

THE REDEEMER SPIRIT SEPTEMBER 2011

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NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

As we enter the month of September, we welcome cool nights and clear sunlit days. This year, we also particularly remember one such day, ten years ago, suddenly darkened by smoke, ash and the shock of loss. For some, the memories and feelings of that day and those which followed are remote now; for others, they remain just below the surface. The anniversary is an opportunity for taking stock of where we are now: how we have changed, what we have learned, what healing and change we may still be hoping for.

The anniversary falls on a Sunday this year. There will be many commemorations, in Washington, New York, Pennsylvania and elsewhere. At Redeemer, we will mark the day in our morning worship, at the Adult Forum, and by participating in the 9/11 Unity Walk (*see*, p. 3). We will bring the day to a close here with the quiet and peaceful service of sung Compline at 8:00 p.m.

In the early days and weeks following 9/11, we received condolences from around the world, as a nation and individuals. We had been attacked, with malice. More than three thousand lives were lost. Our collective illusion of invulnerability was shattered. We grieved. The world grieved with us and reached out to us in solidarity. We reached out with concern to each other, to comfort and reassurance. It was a time of recognizing our common humanity, the fragility and finitude of life. We were together in admiration for the rescuers and, later, those who worked to clear Ground Zero. It was a time of generosity of spirit, even as we were afraid.

In the intervening years, our nation, especially our leaders, have moved away from that spirit of mutuality. Two wars have left thousands more of us dead or so physically, psychologically and spiritually wounded they will never fully recover. The same is true for the people—ordinary citizens—of Iraq and Afghanistan. At home, we have become polarized politically, our government has become paralyzed. Both here and around the world economies are shaky. Not all of this is attributable to 9/11, of course, or not entirely so; but it is all part of the changed reality in which we live.

We have a choice of how we live in this new reality. I remember waking in the night ten years ago to the sound

of fighter jets circling over the Washington area, for weeks, maybe months. As I sat up listening in the dark, I would think of the thousands of people in other parts of the world who are all too familiar with the sound of helicopters and planes overhead, at all times of day and night. Not protective, but intentionally and potentially deadly. I was jolted then into a more personal awareness of the danger in which so many people live every day—from wars, terrorists, their own governments, poverty, natural disasters, hunger, disease; and that many or most of them do not have the resources or mobility to protect themselves and their families.

This is what I keep coming back to: 9/11 was a terrible breaking for us as a people. But I believe in Resurrection. I believe in the God who is at work, always, in history; whose purpose is to bring good out of evil, healing out of brokenness, new life out of death and loss. I believe God is with us, always, ready for us to be part of that purpose.

While some politicians continue to stir up fear about Muslims and Islam, dialogue and understanding among Muslims, Jews and Christians has grown tremendously over the past ten years. People of all faiths and no faith have recognized, with Karen Armstrong, that compassion rather than violence, hatred and fear, is the way to a safe, just and peaceful world. (*See*, Armstrong's charter for Compassion at www.charterforcompassion.org) The 9/11 Unity Walk is not only a walk to experience, briefly, different faith and cultural traditions. It now brings together adults and children of all backgrounds and faiths for experiences of education and service to the community. Through the efforts of Dominique and Mike Rychlik, Redeemer youth are active in service with youth of the Islamic Weekend School, building friendships and mutual understanding in the next generation.

Each of us could name other instances of people reaching out across differences and boundaries to make life better and more secure. Even then, these few examples of healing and reconciliation would seem too little to leverage any meaningful change in the condition of the world or the direction of history. But we are not called to be successful; only to give ourselves to God's ongoing work of healing and transformation, in us and in the world.

The Rev. Susan Thon
Rector

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Monday, September 5

- Labor Day/Parish Office closed

Sunday, September 11

- Commemoration of the 10th anniversary of 9/11
- Unity Walk, p. 3
- Service of Compline, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 12

- Christian Contemplative Group, 7:30 p.m., p. 6

Sunday, September 18

- Homecoming & Ice Cream Social
- Time & Talent Round-Robin, p. 3

Monday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 21

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 25

- Episcopal Identity 101, 12:30-2:00 p.m., p. 3
- Bethesda Cares Dinner Preparation, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 26

- Christian Contemplative Group, 7:30 p.m., p. 11

Wednesday, September 28

- Episcopal Identity 101, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



 We invite you to join us on

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 18, 2011

 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

 Choral Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

 Ice Cream Social, 12 noon

 Time & Talent Round-Robin

OCTOBER UPCOMING

Sunday, October 2

- Blessing of the Animals, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, October 3

- Taizé Service, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

- Episcopal Identity 101, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 7

- Photography for Directory, 3:00 p.m.-8:50 p.m., p. 4

Saturday, October 8

- Photography for Directory, 10:00 a.m.—2:50 p.m.

Sunday, October 9

- Stewardship 2012 Launch and Lunch, 12:30 p.m.
- Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert, 5:00 p.m.,

Monday, October 10/Columbus Day (Parish office closed)

- Photography for Directory, 1:00 p.m.-6:50 p.m.
- Financial Maturity Workshop #2, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- Contemplative Christian Group, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11

- Photography for Directory, 3:00 p.m.-8:50 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

- Episcopal Identity 101, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 14—Sunday, October 16

- Parish Retreat, Friday 4:00 p.-Sunday 2:00 p.m., p. 4

Monday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 19

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23

- Help the Homeless Walkathon

Monday, October 24

- Christian Contemplative Group, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29

- Church School Bonfire/Cookout, 5-7 p.m., p. 7

9/11 UNITY WALK 2011



Sunday, September 11, 1:00 p.m.
Last year, 18 Redeemerites went on the Unity Walk. This year the walk takes place on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, the event that led to the initiation of the

walk that is now in its 7th year. A group will be going from Redeemer. The walk is a wonderful opportunity to gather together peacefully with people of many different faiths and from varying walks of life, to share traditions, food and fellowship. It is a time to be together as a show of tolerance and unity and hear inspiring words from representatives of different faiths. Speakers this year include Karen Armstrong, author and found of Charter for Compassion, and Arun Gandhi, Gandhi's grandson, among others.

The walk begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street NW (at Massachusetts Avenue) and ends around 5:00 p.m. For more information: visit Redeemer's website (www.redeemberbethesda.org) to read the article written by Dominique & Mike Rychlik in last year's October newsletter; visit the website for the Unity Walk: www.911unitywalk.org; or contact Dominique & Mike Rychlik: rychliks@gmail.com or 301-365-3845.

TIME & TALENT



On Homecoming Sunday, September 18, there will be a fun opportunity to learn more about the various ministries at Redeemer to which you might lend your time and talent. At Coffee Hour, Redeemer Time & Talent "speed-dating"

will commence. Once you have your coffee and ice cream, you will be able to hear brief descriptions of the ministries you are interested in from the leaders of those ministries, in a round-robin similar to the one at the June outreach town meeting. These ministries include: Worship/Liturgical Assistants, Altar Guild, Christian Formation, Spiritual Life, Membership/Newcomers, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Parish Life, Buildings & Grounds, Stewardship & Finance, Vestry, and Administration. If you wish to learn more and/or sign-up for a ministry, you will be able to do so.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

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

"9/11 Remembrance & Healing": On Sunday, September 11, parishioners will reflect on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. In the afternoon, parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in the 9/11 Unity Walk (*see opposite*). At 8:00 p.m. there will be a Service of Compline at Redeemer, the traditional service at the close of the day.

In preparation for the parish retreat (Friday-Sunday, October 16-18) themed on C.S. Lewis' book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*: on Sunday, September 18, we will read short dialogues about C. S. Lewis; and on Sunday, September 25, parishioners will be introduced to *The Magician's Nephew* that provides the back story for the book we will use at the retreat. We will learn how the lion, Aslan, created the world, the wicked witch stirred up trouble, and an apple tree became a wardrobe.

Denny Shaw
Adult Education

EPISCOPAL IDENTITY 101

You can intuit a lot about The Episcopal Church by worshipping here week by week, or even a few times. E.g., the Eucharist is at the center of our worship; we honor Scripture and take it seriously; we are a thinking people; we value beauty and the arts, silence, an orderly framework within which there is space for the Holy Spirit to move.

What is behind it all, though? What are the roots and history of The Episcopal Church, and this parish? Episcopal Identity 101 is a four-week class designed to address these and other questions. Whether you are new to The Episcopal Church or have questions left over from your Confirmation class when you were 13 (which was just yesterday, we know), this is the class for you.

We will begin on Sunday, September 25, **after the 10:30 service**, with a brief history of Redeemer, led by Melinda Nelson and Kim Barrett who have taught this several times with our children and youth. Other sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, September 28, October 5 and 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m., when we will consider the history of the Church, "From Adam to Katharine Jefferts Schori;" What is an Episcopalian; and questions of theology, tradition, mission and worship. The class will be led by The Rector, Associate Rector, Melinda and Kim, and members of the EfM (Education for Ministry) class.

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Parish Retreat

Friday, October 14, 4:00 p.m.—Lunchtime, Sunday, October 16
Peterkin Conference Center, Romney, West Virginia

Dear Fellow parishioners,

I'm going on the parish retreat, and I want you to come, too.

Here are my reasons for going: I want to be part of Redeemer's first *all-parish* retreat in living memory (possibly its first ever). It'll be like summer camp, but in the fall, and a lot shorter, and with people we really, really like.

I'm intrigued by the opportunity to re-read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. I don't know about you, but when I first encountered the series by C. S. Lewis as an eight-year-old, I had no idea it had religious connotations or that the author was an influential thinker about Christianity. In fact, when I was that young I didn't even know that people *did* thinking about Christianity. So I was shocked when my best friend informed me that Aslan was God. She seemed so sure, but how did she *know*?

Along that same line, I like the idea of intense theological discussion based on a book that's short enough that we all should be able to (with God's help) finish it by October 14.

I checked out the agenda for the retreat weekend, and I note that Saturday afternoon is unscripted. Maybe you'll want to play Scrabble, or go antiquing in nearby Romney, or read a book, or just sit on a porch soaking up the amazing fall color. Me — I'll head off on a long run on their miles and miles of trails.

I've lobbied husband and high schooler to come, but I don't know yet if I can prod them away from work and cross-country practice. But whether I attend as part of a family or as a singleton, I know I'll feel in community. You will, too. So come!

Cathy Baker
Senior Warden

PS If you need a ride, you can carpool with me—I have a beat-up old minivan with lots of room.

PPS I'm a very competitive marshmallow roaster. I'll bet I can make mine more golden than you can.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

Photography for the New Parish Directory

Mark your calendars and pick your date for a photo session for the new Parish Directory. The photographer from the publisher, Life Touch, will be at Redeemer on the following day and times:

Friday, October 7: 3:00 – 8:50 p.m.
Saturday, October 8: 10 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Monday, October 10: 1:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11: 3:00 – 8:50 p.m.

We will need your help in a number of ways:

- If you have photographs of Redeemer events/activities in the past 1-2 years, we'd love to see them. You can send these to the Parish Office: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net.
- If you would be willing to help with sign-up on Sundays, please contact Ben Ivins: bivins@nab.org or 301-263-0608.
- If you could help with registration at the photography sessions, please contact David Strother: tondav6515@verizon.net

Signing up for a day and time to get your picture taken will be done in August-September. There will be a table set up on Sundays in the Parish Hall or you can call Angela in the office during the week to choose your day and time. We ask that you try not to change the time once set as we have over 100 families to schedule. If it is not possible for you to make any of these dates, please contact Ben to make alternative arrangements.

You will have the opportunity to purchase a portrait; the publisher's representative will explain cost and details when you have your picture taken. All portraits are done by the photographer to ensure quality control. The publishers have their own interest in this; they make their money from the sale of the portraits so that there is no charge to Redeemer for the directories.

We are hoping for a 100% turnout for this new directory. Our last pictorial directory was done in 2008 so there will be many new faces. We hope to have the new directory by Christmas.

Ben Ivins
Membership & Newcomers

REDEEMER'S FISCAL MATURITY

Twenty-two Redeemer folks met with diocesan consultant Joey Rick¹ in August to talk about our parish's financial maturity. The group included all the Vestry members and officers, three clergy, and nine other interested parishioners. Quite a turnout for an August Saturday morning! It was quite a thoughtful and illuminating conversation—*very* briefly summarized here.

According to Ms. Rick, “financial ‘maturity’ isn’t so much about the ledger as it is about process and collective wisdom on financial decision making, trending, etc. A parish can be rich and financially immature; penniless and financially mature.” Based on Redeemer data, Ms. Rick assesses our parish as nearer to rich than penniless, and average on the financial maturity spectrum. Using diocesan records to compare Redeemer with other local Episcopal churches, both in terms of finances and participation (in worship, church school, giving), Redeemer is “enormously healthy,” she told us. This is encouraging news!

Ms. Rick confirmed that we are tremendously generous as a parish. We learned that, as a leadership group, we are conservative and careful. We go out on a limb in the parish more than at home, in terms of faith-based budgeting and investing in our future; and we have a tension between fear and faith. We have some discomfort in our history of giving for special needs or projects. Ms. Rick noted that this seems to be part of Redeemer's cultural norm that is working, so we should look at it as a practice that bears monitoring, more than as a bad habit that needs breaking.

Some types of financial decisions make us edgier than others. The emergency fund is not “sexy” and it is hard to be proactive about it. Diocesan giving and giving to outreach also are harder for us to agree on; there seem to be underlying issues that may be as much philosophical and procedural as financial. Time ran out before we could address these issues more deeply.

We will continue the conversation on Monday evening, October 10, focusing on our giving beyond ourselves (to the Diocese and for charity and development projects); and the balance/tension between stewardship and designated gifts (solicited and unsolicited), and fund-raising. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to take part. Joey Rick will facilitate. Her report on the August workshop is well worth reading, and is available on request from the parish office.

¹Ms. Rick is a diocesan consultant knowledgeable and experienced in organizational development, particularly of all aspects of church development and health. She is herself an Episcopalian.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A recent workshop for the Vestry, and interested parishioners, on Redeemer's finances, and how we make decisions and determine budget priorities, seemed a good time to take a look at long range budget planning for the Buildings & Grounds Committee. So far this year we have been able to invest in grounds landscaping, repair a failed ceiling A/C unit, install surge protectors, make repairs to the bell, and renovate the choir entry doors, in addition to keeping up with normal building maintenance. But now it is time to consider and list those major projects which we know we will be facing in the future. With the help of Sexton Alice Despard, who has an ever watchful eye on the fabric of Redeemer, here is our list of longer range budget items:

Longer Range Budget Items

Roof Replacement: As the asphalt roof ages on the new addition to the church (the 10 year guarantee has expired), we are seeing some preliminary signs of trouble ahead: loose shingles and popping nails. Our roof maintenance expert Matt Gubisch has been keeping up with repair needs, but at some point (perhaps within the next five years) we should consider replacement. Gubisch is currently checking the roof, including the slate covering the old portion of the building, four times a year as he cleans the gutters and he does minor repairs as required. Alice will get some ballpark estimates for the asphalt roof replacement. Although the slate portion is older, slate roofs last much longer and at present there is no need foreseen for a slate roof replacement. That would be really expensive. Alice suggests setting aside \$1,500 yearly for slate roof repairs. Gubisch says replacement of the asphalt portion of the roof would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

HVAC ceiling units: There are six compressors serving the Nave, Narthex, Transepts and Undercroft cooling requirements. One was replaced in 2010 at a cost of \$5,600, a second was repaired this year with the installation of a new motor (\$1,000). We need to think of setting aside funds for the replacement of the four other units as they fail during the next few years. Four units at a cost of \$5,600 per unit over five years will require a total of \$22,400. If they fail at the rate of one per year over the next four years, we should have \$5,600 per year available (and that is an optimistic scenario).

Nave and Sanctuary floor refinishing: This is a project that should be considered for completion within the next couple of years. There is considerable marring of the floor,

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especially in the area surrounding the Altar. One estimate obtained over a year ago totaled approximately \$15,000. This seems high. More estimates would need to be obtained. Our organ builder, Michael Hart, notes the organ pipes should be dismantled prior to and reassembled after the cleaning. Cost TBD.

Main entry steps: On approaching the steps, one might think they had been machine gunned considering the many pit marks in the risers. They need to be resurfaced, at least (one hopes they do not need to be replaced).

Sprinkler System for flower gardens: To date watering has been a labor-intensive task required twice per week during the Spring and Autumn months. Volunteers, who will be retiring from this type of garden work in 2013, have done it once per week, and the second weekly watering has been paid. Perhaps the sprinkler installation could be done in stages yearly. Two estimators have visited and will be offering their estimates soon.

Rectory driveway retaining wall repair: Requires dismantling the brick wall and reassembling. Denchfield estimate \$3,969.

Bell: Joe Clark has made a fix to the bell to make it ring again, but because of more problems, is uncertain how long it will continue to ring unless the bell is removed and hung properly from its yoke. The yoke was installed upside down in the 1999 renovation. Joe's estimate is \$4,000 to \$5,000 to fix it properly, although we are exploring another option.

Shorter Range Projects (To be completed 2011-2012, as B&G budget funds are available.)

Rectory rear dormer repair: Will include replacement of small gutters, replacement of a rotting fascia board, and painting the dormer. Estimated cost \$700.

Interior Painting: Narthex and stairwell to the Undercroft.

Kitchen: Under-counter lighting repairs and replacement. Estimated cost: \$400.

Water-marked ceiling tiles replacement: In the kitchen, ladies restroom and parish hall. Estimated cost: \$500.

Sign Alteration: We are awaiting an estimate for the cost of altering the sign at the corner of Dunrobbin and Benalder Drives to change Susan's name and add Robin's.

Painting Projects on Alice's To Do list: Shipman Steps handrail (black to match Columbarium); rear emergency exit steps (black); and main and choir entry railings.

Current Activities

Weeding and Care of the Gardens: The current status of our "War on the Weeds" seems to be that we are holding our own, but barely. More mulch is needed, and, depending on the status of the budget, more will be ordered. Susan Graham Fitzgerald and Frank Anderson will be retiring from their roles as major garden caregivers in 2013. We will need to have parishioners in place who can perform overall garden care in their stead. More to come on this topic.

Choir Entry Doors: The B&G Committee took note, with thanks, for the hard work of Sexton Alice Despard to restore the Choir Entry doors to a beautiful condition.

B&G Budget: The Chairman noted that the B&G Budget is being met in all categories YTD, except two, and the year end budget outlook is good. The Grounds portion is over budget, due principally to the expense of plantings around the Columbarium and Labyrinth this Spring. However, \$2,800 in donations can also be credited to the account which, by year's end, will bring the expenses under budget, with some funds remaining for Autumn grounds expenses. The Rectory budget is exceeded at this point, because of urgently required electrical repairs; but if no further Rectory expenses are incurred, that category will also be under budget by year's end.

Labyrinth Stains Policy: There have been two instances where stains have been caused on the Labyrinth by the use of fuels and fire. The Committee believes we need to develop a policy which affords protection of this beautiful addition to our grounds. This will be discussed further at the next B&G meeting after members have had the opportunity to consider options.

Need for Younger Gardeners: The Committee considered how we could best engender interest on the part of parish children and teens in gardening and caring for the gardens which have been created with love and care by members of the congregation. It was suggested that the miracle of plant growth could be taught to young children by tours of the gardens and instruction by professional members of the garden committee. For example, they could be shown how seeds are planted and grow into the flowers which adorn our Altar. Perhaps such instruction could become a part of the Sunday School curriculum.

Peter Kendall

Junior Warden/Chairman, Buildings & Grounds

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Successful Pilgrimage!

In August, thanks in part to the enormous generosity of the parish, seven youth and two adults were able to embark on a seven-day adventure in Colorado that included service projects, prayer, fellowship and fun. It had been maybe eight years since Redeemer youth had gone on a pilgrimage or mission trip. Hopefully, we will be able to go again in summer 2013, continuing to make this opportunity more regularly available to the high school youth of the parish.

The days in Colorado were packed! Each day revolved around a theme related to pilgrimage—walking a path, facing challenges and obstacles, building community, creating memories/memorials, etc. Some days we went hiking—in woods, to waterfalls, up sand dunes. One day we went white water rafting. Always, we were pausing to drink water. The altitude was brutal for us East Coast-ers!

We spent the first three nights in San Luis, which is in southern Colorado, close to the New Mexico border. El Convento bed and breakfast served as home base during that time. The town of San Luis is small, but is also the home of the one of the most dramatic renditions of the Stations of the Cross, a string of bronze statues climbing a hill adjacent to the town.

We spent the last three nights at the EZ Yoke Ranch, outside of Pueblo, Colorado. This is a gorgeous retreat center run by two generations of a local family. They were amazing hosts, not least of all because we were greeted each morning with homemade pancakes, scones or muffins! The family had also transported a bell tower (given to a local church in memory of their older relatives) from the church (when it closed) to a hill overlooking their property. This was a lovely place to pause for a while and remember our own loved ones. It was also a beautiful setting for our final Eucharist which we celebrated the last evening we were in Colorado.

In addition to outdoor adventures and spiritual opportunities, the youth undertook three service projects. In the first, we learned about fire risk/prevention and built slash piles. In the second, we helped our hosts at EZ Yoke clear brush and clean up their world-class Frisbee golf course, which draws people from around the region to their retreat center. During this project we talked about the importance of hospitality and recreation. Our final project took us to the Springs Rescue Mission, an impressive outreach center for the city of Colorado Springs. The mission offers a jobs program, a residential recovery program, and a food, clothes and furniture

collection/distribution center, among other services. We helped sort bags (and bags and bags!) of donated clothes and helped load two huge tractor trailers full of excess furniture and clothes. The trucks' contents were going to be donated to a local Native American reservation, with whom the mission has a long-standing relationship.

There could be much more said about the trip, and there will be! But not here. Instead, I will draw this article to a close in order to entice you all to come to a presentation by the youth which will take place during the 9:15-10:15 education hour in the parish hall on Sunday October 30, 2011. Please come; we look forward to seeing you there.



Abe Sauer, Evan Judge, Robin, Nico Judge, Cyrus Sobhani, Gwen Chandler, Katie Wolf-Rodda, Marisa Guzman and Brian

Upcoming Fall Events

- Sunday, September 11: Unity Walk (parish-wide event)
- Sunday, October 23: Help the Homeless Walkathon (parish-wide event)
- Saturday, October 29: Bonfire and Cookout (all Church School families are invited!)
- Sunday, November 27: Cook dinner for Bethesda Cares at Julia and Tom Rogers' home (for middle and high school students)

Church School

The parish will be marking the tenth anniversary of 9-11 on September 11, 2011 at the 10:30 service, at the Unity Walk later that afternoon and with an evening service of Compline that night. Therefore, Homecoming Sunday will be September 18. On that day, the regular church school calendar will begin with the two godly play classes and the intermediate class (4th and 5th grade) meeting every week and the middle school and high school classes meeting regularly (though not weekly - they will spend some Sundays worshipping with the Adults through the entire service).

The Rev. Robin Razzino
Associate Rector

OUTREACH

Successful Backpacks/School Supplies Drive

The generosity of Redeemer's parishioners has provided 60 children in three transitional housing developments in DC with backpacks and school supplies for the 2011-2012 school year. For the fifth sequential year, the Church of the Redeemer has partnered with Transitional Housing Corporation (THC) of Washington, D.C. to make sure that these children have all the new school supplies that the schools require.

The timetable for the Backpack/Supplies Project is set by the start date of school—August 22, this year. So we know the supplies need to be delivered the week before. We grab the online list of school supplies for the DC Public School and enter that information into a spreadsheet noting each grade and gender of the child—we probably don't want to give a boy a pink calculator and turquoise ruler. Then the shopping trips at lunch time and on weekends begin. Eight trips to the discount stores yielded some great discounts like \$.40 box of 24 crayons and \$.15 per pocket folder (we needed 168). Both Wal-Mart and K-Mart help out by closing a special register when they see three carts of supplies coming towards them.



After all the supplies have been purchased, my living room is converted to a general store. Backpacks are arranged by grade with a pile for boys and one for girls. Every kind of supply you can imagine has its spot on the floor in boxes, baskets and piles. Thanks to my daughter Diana's Facebook plea for assistance, we had six teenagers stuffing backpacks for three hours with grade-appropriate supplies. Hamburgers and homemade chocolate chip cookies helped to boost the energy level.

Finally, on Thursday August 18th at 4:30 two SUV's loaded with backpacks and four backpack helpers, took off for Partner Arms III in Anacostia. Andrew Adams, Development and Volunteer Manager for THC, was there to help us with entry and door holding for the many trips. Then came the best part of the project; the kids started to

show up. The smiles on their faces when they pick out their backpack, made us all so glad that Redeemer has an outreach program.

Debbie Babcock-Daley
Coordinator

Manna Food Center

On the second Sunday of each month, during the 10:30 a.m. service, we bless a basket of donated food that is later delivered to the Manna Food Center in Rockville. Many thanks to all those who brought food items on Sundays over the summer to help feed our hungry neighbors in Montgomery County. Manna is the main food bank for the County. Economic difficulties and unemployment in the past year have greatly increased the need for food. A special program at Manna is the distribution of "sacks" of nutritious and non-perishable foods to county students on Fridays who are at risk of going hungry over the weekend. Last year, 61,400 sacks were provided, but Manna was unable to reach all of the elementary schools in need. Stocks are low now because 100,000 pounds less of food is delivered in the summer compared to the winter.

Helping Manna is easy: add them to your grocery shopping list, so that each time you go to the supermarket you can pick up an item or two and bring it to church on Sunday to put in the baskets in the Narthex. That's it! Volunteers will deliver the food to Manna.

Ben Ivins
Outreach Committee

Opportunities to Help in the Community

Book/Clothing Recycling: The Interfaith Clothing Center in Rockville needs clothing for its 17,000 clients. Winter clothing is especially appreciated. This is an important program of Interfaith Works (www.iworksmc.org, 301-762-8682). Books go to the American Association of University Women's Book Sale to raise money for scholarships. All items can be dropped off at 6703 Pawtucket Road (near where River Road crosses Wilson Lane) at any time.

A Wider Circle: During September you can leave items for A Wider Circle in the basket in Narthex. Among the most needed items are sheets, towels, pots/pans, diapers, cleaning supplies and household paper products. Marie France will deliver the items. If you can take them yourself, directions to A Wider Circle drop-off can be found at www.awidercircle.org, 301-608-3504. If you have questions, please contact Marie: msmfrance@comcast.net or 301-320-1534.

FOYER DINNERS

It is time to look ahead to the fall when the new Foyer Dinner groups will begin meeting. A sign-up sheet is on the Sign-up board in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, please sign up by **Sunday, September 11**. We hope to begin the dinners in October, so that there will be time for three or four dinners between the beginning of October and the end of January. The coordinator for the Foyer Dinners is Mary Helen Carlson. If you have any questions about this program, please call or email her at 301-983-0541 or carlsonmh1@gmail.com.

Since they began in 2008, Foyer Dinners have become an important part of our parish life. In an effort to encourage new parishioners, and others who have not previously participated, to take part in the fall series of dinners, here are some guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions.

Q. What are Foyer Dinners and how are they set up?

Those who sign up are divided into groups of eight to ten members who will meet three to four times, usually in each other's homes, to share a meal and spend time together. There's usually one set of groups in the fall/early winter (October-January), and then new groups are formed for late winter/spring (February-June). Groups will be comprised of a mix of individuals and couples, young and old, newcomers and long-time members, workers and retirees. A list of the groups will be posted in the Parish Hall. One person is designated (with that person's prior consent) as the "captain" of the group. For this series, the names should be posted by September 18. The group's captain will host the first dinner and contact the members of the group to set the date. The host prepares the main course and everyone else contributes a dish. The group decides when to meet again and someone offers to be the next host.

Q. I'd love to be in a Foyer Dinner group, but ... I can't cook/my home isn't large enough for eight people for dinner/for some other reason I just couldn't host a dinner. Can I still join a Foyer Dinner group?

The dinners are intended to be casual gatherings where the focus is on fellowship, fun, and conversation. Foyer Dinners are not a House Beautiful tour or a Martha Stewart show, and they are not a cooking competition! It's the fellowship that matters, not the size of the room or the fanciness of the food. That said, here are some useful guidelines:

- While ordinarily most members take a turn as host, not everybody has to host. There are about eight people in

a group, and only three to four dinners. There should never be a feeling of embarrassment if it is not possible for you to host a dinner. There are many different ways to host a foyer dinner that should make it easier for many people to host. Keep the meal simple and relatively inexpensive. If you can't/don't want to cook, it is absolutely fine for you to get takeout food from a grocery store or restaurant. Those with the time and talent to do their own cooking are welcome to do so, but it is not necessary. Remember that while the host provides the main dish and drinks, other members of the group bring appetizers, side dishes and dessert.

- Who says you have to have a sit-down dinner? You could plan a menu of finger and fork food that can be eaten from plates while sitting on sofas, etc. The "founder" of Foyer Groups at Redeemer, Marcia Sartwell, says that one of her favorite foyer dinners when she was in a previous parish was hosted by a single man, who used his coffee table for a dinner table, and the ironing board for the bar!
- All types of meals are good. Your group might decide to order pizza or Chinese or Thai food and eat it at one member's home. Or you could make dinner reservations at a moderately priced restaurant.
- One member could choose to co-host with another member. Or, one member could offer to "host" in another member's (larger) home.

Q. I have food allergies/dietary restrictions. How can I be sure that the meal will be suitable for me?

If you have allergies, dietary restrictions, or strong taste preferences, please simply inform your group of your concerns at the beginning. All participants should make their best effort to accommodate the needs of their fellow group members.

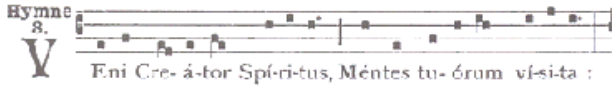
Q. Are Foyer Dinner groups for adults only?

The dinners are for adults. However, we hope that families with young children will sign up, as the program will be so much richer if all groups of parishioners participate. Having young children is a good excuse for not hosting a dinner at your home, so parents with young kids can get a free pass, no questions asked!

The Foyer Dinners have helped us to know and appreciate each other better. This, in turn, enriches our parish life. We hope you'll give it a try if you haven't done so before.

Mary Helen Carlson
Coordinator

MUSICAL NOTES



As we begin the 2011-12 program year, I encourage all parishioners to become more actively involved in Redeemer's ministry of music:

- Consider the possibility of joining the Adult Choir. Additional voices are always welcome!
- Encourage your children to participate in the Youth Choir...a free addition to your child's musical education.
- Plan to attend a musical event or two...or three or four. An extraordinary series of concerts and choral services has been planned.
- Volunteer to assist with the publicity and production of the *Music at Redeemer Series*. Many hands make light work.
- Sing or play a musical instrument in the Taizé Ensemble. The music of Taizé is accessible to all.
- Help to organize a post-concert reception in the Parish Hall. Hospitality and fellowship are vital components of the *Music at Redeemer Series*.

Above all, join us each Sunday morning as we "worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." Sing praise to God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Adult Choir: New Singers Welcome

The 2011-12 choral season will begin with rehearsal on Thursday, September 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. New members are welcome! All singers must be able to match pitch and blend. Highlights of the season will include two services of Choral Evensong and the annual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Tom Smith, *Director of Music*: music.redeemer@verizon.net or 301-229-3770.

Youth Choir: Calling All Children and Youth

The first rehearsal of the Youth Choir will take place on Wednesday, September 7, at 4:30 p.m. An ice cream party will follow at 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome! Although there is no minimum age requirement, all choristers must be able to read. Highlights of the 2011-2012 season will include two services of Choral Evensong, the annual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent, and a trip to sing two liturgies in Philadelphia. The Youth Choir is a wonderful – and FREE – opportunity for high quality music education right here at Redeemer. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Tom Smith, *Director of Music*: music.redeemer@verizon.net or 301-229-3770.

Taizé Ensemble

Redeemer's monthly service of prayer and meditation in the style of Taizé will resume on Monday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. New singers and instrumentalists are welcome! Participation in the Taizé Ensemble requires a minimal time commitment. For more information, please contact Tom Smith.

Music at Redeemer Series 2011-12

The annual music brochure will be sent to the printer shortly. It will then be mailed to over 1000 households. In the meantime, please see opposite or pick up a copy of the 2011-12 schedule in the Narthex or Parish Hall.

Volunteers will be needed throughout the season to assist with ushering and reception preparation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Tom Smith.

Tom Smith
Director of Music

The Ten Commandments of Congregational Singing

- I. Thou shalt sing!
- II. Thou shalt sing with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- III. Thou shalt sing fearlessly, striving to ignore the possible wondering glances of thy neighbors. Thou shalt know in thy heart that they would like to sing with thee, if they only had the nerve. Never lose faith that they will sing with thee if only thou do continue.
- IV. Thou shalt sing joyfully, as it is written by the prophet Isaiah: "Sing, O Heaven, be joyful, O Earth, and break forth into Singing, O mountains."
- V. Thou shalt sing reverently, for music is prayer.
- VI. Thou shalt sing without hesitation, for though an individual may pray in a whisper or even in wordless silence, a congregation must sing.
- VII. Thou shalt not resist new melodies, for we have been taught never to let our prayer become rigid. Seek to fulfill the words of the Psalmist: "Let us sing a new song unto the Lord."
- VIII. Thou shalt never mumble but sing out loud. Never be deterred by an occasional mistake.
- IX. Thou shalt not hesitate to sing with the choir for they fervently want you to join with them.
- X. Thou shalt never forget the words of the Psalmist: "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live." True and certain it is that God loves us when we work, but He loves us all the more when we sing.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER

2011-2012

Sunday, October 9, at 5:00 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra: "Vienna Redux II"

Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Peabody Conservatory Organists in Concert

Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 p.m.

A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

(Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, *guest conductor*)

Saturday, December 24, at 10:30 p.m.

Festal Eucharist of the Nativity

Sunday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m.

A Candlelight Concert: "Bach for the New Year"

(Hilary Ryon Park and Friends)

Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m.

Eya Ensemble: "Stella Serena: Celestial Hymns to the Virgin"

Sunday, February 12, at 5:00 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra: "Schubertiade"

Sunday, February 26, at 5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 25, at 5:00 p.m.

Illuminare & Slaveya: "East Meets West"

Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Choral Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday, April 7, at 8:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Festal Eucharist of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 29, at 5:00 p.m.

Organist Caroline Robinson in Concert

Sunday, May 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra: "American Reflections"

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS



Many thanks to all those who provided delicious nourishment at Coffee Hour over the summer: Kathryn Dohner, Judy James, Peggy Tucker, Susan Thon, Patricia Snowden, the Adult Choir, Jo Barclay-Beard, Karen Stewart, Kiki Garo, Beate & Peter Kendall, Jefferson & Cathy Arrington, Marilyn Raisch, Marcia Sartwell, Toby Kinnahan and Amy Yount & Nathan Price.

Volunteers Needed for the Fall

As we begin the Fall, more volunteers are needed for September through December. We hope that you will give this ministry a try. You do not have to be a cook! Fruits, cheese & crackers, dips, store-bought cookies and cakes – all of these are just fine. And it is even easier if you do it with someone. So, we encourage you to pair up. We would also encourage groups to sign-up (e.g. the B&G, Outreach or Adult Education committees, the Redeemer book group, the youth, the choirs, etc.)

Guidelines are on the Sign-up board in the Parish Hall, right by the sign-up sheet. (You don't have to fix the coffee urns or set out the cups, etc.—Alice Despard, our Sexton, does all that for you beforehand.) If you have questions, please contact Patricia Snowden, *Parish Life Chair*: postscript2@verizon.net or 301-229-2170.

CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP

The Christian Contemplative Group meets in Redeemer's sanctuary on the second and fourth Mondays each month, September through June, 7:30–9:00 p.m. We will reconvene on Monday, September 12, 2011. All are welcome to join or drop in at any time. Typically, we begin with a short liturgy of simple chants, readings and centering prayer. We then transition into discussion centering around a selected text, currently *The Gospel of Thomas*. Through the study of relevant texts combined with contemplative practices such as centering prayer 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.

JULY VESTRY REPORT

Rector's Report: A written report was provided. Homecoming Sunday will be on Sunday, September 18, a week later than usual because the preceding Sunday is the 10th anniversary of 9/11. In the afternoon of 9/11, parishioners will join the 7th annual interfaith 9/11 Unity Walk. Parishioners Mike & Dominique Rychlik are on the walk's planning committee. On Monday, August 29, Susan will lead an Adult Education evening seminar on 9/11 with reflections and opportunities for remembrance and healing. The Adult Forum on 9/11 will address how we might honor, remember and learn from 9/11. Average Sunday attendance through July 17 is 171.

Treasurer's Report: The report was discussed. Gary presented an in-depth discussion on the expense side of the budget, similar to last month's in-depth discussion of the income side of the budget.

Fostering Maturity in Fiscal Responsibility: Susan presented a synopsis of prior meetings and conversations regarding this Vestry Goal. The synopsis will assist in next week's meeting with Joey Ricks, the facilitator for the August 20 Fiscal Maturity Workshop.

Stewardship: Susan Thon, Cathy Baker and Nathan Price had met previously to frame discussions for the Stewardship campaign process. They discussed convening a group to be the Stewardship Committee; beginning the stewardship process earlier (August 21) in preparation for the October 9 Stewardship Kick-off; establishing November 6 as Pledge Sunday; Planned Giving, involving the youth; 100% participation; linking Time & Talent with Homecoming Sunday; and this year's Stewardship theme to be linked to last year's *Tending Gods' Garden*.

Buildings & Grounds

Peter Kendall's report was discussed. In the past month, new electrical surge protectors and a water heater for the flower room were installed, wood restoration and painting was done on the choir room's exterior doors (thank you Alice Despard), flagstones were laid below the garden benches (thank you John Nickum and Frank Anderson). The Vestry discussed the need for more participation in maintaining and weeding our growing gardens and enlisting younger adults and children for a green, down-to-earth learning experience.

Spiritual Life

Frances Sharon reminded us that final payments for the All-Parish Retreat are due Sunday, September 18.

Adult Education

The first summer Adult Education evening seminar on *Tasks of Grieving* was led by Sally Pugsley and Ann Heisle and attended by some 24 people. The second seminar will be held on Monday, July 25 led by Tom Smith, *The Psalms are for Singing*, and the third seminar will be on Monday, August 29th on lessons learned in terms of remembrance, healing and forgiveness regarding the 9/11 tragedies.

The next Vestry Meeting will be held Wednesday August 17, 2011.

Julia Rogers
Recording Secretary

AUGUST VESTRY REPORT

Rector's Report: A written report was provided. We have received two requests for Columbarium niches from non-parishioners. A motion to allow the niche purchase for an immediate need of a neighborhood family was approved. A second motion was approved stating that the Columbarium Committee will be asked to have further discussions on this issue and make recommendations. Average Sunday attendance through August 14 is 165.

Treasurer's Report: the annual audit has been completed and submitted to the diocese. Gary presented some financial alternatives for our \$490,000 mortgage that were discussed and later finalized and approved on Sunday, August 21. The change to the mortgage terms will reduce our monthly payment by \$500.

Youth Pilgrimage & Mission Trip: Robin reported that the trip was 100% successful! There were 7 participants (4 boys, 3 girls) and everyone had a great time. Wonder-Voyage's guide led the group and was very organized. (See p. 7 for Robin's detailed report.) A motion was made and approved giving "A Big Thank-You" to Brian Razzino for his time and talent in helping to lead the Pilgrimage, including driving over 1,000 miles.

All-Parish Retreat—*Aslan is on the Move*: Thirty people have signed up for the Retreat so far. Full payment is being requested by September 18. The planning committee will meet on Sunday, August 28. The committee includes Susan Thon, Robin Razzino, Joe Clark, Meredith Myers, Lois Burleigh, Callie Raulfs, Dongbo Wang and Frances Sharon.

INTERFAITH YOUTH PROJECT

Redeemer Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: A report prepared by Steve France and Margaret Green explaining the Purpose, Background and Interest, Logistics, and Next Steps for a late 2012 or early 2013 pilgrimage was reviewed. A motion was made and approved to establish a committee to plan the pilgrimage, chaired by Margaret Greene and Steve France.

Buildings & Grounds: Peter Kendall presented a report that showed the likely costs for future projects. Among those that will shortly be necessary are replacement of the asphalt roof, new HVAC units, nave/sanctuary floor refinishing, the rectory driveway and a permanent fix for the bell. Other less important future projects are repair of main entry steps and a new garden sprinkler system). Short range projects include rectory dormer repair, painting, ceiling tile replacement and changes to the outdoor sign to change Susan's name and add Robin's. (See p5-7 for a detailed report.) Alice Despard was thanked for her time and talent (and labor through 100 degree days) on the restoration/repainting of the choir room's exterior doors.

Adult Education: Denny reported that the Sunday Adult Forum has continued through the summer with a Bible Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Summer Adult Evening Seminars will conclude on Monday, August 29, with a discussion of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and about forgiveness and understanding of multiple faiths. The seminar will be led by Susan Thon. In September, the Adult Forum will focus on C.S. Lewis and his writings as we prepare for the Parish Retreat in October. On October 9, we will talk about 2012 Stewardship (there will also be a Stewardship lunch at 12:30 that day); a review of the retreat will be on October 23 and a report on the Youth Pilgrimage on October 30. Looking forward, December 18, is set aside for a visitation by the new Bishop of Washington.

Julia Rogers
Recording Secretary



On Friday, June 22, youth and families from Redeemer, the Islamic Weekend School, Bradley Hills Presbyterian, and a Rockville synagogue participated in an interfaith youth service project to provide at the Calvary Women's Shelter in Washington, DC. The youth and families prepared the food together, and the teens and a few parents went to the shelter to serve dinner and eat with the women. To those who could not join us for different reasons, we look forward to connecting with you all on the next project.

The women were so appreciative of our cooking and the food; some had seconds and thirds, while others wrapped leftovers for lunch the next day. They came and fussed over the cupcakes the kids decorated and were touched that families all came together to prepare their dinner. The Georgetown Cupcakes that were donated were a big hit, too. There were two birthdays, so we sang happy birthday. The youth who went to the shelter were poised and polite, set the table, served the meal and, when the women were all served, got their own dinners and we all ate together. The women said it was the best meal and they hoped we'd come back.

The teens Dominique drove home later saw Busboys & Poets and wanted to check it out. After getting permission, we had cold lemonade on the patio and talked about our experience. The teens were thoughtful, touched by how nice the women were who they had enjoyed talking with, and glad they had given them a nice evening and dinner. They thought it might be nice to go to this shelter regularly and develop a relationship, but also want to do other projects. We planned that these projects would eventually become youth-led; they appear to be ready and have lots of ideas and look forward to planning new projects.

Thank you Nathan Price and Susan N (from Bradley Hills Presbyterian) for driving; Nathan, Amy Yount and Susan Thon for the use of their ovens; Redeemer for the space to work; all who brought food and the care with which it was prepared; Georgetown Cupcakes for the delicious dessert; and to Salma and Saanya from the Weekend School for the planning and energy they put into the project.

We are grateful to know all of you and for all your efforts yesterday! It was a lot of fun!

Dominique & Mike Rychlik

PASTORAL CARE

Gifts for the Family Caregiver: A Mini-Retreat

Sunday, October 9, 1-5 pm

If you are a family caregiver (caring for an elderly parent, or a spouse or child who is ill), please join us at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on October 9. During the retreat, we will explore the gifts God gives us that we can access in difficult times. These include gifts of quiet and prayer, humor and joy, friendship, and faith. Come to learn new forms of prayer and meditation, walk a prayer labyrinth, receive a chair massage, and more. Practical resources for care-giving will be shared.

The retreat is co-sponsored by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church & Washington National Cathedral, and will be led by Mary Wright Baylor, RN, FCN, Pastoral Care Nurse, Washington National Cathedral; The Rev. Andrea Martin, Associate Rector, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church; and Mona Hanford, Caregiver and Activist in End of Life Care.

The registration fee is \$15. To reserve your space, please send registration fee (checks payable to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, with "Mini-Retreat" on the memo line) to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (Attn: The Rev. Andrea Martin), 4700 Whitehaven Parkway NW, Washington, DC 20007. The retreat will be held at St. Patrick's.

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 and classes are a combined Beginner/Advanced Beginner level. We provide mats and props. The Fall I Session will begin on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Drop-ins are always welcome (\$15 per class) and the introductory class is free.

Alice Despard has been a practitioner of hatha yoga for over thirteen years and began teaching five 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 directly. (301) 263-9644; alicedespard@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Tim Nickerson	Ann Southard
Judy James	Emma Rackstraw
Jim Packard-Winkler	John Harbeson
Michael Hart	Mary Helen Carlson
Graeme Browning	David Beightol
Tomi Beightol	Bruce McWilliams
Anna Nachbar-Seckel	Leah Ninde-Nazarian
Celina Zhou	Alicia Yepes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Joe Daley & Debbie Babcock-Daley
 Hal & Marlene Palmer
 David Hotes & Anne de Fontenay

PERSONAL NOTES

Condolences to Larry and Abe Sauer and Amy Knapp on the death of Larry's daughter, Abe's older sister, Rebecca Dale. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HONDURAS

Redeemer's Outreach supports Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) that is part of the The Trinidad Conservation Project (TCP) in Honduras. SHI works to create sustainable agricultural projects for residents of Honduras in an effort to bring them to a greater level of economic self-sufficiency. A brief visit to Honduras is being organized by St. Mark's from Saturday-Wednesday, December 3-7. This is an opportunity to visit with farming families and see the projects being carried by both youth and adults. The cost is \$900 plus airfare. A 50% deposit is required by October 3. The project will be led by Collie Agle of St. Mark's. If you are interested, please contact Collie at: chagle@washpathfind.com or 202-255-6287.

Clarice Leslie
Outreach Committee

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 Service, 7:30 p.m. (*first Monday, resumes in October*)
- Christian Contemplative Group, 7:30 p.m. (*second & fourth Mondays*)
- Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m. (*third Monday*)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Morning Prayer & Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- AA Meeting, 12 noon
- Holy Eucharist, 12 noon
- 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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The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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