



CHURCH  
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# ECHOES

May 2024

## From the Rector...

MEASURE TWICE,  
CUT ONCE



*“Measure twice, cut once.”*

Crafts people of all kinds know this adage, and it’s good advice! Who hasn’t cut a piece of fabric, wood, or pipe and found it to be j-u-s-t a little off? Short, crooked – *measure twice*, cut once. As our sabbatical approaches, May feels a little like *measuring twice*. At home, I am working on filling in my plans so that they include joyful rest, times for personal reflection and growth, attention to mind, body and spirit, and time with family. As you know, my family is not close by; holidays are squeezed into and around work schedules – particularly mine, since holidays are usually work days. Not a complaint, just another way to “measure twice” our schedules and gathering times. To travel with greater flexibility is a gift.

**Our** sabbatical time; that wording is intentional, for we are all on a journey this summer. Remember when you were in the time between priests; many people came forward to help in new ways. That’s what *measuring twice* in parish life might look like in the coming months. Putting the transept back together after Sunday prepares the space for all who come to Redeemer during the week. Perhaps you will come in to wash and put away coffee cups, coffee pots, and utensils. You could stop by and pick up trash on the property. Send in some of your family news to share in the summer newsletter. Take Fr. Upton, our supply priest, to lunch on Sunday, or bring lunch to the office one day. The wardens will be paying greater attention to liturgy and office matters. Keep them in your prayers – and they might appreciate a cup of coffee along the way. In all these ways, *measuring twice* is about preparation and care of our community.

Be assured that a lot of *measuring twice* is happening “behind the scenes.” I am actively interviewing for a new Parish Administrator – what a gift it is to have applicants. Eliza has graciously agreed to stay to provide some training and to work on office projects such as tackling a major update to our membership and accounting information. She and I are making lists (checking them more than twice!) to provide notes, procedures, and tips for making sure the rhythms of office and worship are as ready as they can be for each week.

As we *measure twice* for the summer and all of our days ahead, do not forget to plan and attend to play. Yes, play. God created us for God’s pleasure, and we are meant to know the joy of life with God. God did not rest after creating because God was tired, but to take joy in knowing that it was all *very good*. Take joy in all of creation this summer and again this fall and always. To help us become a *Sabbath community*, the vestry and I will encourage all of us, our whole parish community, to read a book on Sabbath – the same book – over the summer. I am choosing that book now, and am narrowing down our many choices. I invite you to read with us about Sabbath. Finally, that part about play: I invite you to engage in some joyful connection this summer, in a creative plan that is still being formed. There will be news in the coming weeks of how we might connect and share our summertime in a playful way. Think: photos, smiles, and adventures with Jesus and his sheep....

In Christ,

– Catherine+

# FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

## Rick's Musings

The sabbath day, a day of rest, the seventh day. A time of “being” rather than working. A time of mindfulness and appreciation, just as God rested on the seventh day and saw that it was good. We are to acknowledge God’s generosity in His creation by worship, not work, on the seventh day.

In the sabbath year, the seventh year, (Leviticus and Exodus) the land was to rest--a “land Sabbath” when no crops were sown or harvested. Deuteronomy 15 notes that debts incurred by the poor are to be cancelled every seventh year.

This cycle of seven days, seven years and even seven sabbath year cycles (Jubilee) are honored one way or another by people of all faiths based on the Old Testament, not just Christians.

Many Christian faiths honor those that devote their work lives to God by observing this seven-year cycle by giving a sabbatical. This includes our diocese, in their by-laws, and our parish, in our letter of agreement with our priest. This cycle starts when the priest starts their life as a fulltime worker for God.

We are fortunate to be the first to honor this commitment in Catherine’s+ career of devoted service.

The Sabbatical leave is defined in the Anglican tradition as “a carefully planned three months away from normal duties for a time of study, reflection and renewal...a time to promote a priest’s spiritual, intellectual and emotional renewal and growth.” She will be better for it, and we will as well.



### *Another thought:*

We should have been setting aside funds every year to cover a priest’s sabbatical. It would have been prudent to save for both the cost of supply priests and costs to help our priest cover things like educational expenses. We actually have categories created for both in the Restricted Funds, but they haven’t been active. There has been a donation to the Sabbatical fund to cover most of the expenses for the supply priest. But there needs to be offerings to the Sabbatical Purse fund to help ease the path for our priest to a more meaningful experience. You can help with a check to Church of the Redeemer with “Sabbatical Purse fund” on the memo line.

—Rick Hankinson, Senior Warden

FINANCIAL CORNER		Month of March 2024	
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>			
MTD Budget	\$16,965.74	MTD Actual	\$21,464.00
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>			
MTD Budget	\$23,327.10	MTD Actual	\$21,715.82
<b>Net Total</b>			
MTD Budget	-\$6,361.36	MTD Actual	-\$251.82
<i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i>			



## MEMBERS CORNER

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### Getting to know James Bennett Helm



**School/Occupation:** Associate Degree in Marketing from Greenville Technical College. Bartender/Manager at Farmhouse Tacos in Travelers Rest.

**Favorite holiday:** 4th of July!

**Fun Fact:** Left-handed and a very good speller

**Favorite Memory at Church of the Redeemer:** My confirmation meant so much to me. To have my family there watching, and to have it done in the church I grew up in was truly a blessing.

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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)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Butterfly Garden

Which way do you drive into our church campus? If you drive from Augusta Road you're missing the new landscaping that is in the process of being completed. And if you drive from Mauldin Road you still may be missing it....so SLOW down and smell the flowers! Flowers you say? Yes, there is a new butterfly garden in front of our church which will soon be full of beautiful flowers for everyone and every living thing to enjoy! Right now, pavers have been laid in the shape of a huge cross. This is in the area on the right where shrubs were previously located as you drive up the hill from Mauldin Rd. Benches will be placed in this area for anyone to sit and smell the flowers, or simply enjoy the view. The Garden club has been working on this for several months and it is so rewarding to see it coming to fruition.



*Take some time before or after church next Sunday to see the progress!!!*

—Jane Bouton, Garden Club

## Pleasant Valley Connection + International Ballet

The ballet demonstration on April 28th was a wonderful success! The International Ballet teachers and the Pleasant Valley Connection students have worked so hard this year.

They will continue to meet this summer and we are so glad to host this community collaboration!

Thank you to David Poleski for beautiful photographs.



# MISSIONARIES IN OUR MIDST



For those of you we haven't had the pleasure of meeting, we are **Alonso and Rachel Silva**, missionaries in Santiago, Chile. Thank you so much for warmly welcoming us into your church home while we are on home assignment in the Greenville area. We have been so blessed to know you and worship together.

A few fun facts about us: Alonso is Chilean, born and raised in Santiago and a die-hard soccer fan. I was born to missionary parents in Costa Rica and have lived in 6 different countries in Latin America. Alonso is a stage 4 cancer survivor and we are so thankful to be celebrating the miracle of his health and having reached 3 years of remission. We will celebrate our nine year anniversary in May and have been serving together as missionaries for the past 8 years.

We work with children and youth at risk that are under the government's protective system, (the equivalent of CPS in the U.S). We believe that the lives of these often forgotten children are invaluable and full of purpose and that they are a crucial part of the change, the revolution of love that Chile needs. We work to unite the Church to be hope and family for these children. Currently we partner with 11 different local churches to serve in 6 government-run group homes, which house approximately 90 children total.

Together with a group of 100 volunteers we carry out periodic workshops and activities which contribute to healthy relationships and spiritual development. These workshops provide a safe and consistent space to connect with the youth and begin to form meaningful relationships with them.

Our mentoring program, also known as the Connector Program, is focused on deepening that 1 on 1 connection with a child and connecting them to the world and society outside of the group home. In this program an adult invests in an intentional relationship with a specific adolescent in order to help them face their biggest personal challenges - self-esteem, relationships, school, reconciliation with their birth family, family reunification etc. Tomas is a young boy we met in a government-run group home when he was 12 years old and whose life was transformed by the power of relationship. You can hear more about his testimony by clicking on the following video: <https://bit.ly/AlonsoRachelSilva> - turn on CC for English subtitles).

Once the youth turn 18 years old and are no longer under the government's care, we welcome them as their family and network of support. We continue working to bring healing and purpose to their lives while helping them meet their basic needs of a place to live, food, healthcare, education, and employment.

Additionally we are in the process of becoming accredited by the government in order to operate our own group-home for adolescents. The government approached us, asking us to consider this next step as the need for well-run group homes is big. Their trust in us is a testament to the past 8 years of working together and we were honored for them to consider us and have stepped into this open door with complete faith in God's guidance and provision for this next big step.



This field is a challenging one but with God's help and guidance we are seeing lives transformed by His powerful love as the body of Christ unites to be Jesus' hands and feet to a people that have been abandoned and forgotten by so many. If you would like to know more, we'd be happy to connect. You can reach us Sundays at church or via email: [silvar@onecollective.org](mailto:silvar@onecollective.org) or cell phone: 1 864-361-3553.



## PENTECOST

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit spread and moved among and within the people. But Pentecost is not just an ancient story, it is about us, here and now. It is about the ongoing life of the followers of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit, one part of the Trinity, is offered in Scripture as a life-sustaining, energizing force, which not only guides us, but pushes us into all we are meant to be as people of God. The many symbols of Pentecost remind us that the Holy Spirit takes many forms, speaks many languages, moves in many ways, and offers unexpected gifts.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost include:

- **Dove:** The Holy Spirit descended “like a dove” at Jesus’ baptism.
- **Wind:** Representing God’s breath, which is the core of our Great Story from the very beginning, when God blew into the darkness, shaping the chaos and breathing all creation into life. It is God’s breath that is our life force.
- **Fire:** Representing the all-consuming presence the Holy Spirit offers, filling our ancestors then, and us today, with passion and verve, power, strength, and beauty.
- **Wild Goose:** The Holy Spirit cannot be contained or controlled, it is free and wild.
- **Female ethos:** The Holy Spirit is often referred to as “she”; sometimes “Lady Wisdom”
- **Red:** The color red represents the zest and life of the Holy Spirit and the fire that burns in our hearts when we open ourselves to all the Spirit offers.

The people present at the original Pentecost felt a holy sense of unity, despite the differences between them. They came from different geographical areas and spoke different languages, yet they all experienced the same powerful presence of God and all could understand the message of the Spirit as it blew and danced among them.



# FELLOWSHIP

## Trivia Night



***Join us Friday, May 3rd in Purser Hall***

6:30pm-7:00pm food served. Trivia begins at 7:00pm.

Join us for another great night of Trivia and let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a taco bar!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

7 people per team is optimal.

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

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

Hosted by our trivia expert and MC Royce Herbert.

Let us know you're coming and what you can bring for the meal.

Sign up in the narthex or the sign up [genius](#). Email Lori with questions: [Lhredeemer@gmail.com](mailto:Lhredeemer@gmail.com)

## Daughters of the King®

The participants of the Daughters of the King® Diocesan Assembly put together over 100 bags for the homeless which contained socks, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, apple sauce, peanut butter crackers and written prayers.

The next meeting of the St. Therese Chapter of the Daughters of the King® is Tuesday, May 14th at 11:00am in the Parlor.



## Corn for Samaritan House

We are collecting 150 cans of **corn** during May for Samaritan House. Please drop off your donations in the narthex. Thank you!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Ed will meet on Sundays, May 12th and 26th at 10:45am in the Vestry Room. Please join us!

## Childhood Christian Education

### *It's been a good year for Youth Christian Education!*

Here are some things that have been happening:

Nursery is always provided during the church service. The nursery is a cheerful and welcoming space for our youngest members and visitors. Leslie Entwistle is on our nursery staff and has been for several years. She does a wonderful job making sure the children always feel welcome and loved. Thank you so much Leslie!

Godly Play resumed last fall for ages 4 through 2nd grade. Godly Play is an incredible program that meets children where they are as they grow in their faith. Jesus, the Bible, and worship are presented in an approachable way that invites imagination and wonder. It has been so rewarding to see the process unfold and the progression of the class. William Meade is a regular volunteer in Godly Play. The children look up to him and love when they see him in the classroom. Thank you for all of your help William!

Great news, Godly Play will continue this summer. The classes will have more of a church summer camp vibe. Change is good and summer is a great time to try something new. Thank you to Meg Coffey and Ann Meade for your ministry to the youth.

Several weeks ago Mother Catherine, Kathryn Swilley, and myself had a wonderful evening out with the youth of EYC. We shared a great meal together and it was a special time to catch up and connect. We are looking forward to more gatherings and fellowship together. We had another great Shrove Tuesday event. Thank you Joseph Ethan and William for all your hard work.

The youth of EYC are always ready to give back to their church family and community. They all have busy schedules with school, sports, and work commitments. We are thankful for your dedication and willingness to help when and however you can. We look forward to VBS in June where we will again host Pleasant Valley Connection. EYC is always excited to help and look forward to this special week.

Another thank you to Sarah and William Meade for serving as crucifer throughout the year. Sarah is also in the altar guild. She and her mom work side by side regularly ensuring the altar is set up and ready for worship. Sarah and her cousin Cooper were confirmed in February. It was a special day that we were all privileged to take part of; thank you for sharing it with us.

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](mailto:Lhredeemer@gmail.com) to help out with our youngest members.



# YOUTH SUNDAY



## Youth Sunday

Join us on May 19th as we celebrate the youth of Redeemer!

We will also honor graduating senior, Joseph Ethan Hawkins. Following the service join us for cake and coffee in the transept.

If you have graduates in your family that you would like recognized in the bulletin on Youth Sunday, please send their names and school info to [corgsc29605@gmail.com](mailto:corgsc29605@gmail.com) by May 13th.

## Graduating senior- Joseph Ethan Hawkins

*Congratulations on all your accomplishments as you graduate from high school in May!*

*It is a little weird as a staff member to write about your son, but I'm going to give it a go...*

You have all watched Joseph Ethan grow up. He started out as a sweet little boy in the nursery. Now, he's 6'2" and getting taller by the minute! He is a huge reason that the 4 of us became members here. We were members of a wonderful large church but began to look for something smaller for our family. Joseph Ethan was 2 and Riley was 5 when we began to visit Redeemer. On one of our visits, our tired minivan, Old Blue, turned left onto the front entrance. As soon as we turned and began to go up the hill to park, Joseph Ethan in his car seat, slapped his knee and said- "Now that's what I'm talking about!" We have been here ever since...A few years later, I was going through the craft room getting things ready for Sunday. I came across a sticker that says the exact words that he said on that morning long ago. That sticker remains on the computer in my office.

JE, you are a part of this wonderful church family, and have been a part of too many things to name. You've participated, served, and spent countless days here at church while I came to work. Words cannot express how proud dad and I are of you. It has been a privilege that I have been able to have a front row seat as your faith has grown. I am blessed and forever thankful that God has given me the honor of Mom, to you and Riley.

I love you.

—Lori Hawkins, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

## VBS



### 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](mailto:Lhredeemer@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
<b>Verger</b>	Richard Simms	Rebekah Webb	Jack Blackburn	Betty Boesch	Jane Bouton
<b>Usher</b>	Steve Webb	Josh Hawkins	Bill Lee	Joe McCullough	Ken Wood
<b>Crucifer</b>	Debbie Price	Riley Hawkins	Sarah Meade	Robin Mill	Debbie Price
<b>Lector 1</b>	Betty Boesch	Joanie Mullin	Bob Bouton	Bill Heizer	Betty Boesch
<b>Lector 2</b>	David Poleski & Rick Hankinson	Celia Jernigan	Robin Mill	Wallace Lightsey	Bill Lee
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann & Sarah Meade	Susan Butler, Edie Parrott, Boobie Morelock	Debbie Price & Edie Parrott	Janet Poleski, Judy Derrick, Joanie Mullin	Ann & Sarah Meade
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Lauren McCullough	Cynthia Eason	Robin Mill	Cynthia Eason	Cynthia Eason
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Hallman & Steve Webb	Bill Lee & Jane Bouton	Meg Coffey & Betsy Chiles	Steve Webb & Bill Lee	Jane Bouton & Carol Hallman
<b>Video</b>	Rick Hankinson	David Poleski	Jane & Bob Bouton	Rick Hankinson	Jane & Bob Bouton

## SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Samuel 3:1-10
<b>Response</b>	Psalms 98	Psalms 1	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	Canticle 13	Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17	2 Corinthians 4:5-12
<b>Gospel</b>	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17	Mark 2:23-3:6

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Venus Poe  
 3 Elizabeth Koontz  
 4 Rebekah Webb  
 6 Tom Gange  
 8 Terry Landreth  
 12 Keith Poe  
 12 Gabriel Santamaria  
 14 Tracy Ann Poteat


15 Celia Jernigan  
 17 Jessica Harwood  
 17 Nick McConnell  
 20 Carol Hallman  
 26 Ellie Thompson  
 30 Dinah Johnson  
 31 Dot Sanders

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Dot and Ted Sanders  
 15 Patti and Bill Lee  
 22 Cynthia and Bruce Eason  
 22 Jackie and Steve Smith  
 26 Julie and Kevin Hayes  
 26 Pauline and John Warren



# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			MAY 1 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 9:30 AM - Men's Study Breakfast 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED  6:30 PM - Tacos and Trivia (PH)	4 10:00 AM - Laundry Love 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
5 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45AM Coffee Talk: Sabbatical (T) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	6 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	7	8 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:00 PM - Finance (W) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45AM Adult Christian Ed (V) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	13 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	14 11:00 AM - DOK (P) 12:00 PM - Clergy Lunch (T)	15 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)	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
19 <b>Pentecost &amp; Youth Sunday</b> 9:30 AM -Holy Eucharist (N) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	20 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	21 6:30 PM - Vestry Meeting (V)	22 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 11:00 AM - Communication Committee (W) 12:00 PM - AA (PH) 6:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal (CR)	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH)
26 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (N) 10:45 AM Adult Christian Ed (V) 2:00 PM -Hispanic Service (PH)	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM - ACOA (PH) 7:00 PM - ALANON (T)	28	29 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (N) 12:00 PM -AA (PH) 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal (CR)	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	JUNE 1 10:00 AM - Laundry Love 11:00 AM - ALANON (V) AA (PH) Catherine's Sabbatical begins

## 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.



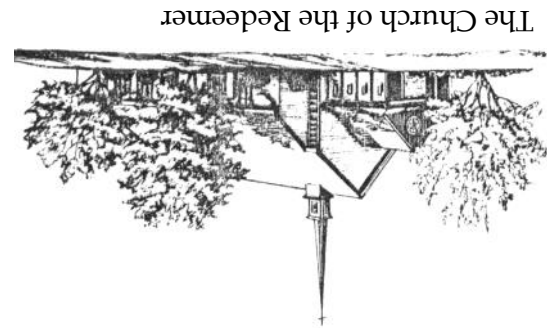
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