



GREENE COUNTY

Lenten season offerings at Church of the Redeemer

Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast. The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. The season of Lent extends for 40 days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday (omitting Sundays).

This year Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 5, and Redeemer is offering two services — a noon Ash Wednesday service and a 6:30 p.m. Celtic Communion service. Both services will be held in the sanctuary at

Redeemer, 303 N. Main St., Greensboro.

During the Lenten season, Redeemer will offer weekly healing services on Wednesdays at noon. Those services will be March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9.

Then, again on April 2, Redeemer will have a Celtic Communion Service with Labyrinth Walk in the parking lot of Alligoods, in front of the City of Greensboro government offices.

For more information, visit greensborogaepiscopal.org, connect with Redeemer on Facebook at theepiscopalchurchoftheredeemer, or call 706-453-7171.

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Pictured (L-R): Doug Strickler, Carla Pinkney, Patty Edmonds, Rev. Meg Jackson Clark and Elder Verley Dotson.

First Presbyterian welcomes new elders

In January, three new elders of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro were ordained to serve in the church's governing body, the Session of Elders. Each will serve for two years and be responsible for specific activities in fulfilling the church's mission in the community.

Patty Edmonds comes from Greensboro, North Carolina. She will be applying her many skills

to the area of member care, which includes such things as following up with visitors, planning and scheduling fellowship activities, and ensuring members are cared for, especially in times of need.

Carla Pinkney hails from the Los Angeles area. She will be lending her unique talents to the area of mission. Included in her duties is overseeing the distribution of local, national and international

mission funds, as well as coordinating liaisons for each of the mission organizations the church supports.

Doug Strickler joins from Atlanta. He will be using his marketing know-how in the area of community outreach. Working with Elder Spencer Hinds, Doug's duties will include reaching out to new residents in Greene County, planning and implementing themed

worship services (e.g. Scottish Heritage Sunday and Dickens Christmas), participation in downtown events, and assisting in the development of press materials.

The First Presbyterian Church, a PC (USA) church, is located at 117 S. Main St. (next to the post office) in downtown Greensboro. Sunday services are at 11 a.m., preceded by Scripture Study at 9:45 a.m.

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MORGAN COUNTY

Morgan County African American Museum announces writing contest

The Morgan County African American Museum and its partners have announced their 6th annual Raymond Andrews Prize for Creative Writing. All high school students in Morgan County are eligible. The purpose of the contest is to build excitement for creative writing among area youth. Students may submit

entries in fiction or creative non-fiction until March 10. Winners will be announced in April. The top entries will be selected by a guest celebrity judge for cash prizes.

In 2024, the Morgan County African American Museum awarded \$800 in prizes to the top four finishers in the contest. Avril Brown, a senior at Morgan County High School, earned the top prize. Other prize winners include Georgia McPherson, Catherine Malcom, and Abigail Benoff.

Tina McElroy Ansa (*Baby of the Family, Taking*

After Mudear) served as guest judge for the 2024 competition. Her novel, *Baby of the Family*, was named to the "Top 25 Books Every Georgian Should Read" list by the Georgia Center for the Book. She was a beloved writer, publisher, teacher and champion for young writers. She believed in the importance of taking time to encourage and nurture artistic pursuits of all kinds. Serving as guest judge for the Raymond Andrews Prize fit perfectly into that mission. Tina McElroy Ansa passed away on Sept. 10, 2024.

Raymond Andrews, the

namesake for the prize, was born in the Plainview community of Morgan County in 1934. He published three novels and four other books. Almost all of them are set in fictional Muskogean County, which is a stand-in for Morgan County. Andrews is a member of the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. He passed away in 1991.

High school students living in Morgan County, regardless of which high school those students attend, are eligible to compete. Also, students attending Morgan County High School, regardless of their home address, are eligible. For complete rules and eligibility, please see the contest guidelines at the Morgan County African American Museum's website (mcaam.org). Winners will read from their stories at a public event in May 2025.

For more information, contact The Morgan County African American Museum or project coordinator Jesse Freeman.

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Sunday at the Museum Lecture Series

Sunday, March 2, at 2:00 PM
Event takes place in the theater at The Plaza Arts Center

LECTURE TOPIC: "FORGOTTEN MUSIC OF GEORGIA & BEYOND"

GUEST SPEAKER: RICHARD GARRETT

Eatonton resident and world music collector, Richard Garrett, will discuss and play five fascinating 78 rpm records from his collection, illuminating the music, the performers, and their times. Three of the tracks were recorded in Georgia, featuring African American gospel, old-time mountain string band music, and Eatonton's own pioneering bluesman Peg Leg Howell. The other two tracks head further south, to Mexico and Trinidad.

Join us for another Sunday at the Museum for an afternoon of history and music.

Admission is free but donations are appreciated. Enjoy light refreshments after the lecture.

The Old School History Museum is located in The Plaza Arts Center
305 N. Madison Avenue, Eatonton, GA | www.oldschoolhistorymuseum.org

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