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Church of the Redeemer

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From the Senior Warden: Happy New Year

What a terrific feeling it is to know we have a sparkling new, unblemished year in front of us to make of what we will! Let us quickly and reverentially give thanks to God first though, for the intelligence, resources and will-power He has entrusted to us to get the job done.

We have successfully turned the corner and gotten our sea legs under us and are headed in exactly the direction we need to be going. The Search Committee is off to a good start having met with Canon d'Rue Hazel and chosen Jack Jackson as its Chairman. The group has already gotten underway by laying out its critical, initial actions and assignments in clear terms. The Committee consists of Jack Jackson, Celia Jernigan, Margaret Lee, Marsha Lightsey, Ted Sanders, John Warren and Jason Zacher. Keith Poe is the Vestry Liaison to the Committee; his role is to insure the Committee receives whatever support it needs to carry out its mission. The Committee members are well aware of the keen interest all of us have in being kept aware of significant steps forward they make. We can look forward to the periodic updates it will be providing.

In the meantime, the Vestry will be at Kanuga January 6-8 to learn, plan and organize for effectiveness for 2012. Those of you who have attended events or conferences at Kanuga know

that it is the perfect retreat setting for individuals and groups to equip them to do the job God wills them to do. At the Annual Parish meeting later this month we will fill you in on the decisions we made while there.

The "new" members of the Vestry you elected – Carol Dobbins, Rick Hankinson, Betty Lupo and Dot Sanders – are actually experienced veterans in terms of serving on previous vestries. Each of them has worked in a number of leadership capacities; you have chosen wisely. With your support and participation, the Vestry looks forward to a 2012 calendar year filled with positive entries...the most welcome entry of all, of course, will be the date when our new Rector is officially here!

2012 is going to be a memorable year at the Church of the Redeemer. The Vestry and Congregation of Redeemer are called to and capable of joyfully doing significant preparatory work in advance of our new Rector's arrival. When you pause to look around and ponder a moment, we have terrific people and other resources to take advantage of. There is every reason to continue strengthening our church's programs, functions, social occasions and more, while holding on the closeness we value so much.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, page 818)

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***Women of Redeemer:
You're Invited...***

All women of the church are invited to join us Thursday mornings in the Parlor at 10:00 for socializing, needle-craft and getting to know each other better. We have teachers for knitting and crocheting. If you have a special talent you might like to share that would be great! We get together for about two hours to chit-chat, have fun and sometimes, we really accomplish things! We have made 30 afghans for the orphanage in Mexico, and baby blankets for First Step in the Head Start Program. But, most of all, we have FUN.

Contact Betty Lupo, bslupo@bellsouth.net or 277-7588 for more information.

A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
 Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
 Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
 Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
 May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
 A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
 A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
 A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,
 Be with us today and always. **Amen.**

2012 Redeemer Mission Trip • Feb. 16 - 23, 1012

Please mark your calendars and prayerfully consider joining us for a departure on Thursday, Feb. 16, returning on Thursday, Feb. 23. We will be once again traveling to a very safe region of Mexico that is three hours by first-class bus east of Mexico City in a highly agricultural area. We will be visiting Casa Hogar La Familia and working with the 30 orphaned and abandoned children who make La Familia their home. This is the ninth year Redeemer has sent a team to La Familia.

Our work there is Christ-centered. Our primary purpose is to serve as role models for Jesus Christ as we interact with these sweet children who have great need of adult love. We will also help the directors and volunteers with

light house work, cooking and light repair work. If you love children, you'll love La Familia.

We spend each night in a very clean and comfortable hotel in the town of Tecamachalco in the State of Puebla. We have breakfast and lunch at Sandy's Restaurant in Quecholac located about five minutes from La Familia; we will have dinner at various restaurants in Tecamachalco.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,200. Please contact Bill Lee at 303-8366 if you have questions or if you'd like to sign up for this mission trip.

Thank You

Dear Redeemer Family,

Thank you all for making our last Sunday a wonderful celebration of our ministry together over the last six years. Your love and support mean more than you will ever know. Our time at Redeemer will always be a very special part of our lives. Your gifts to us were thoughtful and very generous. As we begin our new ministry we take a piece of Redeemer with us. Know that we carry you in our hearts and prayers.

With Love and God's Peace,

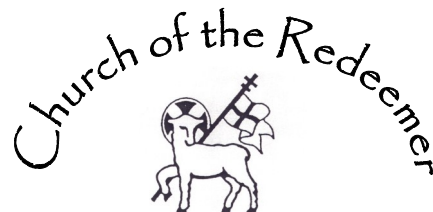
Bob & Stephanie Horowitz

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The new pictorial directory of church members will be distributed at the Annual Parish meeting later this month. The faces, families and groups that will be pictured are indeed the church of the Redeemer. They are your extended family you can look forward to sharing worship, work, ups and downs and fellowship with in 2012. Treasure them, for it doesn't get any better than this group!

Happy New Year,

*~Bill Heizer
Senior Warden*



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Cathleen Christie, *Youth Ministry Director*
Christine Harclerode, *Parish Administrator*
Lori Hawkins, *Christian Education Director*
Amos Irwin, *Treasurer*
Audrey Rose, *Organist/Music Director*
Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

Vestry Members

Bill Heizer, *Senior Warden* (2013)
Jack Blackburn, *Stewardship* (2013)
Carol Dobbins (2015)
Rick Hankinson (2015)
John Helm, *Junior Warden* (2013)
Susan Kear, *Outreach* (2012)
Betty Lupo (2015)
David Mill, *Building & Grounds* (2012)
Doug Parrott, *Fellowship* (2013)
Keith Poe, *Finance* (2012)
Dot Sanders (2015)

The Vestry meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Minutes are available in the church office.

Echoes

is the monthly newsletter of the Church of the Redeemer. Please submit articles by the 1st of each month for the following month's issue. Submit written information to the church office or fax to the church at 277.6330; email to Janice Peele, jmpeelee@bellsouth.net.

January 2012 • Ministry Schedule

	1 January	8 January	15 January	22 January	29 January
	Holy Name	1 Epiphany	2 Epiphany	3 Epiphany	4 Epiphany
Crucifer 8:30 a.m.	No early service	Carolyn McCullough	John Helm	Marsha Lightsey	Wendy Caney
10:30 a.m.	Wendy Caney	Bryan Christie	Joshua Brock	Morgan Helm	Susan McConnell
Banner	N/A	George Poleski	Thomas Jennings	Matthew Derrick	Kaitlyn Massengill
1st Torch	N/A	Kaitlyn Massengill	Riley Hawkins	Parker Summerfield	Venus Poe
2nd Torch	N/A	Kimberlee Warren	Daniel Derrick	George Poleski	Wendy Caney
Lector I 8:30 a.m.	No early service	Amos Irwin	John Weems	Lesley Moore	Margaret Lee
10:30 a.m.	Wallace Lightsey	Betty Herrin	Venus Poe	Cindy Wilson	Patti Lee
Lector II 8:30 a.m.	N/A	Marsha Lightsey	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee	Ted Sanders
10:30 a.m.	Wallace Lightsey	Ed Roberts	Judy Planck	Robin Mill	Wallace Lightsey
Chalice Bearer	N/A	Robin Mill	Wallace Lightsey	John Helm	Bill Lee



January Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Bruce Eason | 11 Maria Webb | 21 Joe McCullough |
| 2 Trey Skardon | 13 Deane McKinley | Landon Moore |
| 3 Adair Black | 16 Betty Herrin | 26 Craig Grounsell |
| <i>Dick & Carol Dobbins</i> | Lauren McCullough | 29 Shirley Campbell |
| <i>Alan & Laura Foster</i> | 17 Daniel Derrick | 31 Gwen Lance |
| 7 Tom & Laurie Ethridge | Will Derrick | |
| 9 Walker Black | Rt. Rev. Dorsey Henderson | |
| 11 Gretchen Grounsell | 18 Morgan Helm | |

Note: We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear on the list. Please notify the Church office by phone (277-4562) or email (parishadmin@churchoftheredeemer.com) so we can update our records. *Thank you!*

January 2012 • Church of the Redeemer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> (Combined Service)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>ECHOES DEADLINE</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Healing Service</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
					Jan. 6-8 • Vestry at Kanuga	
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 9:30 a.m. Christian Edu. 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. EYC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 a.m. St. Cecilia's Guild</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Healing Service</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 9:30 a.m. Christian Edu. 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Healing Service</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 9:30 a.m. Christian Edu. 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Traveling Dinner fundraiser for Pleasant Valley Connection 5:30 p.m. EYC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Healing Service</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 9:30 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Yoga Class</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>31</p>				

Annual Parish Meeting • 9:30 a.m. • January 29, 2012

Look for more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Christmas Thanks and New Year's Plans

Whoa...I cannot believe I am writing this and another year has gone by so quickly! The year ended with a Christ-filled Advent and Christmas season. I want to thank the McCullough family for giving us such a beautiful Chrismon tree to enjoy in our Sanctuary. Another thank-you to the McCulloughs for taking the time to cut and bring in the beautiful greenery that has become a tradition at Redeemer with our Inter-generational Advent Wreath Sunday.

We also had our first "Advent Fair" on Dec. 10. This was a lot of fun for the children and adults that attended. We listened to Christmas music, ate and drank lots of goodies, and had crafts to boot...it doesn't get much better than that!

I also wanted to say a big thank you to Margie Hankinson for all of her hard work on the Christmas pageant. I don't know who enjoyed it more, the children in the pageant or all of us watching from the pews! Lastly, I want to thank the many volunteers that are always willing to give of their time and help with whatever needs to be done. I am so grateful for your help and feel blessed to know you!

Now, the year is 2012 and I am looking forward to the next half of our Sunday school year. Our Godly Play children will have wonderful New Testament stories to hear and fun crafts to help reinforce what they are learning. Frances Steele and Margie Hankinson will continue to help our Sanctus and middle school children grow in their faith with Bible stories and awesome crafts!

Please feel free to drop in my office at any time with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

I wish each of you a very happy and healthy New Year!

~Lori Hawkins
Christian Education Director

Christian Education Classes at Church of the Redeemer

Nursery: Our nursery is available from 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. every Sunday, providing a warm and loving environment for our littlest members—infants and toddlers. Bible stories are presented each week in an age-appropriate manner using songs and puppets.

Godly Play: This is a rich experience for 3-year-olds through Kindergarten and introduces them to the Episcopal Liturgy and the Old and New Testament Bible stories in a fun and age-appropriate manner. Children may also enjoy music, games and crafts during this time. Godly Play begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends after The Peace, when the Godly Play teachers and children process in the Sanctuary for a children's moment.

Sanctus: This Bible-centered class, for grades 1st through 5th, continues studying the Biblical stories and the sacraments. The teachers plan their lessons using the same lectionary that we use on Sunday mornings. This class is always filled with lots of fun crafts and activities. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 10:25 a.m.

Middle School: Those in grades 6, 7 and 8 meet with Margie Hankinson to learn the history of the Anglican Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian. Class meets 9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. in the Hands of God Room (212).

High School: Youth in grades 9-12 meet with Cathleen Christie in the Dove's Nest to discuss the Christian life in today's world and the importance of prayer.

Pleasant Valley Connection Traveling Dinner • Sunday, Jan. 22

- **5:00 p.m. Appetizers** at Church of the Redeemer, with soft drinks and wine
- **6:00 p.m. Main Course** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2310 Augusta St., with Monterey chicken and sides
- **7:30 p.m. Desserts** at Pleasant Valley Connection, 510 Old Augusta Rd., with a silent auction

You can help in two ways to support this fund-raising event:

First, St. Margaret's guild is hosting the Appetizer portion of the evening and will need **food and drink contributions** from our members. Watch the Church bulletin for more information.

Second, **buy tickets for \$25** each and come to the event! It will be fun and you will be supporting the Pleasant Valley Connection.

PVC services our local community with a pre-school, senior activities and an after-school program for older children of the area. They also host many community events, including a summer day camp.

New Year, New Devotional

Happy New Year! The start of a new year always seems like a good time to add a new ritual to a daily routine. I realize that many of us have daily devotionals we are already committed to and comfortable with, however, I am recommending to all of you to try the online devotional, d365.

d365 is an interactive daily devotional experience and can be found at www.d365.org. It will take you 15 minutes or less to go through the devotion; but please allow 30 minutes on your first visit to read about the project, the experience and information for your first time on the site. I hope you enjoy this unique experience for a daily devotion, and can find some time to spend with God each day this year, as well as each day, every day of all of your years to come.

The first half of the year is a busy time for our youth group. Here are some reminders to add to your calendar:

- Feb. 3-5** DY LTC at Kanuga's Camp Bob (Sr. High only)
- Feb. 10-12** Annual Ski Trip
- Feb. 21** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- April 27-29** "New Beginnings" Jr. High retreat
- May 20** Youth Sunday

January EYC meetings

- 8** 5:30 p.m. at Redeemer
- 22** 5:30 p.m. at Redeemer

*~Cathleen Christie
Youth Ministry Director*

January Readings

Jan. 1

1st Reading : Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm : 8
2nd Reading : Galatians 4:4-7; Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel : Luke 2:15-21

Jan. 8

1st Reading : Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm : 29
2nd Reading : Acts 19:1-7
Gospel : Mark 1:4-11

Jan. 15

1st Reading : I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm : 139:1-6, 13-18
2nd Reading : I Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel : John 1:43-51

Jan. 22

1st Reading : Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm : 65:5-12
2nd Reading : I Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel : Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 29

1st Reading : Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm : 111
2nd Reading : I Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel : Mark 1:21-28

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