

# THE REDEEMER SPIRIT July/August 2009

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## NOTES FROM ROBIN

When I first sat down to write this month's article for the Redeemer Spirit, I experienced Wednesday afternoon writer's block (this is much like Saturday afternoon sermon-preparation writer's block, only God seems more willing to help on Saturdays!). So I did what any person at Redeemer on a Wednesday afternoon would do: I went to Angela and Alice for help. Angela told me to write about my Sunday away at the end of June. Alice told me to write about "Ordinary time"—the weeks after Pentecost and before Advent which we seem to move through with about as much speed as a lazy dog on a hot summer afternoon. In the words that follow, I will attempt to address these ideas from Angela and Alice.

For some, summer can be a time for *checking out*. However, I think it can also be a time for *checking in*. I think this season offers us the space to pay better attention and be discerning in the quiet moments, in the moments likely to pass by unnoticed. How can we pause for a moment this summer to check in with old friends and acquaintances, to check in with family, or to check in with God? And perhaps more importantly, how do we take what we learn and experience in these moments of checking in and apply these new ways of seeing to our current lives: to our jobs, to our families and friends, to our church, to God?

The first Sunday I was away from Redeemer, June 28, was the last Sunday of my first year at Redeemer. In one sense I was "checking out" of Redeemer for a Sunday. Instead of celebrating the Eucharist with all of you, I was two hours south at St Thomas' Episcopal Church in Richmond baptizing my niece, Emma. It was wonderful to be able to baptize my niece, and (when she finally forgets that I poured water down her entire face) I'm sure Emma will think it was wonderful that her aunt was able to baptize her. I am glad Angela suggested I write about this experience.

I found it interesting to serve at another church. Though I had a prayer book instead of a field book, I felt a bit like an anthropologist or other type of "participant observer." Paying attention to how things were done at St Thomas' helped bring into sharper focus the things we do at Redeemer every week and how well we do them. I could appreciate in new ways how the flowers, the music, the children, the healing, the sharing, the breaking all come together in one celebration of the Holy Eucharist, that is as much the same as it is different from other Episcopal Churches in our country. Being away for a Sunday provided a new way into thinking about what we do at

Redeemer, it allowed me to check in – it allowed me to be intentional in acknowledging, reviewing, and seeing what is done at Redeemer in order that I could bring a fresh perspective when I returned to Redeemer the following week.

For liturgically minded Episcopalians, summer – this season of checking out and checking in - comes smack in the middle of "Ordinary Time" in the liturgical calendar. That sounds to me just about as exciting as a season can possibly be: "Get me to the church; I want to be there to celebrate Ordinary Time!!!" It is a rather unfortunate name that really has nothing to do with the mundane. Rather "ordinary" comes from "ordinal" and points to the way we number the Sundays following Pentecost (so the first Sunday in August is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost). The liturgical color is green and though this color helps us to think of new and vibrant life, this is the longest "season" of the year, lasting several months. If we are not careful, observant, or discerning, this time CAN SEEM mundane. The color never changes. The choir is on vacation. Pews are empty as parishioners leave town for periods of time. The air is warm.

However, here is just a snippet of what we would miss if we slept through this season:

- David and all the house of Israel dancing before the Lord with all their might (with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets no less!).
- David's scandalous affair with Bathsheba
- The beautifully elegant Song of Solomon
- The sending forth of the Disciples
- The beheading of John
- The miracle feeding of 5,000 people
- Jesus: The Bread of Life

All of these stories, and those other pieces of Scripture we will encounter this summer, show us our darker sides, the desires that draw us away from Christ, the enduring and passionate love God has for us—a love sufficient for our complete nourishment and growth, and a mandate to take this love out into the world. I don't know about you, but I think Ordinary Time is beginning to look like a good time to check in with the Church! See you Sunday!

Robin Gulick  
*Assistant to the Rector*



## JULY-AUGUST EVENTS

### Sunday, July 26

- Summer Chamber Music Concert, 5:00 p.m.  
*Reception to follow.*

### Monday, August 17

- Rector returns from Sabbatical

### Wednesday, August 19

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER UPCOMING

### Monday, September 7

- Labor Day—Office Closed

### Stay tuned for announcements of dates for ...

- Homecoming Sunday
- Church School schedule
- Youth Group kick-off

## JULY-AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Marcia Sartwell	Christoph Munchow-Pohl
David Strother	Abe Sauer
Harriet Downer	Michele Kitchen
Ken Hickey	Tami McMinn
Moses Middleton	Sebastian Stoner
Han Herderschee	Constance Griggs
Ben Ivins	Genie Jones
Nicholas Rychlik	Brian Baker
Claudia Hull	Tom Rogers
Gwen Chandler	Brian Beard
Nicola Neary	Katie Lasseron
Joanne Bowman	Willie Fitzgerald
Justin Hess	Claudia Serrin
Stan James	Catherine De Fontenay

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Stan & Judy James  
 John Nickum & Linda Lear  
 Bob & Marcy Dresser  
 Peter Magrath & Deborah Howell  
 Han & Gabrielle Herderschee-Hunter  
 Ron & Sally Pugsley  
 Tom & Leslie McNaugher  
 Bramman Avery & Mary K Young  
 Lou & Kiki Garo

## MUSICAL NOTES

### Intergenerational Summer Choir

The Intergenerational Summer Choir meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to prepare for the 10:30 Eucharist. In addition to leading the singing of congregational hymns and service music, the Summer Choir offers a simple anthem at the Offertory. Parishioners of all ages, especially families, are encouraged to participate! No previous choral experience is necessary. With the exception of Sunday, July 19 and Sunday, August 23, the Summer Choir will sing through the end of August.

### Summer Chamber Music Concert

*Sunday, July 26, 5:00 p.m.*

Join us for a summertime concert performed by select members of the Inscape Chamber Orchestra, Redeemer's Ensemble-in-residence. The program features the Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp by Claude Debussy, the Clarinet Quintet, *Op. 115* by Johannes Brahms, and a new work by local composer Daniel Walshaw. This is Mr. Walshaw's first time collaborating with Inscape.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra concerts are designed to engage the community and to provide a compelling, unique way to explore the vast body of chamber music. A reception with Inscape musicians follows the performance. Tickets (\$10) are available at the door. For more information please call 301-229-3770 or visit [www.inscapechambermusicproject.org](http://www.inscapechambermusicproject.org).

Tom Smith  
*Director of Music*

## SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

### Summer Sundays

Church School and Nursery are continuing through the summer for the Intermediate Class and younger children. Steve Gibson welcomes volunteers to assist with the Intermediate class (4th through 6th graders). The Godly Play groups (age 3 through 3rd grade) are combined during the summer. We would like to have two teachers each week for this class. There will be simple lesson plans for each Sunday, which will be available in the office for you to look over. Summer Sundays is a great opportunity to try your hand at the rewarding ministry of sharing faith and wonder with our youngest parishioners. Middle and High Schoolers encouraged to sign up, along with adults, to help with classes during the service this summer. Please let Robin ([revrobgingulick@verizon.net](mailto:revrobgingulick@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770) know if you are interested and she will connect you with the teacher in charge, or sign up on the board in the Parish Hall.

## JUNE VESTRY

### Senior Warden's Report

Tom McNaugher gave a brief report stating that the wardens hold weekly meetings with our clergy, Robin Gulick and David Schlafer. He noted that Redeemer continues to have new visitors every Sunday.

### Columbarium Update

John Nickum, member of the Columbarium committee, gave an updated report on the status of the Columbarium's finances and the decisions that have been made to bring it to fruition. John hired Bartlett Trees to evaluate all of the trees on the west side of the church where the columbarium will be located. The cherry tree is diseased and the dogwoods have almost reached their life expectancy. John showed the Vestry samples of the face granite and sandstone cap that have been selected. The bids are in from the contractors, as are the estimates for the niches. Construction could start as early as July. The financial shortfall is estimated at approximately \$20,000, which will be made up from sales of the 96 niches that will be priced about \$1,000-2,000/niche. Each niche can contain two urns. The final estimated cost does not include landscaping or the labyrinth. A motion to separate the labyrinth from the columbarium plan was proposed, seconded and passed. This reduces the overall initial cost and the labyrinth can be added at a later date. The Vestry approved John holding a special adult forum in July to inform parishioners of the Columbarium plans and to gauge interest in purchasing niches. John said that an information sheet will be prepared in time for the meeting. *[See p. 4 of this newsletter for Columbarium article.]*

### Newcomer Reception

Bruce McWilliams announced that a Newcomers Reception will take place on June 21, 4-6 p.m. at his and Sheila's home. Fourteen newcomers have accepted the invitation. Tom McNaugher and Robin Gulick plan to attend. Bruce requested that several Vestry members be present also.

### Committee Formation

Jack Hutchings reminded the Vestry that accurate information about their committees needs to be submitted for the 'orange brochure'. This information will be of assistance for newcomers and our Stewardship by describing ways that parishioners can donate their time and talent to Redeemer. After discussion about whether to include committee chair and member names, it was decided that publishing chair names only would eliminate the need for more frequent updating. Gary Hacker said that committee descriptions and information will be part of Redeemer's website.

Cynthia Winder  
*Recording Secretary*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2009	Year to Date			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	2008 Budget
Pledges*	\$232,063	\$237,980	(\$5,917)	\$410,000
Total Ordinary Income	\$298,787	\$290,707	\$8,080	\$501,087
Expenses	\$246,269	\$256,434	(\$10,165)	\$524,675
Net Ordinary Income	\$52,518	\$34,273	\$18,245	(\$23,589)

\*Pledges include \$22,500 pre-paid in 2008, and \$1,074 of 2008 pledges paid in 2009.

Lois Burleigh  
*Assistant Treasurer*

## PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to Kim Barrett on the birth of her great-grandson, Cameron Sean Carrera.

Congratulations to Beth O'Callaghan on her ordination to the Diaconate, and on her position as the new Assistant Rector at the Church of the Ascension in Gaithersburg



## COLUMBARIUM

### A Niche in Time

The long-time dream of building a Columbarium at Redeemer is about to become a reality. A Columbarium is a structure comprised of a series of niches (vaults) that accommodate cremation urns. The word columbarium is derived from the Latin word “columba” meaning “dove.” Columbarium is another word for “dovecote,” a structure used to house doves.

As parishioner, you share your life with the Redeemer community. It is important for parishioners to have a permanent physical place on the church grounds that allows the Redeemer to celebrate your life, support your loved ones and honor your legacy. Burial spaces created by individual communities are unique, unlike traditional cemeteries. They are integrated with the existing structures and grounds of the Church and provide memorial stability. Acquiring a niche in Redeemer’s Columbarium, will enable parishioners to a memorial to comfort loved ones and remain connected to the church for future generations. It will provide a sense of peace for you and your family.

For spiritual, economic and environmental reasons more Americans are finding that cremation meets their needs and those of their families. Columbaria conserve more land than traditional burial plots, niches are less expensive (a columbarium burial averages 25% of the cost of a traditional burial).

Redeemer’s Columbarium will have 96 niches. Niches will be available for single or double interment, and will fit both round or rectangular urns. Each niche will be faced in granite and engraved uniformly with the name and dates of the deceased. Having a permanent place in our community, in the comforting and familiar setting that we all love, will relieve loved ones of a hard end-of-life decision. Buying a niche now provides you with the widest choice of niche location and availability, enables you to purchase a contiguous set of niches if you so desire, and helps in planning for the unexpected. Purchasing now will support the burial program for our entire Redeemer community.

Information and forms are available in the Parish office. These explain eligibility, purchase, financing, terms of use and the design of the Columbarium. The clergy are available to answer any spiritual questions about cremation, and members of the Columbarium Committee will help answer any other questions. We hope you will be part of this joyful new journey for the Redeemer community.

*The Columbarium Committee*

Michael Hart, Steve Raber, Co-chairs

Sally Bartlett, Linda Lear, John Nickum, Blair Raber

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Need Teachers for Church School for Middle School Students

**Do you have fifteen hours to spare over the course of the next year to help the youth of this parish connect with God and one another?** During your baptism the church asked God to give to you “an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love God, and the gift of joy and wonder in all God’s works.” **Therefore you are ALL qualified for this ministry.**

Responsibilities include meeting with Robin and other volunteers to decide on a seven to nine week curriculum, attending a diocesan safe church training if you haven’t already attended one, prepping for each class (curriculum will be provided), teaching seven to nine classes during the school year, and attending up to two teacher’s meetings on a Sunday following the church service.

After prayerful consideration, Robin will be asking members of the congregation to participate in this ministry with our young people. Please discern with her if God is calling you to teach the youth of this parish in the coming year.

Robin Gulick  
*Assistant to the Rector*



## OUTREACH

### Samaritan Ministry’s Food & Toiletries Drives

Thank you to all those who participated so generously in the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day drives for toiletries and “walk around’ food. The Samaritan Ministry bins are now refilled with your donations which are much appreciated by those in need of these items. Well done Redeemer!

Anne Southard

## PASTORAL CARE

### Need for Solace

The Redeemer community has offered care to one another as we cope with the unexpected and shocking loss of our young brother-in-Christ, John-Bosco Hakizimana. Clarice Leslie, Marina France and Steve France helped us to face the reality of his final days here on earth, to recognize that because they were in Burundi at the time, they were the loving connection for our Redeemer family during John-Bosco's last week, and to reassure us that his work will go on. The Revs. Susan Burns, Robin Gulick and David Schlafer offered words and prayers to ease the pain of our loss. We are the better for having known John-Bosco.

### Is There a NAN in your neighborhood?

Kim Barrett is keeping us apprised of the Neighbors Assisting Neighbors (NAN) program in the Bannockburn Community. The community is divided into blocks, each with a volunteer coordinator. For example Greg Sherrard, Cathy Baker's husband, is the coordinator for the 6200 block of Dunrobbin. The Bannockburn NAN, an intergenerational project, offers support to residents, including help with "aging in place," a feature of many NAN associations, and help for those incapacitated by illness or age. If you know of a group in your neighborhood, please let us know so we can include the information in our resource folder.

### Fall Prevention

Annie Shaw, Director of Parish Volunteer Services for Episcopal Senior Ministries (ESM), has some ideas for potential collaboration between ESM and Redeemer. Since accidents and falls, especially in the home, often cause serious morbidity and mortality in older people, it is of special interest to us that ESM plans to focus on preventing falls, home safety assessments, and the training of assessors, as well as other pastoral care training.

### Help Someone Come to Redeemer on Sunday

We need additional volunteers to drive parishioners to and from the 10:30 Sunday services. Our specific need is for volunteers who come only for the service (not for the adult education session or choir practice), as those who are in need may have strength only for the service itself. We are grateful to Gary Hacker for volunteering and hope that we can recruit some additional drivers.

Parishioners in need of pastoral care should call the church office at 301-229-3770. For more information on the work of the Pastoral Care Committee, please contact Jack Hutchings at 301-986-4606 or [drijh@rcn.com](mailto:drijh@rcn.com).

*The Pastoral Care Committee*

## CLERGY HOURS & PASTORAL CARE



**Clergy Office Hours:** During the Rector's Sabbatical, Robin Gulick's hours will continue to be Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday. David Schlafer will not hold regular office hours, but he is happy to schedule appointments at church, as convenient. If you would like to arrange a meeting, check with David on Sunday, email him at [dschlafer@juno.com](mailto:dschlafer@juno.com), or call him at 301-493-4261.

**Pastoral Care:** For pastoral visits and assistance, contact Angela Beckman in the Parish Office, 301-229-3770, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Angela will then contact the Pastoral Care Committee, the clergy, or both, depending on the need. *See also* p. 4.

**Pastoral Care Emergencies:** Call The Rev. Robin Gulick at 703-868-4973. If Robin is not available, information for the clergy person covering Redeemer emergencies at that time will be available on her voicemail greeting.

## REDEEMER BOOK CLUB

The Book Club schedule and chosen books for the rest of the year are: For our October 4 meeting, *American Lion, The Presidency of Andrew Jackson* by Jon Meacham. The New York Times review stated, "*American Lion* is enormously entertaining, especially in the deft descriptions of Jackson's personality and domestic life in his White House." We will meet at the home of Susan Grigsby's home to discuss this book.

For the November 15 meeting, at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, we have chosen *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. This book has been described as "a best seller in France and several other countries, belongs to a distinct subgenre: the accessible book that flatters readers with its intellectual veneer."

For January 2010, we will read *The Hemingses of Monticello* by Annette Gordon-Reed. The New York Times called it, "a work based on prodigious research in the voluminous Jefferson papers and other sources, [in which] she traces the experiences of this slave family over three generations." Meeting date and place to be decided later.

Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Bob Dresser at [robert.dresser@gmail.com](mailto:robert.dresser@gmail.com) or 703-448-9349.

## JOHN-BOSCO'S LEGACY

Most Redeemer parishioners doubtless have already learned of the sudden, tragic passing from cancer of Redeemer's dear friend John-Bosco Hakizimana on June 13, the day before three Redeemer parishioners returned from visiting him in his native Burundi. A large group came to a special presentation at Redeemer on Sunday, June 26, to hear Clarice Leslie, my daughter, Marina, and myself tell of our mission trip to see John, his family, and his Hope for Burundi (HFB) colleagues.

Our grief is all the deeper because we lost not just a great friend and fellow Christian, but also the dynamic, visionary leader of HFB—Redeemer's wonderful Millennium Development Goals (MDG) project. However, one thing is clear: from the moment Susan Burns heard about John-Bosco's death and before we even departed Burundi, the Redeemer community has expressed great determination to support John-Bosco's legacy of hope. Likewise, the staff of Trees for the Future in Silver Spring, Maryland (HFB's technical partner in the communal tree-planting program) are determined to keep the Burundi program going strong. Indeed, in early July, Trees' Tanzanian-based staffer David Tye went to Burundi for a major consultation and tour of the tree nursery sites. John-Bosco's wife, Seconde Nizigiyimana, and his best and oldest friend, Jean-Baptiste Habonimana, whom we got to know and love during our visit, are taking the helm of HFB as it reorganizes.

In September there will be a memorial service at Redeemer where all John-Bosco's friends from his eleven-month stay in Bannockburn and with Redeemer will honor this most unusual and blessed friend. We who had the moving and delightful privilege of visiting him at his home in Burundi and discovering the beauty, pathos and charm of his Burundian compatriots will try to convey some of that.

Those who love Burundi like to point out that on a map it has the shape of a human heart. What really abides with us now from our trip is having felt the warmth, graciousness and hopeful longing of so many Burundian hearts. This was true in the capital, Bujumbura, and in our upland travels to three of the most remote spots in Burundi. They made us feel great, even when the accommodations in the bus or the guest house were quite Spartan. They made us want to stay a part of their hopes and their future.

John-Bosco really loved Redeemer and all the people who are Redeemer. He was deeply grateful and happy to be connected to Redeemer and his other American friends in his work. He had a great deal more he wanted to do with us and for us.

With his passing, we are all left with a heart-shaped hole in our beings. It is painful, but it's the only way to keep faith with our faithful friend. It's the only way to keep his

radiant, loving energy in our hearts and in the world. His pastor and close friend, Paddy Musoke, told me in an email, "About Bosco's absence in my life, of course I miss a great man with vision and passion to serve God and his nation. But I understand that life is a race. Bosco finished his race, I have to complete mine." Amen.

Steve France



John-Bosco at Kirundo Nursery in far northern Burundi, June 2009



Francois, Kirundo Nursery Team Leader, Clarice Leslie, Francois' mom, Steve France in Burundi, June 2009



Marina and Steve France with two of the Royal Drummers of Burundi, June 2009

## WEEKLY AT REDEEMER

### Sunday

- The Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Adult Education Forum, 9:15 a.m.  
(resumes in September)
- Adult Choir Warm-Up, 9:15 a.m. (resumes in September)
- Intergenerational Summer Choir Warm-Up, 9:30 a.m.
- Youth Choir Warm-Up, 9:45 a.m. (resumes in September)
- Nursery Care, 10:15 a.m.
- Choral Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
- Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- Coffee Hour
- Women's Prayer Group, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (last Sunday)

### Monday

- AA Meeting, 12 noon
- Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m. (first Monday, resumes in October)
- 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.  
(resumes in September)
- Adult Formation Class, 7:30-8:00 p.m. (third Tuesday)
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Potomac Bottlers Club, 7:30 p.m. (fourth Tuesday)

### Wednesday

- Morning Prayer & Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- AA Meeting, 12 noon
- The Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- Parish Staff Meeting, 1:15 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir Evensong, 5:30 p.m.  
(first Wednesday, resumes in October)
- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (third Wednesday)

### Thursday

- Discovery & Travel Group, 12 noon (second Thursday)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Balkan Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday

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

### Saturday

- Beginner's Mind Yoga, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Please contact the Parish Office for information about changes to this schedule during the summer months.

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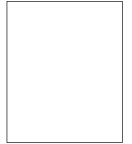
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### MISSION STATEMENT

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 the mission and ministry of this parish.*

*“O worship the Lord in the  
beauty of holiness...”*

*- Psalm 96:9*

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