

THE REDEEMER RECORD



FROM THE PASTOR

“Each of us must rededicate ourselves to serving the common good. We are a community. Our individual fates are linked; our futures intertwined; and if we act in that knowledge and in that spirit together, as the Bible says: ‘We can move mountains.’”

~ Jimmy Carter

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

Living where we do, we know that storms are part of life, so we have learned to take them seriously by watching, preparing, praying, and checking on one another. For when disaster comes, it affects far more than buildings and roadways – it impacts families, livelihoods, and entire communities. And it is in

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REDEEMER'S GREEN TEAM

Redeemer recently established a Green Team! At its first meeting on Tuesday, February 24th, thirteen members attended. The Green Team is made up of committed individuals focused on promoting sustainability and environmental action within our faith community. Their mission includes educating the congregation, implementing practical climate solutions at both congregational and community levels, and opposing unjust systems that harm creation and neighbors.

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) will support the team with coaching and resources. At the initial meeting, Beth Remmes from GIPL spoke about the organization's various programs and services. Redeemer has already joined GIPL's Solar Wise and Power Wise initiatives.

The Green Team operates under the Property Commission and gathers monthly. If you're enthusiastic about caring for our world, we invite you to attend our next meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 6 pm. For questions, please reach out to Jim Heater.

SPRING FORWARD

Set your clocks ahead 1-hour

Saturday night, March 7



SPECIAL

CONGREGATIONAL >>>> MEETING <<<<

A special called Congregational Meeting is scheduled to take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday, March 8th, 2026. Two items are on the agenda for discussion and voting. The first concerns the approval of Chris Thompson to fill the vacant Church Council position; if approved, Chris would serve as the Congregation Life Commission Liaison.

The second item involves a recommendation from the Church Council regarding benevolence contributions

to the Southeastern SYNOD, as a follow-up to the annual meeting in January. The Council proposes that for each quarter, if there is surplus revenue over expenses, 5% of the surplus will be designated as Redeemer's benevolence and forwarded to the SYNOD. The Council will review the financials at the conclusion of March, June, August, and December. All members are encouraged to attend this important Congregational Meeting.

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moments like these that the Church has an opportunity to live what we believe – that we belong to one another.

Disaster response ministry is not simply about emergency relief. It is about presence – about showing up with hands that are ready and willing, and hearts that are open. And it is about remaining long after the first wave of crisis has passed, because recovery often takes months – sometimes years – and requires far more than supplies. It calls for people who are willing to walk alongside others with patience, compassion, and hope – and I have seen those gifts in you.

Through connections with our Synod Disaster Committee and several local disaster response partners, some of us have seen firsthand how powerful it is when congregations are prepared – not scrambling at the last minute, but ready to respond in thoughtful, coordinated ways. That is the kind of readiness we hope to grow here at Redeemer.

We have already taken an important step by establishing a Disaster Preparedness Team, which is developing a plan to care for our members and our property in the event of a disaster. Their work will help ensure that we can check on one another, communicate clearly, and steward our facilities wisely if the need arises. At the same time, we have begun the process of becoming a designated disaster

response site – either as a shelter or as a hosting location for volunteers and response teams – so that our church can serve as a hub of care and coordination when the wider community is in need.

As part of that growing partnership, we will be hosting the Disaster Faith Network gathering here at Redeemer on April 14, when people of faith and response partners from across our area will come together to coordinate efforts, learn about how our community prepares for and responds to disasters, and strengthen relationships before the next storm arrives. I hope you'll join us and learn more about how we can work together when a disaster comes.

This kind of ministry does not happen automatically. It grows as people step forward to help plan, to offer hospitality, to receive training, to assemble supplies, to pray, to give, and to simply be available when called upon. Not everyone will serve in the same way, but all of us can be part of the work.

All of this is important, because we know that storms will come, and what truly matters is that we are ready to care for one another and for our neighbors when they do. This is part of who we are called to be. And it is good work for us to grow into together.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lynne

DON'T PASS IT UP, PICK IT UP!



Grab a Clean-up Kit
at the **Frank G Murray
Community Center**
125 Wilmington Island Road
Mon.-Fri., 9 am-3pm.
Snap a photo of the trash
you collected & tag us on
Facebook or email:
fgcc@chathamcounty.org
through the month of March.

Paper Shredding / Electronic Recycling

March 28, 9am-Noon
at the **Frank G. Murray
Community Center**



Bring your important documents to be shredded along with any electronics to be recycled. Donations of nonperishable food for a local food bank is appreciated.



Spring CleanUp



March 28, 9am - Noon

We're excited to invite you to join us for our upcoming Church Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, March 28**. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve together, care for the place where we worship, and enjoy fellowship with one another. Whether you can lend a hand with sweeping, gardening, organizing, or light repairs, every effort makes a meaningful difference. No special skills are needed—just a willing heart and a spirit of teamwork. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come ready to make our church home shine as we prepare it to welcome all who walk through our doors. Check the Call-to-Action table for the list of items needing attention. A light lunch will be provided. We look forward to serving alongside you!



The Directory will be updated soon. Please let Jodi know if you have any changes by the end of the month. Thank you.

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	Jan <u>Actual</u>	Dec <u>Budget</u>	Jan-Dec <u>Actual</u>	Jan-Dec <u>Budget</u>
Total Income	11,970	17,632	11,970	17,632
Total Expense	<u>23,523</u>	<u>17,632</u>	<u>23,523</u>	<u>17,632</u>
NET	\$(11,553)	0	\$(14,195)	0

(Full financial report available upon request)

Don't Forget

Please turn in your **Faith Promise card** (make sure your name is on the outside of the envelope).

Also, turn in your **Ministry Opportunities** and **Get to Know You** Sheets.

Everyone who returns their documents before April will receive an "ethical bribe!"



GRACE MINISTRY



AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE



Help save a life.
March 19
1:00pm - 6:00 pm
redcrossblood.org

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)





SHROVE TUESDAY



Ash Wednesday
February 18 at 6:30 pm

Lent Meals
Wednesdays from February 25 -
March 25 at 5:45 pm

Lent Services
Wednesdays from February 25 -
March 25 at 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday
March 29 at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday
April 2 at 6:30 pm

Good Friday
April 3 at 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil
April 4 at 6:30 pm
at St. Francis Episcopal

Easter Sunrise Service
April 5 at 7:00 am
at The Boathouse

Easter Sunday
April 5 at 10:00 am
at Redeemer

**Easter Brunch
and Egg Hunt**
April 5 at 11:30 am



BURNING OF THE PALMS



Church Council Report

February 2026

- **Minutes from January 24, 2026**, Church Council Meeting were approved.
- **Explorer's Montessori Update and Lease Agreement** - The Building Usage Agreement was signed by both parties.
- **January 2026 Monthly Financial Summary** was approved to publish.
- **SYNOD Benevolence Discussion** - The Council voted to propose that if our revenue exceeds our expenses, we will give 5% of the excess to Synod. The budget will be checked at the end of following months-March, June, September and December.

Old Business

- **Growing God's Gifts Campaign** – Approximately 25 people attended the 2nd Sunday Brunch and kickoff for Growing God's Gifts Campaign. Packets containing information of ways to steward God's resources were passed out. They are due by April 19th at the Consecration Sunday Service.
- **January 2026 Commission Reports/Pastor's Report** were approved.

New Business

- **Mortgage, Line of Credit, Capital Campaign** - Members of the Council and Financial Committee are continuing to look at different options for funding to complete projects on Property Priority list.
- **Vacation Bible School** - The Rainforest Falls curriculum will be used, which ties into our Green Team initiative. It will be held July 6-10.
- **Grace Ministry** - Brunch Bags will be packed on Friday, February 20 at 2:00pm. A team of 4 members will deliver them and assist in sharing them with the people experiencing food insecurity.
- **Property Team** - A work day has been scheduled for March 28 from 9-12.

Any Additional Items

- The Endowment Committee will add 2 new members, Steve Cannon and Sandi Postle.

- **MomCo** is a mothers' group that meets together with their children to find friendship and Christian fellowship. Council approved this to be held at Redeemer. The curriculum will be provided by MomCo.
- **New Digital Sign** - Redeemer has received County approval for the digital sign and it should be placed sometime in May.
- **3rd Sunday of every month will be Birthday Sunday** for the Hospitality table to celebrate all church members who have a birthday that month.

(Church council minutes available upon request)



Robert Fennell	March 3
Audrey LaMar	March 3
Connie Stephenson	March 18
Ellie Loewen	March 21

If your birthday does not appear on our calendar, please contact the church office.

March 2026

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour & Confirmation 6:00 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	2	3 12:00 Marketing Team 5:30 Care Team 6:30 Worship & Music Committee	4 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 5:45 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir practice	5 5:00 Dinner at Cilantro's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	6 6:00 First Friday Fun Night	7
8  SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR 10:00 Worship 11:00 Congregation Meeting 11:15 2 nd Sunday Brunch	9 6:30 Men's Group (at Cancun)	10 5:30 - Visioning Team 6:30 Finance Committee 7:00 Executive Committee	11 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 5:45 Lenten Meal 6:00 EMCC Board Meeting 6:30 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir practice	12 5:00 Dinner - Location TBD 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	13	14
15 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour & Confirmation 6:00 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	16	17 	18 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 5:45 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir practice	19 5:00 Dinner - Location TBD 6:00 Green Team 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	20 2:00 Grace Ministry - Pack Lunches	21 7:00 Grace Ministry - Distribute Lunches 10:00 Policy Meeting
22 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour & Confirmation	23 6:30 WELCA (at church)	24 1:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Mutual Ministry 6:30 Church Council	25 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 5:15 Social Ministry 5:45 Lenten Meal 6:30 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir practice	26 5:00 Dinner - Location TBD 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	27	28 9:00 Spring Clean Up Day-Redeemer 9:00 Paper Shredding/Electronics Recycle at Frank Murray Center
29 10:00 Palm Sunday 11:15 Learning Hour & Confirmation	30	31 5:30 Disaster Preparedness Team 6:30 Property Committee 6:30 Growing God's Gifts Team 6:30 Endowment Committee				



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Worship in person or stream live on Facebook.

Sundays at 10 am

Pastor Lynne O'Shea
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We are an inclusive congregation of
disciples who follow Jesus in hope, joy, and peace.



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