

# THE REDEEMER SPIRIT FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer ▪ 6201 Dunrobbin Drive ▪ Bethesda, Maryland 20816

## NOTES FROM CONVENTION

The 116<sup>th</sup> convention of the Diocese of Washington convened January 28-29, 2011, at the Cathedral with the theme *That We All May Be One*. The convention is an assembly comprised of all diocesan clergy and lay delegates from each parish. The number of lay delegates per parish is determined by its size. Redeemer has two delegates—Peggy Tucker and Patricia Snowden, and two alternates—Gary Hacker and Graeme Browning.

### Bishop's Address

Bishop Chane gave his final convention address to the diocese on Saturday morning, sharing his closing thoughts and reflections as Bishop of a diocese of increasing importance in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. We are a visible witness of reconciliation and compassion throughout the world, with 89 congregations. Seven are Spanish, one Ibo, and one a Korean-speaking worship community.

We have a traditional and important component of leadership in our African-American parishes, which have a deep history of mission and ministry. Three African-American bishops currently serving in Maryland, North Carolina, and Michigan have their roots in this diocese. God is seen and experienced by engaging the faces of diversity that are either present or absent in the pews of our churches. Not to have diversity is to be blind to the face of God. Our diversity is a gift from God and a reason to celebrate.

Our 20 schools are a gift to the whole denomination as well as the diocese. The bishop thanked God for the ministry of the chaplains, teachers, and administrators who support these mission centers. He expressed indebtedness to the clergy for their care and ministry for the people. The clergy of this diocese are the best and brightest of The Episcopal Church, and God blessed him with the honor of serving the diocese as bishop. He also emphasized that nothing could be undertaken without the ministry of the laity living into their baptismal vows.

Since the last General Convention two years ago, much of our focus in the diocese has been on mission. How mission is lived out has been an essential part of the church since the time of Jesus. Mission is not just outreach into the

community, mission trips or money spent to support worthy projects. The Reverend Dwight Zscheile has said that it is not the Church of God that has a mission in the world; it is the God of Mission who has a church in the world. Whether we are that church is a fundamental question for the diocese as it looks toward electing a new bishop.

The whole church is challenged by financial crisis. The heartbeat of mission is in the work of the diocese with parishes, clergy, vestries, and parishioners. Church House is mission centered; it exists to support clergy and parishes. When budget crises hit and parishes make decisions to give less to the diocese, the whole diocese is affected—all clergy and parishes.

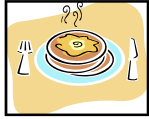
Since 2002, the diocese has spent over \$1 million on congregational and clergy wellness. (Prior to 2002, almost nothing.) We could balance the budget if we didn't care for clergy and congregations. This amount does not include expenses for closing parishes, resolving clergy/parish disputes, calling new clergy, helping fund clergy searches, and other similar expenses. If that money had not been spent, the health of the diocese would not be good. Most of problems in parishes and dioceses are rooted in not caring for the clergy and parishes.

The financial meltdown is affecting the entire globe. In the Mideast, where unrest is erupting, there is hopelessness and unemployment rates of 30–40%. It challenges us to be the good news gospel in a bad news world. Currently as a church we are cautious. We don't give away what we don't have. This is prudent management, but we need to challenge this assumption. Faith sustains us in times of uncertainty. By faith, we run the risk of dying for Christ's mission. How do we find new directions to live into our baptismal vows, baptism into death and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

In 2002, there was one Latino congregation; now there are seven, one of which has 300-400 participants every Sunday. Average Sunday attendance at any of our Spanish-speaking congregations exceeds over 75 souls each week. Without additional resources, this mission cannot be sustained. This is a gift of new souls; God asks us to support this out of our abundance. We are not people of scarcity; we must embrace this new mission field in response to God's

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Pancake Supper & Talent Show: *Tuesday, March 8 (see below)*



American Boychoir sings at Redeemer: *Sunday, March 27, (p. 6)*



All Parish Retreat: *Friday, October 14-Sunday, October 16 (p. 4)*

## FEBRUARY-MARCH EVENTS

### Sunday, February 27

- Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert, 5:00 p.m., p. 6. *Reception to follow.*

### Monday, March 7

- Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

### Tuesday, March 8/Shrove Tuesday

- Pancake Supper, 6:00 p.m., p. 2
- Talent Show, 7:00 p.m., p. 2

### Sunday, March 13

- Daylight Savings Time begins: *Turn clocks forward one hour Saturday night!*
- Lent Adult Forum Series begins, 9:15 a.m.



### Monday, March 14

- Lenten Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

### Wednesday, March 9/Ash Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 7:30 a.m.
- Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, Noon
- Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, March 20

- Choral Evensong to benefit the Bishop Walker School, 5:00 p.m., p. 6



### Monday, March 21

- Lenten Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

### Tuesday March 22

- Lenten Study Class, 7:30 p.m., p. 3

### Wednesday, March 23

- Lenten Study Class, 10:00 a.m., p. 3
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, March 27

- American Boychoir, 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m., p. 6. *Reception to follow.*
- Bethesda Cares Dinner Preparation, 4:00 p.m., p. 7

### Monday, March 28

- Lenten Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

## PANCAKE SUPPER & TALENT SHOW

*Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.*

This event is a highlight of our parish fellowship and one not to be missed! In keeping with longstanding custom, on “Fat Tuesday” we consume the “fat” of things of our life (sausage, butter, eggs, milk) and begin our Lenten fast in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. And we do so with great frivolity and relish. If you would be willing to help in the kitchen, please contact Kukula Glastris: [kukula.glastris@gmail.com](mailto:kukula.glastris@gmail.com) or 301-320-6409. Pancakes will be served 6:00–7:00 p.m. (requested contribution \$10 adults, \$5 children). **Then, on with the show!** Talent in all forms is welcome, as long as it lasts no more than five minutes! This will be the most appreciative audience you will ever encounter, so don’t miss the chance to perform. Please let Chrissy de Fontenay know as soon as possible what you would like to do to entertain your fellow parishioners: [cfontenay@yahoo.com](mailto:cfontenay@yahoo.com) or 301-229-6835.

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extraordinary gift. In 20 years, we will all need to speak Spanish because people will continue to come for freedom and opportunity.

In 2003, the vision of the Bishop John T. Walker School was born. God has blessed us with the abundance to be able to provide new mission in one of the most troubled neighborhoods of the city. The vision is to educate boys well enough to be eligible for scholarships in other diocesan schools, to complete their education, and to return as leaders. Desmond Tutu calls this school a great venture for these children, this diocese, and this city. It needs a larger support pool. The generosity of the parishes and other schools has been essential for success so far. It would be wonderful if every parish would support the school to produce future leaders grounded in an excellent Episcopal Christian education.

Mission is about risk—the core of Christian belief and practice. Former Presiding Bishop John Hines said if we concentrate on Jesus Christ as savior, he will harass us as the hound of God he is. We will be driven into confrontation with the evil that plagues the world. Don't flee.

#### **Treasurer's Report and Budget Presentation**

The 13 parishes, out of 89, that tithed a full 10% of their operating budget to the diocese were acknowledged. This diocese requests a tithe, but unlike other diocese, does not require it. Parishes were asked to make diocesan giving a priority. The diocese has received pledges from only half of the parishes to date. The finance committee asked parishes to give evenly throughout the year.

The diocesan budget has decreased each year since 2007. The current proposed budget of \$3,757,663 is \$777,000 less than 2007. In 2008, the diocese had 22 full-time positions; now there are 15. Salaries of the Bishop and senior staff were frozen for a third year, those of other staff for a second year. For 2011, \$612,900 is budgeted for diocesan ministries, \$494,605 for national and international ministries. The search and transition for the new bishop will cost about \$300,000 (\$30,000 will come from a reserve for this purpose and \$270,000 from unrestricted reserve). The proposed budget was approved.

#### **Bishop Search**

Ms. Salli Hartman, President of the Standing Committee for the Election of a Bishop, said that the nominees would be named by the end of March. The period for additional nominations by petition will be April 4-15, to allow for security clearances. The walk-about will be in May, and

the special convention for the election of the bishop will be June 18. The period for consent by other dioceses' bishops is June 19-October 19. The consecration of the Ninth Bishop of Washington will be November 12, 2011.

Peggy Tucker  
Convention Delegate

## MID-WEEK LENTEN PROGRAM

#### *The Way of Compassion*

In less than two weeks, we will welcome the season of Lent. Yes: *welcome*. In the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, we are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP 265) The invitation might sound more daunting than hospitable, but Lent is for many an opportunity, perhaps even an excuse, to take time out from our busy lives to study and reflect together in community. This has been the purpose and attraction of mid-week Lenten programs at Redeemer.

For two years running, we have explored creating a rule of life: principles, patterns and practices for shaping one's life in Christ. Topics have included prayer, scripture, Sabbath, stewardship of body and soul, and balance - almost always more than we could cover in the depth we would have liked.

This year, we will focus on one discipline of the Christian life: *The Way of Compassion*. Jesus modeled for us a life of compassion and called us to a life of service by loving our neighbors. How is service to those in need a spiritual practice? Is there a necessary connection between worship and service to others? What have been our own experiences of being in need and receiving help? Of giving help to others? What have those experiences meant to us, how have they shaped us? What does it mean for us as individuals and a parish to address the underlying causes of suffering? These are some of the many questions we hope to explore together this Lent, through study of scripture and church tradition, sharing our own experiences, and reflecting together.

*The Way of Compassion* will meet on *four Tuesday evenings*, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (March 22 & 29, April 5 & 12), and *four Wednesday mornings*, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (March 23 & 30, April 6 & 13). Evening and morning sessions will have the same basic content, and you are welcome to come to either. The Revs. Susan Burns and Robin Razzino will lead the series. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact the Parish Office, so we will have enough materials.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### A Successful Men's Retreat

For the Men's Retreat weekend, February 11-13, 14 of Redeemer's men gathered together in the mountains of West Virginia, enjoying the warmth of wood stoves, good food and new friendships. The theme for the retreat was *Men and Their Work*.

Friday evening began with a sumptuous meal and sharing how each of us spends the majority of our waking hours. Saturday we discussed three New Testament stories: Jesus leaving Nazareth and meeting John for the first time; the call of the disciples; and the casting of their nets in John 21. Using art and poetry, silence and personal stories, men found connections with scripture in new ways. The themes of leaving home, wrestling with vocation, and daily work that is not always fruitful, are universal and as old as the Bible and fresh as tomorrow.

An early evening meal in town at a popular local restaurant was followed by our watching the video *Up in the Air*. Sunday morning we worked on the story of Jesus' encounter with the Young Ruler. The retreat concluded with the Eucharist, with music provided by Stuart Chandler and a few good singers.



Photo taken by Ben Ivins

Meals – provided by Ron Pugsley (amazing waffles), Patrick Fitzgerald (New York lox and bagels, eggs and bacon), Jamie Saunders (chili) and Ben Ivins (cold cuts) – and Jefferson Arrington's Pebble Beach golf show (to assure us all that spring is just around the corner), combined to make the weekend memorable and an opportunity to gain insight into ourselves and the work world in which we spend most of our waking hours.

Joe Clark

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### All Parish Retreat: October 14-16, 2011

This fall, Redeemer will have a retreat for all members of the parish. It will be held at the Peterkin Conference Center, a diocesan retreat center in Romney, WV. All members of the parish—young, old, families, singles—are encouraged to come.

Using the film *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, we will take this classic C. S. Lewis story as our own and weave together the themes of good and evil, nobility and sacrifice, fantasy and hope. We will watch the film together and then break into age appropriate groups to work on how this story is really our story. This promises to be time for relaxation and fun for all. It will be led by our Rector, Susan Burns who is an enthusiastic C.S. Lewis fan and who promises to lead us into battle with the wicked witch of Narnia.

The town of Romney is rural and the conference center is typical of many church retreat settings. In mid-October, the leaves are at their most beautiful and the nighttime air is just perfect for a fun bonfire and making S'Mores. Saturday afternoon offers an opportunity to take an old steam engine train ride along the South Branch of the Potomac River... or just take a nap or read a book. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Susan Burns: [revsusanburns@verizon.net](mailto:revsusanburns@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770; Joe Clark: [woodherb@gmail.com](mailto:woodherb@gmail.com); or Frances Sharon: [fwadsworth@verizon.net](mailto:fwadsworth@verizon.net) or 202-364-4937. Information sheets and registration forms will be available shortly.

Frances Sharon  
*Spiritual Life*

### Evening Bible Study

Join the fun and fascination as we engage with the Gospel readings for the coming Sunday. We will meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. through March 15 (except for March 8 when we will enjoy the Pancake Supper and Talent Show), and then on Wednesday evenings through April 13.

Our intimate group opens up the Scriptures to ask the questions that we all might ask in a friendly and safe environment. No work is required except a desire to know more, to think more, and to let the Gospel work in our lives throughout the week. All are welcome to join us in this one hour weekly gathering. Hope to see you there!

James Livingston  
*Seminarian*

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

### Preparing the Parish for Pilgrimage: Going to Jerusalem—Pursuing Peace with Justice in the Holy Land

The Liturgical season of Lent invites Christians to give up not just candy, but also confirmed opinions by “bending back” (reflecting) on the original meaning of Lent, an Old English term meaning “lengthening.” Margaret Greene and Steve France of the Adult Education Committee have recruited local experts to help Redeemer lengthen its understanding in relation to Pilgrimage.

In preparation for Lent, on **Sunday, March 6**, The Rev. Susan Burns will speak on *The Pilgrim Way of Lent*, giving an overview of the origins, spirituality and practices of the season of Lent. Adult Forums convene at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

In Lent, the five Adult Forum sessions will examine (1) the modern history of the Holy Land, (2) Episcopal parishes in the Holy Land, (3) personal stories from Palestine and Israel, (4) struggles of the Christian minority, and (5) reports from three local churches on current efforts to connect with those Christians.

The sessions will encourage parishioners to consider organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Most pilgrimages begin in the mind of the pilgrim before the first step is taken. If the mind and the heart of the pilgrim are deeply connected with the destination, the pilgrimage will be meaningful.

The sessions will feature guest speakers passionately engaged in various ways in the struggle to establish peace and community in a small land of two peoples and three major religions; all three of which have long histories of deep attachment to the land. All sessions will be offered in a framework of Lenten reflection provided by Redeemer’s clergy.

Our connection with the Jerusalem of today is facilitated by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington’s companion diocese relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The 2011 Diocesan Convention unanimously passed a Resolution on Peacemaking in the Holy Land. The resolution calls on the faithful to recognize the Holy Land as uniquely important in the history and faith of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The resolution goes further: “Resolved, that the Convention encourage its parishes to overcome long-standing reluctance to talk about this conflict and engage in informational programs and open-minded discussions aimed at increasing

understanding on all sides, facilitated, if requested by members of the Companion Diocese Committee...”

*Sunday March 13: A Land in Turmoil* Ambassador Philip Wilcox, President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace, and former Chief of Mission and U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem, will give an overview of the modern history of the Holy Land including a summary of current conditions there. Ambassador Wilcox has also served as Ambassador at Large and Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism.

*Sunday, March 20: Palestinian Episcopalians* Dr. William Prather, Chair of the Washington Diocese Committee charged with establishing a companion relationship with the Jerusalem Diocese, will outline how Episcopal churches in Washington are moving to help maintain the heritage of all Christians by supporting Episcopal parishes in the Holy Land. The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has traditionally maintained many schools and hospitals which serve people of all faiths.

*Sunday, March 27: One Land, Two Stories* Drawing on his personal experience and family history, Dr. Philip Farah, born and raised in Palestine, will share the perspective of the Palestinian narrative from olden times, through the crisis of Israel’s founding, to the present day. Likewise, Udi Pladott, a recent immigrant from Israel, whose family moved to Palestine in the 1920s, will share the Jewish-Israeli narrative and perspective.

*Sunday, April 3: The Living Stones* Drawing on his personal history of reconnecting with his Palestinian identity and his Christian faith in a journey with his Annandale church, Dr. Ghassan J. Tarazi, a Palestinian-American, will lead us deeper into the ethical/spiritual struggle of the Palestinian Christians pursuing their “living stones” destiny as a minority among Muslims, as Palestinians subject to occupation, and as the faithful of “the Land of the Holy One.”

*Sunday, April 10: First Steps* Three guests from local churches (Maryn and Leon Goodson from Westmoreland UCC, Paul Barkett from St. John’s Lafayette, and Peter Hawley from St. Mark’s Capitol Hill), each church being at a different stage in making meaningful, concrete connections with Palestinians, will lead a discussion of how we might really “go to Jerusalem” as American Christians in a way that embodies our faith and values.

Margaret Greene, *Coordinator*  
Denny Shaw, *Adult Education Chair*

## MUSICAL NOTES

Mark your calendars! Over the course of the next month or so, several very special musical events will take place here at Redeemer and at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (see *Choral Evensong for the Second Sunday in Lent*). I encourage all parishioners to join us, and to share news of these events with family, friends and neighbors. Word of mouth is still the best form of publicity...even in 2011!

### UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

#### Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert

*Sunday, February 27, 5:00 p.m.*

Inscape, ensemble-in-residence at Redeemer, continues its exploration of American chamber music with two contrasting works by Aaron Copland: the seldom-performed *Three Latin American Sketches* and the oft-performed ballet suite from *Appalachian Spring*. A premiere by noted composer Nathan Lincoln-DeCusatis completes the program. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

#### Choral Evensong for the Second Sunday in Lent

*Sunday, March 20, 5:00 p.m., at Bradley Hills Church*

The combined adult and youth choirs of The Church of the Redeemer and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (Kyle Babin, *Director of Music*) sing music by British composer Herbert Howells. The liturgy will be preceded by a brief recital of Howells' organ works. All proceeds from the free-will offering benefit the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys in Anacostia and the Friends Club of Bethesda, a local ministry to men in early-to-mid stages of Alzheimer's disease. Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 6601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda.

#### Choral Eucharist with the American Boychoir

*Sunday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.*

The American Boychoir (Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, *Litton-Lodal Music Director*), one of the world's premiere concert boys' choirs, serves as guest ensemble at the 10:30 Choral Eucharist. Music will include hymns and anthems for the season of Lent. All are welcome!

#### The American Boychoir in Concert

*Sunday, March 27, 5:00 p.m.*

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the world's most celebrated choral ensembles perform right here at Redeemer. Program will feature musical selections from around the world, including works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Veljo Tormis, Sarah Hopkins, Moses Hogan, Morten Lauridsen, and arrangements of folk songs from Asia, North and South America, and Africa. Suggested donation: \$20/adults; \$10/children. Reception to follow.

### TAIZÉ SERVICE

As in years past, Redeemer's monthly service of prayer and meditation in the style of Taizé will be offered *every* Monday during the season of Lent, at 7:30 p.m. The quiet beauty of Taizé is an ideal way to begin the week. Why not make Taizé part of your Lenten practice? Services will be held on Mondays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, and April 4, 11 and 18.

### SUMMER MUSIC CAMP 2011

Redeemer's fifth annual Summer Music Camp will take place **Monday, August 8—Friday, August 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. daily**. The camp, designed for children and youth ages 7-15 (*campers must have completed first grade*), will be staffed by Director of Music Tom Smith and professional musical educators John Barnes and Laura Petersen. Tuition for the week is \$350. Highlights include:

- Utilization of portions of the Orff and Dalcroze methods
- Introduction to reading musical notation
- Study of rhythm through motion
- Study of basic vocal production and solfege
- Choral singing
- Introduction to drum circle technique
- Interactive closing performance for family and friends
- Arts and Crafts
- Organized outdoor recreation time on the church grounds
- Visit to the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park
- Nature Walk
- Lunch and a snack provided daily
- Teacher/student ratio approximately 1 to 6
- Scholarships available

We hope your child(ren) will join us for a week of musical learning and fun! For more information, contact the Music Office: [music.redeemer@verizon.net](mailto:music.redeemer@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770. The deadline for registration is July 15.

Tom Smith  
*Director of Music*





FERNANDO MALVAR-RUIZ  
LITTON-LODAL MUSIC DIRECTOR



**Sunday, March 27, 2011, 5:00 p.m.**

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Auditions for  
interested boys  
immediately  
following concert.

## OUTREACH

### **Bethesda Cares Dinner—Thank You!**

Even though it was Annual Meeting Day, resourceful parishioners still managed to provide dinner to some 60 homeless people through the Bethesda Cares dinner program. Thank you, Tom Rogers, for being the main organizer and allowing the use of your kitchen. Thanks also to Marie France, Patricia Snowden, Jo Barclay-Beard, and Carol Clancey for providing dishes.

Our next Sunday to provide dinner is March 27. A sign-up sheet listing the items needed is on the Sign Up board in the Parish Hall. It is a joy to have more and more people participating in this important and valuable Outreach program.

### **A Celebration for Misa Alegria at St. Stephen's**

*Sunday, March 6, 5:15 p.m.*

The members of the Misa Alegria, St. Stephen's Spanish-language congregation, extends an invitation to all to join them for the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Misa. Festivities begin with a celebratory bilingual Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. and will be followed by an abundance of good food, song, music and dancing. The music ministry of the Misa Alegria is sponsored by Redeemer's Outreach program and was started by Redeemer's former seminarian, The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin. If you have questions, please contact Sarabeth: 202-321-6351 or sarabeth@attglobal.net. St. Stephen's is located at 1525 Newton Street NW, Washington.

## INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITY

### **Building Bridges of Understanding: A Conversation with the Imam, Sunday, February 27, 4:00 p.m.**

Join the Friends Meeting of Washington and the Friends Committee on National Legislation for *Building Bridges of Understanding: A Conversation with the Imam*. Imam Feisal is the leader of the Cordoba Initiative, a multi-national, multi-faith organization dedicated to improving understanding among people of all cultures and faith traditions. Cordoba's proposal to build an Islamic Cultural Center in downtown Manhattan focused attention on the group last summer. The meeting will be held at 2111 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington. RSVP: Sandy Robson: 202-903-2505 or sandy@fcn.org. For additional interfaith opportunities, please contact parishioners Dominique & Mike Rychlik: rychliks@gmail.com or 301-365-3845.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### **Godly Play**

March lessons are being planned. In April, Godly Play I will do an Easter Egg Story (April 10) and the Great Mystery of Easter (April 17). Godly Play II will do the same two classes in reverse order.

*Note: We have had many new volunteers teaching Godly Play this year. Parents—please do stop by and introduce yourselves to the teachers. The teachers are eager to put names to faces and meet each parent.*

### **The Intermediate Class**

In March, the class will look at selections from the Catechism, with lessons on the New Covenant (March 6), the Trinity (March 20), and the Church (March 27). The meaning of Lent will be discussed on March 13. In April, Seminarian James Livingston will talk to the combined Intermediate and Middle School classes about being a seminarian and ordination (April 3); The Rev. Susan Burns will lead the combined class in a lesson on the Labyrinth (April 10), and on Palm Sunday (April 17) the class will study Holy Week and the Passion of Christ.

### **The Middle School Class**

A big thank you to Chrissy de Fontenay for teaching the middle school class in February. Mary K Young and Justin Hess will be teaching this class during March. On April 3 and April 10, middle school students will join the Intermediate Class for the sessions with James and Susan.

### **The High School Class**

Cathy Baker continues to meet with the high school class each week. Some weeks she draws in guest speakers from the congregation. We are grateful to Cathy, Denny Shaw, Hilary Robinson and all who have agreed to spend some time with the youth of the parish.

*Note: Middle and High School students will be in church for the entire service on the last Sunday of each month, as well as Palm Sunday and Easter. Please make them feel welcome.*

If you have any questions about Church School, please contact a member of the clergy or Steve Gibson: 301-229-1168 or gibliu@verizon.net.

The Rev. Robin Razzino  
Assistant Rector

## 2011 PLEDGE UPDATE

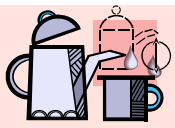
As of Wednesday, February 23, we have received 125 pledges for 2011 totaling \$491,875. This is \$5,525 under our pledge goal of \$497,300 and \$5,817 above the budgeted pledge figure of \$486,058. Of the 125 pledges, 18 are new, 58 are increased over 2010, 33 the same and 16 decreased compared to 2010. The average 2011 pledge is \$3,935 compared to \$3,739 in 2010.

We are grateful to all those who have pledged. If you have not yet to pledged for 2011, we hope that you will prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge cards are available in the Parish Hall. Additional pledges will enable the Vestry to give greater support to important ministry not fully funded in the 2011 budget.

## PARISH LIFE

### New Parish Life Chair

A big Thank You to Patricia Snowden who is Redeemer's new Chairperson for Parish Life, taking on the ministry of overseeing the opportunities for fellowship in the parish. These include the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, coffee hour, concert receptions, Strawberry Festival and Homecoming Sunday. Patricia intends to invite others to share in this ministry—that is she will delegate responsibilities. So, please let her know if you would like to help, and consider her request to do so if asked. She can be reached at [postscript2@verizon.net](mailto:postscript2@verizon.net) or 301-229-2170.



### Sunday Coffee Hour

Each Sunday, following the 10:30 Eucharist, we gather for fellowship in the Parish Hall and are blessed by those who provide coffee and goodies for us to enjoy. This is a ministry that can be done in pairs, by couples, by a group or committee. Nothing elaborate—cookies, crackers, cheese, pound cake, fruit (grapes, melon, apples)—any of these are fine, or whatever you find easiest to do. Homemade or store-bought is up to you.

About 70 people come to coffee hour (around 30-40 in the summer). Alice Despard, our Sexton, sets up the coffee urns, cups, hot water, etc., so all you need to do is plug them in and then set your food out on the table Alice will have set up. She also gets the lemonade ready in the refrigerator. We hope you will sign up for a Sunday on the sheet on the Sign-Up board in the Parish Hall.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Do You Have A Completed Maryland Emergency Medical Services Do Not Resuscitate and Medical Care Order (MEMS)?

As if you didn't have enough paperwork to complete during tax time, here's another form to worry about. I only recently became aware of the MEMS form, developed pursuant to changes in the Maryland Code (if you live in DC this may not apply). Even if you have a Health Care Directive, including a Do Not Resuscitate order (DNR), if you are unconscious and have need of an ambulance the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) must attempt to revive you unless the MEMS form has been completed, signed by a doctor or nurse practitioner, and is available. If you want your DNR wish to be carried out in the home, the EMT needs to see the written MEMS. Further information may be obtained by calling 410-706-4367.

Jane E. Brody, who has a personal health column in the New York Times Health section, has written several times about the importance of thorough discussions of end-of-life options with your physician and family members. Experience demonstrates that making your wishes known leads to a better quality of life and saves family members the need to make agonizing decisions. Preparation of advance care directives should not depend upon the onset of a potentially fatal illness. Anyone over 18 should execute a living will and select a health care advocate or proxy. Unfortunately a recent study showed that 40% of people have not even thought of advanced care planning and 90% have not documented their wishes. Seems it is an uphill battle, folks! But let me assure – it is real progress to break through one's denial and a great comfort to have the planning completed.

In another N.Y. Times Health section article, entitled "Navajos Confront Life's End with Poem," is a description of the work of a Navajo cross-cultural coordinator who helps her fellow Native Americans deal with decision-making at the end of life. In Navajo culture there are many taboos about death – even talking about death is thought to bring it on. She uses a poem to open discussions. It begins "When that time comes, when my last breath leaves me, I choose to die in peace to meet Shi'dy'in" (the creator). I think this is a wonderful thought for all of us – to be at peace when we meet the One who creates us, redeems us, and nurtures us.

Jack Hutchings  
*Pastoral Care*

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

### HVAC

The renovated Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system is operational with the new steam humidifier adding needed humidity to warm air generated by the furnace. The addition of a valve (on order), to reduce the flow of water to the humidifier and stop an annoying whistle, which some may have noticed the first Sunday the system was running, will complete the project. One can already feel an additional amount of humidity in the air of the Nave and Sanctuary which will help preserve the organ and wood fixtures of those areas.

It has been a long and expensive process, not without its confounding moments, but the final result is worth the effort expended. The B&G Chairman would like to extend thanks to Bramman Avery, Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman, Rector Susan Burns, Peter Carlson, Sexton Alice Despard, organ builder Michael Hart and Director of Music Tom Smith for their help, support and good advice and ideas as we worked through the project.

### Landscaping

Landscape architect Ellen Shillinglaw has drawn up plans for the addition of plants in the bare area between the main entry to the Narthex and the Choir entry steps and, additional landscaping to complete the Columbarium/Labyrinth area and the new Upper Altar Guild Cutting Garden. The plans, with a list of plants approved by the B&G Committee, will be displayed in the Parish Hall soon. Bids have been received for the project and the Kurt Denchfield Company's lowest bid of approximately \$2,700 has been accepted. The Vestry approved the expenditure at its February 16 meeting

Thanks to a generous donation from Linda Lear, the area between the front of the Columbarium and the edge of the Labyrinth will be planted with Mondo Grass. The planting will soften the appearance of that area and prevent dirt splashing onto the black slates of the lower Columbarium niches. There are 75 niches available in the Columbarium and spaces available for names on the Redeemer Memorial Wall.

### Landscape Maintenance

A new contract is being let to Kurt Denchfield for the annual mowing of the church grounds which will save nearly \$500 off the cost of the present contractor. A few items have been dropped from an original proposed list of services, such as turf management (fertilizing), and soil aeration in order not to overspend the Grounds Budget. If

donations are received additional maintenance items could be restored to the program.

### Re-lamping of the Sanctuary and Nave Areas

If you should happen to think your vision is improving while sitting in your pew, there's a reason. Many of the bulbs in the high ceiling recessed lights of the Sanctuary and Nave had burned out and have been replaced. The bulbs last approximately five years and with a number of them expired, and more to come, it was decided to replace all at the same time in order to eliminate repeat calls to an electrician to replace them. (No "How many Episcopalians does it take to replace a light bulb?" jokes, please).

### Condensation in Altar Stained Glass Window

In the "Department of Something is Always Happening," it was recently discovered that during very cold weather, condensation is forming between the double panes of our beautiful stained glass window. Apparently there is an air leak somewhere in the outside pane of the double glass; when the cold air hits the warmer inner pane of the window, the condensation forms. More to come as we investigate the cause which is apparently unrelated to a higher amount of humidity in the air within the Nave and Sanctuary.

### Church Bell

Jefferson Arrington is checking with his contractor for a convenient date to work on the annoying and wrenching squeak which has developed during the ringing of the church bell.

Peter Kendall

*Junior Warden/Chairman, Buildings & Grounds*



## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as newly registered baptized members of Redeemer:

Jean Lamphere  
Jeanette Rockwell  
Willard Rockwell  
Ioulia Vvedenskaya

## VESTRY 2011

Congratulations to Cathy Baker, Nathan Price, Denny Shaw and Cindy Winder on their election to the Vestry; and to Peggy Tucker and Patricia Snowden on being elected as Lay Delegates and Graeme Browning and Gary Hacker as Alternates to the 2012 Diocesan Convention.

### The 2011 Vestry and Officers are:

Cathy Baker, *Senior Warden*  
 Gary Hacker, *Communications/Treasurer*  
 Jack Hutchings, *Pastoral Care*  
 Ben Ivins, *Newcomers/Membership*  
 Peter Kendall, *Junior Warden/Buildings & Grounds*  
 Nathan Price, *Stewardship*  
 Frances Sharon, *Spiritual Life*  
 Denny Shaw, *Adult Education*  
 Cynthia Winder, *Outreach*  
 Mary K Young, *Chair, Finance Committee*  
 Julia Rogers, *Recording Secretary*

### New Vestry Members

*Cathy Baker, Senior Warden*

Cathy was baptized and raised as an Episcopalian and began attending Redeemer in 2000, after a decades-long sojourn through indecision and the Unitarian Church. Her children, Veronica and Caroline, were confirmed at Redeemer. She served on Redeemer's Vestry from 2002-2006 in the positions of Secretary, Stewardship Chair, and Senior Warden. Currently Cathy is on the Altar Guild, the Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee, and she teaches the Church School class for high schoolers. She works for a government contractor, primarily as a writer of publications dealing with substance abuse treatment. Her pastimes include writing fiction and reading very long novels in German.

*Nathan Price, Stewardship*

Since coming to Redeemer in September 2007, Nathan and his family (Amy, Wesley, and Cara) have rooted their family life around this vibrant community. Grateful for the parish's grounding force and lively spirit, Nathan is happy to help further the collective "tending of the garden." While at Redeemer, Nathan has served regularly as a chalice, Sunday School teacher, counter, chorister parent, and pinch-hit helper. He has assisted the Stewardship Committee in a number of capacities, including offering a stewardship testimony (2008). Previously a long-time member of St. Albans, Nathan served there as a teacher of Children's Chapel and on several committees, including those supporting seminarians.

By profession, Nathan is an educator with a multidisciplinary background. He teaches environmental science and biology at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. He worked for many years at American University as the special assistant to the provost and briefly at the University of Maryland as assistant director of its Science, Technology & Science program. The son and husband of Episcopal priests, he is fondly familiar with the Anglican tradition and its artful *Via Media*. At Redeemer, Nathan is proudly and perhaps best known as, "You're Cara and Wesley's Dad."

*Denny Shaw, Adult Education*

In the fall of 1985, while living in Cabin John, Denny came to Redeemer as a guest of Moses Middleton. Fifteen years later, after teaching college students to read and write English, and after directing programs for homeless veterans and downsized workers, Denny returned to the area with his life partner, Ann Taylor. Moses invited Ann to visit Redeemer and she joined in 2000; Denny followed eight years later. Denny studied with John Barth who mentored his master's thesis at Johns Hopkins. He earned his BA in English with minors in journalism and scholastic philosophy at St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan university in New York State. In Ecuador, Denny was a Peace Corps Volunteer; in Vietnam, a combat soldier. Denny has served on the Adult Education committee for two years, led the Adult Forum, and served one year on the Vestry.

*Cindy Winder, Outreach*

Cindy has been a Redeemer member for three years. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and baptized Presbyterian. Cindy has been an Episcopalian since her family moved to Minneapolis and the Episcopal church was only one and one-half blocks away - closer than the elementary school. Cindy has served for two years as Recording Secretary of the Vestry, has been Redeemer's representative to Samaritan Ministry for three years, serves on the Pastoral Care Committee, and participates in Adult Education. In 2010, Cindy became a Godly Play Church School teacher, currently studying the parables in order to answer small people's questions. She works in the Public Buildings Service Division of the General Services Administration under contract to a Denver-based firm, as editor for their publications.



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

The Rev. Susan Burns called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. following a wonderful pot luck lunch contributed to by many parishioners. Ninety-seven Redeemer parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 23, 2011 to take part in the 2011 Annual Parish Meeting and the traditional delicious potluck lunch. A motion to approve the minutes from the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Susan Burns thanked the three outgoing Vestry members; Cathy Arrington, Clarice Leslie, and Tom McNaugher for their dedicated service to Redeemer. Cathy served as Parish Life Chair for two years. Cathy was thanked, in absentia, for her quiet, steady, thoughtful and grace-filled term on the Vestry. Clarice has served as our valiant Outreach Chair twice—1999-2002 and 2008-2011. She has inspired us all in the *Hope for Burundi* project, while championing all aspects of Outreach—local, national and international. Clarice was also thanked for her inspiring monthly newsletter contributions. Tom McNaugher served on the Vestry for one year as Stewardship Chair and two years as Senior Warden. Tom has been not only a wonderful leader for Redeemer, but also a great companion to our rector. Susan thanked Tom for his wise counsel acting as a steady anchor and beat for the Vestry and for teaching us about strategic planning. Susan presented these outgoing Vestry members with framed copies of the closing Vestry meeting prayer *Lord it is night* from the New Zealand Prayer Book

The nominating committee for new Vestry members for 2011 included Cathy Arrington as Chair, Justin Hess and Sally Pugsley. In Cathy's absence, Justin Hess presented three candidates: Cathy Baker for Senior Warden, Nathan Price for Stewardship, and Cynthia Winder for Outreach; and Denny Shaw was nominated from the floor for Adult Education. Two proposed Lay Delegates to the 2012 Diocesan Convention, Peggy Tucker and Patricia Snowden and two Alternates, Gary Hacker and Graeme Browning, completed the list of those nominated. It was proposed that all candidates as presented be elected. This proposal was seconded and approved unanimously.

Gary Hacker noted that the full Treasurer's Report could be found on page 10 of the Annual Report and gave us the following highlights and insights: the Vestry voted and passed the 2011 budget on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> showing a balanced budget of \$600,000 that is realistic for income and expenses. Due to the welcomed growth of the Redeemer parish and the maintenance growth of an aging building, finances have become more complex. The Rev.

Robin Razzino will become full time with Redeemer effective this July and we thank the Diocese for their generosity in salary offsets. Gary gave recognition and thanks to Tom Smith in leading our Music Ministry which has augmented our worship experience.

The Rev. Susan Burns read a portion of her Rector's Report that addressed the "harmonious but not seamless" fit of old and new at Redeemer and our experience that culture changes people at the same time as people change culture. With growth, Redeemer has moved from "this is the church of what is happening next" to requiring clergy, staff and lay leaders to be ever more intentional in everything we do.

Susan conducted an "Interesting Questions" survey covering many items including welcoming newcomers, Rite One, diversity, and nametags. The parish responded to the multiple-choice questions by standing when the response they most agreed with was read. This exercise was fun and instrumental in exploring "who we are" and "what we have become" as a church parish. After the survey, Susan asked us, "What did you notice, by our responses?" Some of the reactions were: we have moved from an introverted parish to become more outgoing; we have a wonderful diversity; newcomers feel most welcomed at Redeemer; and most feel supported in their Episcopal faith by the Church of the Redeemer.

Meredith Griggs suggested our final remarks should be expressing our thanks to The Rev. Susan Burns for her dedicated leadership at Redeemer. Susan thanked us as a congregation mentioning she has learned so much about love and community. Susan also thanked Robin, Angela, Tom and Alice. A special thanks went to Angela for making Susan's job so much easier.

The Annual Meeting ended with a prayer and was adjourned at 1:15pm. The Vestry then gathered in Susan's office to elect officers and wardens for the coming year.

Julia Rogers,  
Recording Secretary



## FEBRUARY VESTRY REPORT

### Rector's Report

A summary of the 2010 Parochial Report prepared by Angela Beckman was presented. In summary, Redeemer has 400 individual members, 275 are baptized members in the parish register, and 125 are unregistered but active members. The average Sunday attendance in 2010 was 163 compared to 153 in 2009. Easter Sunday attendance was 380 compared with 348 in 2009. In 2010, there were 119 pledges totaling \$444,920, operating income (inclusive of pledges, plate offering, Strawberry Festival, etc.) totaled \$594,640. In addition, \$59,652 was received as gifts for capital projects—labyrinth, memorial wall, gardens, etc. Redeemer gave \$16,150 off-budget to Outreach programs., in addition to \$20,836 from the Outreach budget line. After discussion, the 2010 Parochial Report was approved.

The Vestry is pleased to know that Patricia Snowden will serve as Parish Life chair. It is noted that Parish Life is not a Vestry position this year and that with growth in the number of members, delegation of responsibilities is necessary.

An agenda item for the March Vestry meeting is deciding on a process to select which alternate delegate to have seat and vote at the Special Convention to elect the new Bishop in June. Patricia Snowden, one of Redeemer's two delegates will not be able to attend. Our alternates are Graeme Browning and Gary Hacker.

### Reflections and Hopes

The Rev. Susan Burns presented the Vestry with an exercise following Loren Mead's *Bootstrap Your Vestry Retreat*. The Vestry split into three experience groups to respond to questions centered on Vestry experiences and expectations in the following categories; Positive Behaviors, Helpful Behaviors, Do Better, and Get in the Way Behaviors. The groups will meet again during the Vestry Retreat to complete this exercise, which should result in guidelines to make our vestry work more effective and rewarding.

### Vestry Retreat: February 25-26

The Vestry Retreat begins Friday at the Rectory at 6:30 p.m. with Evening Prayer followed by dinner. There is a planned group exercise to get to know each other better. On Saturday, we will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Narthex where coffee and baked oatmeal will be served. At 9:00 a.m. we will begin with Morning Prayer.

### Treasurer's Report

Four people were selected and approved to be check signers for 2011. A motion was made and approved to repeal the

dual check signing requirement for checks greater than \$1,000. Gary Hacker presented a motion to replace our current auditing firm at a savings of approximately \$2,500. This motion was seconded and approved. A sign-up sheet was circulated for vestry members to volunteer to make the weekly bank deposits.

### Buildings & Grounds

Peter Kendall presented the Buildings & Grounds report. Additional landscaping needed between the main stairs and choir stairs and above the Columbarium is estimated to cost \$2,700. Peter also obtained quotes for lawn moving and the low bidder is Denchfield at a cost of \$1,590. A motion to spend the \$2,700 + 1,590 from the B&G budget was seconded and approved. Linda Lear is donating Mondo grass for the base of the Columbarium, which will remain green year round.

### Other Business

The Newcomer's Reception is at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 20, at Meredith Griggs' house. Meredith will provide food and the vestry will provide liquid refreshments.

Julia Rogers

Recording Secretary

## JANUARY VESTRY REPORT

### Rector's Report

The Rev. Susan Burns referred to her written report as a "first take" on how the Vestry had lived into its 2010 goals to (1) improve the strategic governance of the parish, (2) to proactively examine and act on the implications of growth in the size of the parish, and (3) to live faithfully the other six days of the week. With regard to the first goal, progress has been made in particular with regard to the budget. Jack Hutchings noted that there has been progress in welcoming newcomers. The Tuesday evening Bible study is seen as an opportunity to live faithfully the other six days of the week. Susan noted that average Sunday attendance for 2010 was 163 compared to 153 in 2009.

### Assistant Rector's Report

The Rev. Robin Razzino expressed her gratitude that the gifts in memory of Pearl Malstrom have been directed by her family to the Youth Pilgrimage and reported on the Christmas giftwrapping and babysitting fundraiser. Scholarships and financial assistance for the pilgrimage will be need-based and in future years, Susan noted there should be a budget line for youth pilgrimages.

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### Music Report

Tom Smith, Director of Music, reported that the recent concert was well attended and that the music series has taken 4-5 years to build and seems to be taking off. He reported that he had a great experience at the regional Anglican Musicians' conference.

### 2010 and 2011 Budgets

In discussing the 2010 budget, Jack Hutchings expressed concern that the Outreach commitments had not been met but that the HVAC project had been all paid for in 2010 (not half in 2010 and half in 2011). Susan noted that most of the unmet Outreach commitments would likely be made. For the 2011 budget, Gary noted that it includes Robin as a full-time employee as of July 1; the appropriate level of diocesan giving; three paid section leaders for the Adult choir; and an Outreach budget of \$29,000. He said this is a realistic budget, but reminded the Vestry that in 2012 an additional \$40,000 will be needed to cover Robin full-time for the entire year.

In the discussion of Outreach giving, Jack asked if some of the increase for the diocese in 2011 might not go instead to Outreach. Nathan Price asked about the reasoning for the increase in diocesan giving that Susan then explained. David Schlafer noted that the Vestry needed to reflect on the meaning of "outreach" and that, while our commitment to it extends well beyond our investment in the work of the diocese, it cannot be understood as coming at the expense of that investment. Several Vestry members were especially concerned about the level of Outreach funding. Cindy Winder asked if the \$3,500 in the B&G emergency fund could go to Outreach to satisfy some of the unpaid 2010 commitments. This was agreed to, bringing the total 2011 Outreach budget to \$32,500. In 3-4 months when the budget settles down, the emergency fund could be restored if more pledges are received. A proposal to move \$6,000 of the diocesan giving increase to Outreach did not pass.

### Thanks to Outgoing-Vestry Members

Robin thanked outgoing Vestry members Tom McNaugher and Clarice Leslie for their service. She expressed the parish's appreciation for Clarice's time, passion and energy on Outreach. Tom was thanked for his sense of humor, for skillfully dealing with crises and for being a non-anxious presence on the Vestry. Cathy Arrington missed the meeting due to illness but was given the parish's appreciation for her leadership in Stewardship and Parish Life.

Cindy Winder  
Recording Secretary

## PARISH ART SHOW

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed their extraordinary and varied art work to the Parish Art Show in January. We had more participants than in any prior year. Thank you to Frank Anderson and Susan Graham Fitzgerald for arranging and hanging the show.

## FOYER DINNERS

### Change of Leadership

I have had the privilege of organizing the Foyer Dinner Groups for the past two years. In doing so, I have met and dealt with many members of the parish who have shown me generosity, flexibility and willingness to work with me to make the program a great success. As I mentioned in the Annual Meeting Report, we really had a good time getting to know each other, enjoyed excellent conversation and ate wonderful food. Now it is time for me to move on. In the Fall, Mary Helen Carlson will be leading the program and assembling the groups. Mary Helen is highly gifted in connecting with people and making things work. I hope that everyone will show her the same spirit of cooperation (i.e., the Redeemer spirit) that has been shown to me – I am sure that this will be the case.

Huda Kraske

## REDEEMER BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading *A Peace to End All Peace* by David Fromkin, who reveals how and why the allies came to remake the geography and politics of the Middle East, drawing lines on an empty map to form the countries of Iraq, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. He raises questions about what might have been done differently, and answers questions about why things were done as they were. This is a particularly timely reading as we watch the events unfold in Egypt and throughout the Middle East. The Group will meet to discuss this book on Sunday, April 17, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Ron & Sally Pugsley.

In May, the Group will read William Faulkner's *Sound and Fury*. Other books are being reviewed for June and July.

If you have questions about the Group and/or would like to join, please contact Ellen Shillinglaw: 301-520-6710 or [ellen.shillinglaw@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.shillinglaw@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Ellen Shillinglaw

## CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP

The Christian Contemplative Group will not meet during Lent. All are invited to attend the Lenten Taize Service of Prayer and Meditation that will take place every Monday evening during Lent, March 9–April 10. Usually, the group meets in the nave on the second and fourth Monday of each month, September through May, 7:30–9:00 p.m. All are welcome to join or drop in at any time.

The group meets to share contemplative practices and to focus on the body of teachings known as “the wisdom tradition.” The aim of group study and practice is to strengthen the bridge between principles of wisdom and one’s own experience, reflecting on the questions that arise from daily life. Through the study of relevant texts combined with contemplative practices, such as centering prayer, chant, and lectio divina, we learn to act in new ways, changing old patterns that no longer serve us, developing more satisfying relationships with ourselves, others, and God, and aligning with our inner compass or true essence.

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## BEGINNER’S MIND YOGA



Beginner’s Mind Yoga classes, taught by parishioner Alice Despard, are held on Saturday morning, 9:30–11:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Beginners are always welcome. The Winter Session runs from January 8 to March 19. Classes are \$15 for drop-ins.

Alice Despard has been a practitioner of hatha yoga for over twelve years and began teaching four years ago. Her teaching style emphasizes the fundamental aspects of developing equally strength, flexibility, and proper alignment; and cultivating always a “beginner’s mind.” Health, awareness and serenity are some of the fruits of a yoga practice. For more information, please visit the Beginner’s Mind Yoga website: [www.alicedespard.blogspot.com](http://www.alicedespard.blogspot.com), or contact Alice: 301-263-9644 or [alicedespard@gmail.com](mailto:alicedespard@gmail.com).

## FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Jef Huey	Ed Ingraham
Ann Harbeson	Christine Wade
Mary Packard-Winkler	Susan Burns
Allaire Kotz	Cathy Arrington
Cara Price	Linda Lear
Barbara Alterowitz	Aidan Herderschee
Greg Sherrard	Bill Babcock
Gabriela Noya	Blair Raber
Dominique Rychlik	Marleigh Burns
Julia Dohner	Steve Gibson
Jackson Wade	Ashley Sobhani
Sally Bartlett	Steve France
Chris Hull	Toni Strother
Jefferson Arrington	Anne-Sophie Zhou
John Vorhes	Justin Cinkala
Hal Palmer	David Winer
Sally Pugsley	Philip Burns
Pat Stevens	Lili Liu
Steve Raber	Beate Kendall
Dillon Stewart	Marie France
Nathan Price	Caroline Sherrard
Scott Williams	Olivia Tomasson
Jessica Jones	Haden Wade
Maris Imbrie	

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Justin & Gwen Hess  
Guillermo & Alicia Yepes  
Tim & Michele Kitchen  
Pat & Susan Fitzgerald

## THE ALTAR GUILD



### Altar Flowers

Every Sunday, our Altar Guild members do a beautiful job of arranging the altar flowers to the glory of God and in honor, memory or thanksgiving for loved ones of parishioners who donate the funds for the flowers. The donation requested is \$60. A new calendar for the Sundays in 2011 is now up on the Sign Up board in the Parish Hall. We ask that you sign up at least a week in advance and notify the Parish Office of the wording you would like in the dedication.

## WEEKLY AT REDEEMER

### Sunday

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Adult Education Forum, 9:15 a.m.
- Adult Choir Warm-Up, 9:15 a.m.
- Youth Choir Warm-Up, 9:45 a.m.
- Nursery Care, 10:15 a.m.
- Choral Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
- Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- Coffee Hour

### Monday

- AA Meeting, 12 noon
- Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m. (*first Monday*)
- Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m. (*first Monday*)
- Christian Contemplative Group, 7:30 p.m.  
(*second & fourth Mondays*)
- Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.  
(*third Monday*)

### Tuesday

- Education for Ministry (EfM), 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

- Morning Prayer & Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- AA Meeting, 12 noon
- Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- Parish Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (*third Wednesday*)

### Thursday

- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday (*Parish Office closed*)

- AA Meditation Group, 12 noon
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

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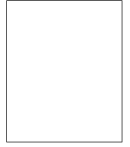
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are called as a loving community of faith to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action, and to welcome all people who seek a deeper knowledge of God. We will achieve our mission by striving to create a vibrant, focused and growing Church that embodies Christian values and beliefs; implementing programs and services that are meaningful in our daily lives (faith in action); building a safe environment that encourages us to reach out to our community, to people of other faiths and beliefs, and to people who differ from us in important ways.

*The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Please visit our website to learn more about us.*