

THE REDEEMER SPIRIT OCTOBER 2010

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NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

Sunday, October 10 marks the beginning of Redeemer's 2011 Stewardship Campaign. As we enter stewardship season, you will read and hear many thoughts about stewardship; I have a few of my own. First, stewardship is not a season; it is not giving to a church budget or even pledging our time and talent to volunteer in the parish. Stewardship is how we care for and use everything we have – not only money and property, but also the time we are given each day, our innate gifts and talents, skills we have developed, education we have received, our bodies, and our relationships with others, with creation, and with God.

The starting point of the theology of stewardship is that everything in creation belongs to God the Creator. We belong to God. In the biblical account of creation, the Lord entrusted the earth and every living creature to Adam to care for. God made human beings stewards. A good steward is mindful of the resources entrusted to him or her, and treats them with care and reverence. The people and things in our lives belong to God. The discipline of stewardship is to remember this and honor or use them for the well-being of all God's children.

I give for many reasons. There is joy in giving, plain and simple. I also give away a significant portion of what I have because I need to. Paradoxically, if I try to hold on to money, people, or things, they end up controlling me. I need to let go and give freely – particularly money, which is such a powerful idol in our culture and so easily becomes our central concern. Whether you choose to give to The Church of the Redeemer – as your Vestry, Stewardship Committee and I hope you will – and/or to charities – as we also hope you will – I encourage you to give generously. I encourage you to give generously enough to loosen mammon's grip, because your spiritual health and the world's well-being depend on it.

The Reverend Susan Burns
Rector



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Stewardship 2010 and 2011

We will launch the 2011 Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 10. The campaign has been masterfully organized by Steve Gibson and Howard Wolf-Rodda, and features an informative brochure (coming soon) which captures the essence of what makes Redeemer special, while also explaining what that costs, hence why your pledge is so important. Obviously, our stewardship campaign is absolutely critical to keeping Redeemer and all its wonderful ministries and programs up and running next year.

In the background of the 2011 Stewardship Campaign, rising in volume as we approach December, will be the critical last burst of attention to this year's Stewardship Campaign and operating budget. While the juxtaposition of two campaigns may be confusing, the fact is we still need to close the gap between income and expenses over the past year. It's not that your Vestry is composed of profligate spenders; in fact, a major chunk of Redeemer's annual budget isn't really "discretionary." Salaries and mortgage expenses, after all, aren't very negotiable, and building upkeep is deferrable only at great risk. Try as we do to hold costs down (while keeping programs up), we often begin our budget year with a deficit.

This past year was no exception, and upkeep costs actually rose during the year. So please remember to complete your 2010 pledge if you haven't already, and if the year has been kind to you, I'd ask you to share some of that blessing with Redeemer – which is, I think you'd agree, the source of so many blessings in our lives.

Tom McNaugher
Senior Warden



OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 3/Pentecost 19

- Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 p.m. (*see below*)

Monday, October 4

- Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

Tuesday, October 5

- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., p. 3

Sunday, October 10/Pentecost 20: Stewardship Sunday

- Stewardship Brunch, 12 noon, p. 4

Tuesday, October 12

- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 17/Pentecost 21

- Newcomers' Reception, 3:30 p.m.
- *Modern Classics*: Music for Two Sopranos, 5:00 p.m., p. 6

Monday, October 18

- A Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19

- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 23

- Church School Bonfire/Cookout, 5:00 p.m., p. 8

Sunday, October 24/Pentecost 22

- Liturgy for the Welcome of New Members, 10:30 a.m.
- Congregational Rehearsal of *Mass of the Redeemer*, 12:30 p.m., p. 6
- Help the Homeless Mini-walk, 1:00 p.m., p. 8

Tuesday, October 26

- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 29

- Diocesan Lock-in for Middle & High School Youth at Washington National Cathedral, p. 8

Sunday, October 31/Pentecost 23

- Congregational Rehearsal of *Mass of the Redeemer*, 9:45 a.m., p. 6
- Choral Eucharist with Premiere of *Mass of the Redeemer* by Martin Neary, 10:30 a.m., p. 6
- Solemn Requiem Mass (Fauré) with Martin Neary, *guest conductor*, 5:00 p.m., p. 6

NOVEMBER UPCOMING

Monday, November 1/All Saints' Day

- Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

Sunday, November 7/All Saints' Sunday: Pledge Sunday

- Daylight Savings Time ends; turn clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

Saturday, November 13

- Fall Grounds Clean-up, 9:00 a.m., p. 7

Sunday, November 14/Pentecost 25

- Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert, 5:00 p.m., p. 6

Monday, November 15

- A Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 20


- Celebrate Redeemer Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 25/Thanksgiving Day

- Parish Office closed

Sunday, November 28/Advent 1

- Advent Wreath-Making, 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
- Bethesda Cares Dinner Preparation, 4:00 p.m.



**THE BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**

*Sunday, October 3
1:00 p.m.*

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors
and their furred, feathered, and scaled
companions. All are welcome!

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), we will gather on the church lawn at 1:00 p.m. to bless animals of all kinds. Treats for all of God's creatures – two and four legged – will be provided. If you are bringing a creature with no legs at all, please contact the Rector to let her know what kind of treats it enjoys. Dogs on leashes, please; other creatures appropriately and safely contained.

WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARIST



Redeemer's best kept secret may be the Wednesday Noon Eucharist – except that it's on the calendar every week, so not a secret at all. What many people don't know, however, is what keeps the small congregation of regular attendees coming back week after week. To participate in the Holy Eucharist mid-week is a profound experience; it creates a space to reorient oneself toward God. This service is a restful and peaceful time; it nurtures and centers the soul. The homily at noon on Wednesdays is a conversation about the readings, begun by the preacher for the coming Sunday and carried forward by all present.

Angela Beckman writes, "Sitting together in front of the altar creates an intimate, quiet setting for this special mid-week service. For me, the service is an opportunity to center myself, regardless of what may await me in the office, and to listen to God. The discussions are insightful, and increase my appreciation and understanding of the week's Scripture and the Sunday sermon."

Jack Hutchings, a regular participant, says, "We may receive a sort of sneak preview into the following Sunday's sermon, but the discussion usually is only a starting point, with considerable transformation occurring by Sunday morning."

For Patricia Snowden, "Midweek Eucharist has become an essential part of my spiritual life. It is a holy pause in the hectic pace of the week, a time of reflection and refreshment. The intimacy of the gathering at the altar and the consideration of the scripture readings combine to enrich my life in the faith and strengthen me in the path I endeavor to follow."

Linda Lear finds that the wonderful conversation about the readings is a very intimate sort of "Bible Study" where we not only learn more about the passages upon which the homily will be based, but we are allowed to ask questions and to be involved in a group interpretation of the Scripture. It's a privilege as well as pleasure to contribute and it's a wonderful time for meditation.

The Rev. Susan Burns

THE REV. WILLIAM MILLER-COULTER

The Reverend William John Miller-Coulter served as Rector of The Church of the Redeemer from August 1952 to January 1956. He was the second Rector after Redeemer moved from mission to parish status, and his family was the first to live in the rectory. Mr. Miller-Coulter died in May of this year. Following his funeral in southern Maryland, one of his three daughters knocked on the rectory door hoping she might have a look at the new church. The Rector was happy to oblige, and greatly enjoyed showing Janet Coulter around and sharing news of our flourishing parish. Janet, in turn, shared stories of growing up with her sisters in the rectory, including listening to the shrieks of the roller coaster riders in Glen Echo Park.

Janet and her sisters, Ann and Lois, will join us for the Noon Eucharist on Wednesday, October 13. Following the liturgy, Mr. William-Coulter's ashes will be interred in the columbarium. All are welcome and encouraged to be part of this celebration of his life and the profoundly moving connection with Redeemer's past.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Bible Study at Redeemer

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

A new eight-week Bible study, begun on Tuesday, September 28, is being led by Seminarian James Livingston, using the Bible Work Bench series as a way to understand weekly texts and allow for an open and inviting discussion. There are many subtle layers to the scripture readings, revealing to us the mystery of God. Each week we will look at one of the Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday and discuss how the scriptures are speaking to us today. Please join us in this fruitful venture as we endeavor to enrich our worship by giving of ourselves to the Lord with all our mind, heart and soul. *You are welcome to join us at any time during the series.*



Save the Date: Advent Quiet Day

Saturday, December 11, 2010

Redeemer's first Advent Quiet Day, an opportunity to enrich our preparation for the holy day of Christmas, will take place on December 11. The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, Rector of St Alban's Parish for 22 years (1983-2005), has agreed to lead us. *Please save this date on your calendars!*

Frances Sharon
Spiritual Life

STEWARDSHIP 2011

Stewardship Campaign Brunch

Sunday, October 10, 12 noon

The 2011 Stewardship Campaign will begin with brunch in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 10, following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. All are encouraged to attend. The brunch is an opportunity for parishioners to discuss the meaning of stewardship and the needs and hopes for Redeemer's future in 2011.

Stewardship packets will be distributed on Sunday, October 10. If you would like a sneak preview of this year's brochure, or if you would like to learn more about Stewardship at Redeemer, please visit the Stewardship page of the Parish website: www.redeemberbethesda.org. All Stewardship materials have been uploaded.

Time & Talent Opportunities

Thanks to all who helped set-up and manage the Time & Talent Fair on Sunday, September 26, and to those parishioners who signed up to participate in one or more of Redeemer's many ministries and programs.

If you were unable to attend or sign up, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the Time & Talent leaflet in the Parish Hall. Time & Talent opportunities include participation in any of the following ministries through committee membership, and/or leading or helping with a variety of activities and events:

- Worship & Music
- Christian Formation for Adults
- Christian Formation for Children/Youth
- Spiritual Life
- Newcomers & Membership
- Outreach
- Pastoral Care
- Parish Life
- Buildings & Grounds
- Stewardship & Finance
- Vestry
- Administration

To learn more, please contact The Rev. Susan Burns, The Rev. Robin Gulick, Tom Smith (*Director of Music*), or the appropriate Vestry person (*listed on p. 15 of this newsletter*). You are also welcome to contact the Parish Office.

Steve Gibson and Howard Wolf-Rodda
Co-chairs, 2011 Stewardship Campaign

PLEDGING FAQ

What is a stewardship pledge?

A stewardship pledge is a commitment, made after deliberate and prayerful consideration, to contribute a specific amount of money to the parish community. It is a reflection of your gratitude for God's abundant grace in your life. Pledging enables the Vestry to make realistic budget projections for the coming calendar year. We hope that all households will make a stewardship pledge – even if it is only a small amount per week – as an expression of a vital commitment to the parish.

How are stewardship pledges used?

Pledges are Redeemer's primary source of income, covering 75% of the budget in 2010. Other sources of income include the Strawberry Festival, special events and services, rental income, and plate offerings. In 2010, 55% of the budget went to personnel costs, 26% to maintenance and operations, 13% to programs (including outreach), and 6% to the Diocese. We hope that Redeemer will be able to employ The Rev. Robin Gulick, *Assistant to the Rector*, full-time beginning in July 2011. In considering your pledge, we encourage you to reflect on the gifts Robin brings to Redeemer and the many ways in which the parish community and wider Church would benefit from her full-time presence among us.

How much should I pledge?

The traditional guideline in The Episcopal Church, based on scripture, is the tithe, a pledge of one-tenth of household income. For many, the tithe is a goal to work toward through yearly increases in their pledge. In 2010, the average pledge was \$3,717; the distribution of pledges was as follows:

Pledge Amount	# of Pledges	% of Total
\$10,000 and above	9	8
\$7,500 – \$9,999	5	4
\$5,000 – \$7,499	7	6
\$3000 – \$4,999	23	19
\$2,000 – \$2,999	27	22
\$1,000 – \$1,999	35	29
Under \$1,000	14	12

When are pledges and payments made?

The Vestry asks all households to pledge by Sunday, November 7, 2010, *Pledge Sunday*. Pledge payments may be made at any time during the course of the calendar year. Most households choose to make weekly, monthly, or quarterly payments; others pay in one lump sum.

NOTE FROM ROBIN

A Thank You to the Redeemer Community

As you all know, I am getting married to Brian Razzino at the end of October (Yay!!!). Six months ago, we announced our engagement in church and asked for your support as we prepared for our marriage. Since that time, we have truly felt surrounded by your love and prayers. You all have been so generous in offering advice, good wishes, wedding help, and honeymoon suggestions. We look forward to celebrating our marriage with you all on Sunday, November 14, at a special coffee hour. We will have cakes and sparkling juices and hope you will be able to join us. Wesley Price, one of the many talented young people at this parish, has written a piece of music for the occasion (and in celebration of love) and it will be played as the postlude at the 10:30 Eucharist that Sunday. Please come on Sunday, November 14, and let us thank you for your love and support during this time.

The Reverend Robin Gulick
Assistant to the Rector

A THANK YOU FROM ANGELA

Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive." For many of us, the asking is the hard part but Redeemer makes it easy by responding in abundance! Within hours of Susan announcing I was to have hip surgery, several parishioners had loaned me all the special equipment I would need. Others stepped forward to help in the office while I would be away, provide transportation and meals, and assist my brother, Richard, who was coming from England to take care of me for the first week. Jack Hutchings, who has done so much for Redeemer's Pastoral Care ministry, organized a team to meet my post-surgery needs. While I have been away, Tom Smith, whose workload is already very full, blessedly picked up on many of the things I normally do each week.

My heart is filled with gratitude for the prayers that upheld me throughout the operation and recovery, for Susan's keeping you all informed of my progress, for the cards, flowers and phone calls, and for the love that you have shown me. Redeemer is my home in so many ways and I hope that over time I will have opportunities to give as generously to you as you have given to me at this time.

Angela Beckman
Administrative Assistant

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

The Adult Education Forum takes place each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. October's Forum topics are:

Sunday, October 3: *What is Stewardship?*

Steve Gibson, parishioner and co-chair of the 2011 Stewardship Campaign, will lead a discussion on stewardship. What are the characteristics, motives and rewards of good stewardship? What does Scripture tell us? How do we manage what has been entrusted to us in all areas of our lives? Is Redeemer a good steward? Is the government? Are we?

Sunday, October 10: *Open Communion?*

The Reverend Susan Burns will facilitate a discussion on Open Communion: Is baptism still a requirement for receiving Communion in The Episcopal Church? What are the arguments and considerations on both sides of the question?

Sundays, October 17, 24 and November 7: *How can we incorporate interfaith work/experiences into our daily lives?*

Parishioners Dominique and Mike Rychlik lead a three-part series on interfaith issues.

On October 17, Dominique and Mike will detail their family's journey into interfaith work and why this work, particularly with regard to service and youth, is so essential today. They will also provide resources for interfaith experiences.

On October 24, they will discuss Islam, current events, and how to learn more. Why are some topics and current controversies so hard to talk about?

On November 7: In this third session, Dominique and Mike will examine interfaith passages from the various holy books and writings of the Abrahamic faiths and beyond, to show that exploring the commonalities and differences among faith traditions does not necessarily water down our own faith, but can enrich it immeasurably.

NOTE: The Adult Education Forum on *Sunday, October 31* will be replaced with a congregational rehearsal of *Mass of the Redeemer* by Martin Neary. (See page 6 for details.)

Graeme Browning
Adult Education

MUSICAL NOTES

Premiere of New Mass Setting

On Sunday, October 31, during the 10:30 Eucharist, the choirs and congregation will participate in the world premiere of *Mass of the Redeemer*, a new musical setting of the Holy Eucharist composed by Dr. Martin Neary and commissioned by the *Friends of Music at Redeemer*. It is our hope that *Mass of the Redeemer*, the first piece of music ever to be commissioned by this parish, will serve to enhance and enliven worship here at Redeemer and, eventually, throughout the wider Church.

In preparation for the premiere, we are offering two opportunities for Redeemer parishioners to rehearse their part in the new Mass: Sunday, October 24, 12:30 p.m. (following *Coffee Hour*); and Sunday, October 31, 9:45 a.m. (in place of the *Adult Education Forum*). Both sessions will take place in the nave. We hope many parishioners will attend.

Friends of Music at Redeemer

Musical programming at The Church of the Redeemer is underwritten, in part, by the generosity of the Friends of Music at Redeemer, a fundraising effort approved by the Vestry in Fall 2007. Please consider making a contribution to this musical ministry, benefiting both the parish and the wider community. Contribution cards are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. The card may also be downloaded from the music page of the parish website. For more information, please contact Tom Smith: 301-229-3770 or music.redeemer@verizon.net.

Upcoming Musical Events

Taizé Service

Monday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer's service of prayer and meditation in the style of Taizé is held on the first Monday of each month (every Monday in Lent). Taizé is an informal, contemplative service which includes icons, candlelight, incense, silence, and chant-like music accompanied by piano, guitars, and violin. The quiet beauty of Taizé is an ideal way to begin a new week. All are welcome!

Choral Eucharist with Premiere of *Mass of the Redeemer* Sunday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the world premiere of Martin Neary's *Mass of the Redeemer*, a musical setting of the Holy Eucharist for congregation, choirs, and organ, commissioned by the *Friends of Music at Redeemer*. The composer will serve as guest conductor.

Solemn Requiem Mass on the Eve of All Saints' Day

Sunday, October 31, 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Neary, retired Organist & Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, London, leads Redeemer's Adult Choir in a liturgical performance of Gabriel Fauré's sublime setting of the Requiem Mass. The service is offered in memory of deceased members and friends of the parish. *Reception to follow.*

Taizé Service

Monday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert (I)

Sunday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.

The first of Inscape's three all-American programs features Samuel Barber's *Capricorn Concerto*, as well as his ballet suite from *Medea*, originally composed for famed dancer/choreographer Martha Graham. The premiere of composer Justin Boyer's *Symphony: Anthem* completes the program. *Free-will offering. Reception to follow.*

A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

Sunday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.

Modeled after the service held each year at King's College, Cambridge, this festive liturgy, sung by the Adult and Youth Choirs (Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, *guest conductor*), has become a highlight of Redeemer's liturgical cycle. Music includes works by Richard Lloyd, Charles Villiers Stanford, and David Willcocks. *Reception to follow.*

Taizé Service

Monday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.

Tom Smith
Director of Music

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried ALLELUIA! How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound ALLELUIA! So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue, ALLELUIA! And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, ALLELUIA! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always ALLELUIA! Amen.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Redeemer Labyrinth

Water drainage issues in the upper area of the church grounds, between the Main Entry steps and both sides of the Choir steps, have required an adjustment to grading, drainage and excavation plans. The drainage problems could adversely affect the Labyrinth installation in the lower level Columbarium site. Ellen Shillinglaw, a landscape architect, has suggested they be addressed prior to the Labyrinth installation in order to avoid having to tear up the Labyrinth later to solve the drainage issues. We have two revised bids and are awaiting a third from the contractors who bid on the original proposal. Funds for the Labyrinth have been committed by very generous anonymous donors.

During the Vestry approval process, it was decided that the Labyrinth entry point should be shifted slightly toward the sidewalk leading from Dunrobbin Drive to the Parish Hall entrance. This offers Labyrinth walkers a starting view of the church front main entry as well as the cross and will also require less grading on the Dunrobbin Drive side of the site.

When the final bid is received and the contractor selected, Ellen Shillinglaw will draw a plan of the site which will be posted in the Parish Hall.

The St. Paul kit model, provided by The Labyrinth Company, is a seven circuit labyrinth with a diameter of 27 feet. The Chartres range of labyrinths is based on the design of the original in Chartres Cathedral. The pathways will be made of dark charcoal color pavers and the background of lighter buff color pavers.

Columbarium Memorial Wall

The wall installation is complete, with the exception of "Redeemer Memorial Wall" which will be engraved on the wall's marble header. It is an excellent compliment to the Columbarium niches with its black granite plaques, which are available for engraving. There is space for the burial of bio-degradable ash containers at the base of the wall. Many thanks to the anonymous donor (*see p. 8 for more information on the Memorial Wall.*).

HVAC Renovation

Two contractors have responded with widely diverse bids. A third met with some members of B&G on Tuesday, September 21, to discuss his ideas for modifying the proposal to reduce the cost. Next, we will discuss the cost issue and possibilities available with our independent mechanical engineer. More to come.

Water Problems

The immediate water problem, reported in last month's newsletter, of water leaking into a large Pepco electrical box through an underground conduit with potential to cause very serious problems, has been solved at a cost of \$1,950. Other water problems in the front of the church should be solved with the proposed re-grading and excavating mentioned above.



Gardening

Fall Garden Cleanup Day, Saturday, November 13, starting at 9:00 a.m. (Rain date: Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m.)
Please add this date to your calendars:

Thanks in part to donations to the B&G budget, designated for garden care, and careful spending through the year, the B&G gardens budget is in fair shape. As the gardens have grown in size and beauty, they require more work, often beyond the capabilities of our hard working volunteers. Susan Graham Fitzgerald is looking for reasonably priced garden help and has found a good candidate who has earlier experience at Redeemer and is known for his good work.

Frank Anderson, who has contributed so much to Redeemer gardens, and Peter Carlson suggest that we ask parishioners who have garden tools which they no longer use, to please donate them to Redeemer in order to build up our small inventory of garden equipment.

Peter Kendall

Junior Warden/Chair, Buildings & Grounds

PERSONAL NOTES

We offer heartfelt congratulations to:

Annie Winder, daughter of Cindy Winder, and Christopher Burns, son of Susan Burns, on the blessing of their marriage on Friday, September 24.

Parishioners Julie La and Sean Orban on the celebration and blessing of their marriage on Saturday, October 2.

Frances Sharon on the birth of twin granddaughters, Alexis and Campbell, daughters of Edward and Linda.

Jo Campa on the birth of her great-nephew, Richard Moyer.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Church School Cookout & Bonfire at the Home of Cathy and Jefferson Arrington

Saturday, October 23

All Redeemer Church School children/youth, families, teachers, volunteers, and others with a heart for children/youth are invited to a cookout and bonfire Saturday, October 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m., in "The Valley" (between Braeburn and Owen Places in Bannockburn), behind the home of parishioners Cathy & Jefferson Arrington. There will be plenty of food (hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, etc.), fellowship, and fire! Weather conditions permitting, we will light the bonfire and make S'mores. Please bring flashlights and, if you think you will need them, blankets and/or chairs. Parking is very limited so please car pool from the church or park at the Bannockburn pool and walk down to "The Valley". Please RSVP to Robin: revrobingulick@verizon.net

Help-the-Homeless Mini Walk

Sunday, October 24

On October 24, at 1:00 p.m., we will gather as a community and walk for the homeless. The walk from Redeemer to the one lane bridge and back usually lasts about 25 to 30 minutes. Last year, the Washington Metro region helped raise \$5.8 million for 134 regional non-profit organizations serving people who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. As has been the case in the past, our walk benefits Samaritan Ministry. Please join us for this important outreach ministry opportunity. The registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (25 years old and younger).

Lock-in at Washington National Cathedral

Friday-Saturday, October 29-30

The Cathedral Lock-in is much earlier this year. I need to have registration forms and checks (cost is \$40 a person) by **Sunday, October 3**. The spaces usually fill up before the deadline (October 15) and I want to make sure Redeemer youth can participate. I will need at least one adult per six children, so likely will need TWO adult chaperones (always best to have one woman and one man). Please let me know right away if your child is interested and also whether or not you can chaperone. The Lock-in is for youth in grades 6 through 12.

The Rev. Robin Gulick
Assistant to the Rector

TREASURER'S NOTE

Gifts of Marketable Securities

It is possible to give Redeemer marketable securities as either a gift or in payment towards your pledge. There are tax advantages to giving securities that have appreciated in value. The donor receives a tax deduction for the market value of the securities when given to the church, thus eliminating any tax on the gains.

Redeemer is now using Schwab for these transactions (we no longer use Bank of America/Merrill Lynch). If you intend to give marketable securities to Redeemer, *please contact the Parish Office before making the donation* to be sure you have the correct transfer information and so that you receive proper credit for your donation. Thank you.

Gary Hacker
Treasurer

COLUMBARIUM MEMORIAL WALL

Memorial Wall and In-Ground Burial

You may have noticed the new granite-faced wall to the right of the columbarium steps. This is where names of parishioners who are or will be buried elsewhere may be inscribed. In addition, the area at the base of the wall has been set aside for in-ground burial of ashes in biodegradable containers; the ground will be consecrated at the time of the first burial.

The Vestry has set the parameters for burials and memorial inscriptions. Ordinarily, those buried or memorialized, will be canonical members of Redeemer – that is, baptized persons whose names are entered in the parish register. Also eligible for burial or memorial inscriptions are spouses, domestic partners, parents or offspring of canonical members. The parish may from time to time set aside a limited number of memorial plaques for non-canonical members, at the discretion of the Rector with the advice and consent of the Vestry.

If you would like to reserve a plaque for yourself for the future, or for a family member or other Redeemer parishioner already buried elsewhere, there are forms and more information in the Parish Office. The cost of a memorial inscription is \$350; the cost of burial and a memorial inscription is \$750.

AUGUST VESTRY REPORT

Rector's Report

Susan Burns displayed a proposed gift from Patricia Snowden: a beautiful lithograph of Noah's Ark by the Japanese printmaker Watanabe Sadao (1913-1996). A motion to accept the gift on behalf of the parish was passed. Susan thanked Jack Hutchings, head of the Pastoral Care Committee, for the upcoming care he has arranged for Angela Beckman during her recovery from hip-replacement surgery in September.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hacker reported that money will be needed before the end of the year to balance the 2010 budget. He anticipates that in November Redeemer will hit a financial crunch and may not be able to pay all bills, with a budget shortfall of about \$40,000. Gary noted that in past years we have had wonderful donations at Christmas that have helped to cover any deficits. After the main phase of the 2011 Stewardship Campaign (October 10 – November 7), the Vestry will return in December to focus on the 2010 budget situation. If the situation is dire, the Finance Committee would meet before the Vestry assemblies.

Report from the Assistant to the Rector

Robin Gulick has made arrangements in the Redeemer calendar for Confirmation classes for youth, youth activities, a bonfire for young people and parents on October 23, and organized church school teachers for the entire year.

Spiritual Life Report

Frances Sharon, Vestry member for Spiritual Life, happily announced that The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, Rector of St. Alban's Parish for 22 years, has agreed to lead the December 11 Advent Quiet Day at Redeemer. The Committee is considering other programs for the Fall, as well as for Lent 2011, and a possible parish retreat in the Fall of 2011.

New Computers

On behalf of the parish, the Vestry thanked Gary Hacker, Tom Smith, and Tom Rogers for their time and effort acquiring new computers for the staff, and extended their thanks to Graeme Browning for her time and research earlier in the project.

Buildings & Grounds Report

Peter Kendall, Junior Warden and Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, distributed a written report. The Vestry approved the entrance point into the labyrinth from a short extension of the present church sidewalk, at the street

side of the labyrinth. Three bids for installation and construction of the labyrinth are expected. Drainage from the labyrinth is an important issue.

Other B&G topics discussed included the Columbarium Memorial Wall, grading around the choir steps, the wireless amplification system, garden help, and HVAC/humidification. (*More information on these items can be found in the Buildings & Grounds report on p. 7 of this newsletter.*)

Stewardship

Tom McNaugher stated that the Stewardship Campaign 2011 is in the capable hands of Steve Gibson and Howard Wolf-Rodda. The schedule for the campaign is: Time & Talent Fair, Sunday, September 26; Stewardship Brunch, Sunday, October 10; and Pledge Sunday, November 7.

Memorial Wall Documents

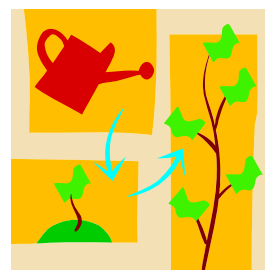
Based upon the language of the Columbarium documents, copies of the Memorial Wall documents were circulated and approved.

Other Business

Clergy Burnout and Vestry Responsibility

Jack Hutchings cited a series of articles concerning clergy burnout. A principal cause is the inherent conflict between the clergy person's call to preach based upon the Gospels and Lectionary readings and some parishioners' desire for sermons lasting no more than ten minutes that also leave them "feeling good" about themselves. Jack expressed our gratitude to our three preachers who do a magnificent job of delivering Gospel-based sermons that are challenging, inspiring, and informative.

Perhaps the major cause of burnout are the demands on clergy to act as administrators, educators, and pastors – especially when the latter includes hospital visits, counseling, preparation for weddings and baptisms, and a myriad of other activities. Here is where Vestry responsibility lies. We need to exert caution that we do not overwork our clergy, assuring them that we expect them to use all vacation time and holidays free from church responsibilities, that they take compensatory time as appropriate, and additional rest as needed.



Cynthia Winder
Recording Secretary

LOCAL OUTREACH

Feeding Our Neighbors: Manna Food Center

*"O God, give bread to those who hunger,
and hunger for justice to us who have bread."*

Have you ever wondered what those baskets of food are in the back of the church? The food is collected for the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg and delivered to the Center by parishioners. In August, Redeemer provided 116 pounds of food and 106 more in September. Manna is the main food bank in Montgomery County, and is one of those rare organizations that actually brings together government, corporations, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, schools, community groups, and individuals in the common cause of fighting hunger.

Founded in 1983, Manna Food Center strives to end hunger in Montgomery County through education, advocacy and food distribution. Since its founding, Manna has distributed more than 33 million pounds of food to more than 2.1 million individuals in our community. In 2009, Manna regularly provided food to 35,905 Montgomery County households, and 103,355 individual residents facing the hardship of hunger.

In these hard economic times the need is great. Next time you are at the grocery store, just add a few items, bring them to the church on Sunday, and put them in the baskets. It's that simple. The Rev. Susan Burns offers these words of encouragement: *"I'd love for everyone to get in the habit of bringing a box or can every Sunday. Just put "Manna" on your grocery list until it becomes so second nature that you always pick something up. That's what I've done ever since the first time I saw a food pantry box at my parish in Baltimore 21 years ago. It helps me to know I'm helping to feed someone else, and not just myself."*

For more information about Manna, see the brochures on the Outreach bulletin board in the Parish Hall or visit: www.mannafood.org.

Ben Ivins
Outreach Committee

Bethesda Cares Dinner Program

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 26, thanks to Julia Rogers' excellent organization, Redeemer delivered dinner to some 50 homeless individuals at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, as part of the Bethesda Cares Dinner Program. The response from Redeemer parishioners was

wonderful – more and more are participating each month Redeemer is responsible for the dinner.

Thanks to the following who contributed to the September 26 dinner: Thaddeus Arrington, Jo Barclay-Beard, Carol Clancey, Joe Clark & Meredith Myers, Janice & Michelle Huey, Ben Ivins, Pearl Malstrom, David Manning, Russ & Ann Paulsen, Tom & Julia Rogers, the Rychlik family, Clare Saunders, Denny Shaw, Patricia Snowden, Karen Stewart and Jane Winer.

The next date on which Redeemer will provide the dinner is *Sunday, November 28*, the First Sunday of Advent.

Julia Rogers
Coordinator

REDEEMER BOOK GROUP



On Sunday, September 12, we had a vibrant discussion of *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, a moving and compelling book about the Vietnam War. We have decided

to view the movie *Fog of War* about Robert McNamara and the lessons he learned from the War. We will gather at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske on Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. Please note the time change which will enable people to get to the Music at Redeemer Series concert at 5:00 p.m. The Kraske's live at 4550 North Park Avenue, #410, Chevy Chase.

Our next book selection is *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel, historical fiction about Thomas Cromwell. We will meet on Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m., to discuss the book. Would someone like to volunteer to host this meeting?

We discussed a number of other books we might like to read and a spreadsheet of these choices will be available shortly. All are welcome to come to the Book Group – you do not have to come every time, but whenever it suits. For more information, please contact Ellen Shillinglaw: 301-520-6710 or ellen.shillinglaw@gmail.com.

Ellen Shillinglaw
Coordinator

INTERFAITH UNITY WALK

On Sunday, September 12, 18 Redeemer parishioners participated in the 6th Annual Unity Walk. Redeemer's involvement was led by Dominique and Mike Rychlik whose report on the event follows.

It was wonderful to see so many Redeemer friends at the Unity Walk! The Walk started this year at the Sikh Gurdwara where we saw interfaith speakers welcome walkers and vivid examples of hospitality and partnership between different religions. There was a Muslim call to prayer and the Sikhs invited Muslim participants to come worship in their space after the call. The space was open for all to tour. Visitors removed their shoes and covered their heads and came into the open, simply designed space. The Sikhs also have a tradition of hospitality to those on a journey and they fed us a wonderful vegetarian meal.

The opening wrapped up with a Sikh martial arts demonstration that was quite exciting. Evan, Nico and John Judge of Redeemer attended. Evan said, *"The martial arts demo was really interesting. I was not expecting that at the Sikh place. I wasn't expecting anything that I saw; I only thought it would be a walk."* John added, *"It was fascinating to get a glimpse of the different religions and cultures within that one mile stretch of Massachusetts Avenue. The enticing aroma of cinnamon and cloves which infused the rice portion of the meal served by the Sikhs added to their reputation of being gracious hosts. I knew almost nothing about the Sikhs before visiting their place of worship. Now I know they come mostly from the Punjab region of India, believe in one God and have almost 500 names for God."*

The next hour was devoted to visiting open houses of worship: Annunciation Catholic Church, the National Cathedral, the Sokka Gakkai Buddhist Temple, St. Nicholas' Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Community of Christ Church, the Vatican Embassy, and the Mosque were all open. There was not enough time to see them all but highlights included the icons at St. Nicholas, the clowns at Community of Christ, and the cookies served by the nuns at the Vatican Embassy!

At the Mosque, visitors were greeted by a fully covered woman who was helping women with scarves as appropriate to enter their house of worship. Here, too, we removed our shoes. Mike wondered if he should explain to Julia about the woman's covering, since you could only see her eyes and he thought Julia might be surprised. He didn't say anything and Julia and our host had a wonderful, tender exchange. As Mike said, *"It was one more new experience in a day of new experiences. Our youth are so open and have no preconceptions and it is good to be reminded of that."*

It was wonderful to see so many young people at the walk – from children, to college students, to families – joining the committed stalwarts of interfaith work. The Rev. Mpho Tutu commented on the increase in young people on the walk and what a hopeful sign that is. At the Mosque, a Rabbi blew the Shofar, the Jewish horn sounded traditionally to send an alarm or to signify peace. Together we all walked to the Gandhi Memorial where we were greeted by the Hindu-Jain society and the Indian Embassy representatives who served refreshments and samosas. A youth who is part of an interfaith service project talked about his experience. Under Gandhi's statue, The Rev. Tutu offered a closing prayer.

It was a peaceful, joyful day. We were able to meet members of other faiths and learn about their traditions, see vivid examples of hospitality and partnership between different religions, stand shoulder to shoulder with others in a public show of tolerance and unity, and hear inspiring words from representatives of different faiths –local, national and international. These are the goals of the Unity Walk and it was all that we had prayed it would be. As Gandhi hoped, we were able to "be the change" we seek in the world.

Dominique & Mike Rychlik



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Lighting Candles in Burundi

Yes, we are all tempted to “curse the darkness” as we are deluged, daily, by news of catastrophes afflicting “our neighbors near and far.” The tiny *Hope for Burundi* (HfB) team is, however, giving us a glimpse of what it looks like when a few committed people set out to “light candles” instead. In fact the three young men who constitute the HfB staff team are daily putting great care, intention, and personal sacrifice into lighting as many candles as humanly possible – always with God’s help. As one of their supporting partners, The Church of the Redeemer is privileged to participate by sharing a small part of its abundance. Here are thumbnail sketches of what is being accomplished—in metaphoric terms, snapshots of candle-lighting.

Training in Non-Violent Communication (NVC)

With rumors of impending violence during the first national elections in Burundi since the end of the civil war in 2006, the HfB team was deeply impressed that they should find a way to expand their peace and reconciliation work to include four intensive three-day NVC trainings in four provinces of Burundi: Bujumbura, Kirundo, Ruyigi, and Makamba. This training was carried out from March into mid-July 2010. Participants recruited for each of the trainings included representatives of the eight different political parties that were actively participating in the election, student leaders from the institutions of higher education in each of the four provinces, provincial and local administration officials, and other community leadership. The value of the training was gratefully acknowledged by the more than 115 participants who each invested three full days in acquiring knowledge and skill in a new way of communicating – an alternative to violent communication and actions and a new way to make peace. In spite of the population’s fears, the elections took place across the country with almost no incidents of violence. Hope for Burundi was an instrument of God’s peace during a period of high anxiety in that nation.



Graduates of NVC Training, Bujumbura

Famine Relief to 200 Families in Kirundo

One of the three original provinces in which HfB established a major tree nursery, Kirundo, has been experiencing growing drought over the past decade. Each year the rainy season has become shorter and shorter in northern Kirundo. This year, in the very area where the HfB nursery exists, the drought became so severe that the population – usually the women – walked long distances to purchase food, because the local market had none. As families faced starvation, they began to migrate to Rwanda and Uganda. Those who remained were often those who are elderly, disabled, or for other reasons could not leave. The HfB team could not ignore their plight, and with the aid of a \$2,500 grant from African Palms (an Episcopal ministry in Olney, Maryland and in Tanzania) the HfB team trucked in a substantial supply of flour and grains, which they distributed to 200 of the neediest families.

Exploration of Water Resources for Famine Relief

The HfB team found it ironic that severe drought existed in northern Kirundo where the land is often surrounded by lakes and the soil is extraordinarily fertile. Sensing a possible option for growing food in small garden plots if low-cost drip irrigation systems could be installed and some of lake water drawn for that use, the HfB team engaged the local Administration in exploration of such a possibility. A feasibility study was carried out, and now planning is underway for installing two pilot systems.

HfB Nurseries Now in Two New Provinces

At the beginning of 2010, *Hope for Burundi* was supporting the maintenance of three large tree nurseries in three provinces: Ruyigi (northeastern Burundi), Kirundo (northernmost province), and Makamba (southernmost province). During the summer, two additional nursery sites were added: one in Gitega Province in the center of the country, where the original capital of Burundi was located, and the second in Rutana, which is both the name of the province and its capital. Rutana is located in the southeastern part of the nation and is best known for its spectacular Kagera Falls.

Growth of the Trees Component

As noted above, the HfB team began the year monitoring and encouraging nursery teams for three large tree nurseries. By the end of August, the landscape had changed: Trees for the Future directed a new approach – a decentralized model that would engage more communities and more members of those communities in hands-on nursery and tree planting activities. Now HfB is providing training and monitoring activity for a total of 17 nurseries in 5 provinces. This transition required additional on-site training of some 50 individuals, which was carried out by the HfB team with additional technical assistance from

local experts. HfB nurseries are growing some 17 different species of trees and since the last quarter of 2009 through July 2010, more than 240,000 seeds have been planted and more than 123,000 seedlings transplanted.

Species of Trees Grown in Hope for Burundi Nurseries

1. *Acacia melamoxylon*
2. *Acacia nilotica*
3. *Acacia seyal*
4. *Accacia xanthopholea*
5. *Acrocarpus fraxinifolius*
6. *Calliandra calothyrsus*
7. *Cedrella odorata*
8. *Croton macrostachys*
9. *Croton megalocarpus*
10. *Grevillea robusta*
11. *Leucaena leucocephala*
12. *Leucaena pallida*
13. *Moringa oleifera*
14. *Senna siamea*
15. *Sesbania bispinosa*
16. *Sesbania sesban*
17. *Tamarindus indica*

First Women's Initiative Underway

On August 6^t seven thoughtfully chosen women, who had previously volunteered at the Makamba nursery site, began an exciting new six-month journey to greater self-sufficiency by learning to sew. Remarkably – and with no small credit due their excellent teacher – in a little more than a month they are already constructing beautiful dresses (*see photo below*). Interest is growing in the community as others see the products that are being made. The trainees have already learned how to analyze their costs and estimated selling prices that they know will be affordable in the local market. Surely it is God who is blessing the efforts of *Hope for Burundi!*

Clarice Leslie
Outreach



Women's Sewing Initiative—First Dresses Completed

CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP

The Christian Contemplative Group meets in Redeemer's sanctuary on the second and fourth Monday of each month, September through May, 7:30–9:00 p.m. You 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 reflection upon experience 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.

For more information, contact Alice Despard: 301-263-9644 or alicedespard@gmail.com; or Clarice Leslie: 301-229-2609 or cyleslie@verizon.net.

COOKIES, COFFEE & COMMUNITY



Each Sunday, after 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) - however you wish. 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.

There are about 70 people who 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. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Arrington: cathy253@gmail.com or 301-219-1207.

Cathy Ayers
Parish Life

BISHOP OF WASHINGTON SEARCH

A recent report from the Diocese made note of the progress being made in the search for a new Bishop of Washington.

The work of the Search & Nominating Committee is shifting from a public to a more private focus. The work of listening to the diocese and developing the profile is very public, by definition. With the publication of the profile of the Diocese of Washington, the work shifts to those who are reading the profile and discerning their call to this new ministry. The application process is one of strict confidentiality. We will be receiving names until October 15. Please encourage those you know who match the qualities outlined in the profile to read it and prayerfully consider applying. The profile and the application can be found at www.search.edow.org.

At the same time, the work of the Transition Committee is moving into higher gear. This Committee, the Search & Nominating Committee, and the Standing Committee met on September 18 for a day of retreat. Besides updating one another on the status of their work and their plans for the next few months, the committees talked about ways to communicate more broadly.

Members of the committees will attend the Regional Assemblies on October 16 and 30 to provide updates on the process. We will also take questions on the process so far. As always, keep those in discernment, and those working on the committees in your prayers.

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 will go up shortly 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. Thank you to all those who donated flowers in 2010 and to the members of the Altar Guild for your wonderful arrangements.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to . . .

Sasha Daley	Alejo Guzman-Vogele
Sarah Burns	Christopher Imbrie
Deborah DeMille-Wagman	Nicholas Hotes
Melinda Nelson	Beth Warner
David Schlafer	David Manning
Debbie Babcock-Daley	Katie Wolf-Rodda
Patricia Snowden	Annelise Kotz
Kiki Garo	J Beightol
Betsy Heavey	Jeanette Rockwell
Peggy Tucker	Huda Kraske
Emerie Gaines	John Nelson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to . . .

Cathy Baker & Greg Sherrard



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 Fall I Session will run through Saturday, November 13. The Fall II mini-session will be held December 4, 11 and 18. Classes are \$15 for drop-ins or \$126 for the entire Fall I Session. We will take our time getting back into the practice. If you are new to yoga, this would be an ideal time to begin.

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, or contact Alice: 301-263-9644 or alicedespard@gmail.com.

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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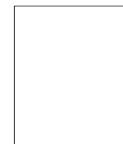
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*The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
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