

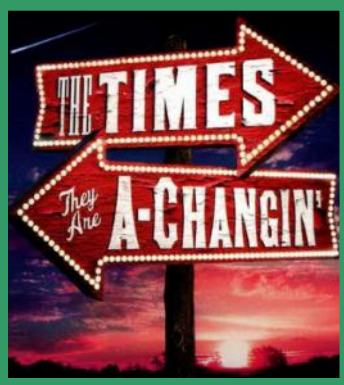


CHURCH
OF THE
REDEEMER
EPISCOPAL

ECHOES

MAY~JUNE~JULY 2026

“THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN’”



As Bob Dylan sang, “the times, they are a-changin’.”

At Redeemer, it’s Echoes; the newsletter is changing. Whew – we can handle that!

The importance of communication cannot be understated. At the same time, organizations consider what content to provide, how often, and in what format. Redeemer’s Vestry looks at the church’s overall communications on an ongoing basis. From strategic planning to considering the details, Redeemer works hard to provide relevant, current communications. Considerations include content, repetition, ease of use, and much more! Here is a little of our newsletter strategy:

Newsletters have transitioned from being published monthly to the current ten issues/year. Each vestry, Parish Administrator, and many volunteers find it a challenge to provide content on a monthly basis. By the time one issue is published, it seems like it’s time for the next one. However, our newsletter provides a great snapshot of life at Redeemer. Our Parish Administrator, Riley Morgan, has greatly increased the photo and story content in each edition. We love her creativity! And we love Echoes; over the years and many changes, we maintain a 63 – 70% open rate – that’s fantastic! The vestry now presents an updated plan for the remainder of 2026; that is, to publish Echoes a little less frequently to allow time to gather articles, photos, and have our admin put it all together.

Your part is to continue providing “content”: articles about your committee/commission; what your group is doing; photos of “all things Redeemer,” from meetings, yard work, potlucks, formal and informal gatherings, worship services – even from your vacation! Storytelling is a powerful medium and is one way in which we share our lives and grow our faith community.

Here is the Echoes schedule for the remainder of 2026:

- Spring/summer edition (this one): May, June, July
- Back to school: August, September, October
- November/December
- The January 2027 edition will be published mid-month to include our Annual Meeting packet, as we have done in the past few years.

What’s my part? Continue to submit information to the parish office by the **22nd of each month**. Provide feedback to any vestry member along with the ways in which you will help produce each edition. The newsletter, “it is a-changin’” – a little!

BEING EPISCOPALIAN

In his recent *Notes along the Way*, Bishop Richards provides insight on the sacrament of baptism, the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and how they shape and inform our Christian way of life.

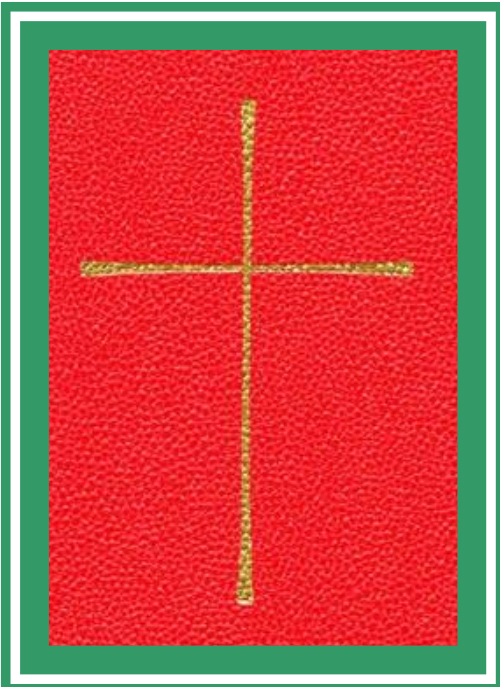
In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells Nicodemus, “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” ([John 3](#)). This new birth is what we recognize in baptism: an outward sign of an inward and invisible grace.

Through baptism, we are no longer defined solely by the old humanity of Adam and Eve. Instead, we are re-created into the new reality of the Resurrection in Christ, the original model purified and restored. The tradition of wearing white reflects this truth—we step into a new identity, marked by grace.

For adults, this new life must take visible shape. It is not merely symbolic; it calls for transformation in how we live and choose. We begin to act as people who already dwell within God’s love and justice. As Paul writes in Romans, “If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

In baptism, we renounce our participation in evil and turn away from the forces that distort and destroy the creatures of God, and reject anything that separates us from God and one another. Our primary citizenship is no longer rooted in this world.

When we baptize a child, the responsibility moves beyond the individual. We promise as parents, godparents, and the local congregation, to show them this “foreign” reality and how to live in it while still living in a world that is not yet transformed. This is what I mean by the Way. We live however imperfectly as though we walk in that not-yet reality now, following God’s Way, by God’s Logic, and seeking to embody God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy.



For us in the Episcopal Church, the Book of Common Prayer is our denominational guide to the Way. From there, the Prayer Book unfolds the life of the Church: liturgies for holy days, the rites of Baptism and Eucharist in their various forms, and the pastoral offices that accompany the major moments of life—from birth to death. It also includes episcopal liturgies, such as ordinations and the celebration of new ministries. At its heart lies the Psalter, forming the backbone of communal prayer, alongside the schedules for the structured readings of Scripture.

The Book of Common Prayer provides a Rule of Life, a pattern of living, for congregations, families, and individuals. It is not an end to itself but an outward expression or translation of the Way of Christ. It is how we teach, learn, and try to live into God’s Reign.

HOW DO I PRAY?

Have you ever thought, “I really don’t know how to pray?” While we need not stress ourselves about how we communicate with our Father in heaven, we do want to fully express ourselves to God in a way that is meaningful and purposeful. God isn’t looking for elaborate prayers from us. He simply wants us to talk to Him and build a relationship with Him. God wants us to “Just do it!”

The easiest way to pray is as Jesus instructed us, The Lord’s Prayer. Katherine Matthewson taught me an additional, simple way to pray by using the words –

As the Christian I Pray:

A - Adoration- praising God simple for being God

T – Thanksgiving- Thank God for everything

C – Confession- Say you’re sorry; ask for forgiveness; repent

I – Intercession- Pray for others

P – Petition- Tell God your needs, what’s on your mind

Excerpts quoted from **Continuing the Journey – The Spiritual Formation Guide -Daughters of the King**



Robin Mill



LET'S FILL THE PEWS NEXT SUNDAY!

Yes, and every Sunday from here on out....! Let me explain how.....

I know we all have our favorite spots to sit in church. Bob and I sit on the front row...and I bet we can all state where each member sits in church. I think we all have our reasons for where we sit. Ushers, volunteers for coffee hour, or health reasons are why a seat in the back is desirable. Sitting in the front keeps me focused on the service. You may enjoy sitting with a friend or on the sunny side of the sanctuary. Everyone has their comfort zone in the sanctuary.

All that being said, I would like to encourage you to head to the front half of the church. That could be on the very front row or on the 6th row. It will change your perspective on the service in many sensory ways. This small effort will create a sense of warmth and belonging in our large sanctuary. And when our livestream camera captures the first 6 rows of our sanctuary, which is the field of view of the camera, they will be full of parishioners worshipping together in closeness instead of empty seats. This will convey our vibrant, welcoming church family!

Let's take a step forward literally this Sunday...and see what God might do!!!

Jane Bouton



LOFTY SOUNDS



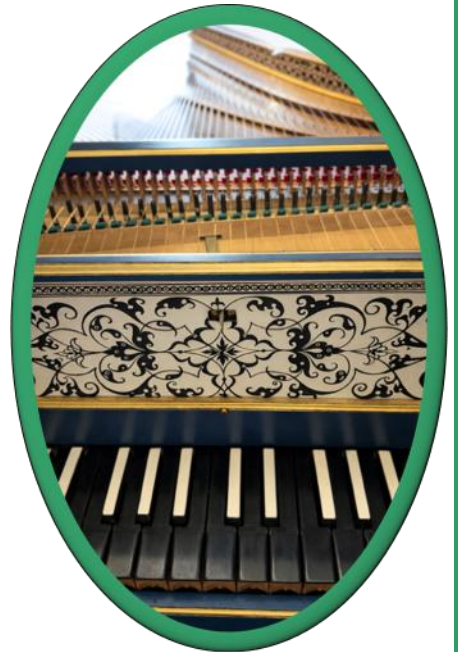
There is now a harpsichord in the choir loft. Unlike pianos with hammers that hit the strings, harpsichords use small quills (now made from a specialty plastic but originally made from bird feathers) to pluck the strings, giving harpsichords their distinctive sound. This instrument was built in 1982 by Oliver Finney of Lawrence, Kansas. It was heard at Redeemer for the first time on Easter Sunday and is a copy of an instrument from 1627. It is painted a historically correct blue with gold leaf accents and decorated with Flemish papers. The keyboard is reverse in color from a piano.... naturals (like C, D, E) are ebony while the accidentals (like C#, Eb) are capped with cow bone.



This well-known instrument has been used several times by The Atlanta Symphony and The Atlanta Opera Company and is now on long-term loan to Redeemer.

Many thanks to Bob Bouton for his help lifting her to the choir loft!

Jon Moyer



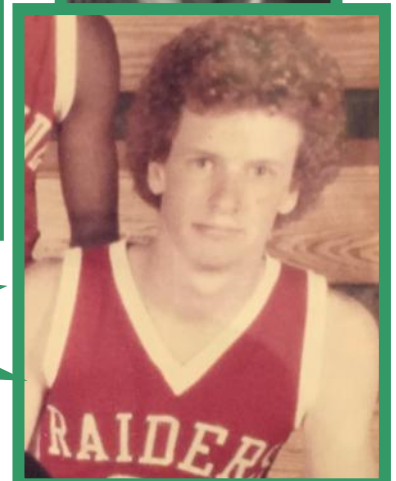
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are working to compile a book that tells the story of the first seventy-five years of Redeemer. We have lots of information from the first fifty years.... but need more "first person accounts" from the last twenty-five. We especially need information about the guilds...their formation and what they did...and the boys and girls basketball teams. We need this information by **June 1st** for inclusion in our book. You may send it anonymously or sign it. Send to the church office or margiehank@gmail.com. Thank you! *Margie Hankinson*

MORE 75TH ANNIVERSARY THROWBACK....



Can you name these parishioners?!



IN THE BEGINNING.....



This is the story of the beginning of the Church of the Redeemer, Greenville, South Carolina, and how our prayers were and are being answered: “On February 3, 1951, eight women gathered in our home to take over the possibility of organizing a church out in the rapidly growing section of Augusta Road in which we live....

On April 5, a second meeting was held, with the Reverend Emmett Gribben, Jr., of Clemson, present to advise and answer various questions on the organization of a new parish. Mr. Brown appointed a committee—E.E. Webster, Jr., Mrs. H.W. St. John, and Mrs. C. Browning Smith—to look for a site for a building, and a committee headed by Mrs. John Baarcke to select a name for the new parish..”

Stay tuned for more of the history of Church of the Redeemer, being compiled from historic documents and remembrances. *Margie Hankinson*

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS



I am graduating from Greenville Senior High School, and I plan to attend college at either the University of North Carolina or the University of South Carolina Honors College! I plan to major in Math with a double minor in Computer Science and Spanish. Some of my favorite church memories are our pumpkin patch, playing sardines with EYC, and being a Junior Daughter of the King. My favorite bible verse is Psalm 18:2 - "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." In my free time, I love to bake, read, play soccer, and listen to music. I have a seal of bi-literacy in both Spanish and French, and I am a Palmetto Fellows recipient (the highest state funded scholarship). This summer, I plan to work at Camp St. Christopher again and will continue sharing the love of Christ with all the children there. Thank you so much for your love and support throughout the years. I will miss my church family dearly! **Sarah Meade**



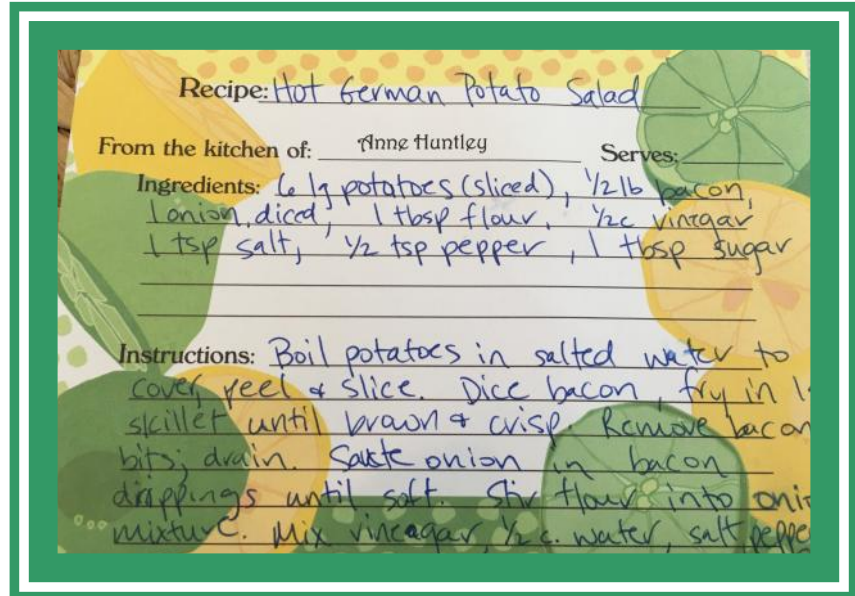


“SOMEONE’S IN THE KITCHEN WITH..... JANE BOUTON!”

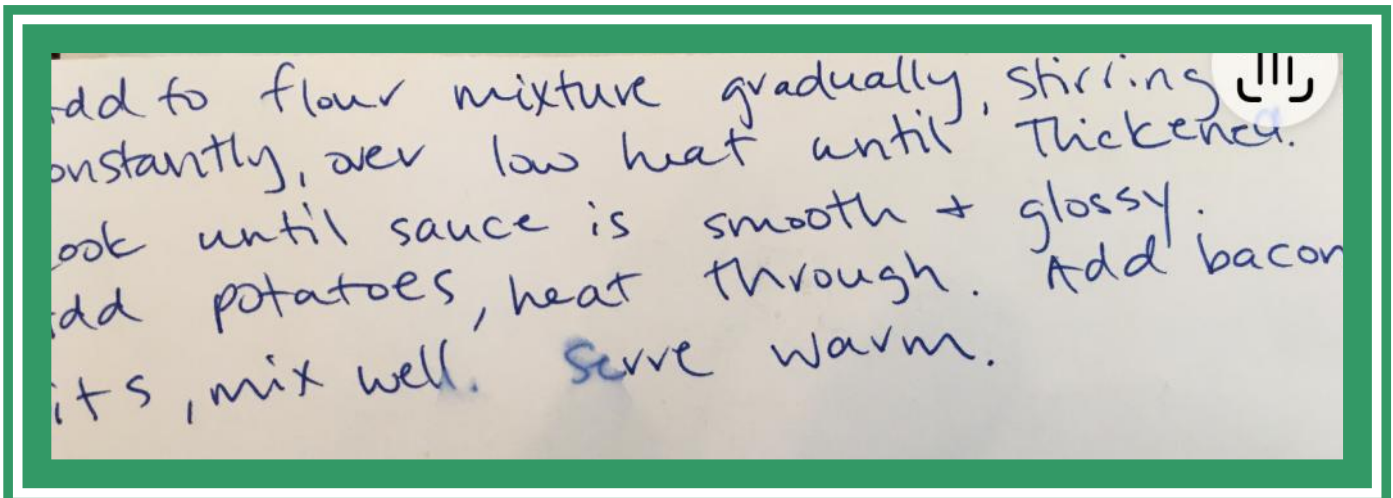


Hot German Potato Salad

- 6 large potatoes sliced
- ½ lb bacon
- 1 onion diced
- 1 TBSP flour
- ½ c. vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 1 TBSP sugar



Boil potatoes in salted water to cover. Peel and slice. Dice bacon and fry in large skillet until brown and crisp. Remove bacon bits, drain. Sauté onion in bacon drippings until soft. Stir flour into onion mixture. Mix vinegar, ½ c. water, salt, pepper, and sugar. Add to flour mixture gradually stirring constantly over low heat until thickened. Cook until sauce is smooth & glossy. Add potatoes, heat through. Add bacon, mix well. Serve warm.



SHARED SMILES AND SACRED MOMENTS.....



Click the picture of Rachel & Alonso below to hear their interview. (Try a ctrl + left click to open.)



EASTER GLADNESS



NURTURING NEW LIFE IN SACRED GROUND

Where memory and new life meet, these members are tending the Garth with care.....honoring those who came before us.... as we help new growth take root.



A LITTLE WEEDING...A LOT OF REMEMBERING



**Sipping and
chatting with a
friend in the Garth.**



HOLY JOY, SALTY AIR, AND A BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER!

Catherine celebrated her birthday with a visit from her brother Chris... followed by a trip to the Dominican Republic!

"I offer thanks to the anonymous donor of altar flowers in honor of my birthday. That is a meaningful gift to me, and they were beautiful. Thank you!" Catherine+



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

4-Rebekah Webb
6-Tom Gange
8-Terry Landreth
12-Gabriel Santamaria
15-Celia Jernigan
17-Jessica Harwood
17-Nick McConnell
20-Carol Hallman
26-Ellie Thompson
30-Dinah Johnson
31-Dot Sanders

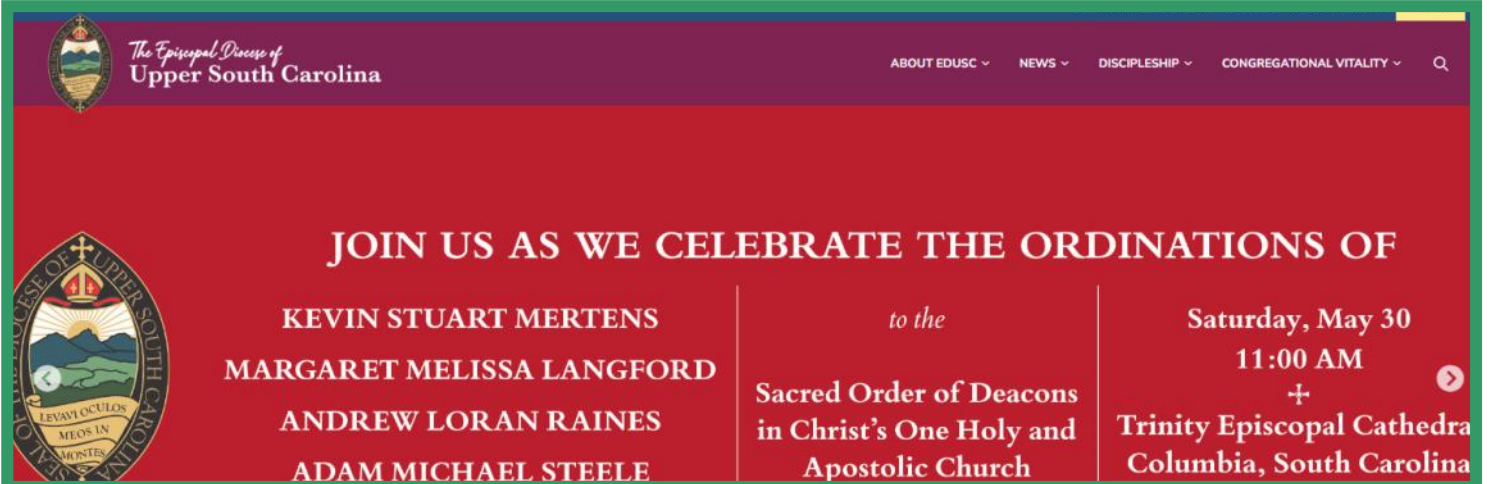
JUNE

2-Rick Hankinson
2-Phyllis Webb
6-Jack Blackburn
8-Marsha Lightsey
9-Matthew Derrick
23-Cookie Brock
25-Beverly Poe
26-Betsy Walt
27-June Moore
27-Elliott Webb

JULY

3-Bill Heizer
4-Bobby Brock
6-Doug Parrott
14-Jon Moyer
22-Meg Coffey
26-Tom Oliver
29-James German

HAPPY HAPPENINGS



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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE ORDINATIONS OF

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| KEVIN STUART MERTENS MARGARET MELISSA LANGFORD ANDREW LORAN RAINES ADAM MICHAEL STEELE | <i>to the</i> Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy and Apostolic Church | Saturday, May 30 11:00 AM + Trinity Episcopal Cathedra Columbia, South Carolina |
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Look who made the home page of *The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina* web page! You're invited to join Kevin at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia on Saturday, May 31st at 11:00 AM for this special occasion.

Save the Date

Church of the Redeemer
in Greenville is



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Let's Celebrate!

September 12, 2026

Invitation to follow


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5/10-Ted & Dot Sanders
5/15-Bill & Patti Lee
5/22-Bruce & Cynthia Eason
5/26-Kevin & Julie Hayes

6/8-Bill & Louise Heizer
6/10-Bill & Dinah Johnson
6/27-Bob & Jane Bouton
6/27-Logan & Campbell Todd

ANSWERS TO PAGE 6:

- ** Coach Doc Morgan (& Riley in the Front Row)
- ** Jack Blackburn & Family
- ** Kay Purser & Cynthia Eason
- ** Carol Hallman
- ** Jane Bouton
- ** Jean Ohmsen & Robin Mill
- ** Bob Bouton



7/5-Bobby & Cookie Brock
7/10-Greg & Gretchen Grounsell
7/24-Hooper & Sue Skardon
7/27-Joe & Lauren McCullough



REDEEMER REMINDERS

Please join us **Sunday, May 24th**, as we honor our **graduating senior, Sarah Meade**. Sarah will give her senior talk during the service....then we will celebrate with her in the transept during coffee hour. Feel free to shower her with cards, support, and well-wishes! She will be returning to Camp St. Christopher **Sunday afternoon**, where she will spend most of the summer as a youth counselor. Let's send her off with lots of love and prayers from Redeemer!

The Adult Christian Formation Class takes place after the church service. We spend a few minutes at coffee hour and then gather in the Vestry Meeting Room (Education Wing Room 217). This Sunday, we'll begin the 2nd quarter of "The Bishop Reads" study for 2026 and will spend the next few months reading and studying the Rule of St. Benedict. We are using *The Rule of Benedict: Spirituality for the 21st Century*, by Joan Chittister, to focus our conversations. We invite you to join the conversation. This looks to be a very interesting book!

Vacation Bible School at Pleasant Valley Connection ~ June 8th-10th ~ 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Volunteers from Redeemer will take Vacation Bible School to the youth of Pleasant Valley Connection. This is the second year we will be going to them instead of PVC coming to us. This is a huge help to the PVC staff, and it provides a familiar environment for the children. For more information or to volunteer, please email Lori at Lhredeemer@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Nursery ~ Nursery care is available in the Education Wing (Room 208) for infants through four-year-olds from 9:15am through 11:15am. Parents are invited to pick-up their children at the beginning of communion and come to the altar rail as a family.

The last class for **Godly Play** before Summer Break is May 17th. Classes will resume in the Fall.

Holy Chow and **Cursillo Music** is Sunday, May 31st.

Laundry Love is Saturday, May 9th this month. 10 AM -12 PM at 2600 Anderson Road.