

# THE REDEEMER SPIRIT June 2009

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

## NOTES FROM DAVID SCHLAFER

### Returning to the *Same Place* in a Very *Different Place*

When first I heard that Susan was planning another sabbatical, my eyes went wide: *Already? Didn't she just get back from one of those?* The calendar proved me wrong, of course—it has been six years (though it seems in some ways like only one). Time flies when you're having fun! What a fascinating six year cycle it has been—how much we have now that we didn't have when she last took leave:

- A magnificent pipe organ (for years only a gleam in Michael Hart's imagination).
- A splendidly appointed music room, and two well out-fitted staff offices.
- A fresher looking, more versatile parish hall (that Alice Despard keeps tweaking toward perfection).
- An attractively refurbished rectory (for years in serious need of extensive repair).
- All kinds of behind the scenes repairs (some literally "underground"), ranging on a scale between "necessary" and "urgent."
- A second set of steps, a new sign, graceful landscaping—and the immanent prospect of a memorial garden.

Is that a complete list of physical changes? Probably not! It's just the list that springs immediately to mind. These changes are symbols of other gifts "that keep on giving," many of which these physical changes have helped along:

- Two first-rate choirs that consistently sing us to the gates of heaven; a summer music camp that brings together children from across the city; and a concert series that brings world class artists right into the neighborhood.
- Expanded outreach efforts that engage the human needs of those who live next door, and half-way around the world.
- New education programs for children, young people, and adults that engage critical life issues through the lens of faith, and a regular, thoughtful program of community-building activities for the youth.
- A deepening sense of identity as a Faith Community that is becoming progressively stronger at its center and more spacious at its circumference.
- Lots more people involved in many more activities that are strategically and systematically planned for. No longer do a faithful few have to lurch from one "big push" to the next.

And then there are the new people—oh, my goodness, how many new people! Six years ago, we could go for a number of Sundays without seeing new faces. Now, not a Sunday goes by without visitors—some passing through, others looking for a church to embrace as home. Newcomers are being more intentionally and warmly welcomed than ever before. And, beyond the Rector and her Priest Associate, we have a parish staff that has not just "turned over," but dramatically expanded in size and professional energy:

- Angela Beckman—who with sparkling efficiency, places "ministry" at the center of her administrative role.
- Alice Despard—who takes up, with cheerful savvy, the down to earth dimensions of tending Sacred Space.
- Tom Smith—whose graceful artistry shapes exquisite music as eloquent prayer (not as a solo performer, but as the convener of an ever-increasing chorus of witnesses).
- Robin Gulick—whose infectious energy and compassionate interest shape a welcoming conversation space for God's children of all ages.

All of these are fresh gifts from God's Spirit since Susan's last sabbatical. We come back to this place at a very different place. It is a mark point that enables us to take the measure of riches we could not possibly have imagined. Redeemer seemed a quiet, cozy little place last time I stepped up to serve as a stand in for Susan. Now it is a humming, bursting-out-all-over place. Last time, the task felt, at once, a little low key and a bit lonely—something of a "hold down the fort till the leader returns" operation. Now nobody could "hold down" Redeemer if they tried. (And who would have the slightest interest in doing that?)

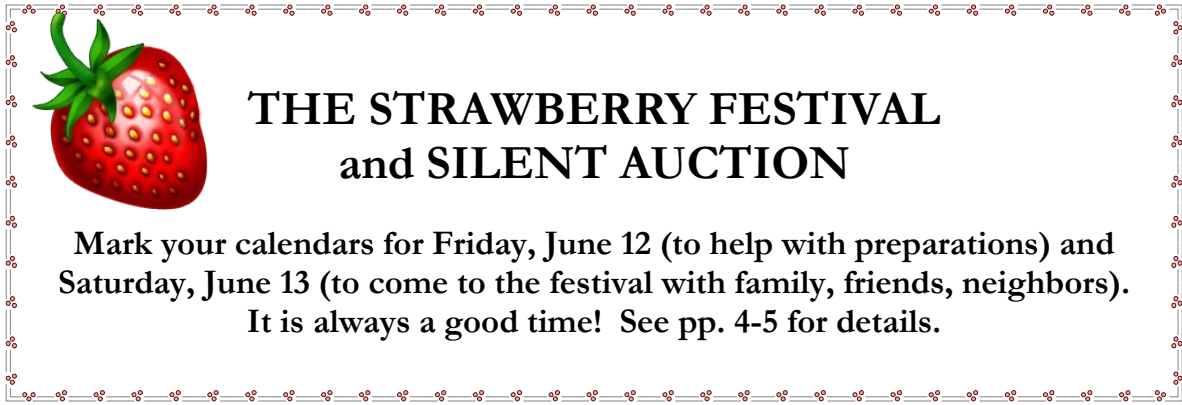
In and through all these striking changes over the last six years, there has been a broadening and a deepening in our communal understanding of "leadership." St. Paul named that well: "many members—one body—different gifts."

The point of all this remembering is to set loose further dreaming. If God can work such wonders among us in the space of six short years, where might we be, by grace, six years hence? The very question can take the breath away! May God grant Susan a deeply refreshing sabbatical. The chances are she will need the rest for wherever it is that God has brought us by the time that she gets back!

David Schlafer  
Priest Associate



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL  
and SILENT AUCTION**

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 12 (to help with preparations) and Saturday, June 13 (to come to the festival with family, friends, neighbors). It is always a good time! See pp. 4-5 for details.

## JUNE EVENTS

### Monday, June 1

- Taizé Service of Prayer & Meditation, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, June 7

- Adult Education Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., p. 3

### Friday, June 12

- Strawberry Festival Preparations, p. 5

### Saturday, June 13

- Beth O'Callaghan Ordination, 10:00 a.m. (Washington National Cathedral)
- Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., pp. 4-5

### Wednesday, June 17

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, June 21

- Father's Day Toiletries Drive for Samaritan Ministry, p. 8
- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., p. 7

## JULY/AUGUST UPCOMING

### Monday, July 13—Friday, July 17

- Summer Music Camp, p. 7

### Wednesday, July 15

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 19

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## GRADUATIONS

### Congratulations to:

- Valerie Hayes and Beth O'Callaghan who graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary, May 21.
- Education for Ministry (EfM) graduates Jo Barclay-Beard, Jo Campa, Chrissy de Fontenay, Clarice Leslie and James Stuart upon their completion of the four year EfM course on May 31.
- High School graduates: Jordan Avery from Walt Whitman and headed to Drew University; Andy Berry from Walt Whitman and headed to Yale; Jessica Huey from Walt Whitman and headed to SUNY Binghamton; Jessica Jones from St. Andrew's School and headed to Smith College; Kate Raber from The Bullis School and headed to Case Western Reserve University.
- College graduate: Josie Jones from Boston University and headed to graduate school at Sotheby's, NY, to study art history and business.

## SUMMER GARDENING



To keep the gardens in good shape, anyone can join Frank Anderson and Susan Graham (Fitzgerald) on Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m. We promise it really is just one hour! No skills are needed—beginner to proficient gardeners are all welcome.

We will water, weed, plant and do general upkeep. The work is fun; the company congenial. Consider dropping by whenever you can; you don't need to make a summer-long commitment.

Meredith Griggs  
*Junior Warden/Buildings & Grounds*



## APRIL VESTRY

### Music Program

Tom Smith, Director of Music, expressed the need to recruit students for the Redeemer Summer Music Camp, July 13—17. Tom is planning the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Music Season and is billing it as such. The season will include some choral music groups. He also expressed a good dilemma: the expanding choir ran out of chairs on Sunday, May 10.

### Wedding and Reception Fees

A revised fee schedule for weddings and wedding receptions was presented to the Vestry. The motion to update the fees was moved, seconded, and passed.

### Committees

Jack Hutchings presented materials for discussion regarding the formation of committees at Redeemer, one of the Vestry goals for 2009, and a crucial component for anticipated expansion as the parish grows. Strong committees can share the weight of parish activity. There are committees of the Vestry and committees of the Rector, and the Rector can appoint other committees. The Rev. Susan Burns reported that there is nothing in our by-laws specifying certain committees. It was suggested that every committee have a Vestry member or Vestry liaison as a member. Jack recommended recruiting for committee members over the summer before the stewardship season begins. He had an orange flyer with committee information that committee chairs need to update for newcomers and for the fall stewardship campaign. It was suggested that committee member names be added to the flyer and that meeting times be advertised more fully.

### Buildings and Grounds

Meredith Griggs, junior warden and head of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, reported that there are some expenses coming up: the repair of a broken railing; Leaf Grow for the gardens; a small amount of money on perennials; and a sizable expense—the repair of the outdoor choir stairs which Alice Despard, our sexton, has valiantly been patching. Meredith stated that the estimates for humidifying the nave have not yet been received but the expense will be sizeable.

### Appreciation Expressed to our Rector

The Vestry wished The Reverend Burns a restful and enriching sabbatical. Members also thanked her for her careful and thorough organization in response to anticipated parish needs in her absence.

Cynthia Winder  
*Recording Secretary*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2009	Year to Date			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	2008 Budget
Pledges*	\$178,659	\$180,640	(\$2,071)	\$410,000
Total Ordinary Income	\$207,746	\$200,158	\$7,588	\$501,087
Expenses	\$171,948	\$169,879	\$2,069	\$524,675
Net Ordinary Income	\$35,798	\$30,279	\$5,518	(\$23,589)

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

Lois Burleigh  
*Assistant Treasurer*

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

### Sunday, May 31—A Proper Observance of Memorial Day

On *Sunday, May 31*, Redeemer invites all those who have a story to share from serving our country to do so at the Adult Forum. Denny Shaw, a combat veteran, will lead the forum. He asks participants to consider: What impact did war have on your faith in God? What was the importance of prayer during your time of service? What did you learn from your military experience? What can we do today to help prevent future wars?

### Living the Questions—Thank you

Thank you to those who have led the various sessions of the *Living the Questions* series from September to May. The series has enabled us to look deeper at our faith and to ask and explore many important questions.

### Summer Break

The Adult Education Forum on May 31 is our last until September. The Adult Education Committee will meet on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 p.m. at the church (sandwiches will be provided). We will review the past 9 months and begin our planning for the Fall.

Lois Burleigh  
*Adult Education*

## ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Formation in faith is a lifelong process. As you have come to feel at home at Redeemer or drawn toward fuller relationship with God, perhaps you would now like to explore your faith more deeply. A class for adults interested in preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows started on Tuesday, May 19. It will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m., through October 20. The next class is on Tuesday, June 16, and you are still welcome to join us. To join the class or for more information, contact The Rev. Robin Gulick at [revrobingulick@verizon.net](mailto:revrobingulick@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

### Summer Sundays

Church School and Nursery will continue through the summer for the Intermediate Class and younger children. Steve Gibson would welcome volunteers to assist with the Intermediate class (current 4th through 6th graders). The current Godly Play groups (age 3 through 3rd grade) will become a combined class over the summer, beginning on Sunday, June 21, and continuing through Labor Day weekend. We would love to have a team of 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.

### Helping with Church School

Summer Sundays is a great opportunity to try your hand at the infinitely delightful and rewarding ministry of sharing faith and wonder with our youngest parishioners. Middle and High Schoolers are invited and encouraged to sign up, along with adults, to help with classes during the service this summer. Please let Robin ([revrobingulick@verizon.net](mailto:revrobingulick@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770) know if you are interested and she will connect you with the teacher in charge, or you can sign up on the Sign-Up board in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to sign up for one week or several.



## SILENT AUCTION

### Have You Donated Yet to the Silent Auction?

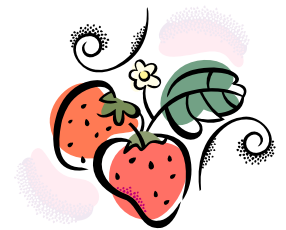
It's not too late to donate to our Silent Auction if you contact Susan Vogele ([sigvperu@yahoo.com](mailto:sigvperu@yahoo.com), 301-299-2010) or Cindy Winder ([cwwinder@yahoo.com](mailto:cwwinder@yahoo.com), 301-229-9093). We need to hear from you by noon on Sunday, May 31, in order to include your item in the catalog. On Sunday, June 7, you will have a copy of the catalog in your hands so that you can start planning your strategy for bidding on your favorite items. The range of choices this year is fabulous! You can choose from our classic dinner offerings—French, Asian, or anything in between. You can take advantage of overnight babysitting, buy some original artwork, or plan your stay at one of several vacation homes. Additionally, we have a varied list of requests (from photo scanning to line dancing) in our new "If Only..." category and you may just be that perfect person to fill the need.

If you have already agreed to donate one or more items, we thank you. We would appreciate your bringing your donations to the Parish Hall on Thursday, June 11, 7-9 p.m., Friday, June 12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., or by special arrangement. Thank you and have a fun time at the Strawberry Festival.

### How to Sponsor the Silent Auction

If you would like to support the Silent Auction, but are unable to donate an item or service, you can do so by making a cash donation. Please make the check out to The Church of the Redeemer, with "Silent Auction" on the memo line. You may put it in the plate on Sunday or leave it in the church office. Silent Auction Sponsors will be listed in the catalogue, which will be distributed at church on June 8. Thank you.

Susan Vogele and Cindy Winder  
*Co-Chairs, Silent Auction*



## NEW MEMBERS



We welcome as new registered members of Redeemer:

John & Ann Harbeson  
Scott Williams

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



**We Need You for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival**

**We especially need volunteers for the afternoon and evening hours the week of the festival to help with the White Elephant, the Boutique and the Silent Auction. Contact Jefferson Arrington at 240-417-9990 or jefferson7019@aol.com**



### **Friday, June 12th**

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Strawberry picking at Butler's Orchard  
11:00 – 3:00 p.m. Hulling at Clara Barton Center  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Set up at Redeemer

### **Saturday, June 13th**

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Set up at Redeemer  
11:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Strawberry Festival  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Clean up

### **There are lots of opportunities for service:**

Picking (strawberries hand picked by Episcopalians)  
Hulling (Cleaning strawberries with a great group)  
Set-up (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning)  
Book Sales  
White Elephant  
Boutique (clothing sales)  
Bake Sale  
Collectibles  
The Grill (burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks)  
Kids' Games, Face Painting & Moon bounce  
The Kitchen (short cakes and sundaes)  
Silent Auction  
Bankers (Keep track of cash and do the final count)  
Clean up (Saturday afternoon)



### **POST STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COOKOUT**

On Sunday, June 14, we will celebrate the Strawberry Festival with a cookout after church. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and use all the leftover goodies from the day before. So come downstairs for "coffee hour" and have lunch. John Judge and Joelle Morris are in charge, so speak to them if you would like to help out. See you there!



## REDEEMER YOUTH

After my first year spending time working with you all I have learned so much – about who all of you are and what you like or don't like to do, about what you believe about Christian Formation, about how Redeemer operates, and about how the Spirit is very much alive in this place and in our ministries with children and youth. We tried many new things this year (especially around scheduling) and I heard a lot of feedback on what worked and what did not work. Thank you all for your patience over the last year as I came on board!! I have reflected upon and tried to incorporate all of this feedback into a plan for youth programming next year.

In the following notes, I provide some ideas about what we might do next year in—and beyond—Church School. I would really appreciate your continued feedback on these ideas. (Send me an email! Give me a call! Stop me in church!) And, if you are interested in helping out with the youth program, please let me know! Though I tried to be as detailed as I could because I believe the more material to speak from, the better—please know this is a flexible proposal.

### Middle School

Middle School Church School will meet during the church service. We will have four series that will take place over the course of the year. I will need two teachers to commit to each of the series, so I will need eight volunteers total (many hands make light work). However, if volunteers want to do more than one series they are welcomed to do so. Each series will have a theme and corresponding curricula, to be decided on by Robin and the teachers (with input from anyone interested).

Series 1 (Seven Weeks): 9/13; 9/20; 9/27; 10/4; 10/11; 10/18; 10/25

Series 2 (Seven Weeks): 11/8; 11/15; 11/22; 11/29; 12/6; 12/13; 12/20

Series 3 (Eight Weeks): 1/10; 1/17; 1/24; 1/31; 2/7; 2/14; 2/21; 2/28;

Series 4 (Nine Weeks): 3/7; 3/14; 3/21; 4/11; 4/18; 4/25; 5/2; 5/9; 5/16

There will be no Church School offered for middle school students on Nov 1 (All Saints Day); Dec 27 and Jan 2 (Christmas Holiday); March 28 (Palm Sunday), April 4 (Easter); and May 23 (Pentecost).

### High School

There will be no Church School for high school students *during* the church service. This is a change for the congregation and the current high school students. If high school youth do not want to be in church during the entire service, they will be encouraged to lend a hand to the Godly Play

teachers. I believe this is a very age appropriate way for high schoolers to continue in faith formation.

Beginning in September, Church School for *High School* students will take place once a month following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided. We are hoping for a dynamic program that will be focused on preparing high school students for confirmation in the Spring of 2010 at the Washington National Cathedral. For those high school students who have already been confirmed this class will provide an opportunity for them to provide leadership and help accompany their friends on this spiritual journey to confirmation. If they are willing, the students who are already confirmed will work with Robin, James Livingstone (Redeemer's new seminarian), and the teachers to find ways to do some "teaching" of their own! They will not just be sitting through a class they have already been through before!

Because the commitment is for fewer Sundays and the class will take place after church (and we hope to create a wonderful small group) we hope to get two teachers who will volunteer for the entire year.

Possible dates for High School Church School Lunches following 10:30 Service: Fourth Sundays: September 27; October 25; November 22; December—no class; January 24; February 28; March 14 (the 28<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday); April 25; Confirmation at the Cathedral—June 5, 2010.

### Youth Activities

Youth activities/excursions will continue once a month based on the model of "Third Sundays" begun this year. Options for events include horseback riding, kayaking, game night, preparing a Bethesda Cares Dinner, a DC United soccer game, etc.

Dates include: September 20; October 18; November 15; December 20—no activity/Christmas; January 17; February 21; March 21; April 18; and May 16. The schedule of events will be posted later in the summer. Please send me ideas for activities.

As has been the case this past year, parents will be asked to chaperone and provide rides for the events in which they are most interested in participating.

The Rev. Robin Gulick  
*Assistant to the Rector*



## MUSICAL NOTES

### A Word of Thanks

The 2008-09 season of the *Music at Redeemer Series* concluded on Sunday, May 17, with a fabulous performance by NSO cellist Yvonne Caruthers. Before we ease into the lazy days of summer, I would like to thank all who assisted with the planning, publicity and production of this season, especially: Jo Barclay-Beard, Brian Beard, Angela Beckman, Alice Despard, Ben Ivins, Julia Rogers, Patricia Snowden, David Strother, and Toni Strother.

My apology if there others who should be a part of this list!

The 2009-10 season will mark the fifth anniversary of the creation of the *Music at Redeemer Series*. A complete listing of events will be published in July. Please stay tuned for more information.

### Taizé Service of Prayer and Meditation

*Monday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.*

An informal, contemplative service with scripture, icons, incense, silence, and chant accompanied by piano, guitar, and other instruments. This is the final service of the season. Taizé will resume on the first Monday in October.

### Summer Music Camp 2009

It's not too late to register for Summer Music Camp 2009, *Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. to 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 three professional musical educators from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Tuition for the week is \$325. Camp highlights include:

- Utilization of portions of the Orff and Dalcroze methods
- Study of rhythm through motion
- Study of basic vocal production and solfege
- Introduction to reading musical notation
- 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 for those who cannot afford tuition. We hope that your child(ren) will join us for a week of musical learning and fun! For more information, please contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music, at 301-229-3770, or by e-mail at [music.redeemer@verizon.net](mailto:music.redeemer@verizon.net). Deadline for registration is June 15, 2009.

Tom Smith  
*Director of Music*

## NOTES FROM VALERIE

I will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, June 13th at 11:00 a.m., at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Midlothian, VA (2341 Winterfield Road, 804-379-8899); a reception follows. Midlothian is about 120 miles south of Washington, just south and west of Richmond. It would be wonderful to see people from Redeemer at my ordination, but the Strawberry Festival will be in full-swing, so I know that you all will be very busy—and having fun! Also, Beth O'Callaghan's ordination is the same day at the Washington National Cathedral. My thoughts and prayers and best wishes will be with all of you on that day.

After Ordination, I will enjoy some down-time during the summer. I will be a volunteer coach and stroke-and-turn judge for our community swim team. We are looking forward to some vacation time to visit family and friends in Hawaii, Georgia, Michigan and New York. I will also be finding a position as a non-stipendiary deacon assistant at a local parish. Beginning August 24, I will be a Chaplain Resident at Georgetown University Hospital for one year. I look forward to keeping in touch and following is my contact information: 6504 Park View Court, Springfield, VA 22152, 703-399-9062 (cell), [vhayes09@gmail.com](mailto:vhayes09@gmail.com)

May God bless you greatly and delight in all that Redeemer is doing to proclaim the Gospel.

Grace and peace to you always!  
Valerie Hayes

## PASTORAL CARE

The members of the Pastoral Care Committee are:

Kim Barrett	Steve Gibson
Jack Hutchings	Joan Kennedy
Linda Lear	Moses Middleton
Pat Stevens	Peggy Tucker
Cindy Winder	

Jack Hutchings, as the Vestry person responsible for the Pastoral Care Network, serves as committee chair. Cindy Winder is vice chair and secretary. Steve Gibson manages the database. The Committee meets from time to time on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is Sunday, June 21. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome. Any parishioner in need of pastoral care in time of crisis should call the church office at 301-229-3770.

Jack Hutchings  
*Pastoral Care*

## OUTREACH

### **Samaritan Ministry's Food & Toiletries Drives**

Sunday, June 21, is Father's Day and we will collect ready-to-eat food items and personal care items for Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Program as part of the Father's Day Food & Toiletries Drive. These items make a big difference to someone struggling to put their life together or may otherwise do without. If you cannot give items, a monetary donation is most welcome (*please make the check out to Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington and note that it is for the Father's Day drive*). A donation form will be available in the narthex and parish hall and at [www.redeemerbethesda.org](http://www.redeemerbethesda.org).

Thank you to all those who donated items of food and toiletries, as well as monetary donations, to the Mother's Day Drive in May, that also benefits Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Program.

### **Journey to Burundi**

Outreach Committee Chair Clarice Leslie is journeying to Burundi June 1, accompanied by Steve France and his daughter, Marina, to bring some American hope to Hope for Burundi, John-Bosco Hakizimana's communal reforestation and reconciliation project. Mrs. Seconde Hakizimana's work leading a large women's group will also be a primary focus of their visit, along with the Bujumbura side of the Redeemer-Burundi prayer group. They will return June 15 and tell us all about it.

*Outreach Committee*

## SUMMER YOGA

Beginner's Mind Yoga classes, taught by parishioner Alice Despard, will be held throughout the summer, beginning Saturday, July 11 through Saturday, August 29, 9:30-10:45 a.m. Classes will be on a drop-in basis only, at a cost of \$15 per class. Beginners are always welcome.

Summer classes will focus on the fundamentals of yoga practice, introducing and refining the most basic postures, with an emphasis on developing a simple home practice through the summer months. The carefree days of summer offer a perfect opportunity to initiate or deepen your personal yoga practice.

Please contact Alice Despard at 301-802-6836 or [alicedespard@gmail.com](mailto:alicedespard@gmail.com) for more information about summer classes. Alice Despard has been a practitioner of yoga for over a decade, primarily in the B.K.S. lyengar tradition. Alice began teaching hatha yoga two years ago. She believes that "beginner's mind" is a quality to be cultivated always in one's yoga practice.

## LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Worship is at the heart of our life as a parish community. We are currently in need of additional volunteers from the parish to serve as Liturgical Assistants during worship on Sundays and for special services during the year (i.e. Christmas, Holy Week, etc.). Please see below for more information about each of the opportunities for ministry.

Training will be offered as needed. Once trained, volunteers should count on being scheduled to serve two or three times in a twelve-week cycle. If a Liturgical Assistant is unable, for any reason, to serve at his/her assigned liturgy, the Parish Office is happy to find a substitute.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with a member of the clergy, or contact the Parish Office: [office.redeemer@verizon.net](mailto:office.redeemer@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770.

### **Acolyte, Crucifer & Torch Bearer** (*all ages*)

Acolytes assist the celebrant at the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Crucifer carries the cross in procession at the beginning and end of the service. Torchbearers carry the torches in procession for special services.

### **Usher** (*adults and youth*)

Ushers arrive early to greet and assist people as they enter the church. They hand out service leaflets, answer questions of visitors and newcomers, count the number of people in the congregation, collect and present the offering at the offertory, assist parishioners during the administration of Communion, and straighten up the pews after the service. Ushers are often asked to serve at special services such as funerals.

### **Prayers of the People Leader** (*adults*)

At Redeemer, the Prayers of the People are divided into parts so that more than one person can serve as intercessor. The Leader reads his/her portion of the Prayers from the Lectern. Two or three others, chosen by the head usher, read from the pews.

### **Chalice Bearer** (*adults and high school students*)

Chalice bearers are licensed by the Bishop to administer the consecrated wine (or grape juice) during the Eucharist.

### **Greeter** (*all ages*)

Greeters welcome visitors and newcomers as they leave after the service. Greeters may also introduce visitors and newcomers to parishioners at Coffee Hour.

### **Counters** (*adults*)

As the title implies, Counters count plate offerings and pledge payments, and prepare bank deposits after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist each Sunday (and after certain special services). The Counting, which is done in teams of two, usually takes about 30-45 minutes.

## SUMMER READING LIST



For your summer reading enjoyment, Redeemer parishioners and staff have the following suggestions:

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows. A wonderful read and a triumph as an epistolary novel. (Linda Lear)

*The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski and *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway. (Mary Ellen Signorille)

*Philosophy Made Simple: A Novel* by Robert Hellenga. (Susan Burns)

*House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street* by William D. Cohan. If you want to understand what happened on Wall Street and get educated for the future, this is the book to read. (Angela Beckman)

*The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. A wonderful, personal account in three voices of their interfaith dialogue and friendship. (Dominique Rychlik)

*The Snake Tree* by Uwe Timm. (Huda Kraske)

*Dreams of My Father* by Barack Obama. Honest, articulate and dynamic; and *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga, despite being about corruption and the caste system in India, this book manages to make one laugh. (Redeemer's Book Club)

*Troublesome Young Men: The Rebels Who Brought Churchill to Power and Helped Save England* by Lynne Olson. A different and fascinating look at how Winston Churchill came to power in 1940 and English society and politics at that time. (Angela Beckman)

*The Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Teddy Kennedy* by Peter S. Canellos and the Staff of the Boston Globe, captures magnificently the life and historic achievements of Ted Kennedy, as well as the personal redemption that he found. (Bruce McWilliams)

*Adventures of A Bystander* by Peter Drucker. This autobiography goes from Vienna to London to America, weaving together the author's European and American experiences. (John Martinez)

*The King of Madison Avenue, David Ogilvy and the Making of Modern Advertising* by Kenneth Roman. (John Martinez)

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

### Study Theology in University Seminar Offered through The Church of the Redeemer

*Classes begin in early September, 2009*

Adults in the Washington area will be able to study theology, Hebrew and Christian Scriptures and the Judeo-Christian tradition this fall in Education for Ministry (EFM) seminars being held at Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda. New students may enroll for Tuesday evening classes; registration for the university-level program begins this spring. Seminars are limited to "the Biblical 12," and only six spaces are available for this fall, so early registration is essential.

EFM is an extraordinary program established by the University of the South School of Theology more than 30 years ago—worldwide more than 100,000 persons have participated in this program. It offers a comprehensive theological education, the core curriculum of seminary, in four academic years—students register one year at a time and take the summers off. The first instructional year includes origins and Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), the second Christian Scriptures (New Testament), the third Early Church History and the fourth Modern Philosophers and Theologians. Table fellowship, worship in many forms, theological reflection and other practices that foster spiritual development are part of each seminar session.

Church of the Redeemer classes begin about Labor Day. Academic-year tuition is \$340 and very limited partial scholarship assistance may be available. Students earn 18 CEU's for each of the four years in the program. There are no examinations or papers to write, and classes are conducted as seminars, not lectures, with all adult learners participating in the explorations of course content and in leadership. Each session seminar begins with a shared meal and informal conversation. No one is required to dress up.

EFM is excellent for adults in transition, for persons who are exploring the possibilities of a belief system and for those whose solid faith is seeking understanding. Membership in a church, synagogue or mosque is not required. Differences among students are honored, which permits discussion and discovery of truth. Respect for colleagues is a core value.

For an information packet, contact Jo Barclay-Beard: 301 593-5993, or email [jobbeard@yahoo.com](mailto:jobbeard@yahoo.com).



## RECTOR'S SABBATICAL: NUTS & BOLTS

Here are some practical notes about what will be happening at Redeemer while the Rector is on sabbatical, May 15-August 16:

**Sunday Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.:** The Rev. Robin Gulick and The Rev. Dr. David Schlafer will share the duties of celebrating and preaching.

**Wednesday Noon Eucharist and Third Monday Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist:** Both will continue through the summer.

**Clergy Office Hours:** Robin Gulick's office hours will continue to be Tuesday afternoons and all day on Wednesdays. David Schlafer will not be holding regular office hours at Redeemer, 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, 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* p. 10).

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

**Canonical Authority:** In the Rector's absence, the Senior and/or Junior Wardens are the canonical authority in the parish; that is, they make the "big decisions" (*e.g.*, make policy, sign contracts, etc.) with the advice, of course, of the Vestry, staff and congregation, where appropriate.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

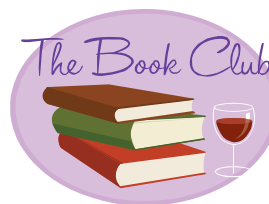
Janice Huey	Linda Manning
Matthew Arrington	Emily Downer
Toby Kinnahan	Kukula Glastris
Odette Dashner	Tim Kitchen
Susan Ingraham	Veronica Sherrard
Dean Cinkala	Chris Burns
Jacqueline Hull	Zac Nachbar
Jack Rabner	Dee Beilstein

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Len & Eileen Mitchard  
David Schlafer & Peggy Tucker  
Bill & Joanne Bowman



## BOOK CLUB



The Book Club's is reading John Steinbeck's *The Winter of Our Discontent*, which won the Nobel Prize in 1962. Steinbeck's last novel, the book examines materialism in American life and its relationship to moral decline. One reviewer has called it "a fascinating and disturbing book, uncomfortably close to the challenge the average man faces in today's materialistic world." In a recent *Washington Post* article, Rachel Day names it "a book we should be reading now." The Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 8, 3:00 p.m., at Marcy & Bob Dresser's. Questions: contact Huda Kraske at 301-656-2087.

## WEEKLY AT REDEEMER

### Sunday

- The 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
- 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*)
- 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.  
(*will resume 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*)
- 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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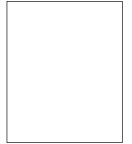
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We are called as a loving community of faith to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action, and to welcome all people who seek a deeper knowledge of God. We will achieve our mission by striving to create a vibrant, focused and growing 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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