FEAST groups, offering various options for participants. Bill and Jack are putting together a calendar of activities for the year, including activities already scheduled and suggestions for new ones.

Please contact any of the Strategic Planning Committee members with your ideas, suggestions and thoughts.

We welcome everyone's help in this effort!

—*Cynthia Eason, Strategic Planning*

EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Ed will resume on Sunday, April 14th at 10:45am in the Vestry Room. Please join us!

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 4 to 2nd grade.

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



Camp Firelight- A summer camp adventure with God!

Who: Children ages K-5- rising 5th

When: June 17-21 from 9:15am- 12:15pm

Where: Church of the Redeemer

120 Mauldin Rd. Greenville, SC 29605

How: To register call the church at 864-277-4562

or send an email to Lhredeemer@gmail.com

Trivia

Join us Friday, May 3rd in Purser Hall

Hosted by our trivia expert and MC Royce Herbert

Arrival begins at 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7:00pm.

Bring an appetizer to share.

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place!

Seven people per team is optimal.

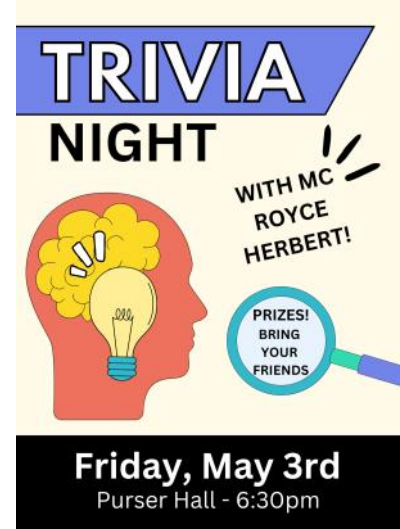
If you don't have a team, we will get you one!

BYOB if you desire.

(Beer and wine only, no hard liquor please.)

Sign up in the Narthex or email

Lhredeemer@gmail.com to let us know you're coming.



GROUPS THAT USE OUR BUILDING

Ballet Demonstration, April 28th!

Pleasant Valley Connection and the International Ballet's end of year demonstration will be held in Purser Hall following the worship service on April 28th.

Grab a cup of coffee and some refreshments in the transept and then take a seat in Purser Hall. The youth of PVC and the wonderfully talented IB instructors have been working hard all year and want to share their achievements with us.

We are looking forward to it!



Students and teachers from the 2023 recital.

Checklist for Opening and Closing the Building

You may have noticed a checklist hanging near the outer doors. This checklist is for groups that use our building to gather current contact information, attendance, arrival and departure times, etc. All of the groups that currently meet at Redeemer have begun filling out these checklists each time they meet. These groups include: AA, Al-Anon, Adult Children of Alcoholics, PVC + International Ballet and the Hispanic Church. We hope this will help us to better understand how the building is being utilized especially as the groups grow in size and their needs change.

We have also updated our policies to request that the doors remain locked at all times and are not propped open. Most groups will have a greeter at the door to let members in. The reason that we are asking for the doors to remain shut and locked is for the security of all that use our building.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please email the office: corgsc29605@gmail.com. Thank you!



Fruit Cans for Samaritan House

We are collecting 150 cans of fruit this month for Samaritan House. Please drop off your donations in the narthex. Thank you!

UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
Verger	Meg Coffey	Margie Hankinson	TBD	David Poleski	Richard Simms
Usher	Bill Lee	Josh Hawkins	Joe McCullough	Ken Wood	Steve Webb
Crucifer	William Meade	Robin Mill	Debbie Price	Sarah Meade	Debbie Price
Lector 1	David Poleski	Joanie Mullin	Rick Hankinson	Bill Heizer	Betty Boesch
Lector 2	Betty Boesch & Celia Jernigan	Wallace Lightsey	Robin Mill	Bill Lee	David Poleski & Rick Hankinson
Altar Guild	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler & Margie Hankinson	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Joanie Mullin, Judy Derrick	Ann & Sarah Meade
Flower Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Counters	Jane Bouton & Betsy Chiles	Steve Webb & Carol Hallman	Meg Coffey & Bill Lee	Betsy Chiles & Jane Bouton	Carol Hallman & Steve Webb
Video	Rick Hankinson	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson	TBD

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
First Reading	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48
Response	Psalms 133	Psalms 44	Psalms 23	Psalms 22:24-30	Psalms 98
Second Reading	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Melody Daniel
 3 Kathy Moore
 5 Ken Wood
 7 Dick Lee
 8 Claire Allen
 9 Stacy Massengill
 15 Catherine Tatem
 16 Annette Burdette

16 Robert Moore
 18 Ronan Entwistle
 20 Hunter Massengill
 21 Kaitlyn Massengill
 24 Diane Campbell
 24 Gary Powell
 26 Susan McConnell
 30 Jeanmarie Ethridge

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

6 Connie and Don Howard
 12 Susan and Nick McConnell
 14 Margie and Rick Hankinson
 27 Celia and Clark Jernigan



APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	2	3 8:30 AM - Men's Study Breakfast (F) 9:30 AM - Morning Prayer (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:00 AM - Laundry Love 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>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.</p> </div>						
7 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	8 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	9	10 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:00 PM - Finance (W) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	11	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
14 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45AM Adult Christian Ed (V) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	15 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	16 11:00 AM - DOK (P) 12:00 PM - Clergy Lunch (T) 6:30 PM - Vestry Meeting (V)	17 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)	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
21 9:30 AM -Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Christian Ed (V) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	22 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	23	24 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal (CR)	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 Funeral—Ann Meilander 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
28 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM PVC and International Ballet Recital (PH) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	29 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	30	MAY 1 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM - Trivia Night (PH)	4 10:00 AM - Laundry Love 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)

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.

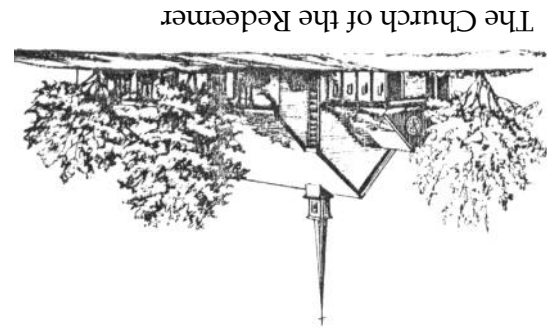


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for Worship on Sundays at 9:30 am
and Wednesdays at 9:30 am.
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Come Join Us!