

THE REDEEMER SPIRIT APRIL 2011

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NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

A few weeks ago, during the Sunday morning announcements, I invited, encouraged and exhorted the congregation about a couple of things: to attend Evensong that evening at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, sung by our choir and theirs; and to take part in the mid-week Lenten program, *The Way of Compassion*, especially in the Tuesday evening sessions (for which only two or three persons had signed up at that point). Many of you took these invitations to heart, went to Evensong (which was beautiful, as predicted), and the rectory living room has been filled with as many as 15 parishioners on Tuesday evenings, reflecting on our ministry of serving others as followers of Christ.

I find all this very encouraging – so much so that I am inviting, encouraging and exhorting you all again: **TAKE PART IN THE WORSHIP OF HOLY WEEK!** Holy Week is the “container” deep and strong enough to hold, together and in tension, all the darkness, evil and suffering of human life and history, along with all the light, steadfast love and justice of God. Year by year, we are shaped and strengthened by participating in the worship of Holy Week, to live lives of greater hope and joy, even in the face of the world’s darkness, and to participate more and more in God’s healing presence for the world. These liturgies are at the heart of our story as followers of Christ. Each carries a piece or thread of the Christian experience that is not as clearly and strongly present on any other day or in any other service of the Church year.

That may sound like a lot to come from giving over a handful of hours to worship on a day other than Sunday, but, believe me, it is all true. I exhort you, for your own good and growth in holiness, and for the good of the world, **DO NOT MISS THE WORSHIP OF HOLY WEEK!** And, if you need more encouragement, here are the reflections of some fellow parishioners:

“Each day of Holy Week leaves its residue. Each drop builds meaning on the last. On Easter the sense of the arisen is not abrupt or arbitrary but radiates out of all those earlier moments of holy meaning that have led us to the great moment. So it's a gift to attend the services that occur during Holy Week – maybe like a mini-pilgrimage?”

Marie France, Altar Guild

Monday, April 18, Taize, 7:30 p.m.

A service of quiet, light and darkness, and chant

Tuesday, April 19, Compline (sung), 7:30 p.m.

Compline is descended from the night prayers, said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer.

“I use this service every single night. It brings me into a quiet focus on God, and brings the day to a quiet close.”

Patricia Snowden, Choir member

Wednesday, April 20, Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.

The name *Tenebrae* means “darkness” or “shadows.” The service comes from the ancient monastic night and early morning services of the last three days of Holy Week.

“The service of Tenebrae has grown on me over the years. I love the intermingling of psalms, readings from Scripture, and prayers that together form a meditation on Jesus’ Passion, from the Last Supper to his burial. The drama of the Passion is deepened by the gradual extinguishing of light during the service, the removal of the one remaining lighted candle that signifies Christ, and its return at the end, signifying the Resurrection.”

Susan Thon Burns, Rector

Maundy Thursday, April 20, Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

The name “Maundy Thursday” comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, or “new commandment.” After Jesus had washed the disciples feet at the Last Supper, he told them, “I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34) (While the foot washing is a characteristic part of this service, no one is required to have his or her feet washed.)

“For most of us adults, to take off our shoes and walk barefoot in front of other people at our age is humbling. To allow someone else to wash my feet is stepping beyond ordinary boundaries in a profound way. It was very moving the first time I did it, and has been every time since.”

Jefferson Arrington, Usher

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Holy Week and Easter Services: Palm Sunday, April 17 to Easter Sunday, April 24, see *Notes from the Rector*, p. 1



All-Parish Retreat, Friday, October 14—Sunday, October 16, see *Spiritual Life*, p. 5

APRIL EVENTS

Sunday, April 10

- Outreach Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., p. 11

Wednesday, April 13

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (*a change this month*)

Sunday, April 17/*Palm Sunday*

Monday, April 18/*Monday in Holy Week*

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

Tuesday, April 19/*Tuesday in Holy Week*

- The Office of Compline (sung), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20/*Wednesday in Holy Week*

- The Office of Tenebrae (sung), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21/*Maundy Thursday*

- Simple Supper, 6:30 p.m.
- Choral Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 22/*Good Friday*

- Stations of the Cross, 12:00 noon
- The Solemn Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23/*Easter Even*

- The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24/*Easter Day*

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Festal Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
- Hot Cross Buns & Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 noon

Monday, April 25—Friday, April 30/*Easter Week*

- Parish Office closed

MAY UPCOMING

Friday, May 6—Saturday, May 7

- Shaping the Parish Workshop

Tuesday, May 10—Thursday, May 12

- Clergy Conference

Sunday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 18

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

- Bethesda Cares Dinner Program, p. 11

Monday, May 30/*Memorial Day*

- Parish Office closed

EASTER FLOWERS



Donations for Easter flowers may be made in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for. If you would like your dedication printed in the Easter orders of service, we will need to have the wording by Monday, April 18. Donation envelopes are available in the pews, Narthex and Parish Hall. Write your dedication on the envelope or you may email it to the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net. Checks should be made out to The Church of the Redeemer; please put "Easter flowers" on the memo line.

The Altar Guild

Notes from the Rector, continued from p. 1

Good Friday, April 21, Stations of the Cross, 12:00 p.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy, with communion from the Reserved Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.
 On this most holy day, when the Church commemorates the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we encourage you to attend one or both of the liturgies of Good Friday.

“Good Friday is a time of ‘thin veil’ for me, when Gods presence is very close. Walking the Stations of the Cross takes me back to a pilgrimage I took to Jerusalem which was and is a profound experience. The Good Friday Liturgy shapes an inclusive, forgiving, loving community space, reflecting Jesus’ teaching and example for us.”

Peggy Tucker, Healing Team

Saturday, April 22, the Eve of Easter, The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:30 p.m.
 The Great Vigil of Easter is the first (and, to many, the primary) celebration of Easter. The service begins in darkness, with the kindling of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal candle on the church lawn. The singing of the Exsultet – a song of rejoicing for the Light of Christ – readings from the Old Testament, the Acclamation of the Resurrection, Alleluias and bells, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the Holy Eucharist follow.

“If you miss the Great Vigil of Easter on the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday, one could argue you really miss Easter. For the first Christians, this ancient liturgy was The Resurrection Moment. Beginning in the solemn darkness of Holy Saturday, we contemplate the long travail of Creation and the People of Israel. When the lights and the music come up there is a wondrous “free at last” solemn excitement that Sunday morning, no matter how sunny, doesn't quite deliver. And you exit Redeemer into the fresh, stillness of a spring night carrying God's Hope and Glory in your heart . . .”

Steve France, Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer

The Rev. Susan Burns
 Rector

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as newly registered baptized members of Redeemer:

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| John Barnes | Clark Downs |
| Colleen Katz | James Livingston |
| Nwanganga Shields | John Stanford |
| Jianping Zhou | |

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING



From Bishop Chane’s message to parishes:

“For almost 50 years, the Episcopal Church has taken a Good Friday Offering to give support and hope to our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Jerusalem, Cyprus and the Gulf States. The offering is especially significant this year, given the unprecedented turmoil in the Middle East and as the Diocese of Washington continues to live into its companion relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem.... The Diocese of Jerusalem employs about 1,500 people and supports two hospitals (one in Gaza and one in Nablus), clinics, kindergartens, schools, and vocational training programs, as well as institutions for the deaf, the disabled and the elderly. These institutions serve people of all faiths and are critical to the educational and health needs of Palestinians, as well as our ongoing witness in the Holy Land.” Some of the projects supported by the Good Friday Offering include:

- St. Peter’s Elderly Home in BirZeit, providing housing for elderly Christians.
- St. Andrew’s Day Care Center in Ramallah, a new clinic for diabetic and cardio treatment.
- St. Andrew’s Housing Project for Young Christian Couples
- Needy families on the West Bank
- Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden, Yemen, providing unlimited access to basic health services in a low-income area.
- Scholarships for religious education for Christian children.

As part of the companion relationship between the dioceses of Washington and Jerusalem, hundreds of members of the Washington diocese have traveled to the Holy Land to take part in pilgrimages. As noted on page 4, it is hoped that Redeemer may be able to organize a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the near future.

Please remember our brothers and sisters – “the living stones” of the Holy Land – on Good Friday. Checks should be made out to Redeemer with “Good Friday Offering” on the memo line. Cash donations are welcome also.

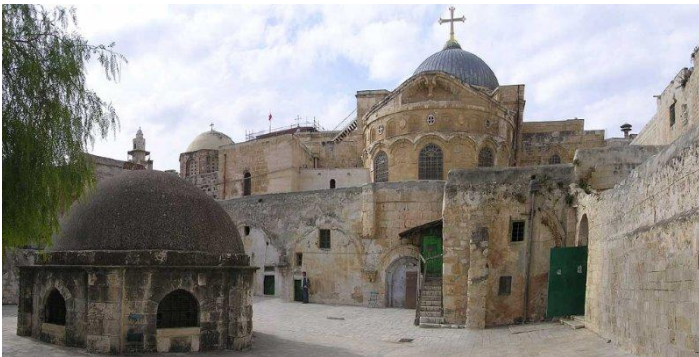
ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

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

In a five-part series, the Adult Forum is expanding our knowledge of past and present in the Holy Land, and the special companion relationship between the dioceses of Washington and Jerusalem. Our connection with the Jerusalem of today is facilitated by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's companion relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The 2011 Diocesan Convention passed unanimously a Resolution on Peacemaking in the Holy Land. The resolution calls on the faithful to recognize the Holy Land as uniquely important in the history and faith of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The resolution goes further: "Resolved, that the Convention encourage its parishes to overcome long-standing reluctance to talk about this conflict and engage in informational programs and open-minded discussions aimed at increasing understanding on all sides, facilitated, if requested by members of the Companion Diocese Committee..."

The first of Redeemer's five-part series afforded us the privilege of hearing Ambassador Philip Wilcox give a succinct and clear overview of the history of the Holy Land from early 20th century to the present, accompanied by very informative maps and slides. He focused on the impact of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Jerusalem, that make creation of a Palestinian state even more difficult.



Ethiopian Monastery and the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem.

In the second session, Dr. William Prather, chair of the Washington diocese committee charged with establishing a companion relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem, introduced us to the 27 parishes, 14 schools, four outpatient clinics, four guest houses and two hospitals in the diocese of Jerusalem, which includes Israel, the occupied Palestinian territories, Syria, Lebanon and

Jordan. The schools and medical facilities serve people of all faiths. Dr. Prather is visiting the Holy Land in April to ascertain how the Diocese of Washington might help the Jerusalem diocese in its mission. For those who are interested in understanding more about these needs, copies of *The Missioner's Toolkit* are available in the Parish Hall.

In session three, we heard from Dr. Philip Farah and his son. Dr. Farah was born and raised in Palestine. He discussed the history of Palestine, the crisis of Israel's founding and present day events, in the context of his family's experience. He shared pictures of his extended family and their homes, and of the wall the Israeli government has constructed that separates residents in Palestinian neighborhoods. Children must navigate the wall and pass through several check points to get to school. The wall deters bringing produce to market, shopping and commerce in general.

In week three, we also heard from Udi Pladott, a recent Jewish immigrant to America from Israel, whose family moved to Palestine in the 1920s. Udi shared his moving story of growing up in Israel and his required military service in the Israeli army. While serving in Gaza, he became aware of the fear in the eyes of the civilians he was supposed to be protecting, leading him to question his government's policies. He completed his military service and now lives in America. He is working to further more liberal policies in the hope of a peaceful resolution for all those living in the Holy Land.

In the fourth session, Dr. Ghassan J. Tarazi, a Palestinian-American, focused on Palestinian Christians and the impact of Israeli policies on the lives of these "living stones," Christians living in the Holy Land. Dr. Tarazi was accompanied by his wife Kay. They both spoke of the work being done by their church, Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale, to make connections to the Holy Land through relationships. He stressed that the most important focus must be on working for justice in the Holy Land.

On *Sunday, April 10*, the final session in the series, entitled *First Steps*, will be led by three guests from local churches: Maryn & Leon Goodson from Westmoreland UCC, Paul Barkett from St. John's, Lafayette Square, and Peter Hawley from St. Mark's, Capitol Hill. Each church is at a different stage in making meaningful, concrete connections with Palestinians. We will discuss how we might really "go to Jerusalem" as American Christians, in a way that embodies our faith and values.

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

MID-WEEK LENTEN PROGRAM

The Way of Compassion

In the first two weeks of this year's Lenten class, *The Way of Compassion*, we focused on receiving and giving service, the ways in which we are poor ourselves, and our call as followers of Christ to reach out in service to others. In the second two weeks, we will consider our call and commitment to justice and peace, as followers of Christ.

The class will meet *Tuesday evening*, April 5 and 12, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (in the rectory) and *Wednesday morning*, April 6 and 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (in the church). Evening and morning sessions have the same basic content, and you are welcome to come to either. Even if you were unable to come to the first two sessions in March, you are welcome to join us for the April sessions.

The Revs. Susan Burns and Robin Razzino are leading the series. We plan to use what we are learning together as a basis for widening the conversation about outreach at Redeemer. Two gatherings ("town meetings") are planned for continuing our discernment of how God is calling us to reach out in love as a parish, locally and internationally, in charity and service, and in working to build peace and justice in our world. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in these conversations, which will follow coffee hour on Sundays May 22 and June 5.

The Revs. Susan Burns & Robin Razzino
Rector and Assistant Rector

AT THE CATHEDRAL

Faith, Values and Foreign Policy: U.S. Leadership in a Changing Middle East

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.

An opportunity to hear from Former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and James Baker in a discussion moderated by Walter Isaacson, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute. Tickets \$10/adult, \$5 students available on-line at www.nationalcathedral.org.

Radical Christianity: An Exercise in Spiritual Imagination

Saturday, April 9, 9-10:05 a.m.

Sister Joan Chittister, a leading voice on contemporary spiritual life, Benedictine wisdom, and social justice, will speak about spiritual imagination. For more information visit: www.nationalcathedral.org/community.

SPIRITUAL LIFE



SAVE THE DATE! All Parish Retreat: October 14–16

This fall, Redeemer will have a retreat for all members of the parish. It will be held at the Peterkin Conference Center, a diocesan retreat center in Romney, WV. All members of the parish – young, old, families, singles – are encouraged to come. Scholarship help is available; please do not hesitate to ask The Rev. Susan Burns.

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

The town of Romney is rural and the conference center is typical of many church retreat settings. In mid-October, the leaves are at their most beautiful and the nighttime air is ideal for a bonfire and making S'Mores. Saturday afternoon offers an opportunity to take an old steam engine train ride along the South Branch of the Potomac River... or just take a nap or read a book.

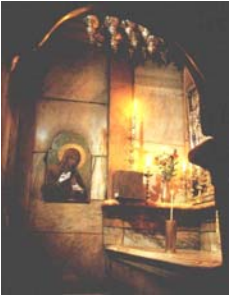
For more information/questions, please contact Susan Burns: revsusburns@verizon.net or 301-229-3770; Joe Clark: woodherb@gmail.com; or Frances Sharon: fwadsworth@verizon.net or 202-364-4937. A brochure and registration forms will be available in early April.

Frances Sharon
Spiritual Life

NOMINEES FOR BISHOP

The Select Committee charged with the search for the new bishop of Washington, announced the list of five nominees on March 31. Biographies and resumes of the nominees and opportunities to meet with them are available at www.search.edow.org. The election of the new bishop will take place at a special convention of the Diocese of Washington on Saturday, June 18. "Read only" copies of the candidates' statements are available in the Parish Hall.

SERVING GOD'S GARDEN



Good Friday and Earth Day coincide this year on April 22. That synchronistic timing challenged me to reflect on “the environment” through Lenten/Easter light and the promise of Creation. This seems especially relevant given Redeemer’s stewardship theme, *Tending God’s Garden*.

As focal points for my reflection, I have concentrated on the rites and readings (Year A) for the Lenten season and Easter preparation. Through these windows I see a garden theme and guidance for change.

The Lenten journey begins with the imposition of ashes, a humbling reminder that our existence is carbon-based. In the words of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, God “created us out of the dust of the earth” and to dust we shall return. The cross-marked sign of our mortality is also a call to repentance – a transformative *turn* toward God’s gracious gift of life and love.

The Ash Wednesday ritual unmistakably echoes humanity’s opening drama on the biblical stage, in a garden scene. In Eden, God formed the first *human being* (*adam*) from “dust from the *fertile soil*” (*adama*). Of course, we know how this story ended. Adam and Eve turned away from God’s boundaries and were themselves turned out of the Garden, burdened with generative labors bearing upon their sources of existence. Declaring our finitude, and perhaps providing the first description of a biogeochemical cycle, God concludes: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19).

This garden scene reveals a critical tension within human existence in relation to Creation and the environment. At once, life and nature are both finite and abundant. We are tempted by the prospects of enduring life and plentiful fruit, but we must live within limits.

Lent appropriately starts with the humbling Eden narrative, echoed on Ash Wednesday and as the First Sunday reading (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7). But on Ash Wednesday we also hear another garden vision from the Prophet Isaiah (58:11): “The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places...and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.” Imagining Isaiah and the Genesis poets in dialogue, I hear this garden commentary: When we turn to God, our garden thrives; but when we turn away from God, we lose the garden.

In our journey to Good Friday and Easter, we will hear stories of Jesus from the Gospel of John. With Earth Day in mind, I am struck by the nature symbols. From the start, John’s Gospel echoes Creation (“In the beginning...”) and presents Jesus as the New Creation. Simply put, through John’s prism, Jesus radiates light, life, and love. At the well with the Samaritan woman, Jesus offers “living water”; to the blind man, he is “the light of the world”; in Lazarus, he brings life from stone-clad decay; to the disciples, Jesus identifies himself as the “true vine” and his father as “the gardener” (*georgos*, one who tills the soil). Jesus proclaims that those who abide in the vine (and who receive light and living water) will “bear much fruit.” How? The vine, fruit, and gardener are symbolically one and the same: earthy, growing manifestations of divine Love toward the human community and the world – broken Creation that God seeks to make whole.

On Good Friday (Earth Day) and Easter, the lectionary readings will return us to a garden setting. In John’s account of the Passion, Jesus is betrayed, crucified, and buried in a garden. And when Mary Magdalene first sees the risen Jesus, she mistakes him for (surprise!)...the gardener.

Significantly, we hear this resurrection story following the Easter vigil readings in Genesis about the seven days of Creation and Noah: stories about God’s unconditioned love for all of Creation and God’s faithful covenant with humankind – that “never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” The readings (particularly of The Flood) support the ancient Easter vigil practice of baptism. In this ritual turn to the steadfast God, I hear Isaiah’s promise that we shall emerge “like a watered garden” (as opposed to a flooded Garden).

Despite the loving promise of Creation, however, I have trouble “turning” to God and “tending” the Garden. I easily forget my carbon makeup on a largely water planet. Lent (symbolized by ash), Good Friday (symbolized by wood), and Easter (symbolized by water) humbly remind me of my elemental finitude – my earthliness and creature nature. But this springtime journey (“Lent” literally means *spring*) also uplifts me through ancient stories and present experiences of God’s abiding Love toward the world, fashioned in God’s image and goodness. Light, life, and love – the blood (and water) of Christ – can heal brokenness. Again, I hear Isaiah’s promise: The Lord will guide, satisfy, and water us, and we shall be “like a spring.” The challenge for me is to turn humbly toward these gracious gifts and live lovingly and gratefully from this living water.

Turning is hard work, whether it's turning over a new leaf or the good earth for spring planting. Never mind the chore of changing our minds, hearts, or behaviors! Adam and Eve were symbolically tasked with difficult labors that required them to face into the primal sources and challenges of humanity's agrarian existence: birthing children and growing food. Similarly, I believe that today we are challenged to consider the environmental sources and consequences of our industrial, carbon-fueled existence. Increasingly and unwittingly, we have become separated from our agrarian roots, from the natural (re)sources that undergird our modern life, and from the "fertile soil" (*adama*) and its offshoots that sustain us (*adam*). Ironically, as climate changes, we will increasingly bear a carbon-clad cross.

In this season of ashes, wood, water, and light, I have tried to reflect further upon the organic genesis and nature-based materiality of my life and lifestyle. As an environmental science teacher, I can't escape this exercise, as much as I try. My "green" examination turns up the same conflicting questions, like returning rocks in the garden: How can I live responsibly and sustainably within bounds, like a gardener? But does it really matter – it's not like the Whole Earth is watching?

In response to these questions I hear a chorus of voices – environmental thinkers, my students, my parents, and biblical stories. Together they form a shared image that reveals the obvious but dawns on me like the slow dripping of water that eventually cracks rock: We live in God's garden which also includes wilderness (represented, too, in the Lenten readings). What do I mean by this? In my wilderness spaces, I am parched: I falter and complain; I am tempted by what I don't have; I want more than I can manage; I turn away from fountains of life. But God firmly rooted us first in a garden, in God's image. The garden's fertile ecosystem services sustain us; the vine's loving communities (that "bear much fruit") embrace us; and through love, Christ, a gardener like his Father, humbles and uplifts us. In this tension between founding garden and creeping wilderness (both serving importantly as critical mirrors for reflection), I am challenged to stay true to the promise of Creation – to "work and *serve* [the garden], to preserve and observe it" (Genesis 2:15, in the compelling translation by Ellen Davis) – and not to turn away, again, from the garden's goodness and the limits of Creation.

On this April 22, amidst a storm of environmental warning signs, I am bound to think of St. Paul's description of the whole creation "groaning in labor pains." In this image, I hear the creative challenge of facing big changes. Inevitably, turning and transformation involve

love and sacrifice; so it is with serving God's garden. With Easter light and God's grace in mind, on this Good Friday and Earth Day, I look to prune observantly and to plant a sturdy tree – in *fertile soil*, in community. I imagine that this service would please the gardener.

Nathan Price
Vestry Member for Stewardship

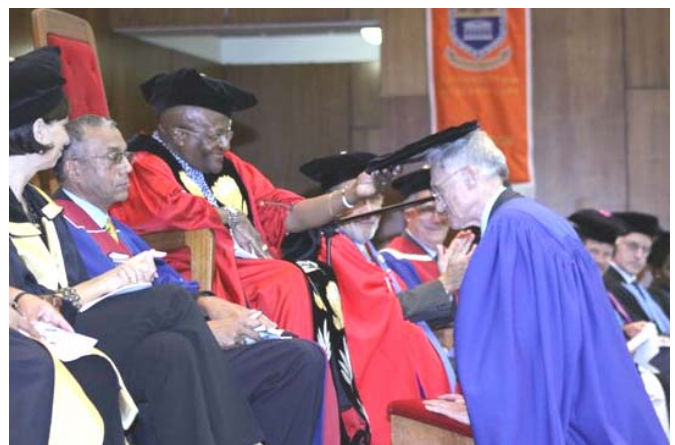


PERSONAL NOTES

Condolences to Helen Curtice on the death of her brother, Allen Wyant Guillion, III; and the family of Tom Barranger, former Redeemer member and vestryman. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Congratulations to Pat Stevens who was 95 years young on Sunday, March 20.

Congratulations to Peter Magrath who received an honorary doctorate from the University of the Western Cape (UWC) in South Africa on March 14. The degree was conferred by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Chancellor of UWC. Peter, a former member and senior warden of Redeemer, now is president of Binghamton University, SUNY



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Valuable Leadership Workshops Provided by the Diocese Rite 1 or no Rite 1? Traditional or contemporary music? Babies in the worship service or the nursery? Every parish has stories about times when members of the congregation were at odds over some issue. At Redeemer, outreach is the current thorny topic. How much of the budget should be allocated to giving? What procedures should govern the collection and disbursement of Outreach funds?

It is possible to manage difference so that it isn't divisive but, rather, helps the community grow stronger together. That was the thesis underlying three concurrent leadership development workshops sponsored by the Diocese of Washington on March 26, and attended by four Vestry members and the rector.

At the workshop I attended, we learned a strategy for helping congregations study and resolve polarizing issues. More than mere differences of opinion, polarities are the kinds of issues that do not go away even if one side prevails. Sometimes a polarity might seem trivial on the surface (for example, a debate over what color to paint the parish hall) but nonetheless threatens to divide the community ("if you paint it green, I'm leaving"). Polarities are often recognizable by the emotional tone of the debate, as the same arguments get reasserted without either side giving ground. Underneath any polarizing question, no matter how trivial on the surface, the real questions are: "Am I included? Am I loved? Do I have power?"

A congregation can resolve a polarity if it works together to clearly articulate opposing arguments, identify each position's pluses and minuses, and look for ways to preserve the positives of each while minimizing the negatives. This "both/and" tension can be a "gift of the spirit," according to workshop facilitator, the Rev. Frank Dunn, who quoted Presiding Bishop Schori:

"Both/and" thinking is the kind of tension that keeps our hearts pumping and mission thriving. It's also the kind of tension that drives some of us crazy—what's more important—justice or mercy? Inclusion or orthodoxy? Ministry grounded in bishops or in baptism? Most of those polarities are false choices. The long view says that if we insist on resolving the tension we'll miss a gift of the spirit, for truth is always larger than one end of the polarity. Tension is where the spirit speaks. Truth has something to do with that ongoing work of the spirit, and it can only breathe in living beings capable of change and growth.

A second workshop, attended by Denny Shaw, Peter Kendall and The Rev. Susan Burns, focused on effective

use of dialogue to live in harmony despite deep disagreement. Guidelines for dialogue participants were:

- Take time to be in God's presence.
- Look for common ground.
- Seek to understand rather than be understood
- Affirm individuals by respecting their differences of experience and opinion.
- Maintain a spirit of inquiry.
- Suspend assumptions.
- Refrain from blaming or assigning motives.
- Listen with openness.
- Acknowledge feelings, your own and others.
- Speak only from your own experience, using "I" statements.
- Refrain from rebutting or challenging; no "yes, buts."
- Share airtime with others.
- Maintain confidentiality following the conversation.

Source: The CREDO Institute C 2011

This hands-on workshop, enabled participants to focus on a real, specific polarity currently at play in a participant's church (whether to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer), in order to practice asking and responding to the kinds of prompts and questions that build agreement, such as:

- Tell us about a time when liturgy affected you.
- Where do you find ambiguity about your own perspective?
- What is at the heart of this matter for you?

A third workshop, attended by Gary Hacker, focused on four leadership styles: analyzer, director, relater and promoter. Each style has advantages and disadvantages. For example, an analyzer type can analyze data and make a decision based on that analysis, but must be careful not to come across as callous or to experience "data paralysis." A director type has the strength to make quick decisions, but is often alone after having done so. There is no one leadership style that is better than any other, but most good leaders will incorporate all four styles of leadership into their actions. There are times when a leader needs to be "on the dance floor" and other times when he/she needs to be "in the balcony." A strong leader must sometimes be careful not to announce his/her position up front, but to "be on the balcony" and let the group explore solutions themselves.

At the April 13 Vestry meeting, those who attended the workshops will share what we learned. We hope to be able to use some of these tools of effective dialogue as the congregation explores the meaning and practice of outreach at Redeemer.

Cathy Baker
Senior Warden

MUSICAL NOTES

Summer Music Camp

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

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

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

Tom Smith
Director of Music

2011 PLEDGE UPDATE

We have received 127 pledges for 2011 totaling \$495,375. This is just \$1,925 under our initial pledge goal of \$497,300 and \$9,317 above the budgeted pledge figure of \$486,058. Of the 127 pledges, 18 are new, 58 are increased over 2010, 33 the same and 17 decreased compared to 2010. The average 2011 pledge is \$3,901.

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

MARCH VESTRY REPORT

Reflection: The Rev. Susan Burns led a lively discussion on the reading of John 4:5-42; with a compare/contrast analysis between Pharisee Nicodemus and the unnamed Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in Sychar.

James Livingston for Ordination: James has appreciated the growth opportunities afforded by Redeemer and has also witnessed and participated in Redeemer's growth over the past two years. A motion to endorse James Livingston for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons was seconded and approved.

Vestry Day Goals: The three Vestry goals for 2011 were further clarified, and action items were planned for each goal.

Rector's Report: Susan Burns reported on the March conference at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) organized by The Rev. Robin Razzino, VTS Interreligious Officer for Anglican Communion Studies. The conference brought together Muslim and Anglican clergy and lay people to further a deeper understanding and experience between the faiths. Susan made a personal commitment to raise awareness of the upcoming tenth anniversary of 9/11 and, specifically, how we can commemorate the anniversary in a way that is healing not hurtful.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Hacker presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that to date we are on budget for 2011.

Buildings & Grounds: Peter Kendall presented the Buildings & Grounds report. The previously approved landscaping around the columbarium, labyrinth and choir steps was completed March 25. Our beautiful flower garden is expanding and requires additional professional help. Tami McMinn has made a \$1,000 donation towards this cost. An anonymous donation of \$1,000 was given for use on the grounds. The annual spring clean up was not as well attended as last year. Those who did come worked hard and long, as is evident by the beauty of our gardens!

Copier Lease: The lease agreement on the copier has expired. A motion was made to lease a new machine with virtually no cost impact that offers networking capability and color printing. The motion was seconded and approved.

Julia Rogers
Recording Secretary

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Murder Mystery Dinner: Saturday May 14, 6:30 p.m.

*"It was an evening of wine and cheese at the Melee Vineyards in the Nippy Valley, celebrating the winery's tenth anniversary. Owner Malcolm Melee took great pride in pouring his world-famous Melee Cabernet, the wine that tickles the palates of wine connoisseurs around the globe. Over the past decade, his small operation has built a record of supplying a quality product, even though Melee's surly personality had produced more adversaries than advocates. The celebration was open to the public and the assemblage included both his supporters and detractors, some of whom openly expressed their opinions about his business practices. Melee simply laughed off all negative words, even dismissing the notion that someone was determined to end his reign as cabernet king. As the gathering broke up about midnight, Melee bade "farewell" to everyone and said he would stay around to turn out the lights. But this morning, it became deadly obvious that someone had planned lights out for Malcolm Melee, for his body was found at the bottom of the staircase that leads to the oak casks in the wine cellar. Someone had put the cork on Melee and taken action that would squeeze the winery's reputation."**

Uh-oh! What happened???? Please help us unlock the mystery as the Redeemer Youth Group hosts a mystery dinner to support their mission trip to Colorado this August. The dinner will take place at the home of Jorge and Susan Guzman-Vogele. The food will be delicious, but you will want to come for the fun! And, if you solve the mystery you go home with a spectacular prize. Tell your friends and neighbors – everyone is welcome.

The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person – which includes food, beverages and the chance to use those latent detective skills! The youth will be on hand to help set up, serve the food, clean up etc. Our goal will be to make your evening unforgettable!

Your support of our efforts to raise money for the mission trip is greatly appreciated. For more information about where we are going and what we are doing please read all about it in the January 2011 Redeemer Spirit. If you are interested in attending please email Robin Razzino: revrob-ingulick@verizon.net

*The description of the mystery comes from: www.mysteries-on-the-net.com.

The Rev. Robin Razzino
Assistant Rector

CHURCH SCHOOL

Godly Play

In April, Godly Play I will study the story of Jesus and Bartimaeus (April 3), the Easter Egg Story (April 10), Jesus' Last Passover (April 17), and "Resurrection Eggs" on Easter Sunday (April 24). Godly Play II will study Baptism (April 3), Jesus and the 12 Disciples (April 10), the Easter Egg Story (April 17) and be in church for the full service Easter Sunday (April 24).

The Intermediate Class

In April, the classes are: Seminarian James Livingston on seminary and ordination (April 3, with the Middle School class), the Catechism's teaching on The Church (April 10), and Holy Week and the Passion of Christ (April 17/Palm Sunday). On Easter Sunday students will be in church for the full service.

The Middle School Class

For April, the classes are: Seminarian James Livingston on seminary and ordination (April 3, with the Intermediate Class), and An Introduction to Redeemer's History by Melinda Nelson (April 10). On April 17/Palm Sunday and April 24/Easter Sunday students will be in church for the full service.

The High School Class

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

REDEEMER BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading *A Peace to End All Peace* by David Fromkin, who reveals how and why the allies came to remake the geography and politics of the Middle East. This is a particularly timely reading as we watch the events unfold in Egypt and throughout the Middle East. The Group will meet to discuss this book on Sunday, April 17, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Ron & Sally Pugsley.

In May, the Group will read William Faulkner's *Sound and Fury*. Other books are being reviewed for June and July. If you have questions and/or would like to join, please contact Ellen Shillinglaw: 301-520-6710 or ellen.shillinglaw@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Ellen Shillinglaw

OUTREACH

Outreach Committee Meeting—Open to All

Sunday, April 10, 12:30 p.m.

If you are passionate about outreach and would like to participate in Redeemer's many opportunities for service, you are invited to become a member of the Outreach Committee and attend the Outreach Committee meeting on Sunday, April 10. We are looking for new members. If you are not sure about becoming a member of the committee, please come to the meeting as a way to help you with your discernment.

Bethesda Cares Dinner—Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to those who helped prepare dinner on Sunday, March 27, for the homeless as part of the Bethesda Cares dinner program: Julia Rogers (for coordinating food donations), Tom Rogers, Jean Lamphere, Marie France, Susan Grigsby, Russ & Ann Paulsen, Clarice Leslie, Lou & Kiki Garo, Denny Shaw and Jo Barclay-Beard. The next Sunday Redeemer will provide dinner is Sunday, May 22. A sign-up sheet listing the items needed is on the Sign-Up board in the Parish Hall. It is a joy to have more and more people participating in this important Outreach program. If you have questions, contact Julia Rogers: Julia.rogers@me.com.

Keep Hungry Neighbors on Your Shopping List

More than 400,000 people in the DC metro area, nearly 10%, are considered "food insecure," defined as "a feeling of unreliable access to meals, especially nutritious ones." In Montgomery County, some 70,000 people (7.5%) are within this definition. This is not just the unemployed, but includes people who are working two or three jobs and still do not have enough money for food. One reason for this is recent increases in food prices. A single mother in Gaithersburg said, *"There have been times when I have not eaten so my children have more to eat. I'm an adult. I can do that. I can drink water or eat a piece of bread. But you don't want your children to come to you and say, 'Mom, I'm hungry,' an hour after they've eaten."*

Help is easy to provide! The next time you go to the market, pick up an extra couple of items, bring them to church on Sunday and put them in the baskets in the Narthex. They will be delivered to Manna, the Montgomery County food bank that Redeemer's outreach supports

Bishop Walker School Book Fair

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys will hold its third annual fundraising book fair at the Politics & Prose Bookstore on Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Politics & Prose is located at 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. BWS will receive 20 percent of the day's sales. There also will be a list of the books requested by the school if supporters would like to donate a specific book. For inquiries, contact LaToya Russell at 202/591-3073 or lrussell@bishopwalkerschool.org.

Furnishing An Apartment

As part of the Transitional Housing Corporation's Partner Arms program, Redeemer will furnish an apartment for a family transitioning from homelessness. Redeemer has participated in this program approximately every two years. As the family is coming from homelessness, they have few if any furnishings. Our job is to provide furniture and household items for a two-bedroom apartment. When families successfully graduate from the program they are allowed to take everything with them. We will furnish the apartment in late June or early July. Please stay tuned for details and a list of needed items that will be posted soon on the Outreach bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please contact Marie France: msmfrance@comcast.net, or Gabrielle Herderschee-Hunter: steelorchid@verizon.net.

The Outreach Committee

PANCAKE SUPPER/TALENT SHOW

Thank you! So many people came together to make Shrove Tuesday, March 8, a wonderful evening. For set up, cooking (delicious pancakes) and clean up, thank you to Kukula Glastris who organized it all and was ably assisted by Gwen Chandler, Alice Despard, Michelle Huey, Justin Hess, Mary Lynne McElroy, Meredith Myers, Mary Potter, Dave Robinson, Julia Rogers, Patricia Snowden and David Winer.

And what a show! Thank you to all our performers: Tomasso Adani, Betsy Agrios, Jefferson, Cathy and Justin Arrington, Cathy Baker, et al., Susan Burns, Sally Bartlett, Chrissy de Fontenay, Emily, Harriet and Jessica Downer, Pat Fitzgerald, KC Herbert, Florence Herderschee-Hunter, Janice Huey, John and Nico Judge, Huda Kraske, Maya Livezey, James Livingston and Tom Smith, Rebecca Riggs, Denny Shaw, Marcia Sartwell and Ann Taylor, Lee Shipman, Patricia Snowden, John Stanford, David Strother, Galena Voytshouska, Ioulia Vvedenskaya and David Winer. A special thanks to Chrissy for signing up the performers and providing us with such wonderful entertainment.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Landscaping: Major progress has been made in the landscaping of the Church grounds including the Columbarium and Labyrinth, the area between the main entry and choir steps at the front of the church, and the new Upper Altar Guild Cutting Garden. Many thanks and kudos to Ellen Shillinglaw for her design and selection of the plantings, along with Susan Fitzgerald, Jeff Stann, Susan Grigsby, and other members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee who contributed ideas to the project. Thanks also to Linda Lear for her contribution of the Mondo Grass plantings at the base of the Columbarium, and around the edge of the Labyrinth. That area now appears complete and the Mondo Grass adds a beautiful touch to the Columbarium. With the addition of some perennial flowering plants, when funds are available, the major landscaping project will be complete.

Annual Spring Garden Clean-up: Saturday, March 19, dawned cool but clear and dry for this annual rite of Spring, and a group of eleven dedicated B&G members lent their hands to the clean-up tasks. Frank Anderson assembled the garden tools, Patrick Fitzgerald brought the bagels and cream cheese, Alice Despard brewed the coffee, Susan Fitzgerald organized the "To Do" chalkboard list and we weeded, we mulched, we raked, we hoed, we positioned the new wooden benches on pavers, and we had a good time doing it. In the end much was accomplished by Cathy Arrington, Cathy Baker, Lois Burleigh, Marcia Sartwell, Jeff Stann, David Strother and Peter Kendall. Some of the daffodils are in bloom and we are eagerly awaiting the blossoming of the more than 800 bulbs which were planted last fall.

Garden Maintenance: Because the flower garden area of the grounds was expanded last year, considerable thought was given on how best to maintain it. Our history has shown that, even given the best efforts of Susan Fitzgerald and Frank Anderson to establish Monday Night Garden Parties, where parishioners were invited to garden for an hour weekly, there was insufficient support and professional help was needed. With the extra expenditure on the landscaping project this year (total \$3,488) and with funds required for mowing (\$1,600) and the summer watering program, the prospects were grim for staying within our grounds budget. Two donors, however, have made generous contributions for care of the grounds: Tami McMinn has donated \$1,000 for garden worker help, and an anonymous donor has given an additional \$1,000. We should have sufficient funds for this year, with sincere appreciation to the donors for their generosity. Also, thanks to Linda Lear and John Nickum who will continue

their care this year of the flower garden just outside the Parish Hall on the Benalder Drive side of the church.

The Church Bell: You have probably noticed that the church bell is not being rung. What one might call a "deafening silence" has replaced its welcome sound in our services. It has been determined that to ring it now before it is repaired would be risky because the bell has worked loose from its mooring and must be removed in order to fix the problem parishioner Joe Clark and a contractor friend of his will begin repair of the bell the week of April 4. The work will take several days. Thank you, Joe, for taking on this task.

Peter Kendall

Junior Warden/Chairman, Buildings and Grounds



Top: Cathy Arrington and Susan Fitzgerald

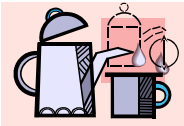
Center: Susan Grigsby

Bottom: Jeff Stann, Marcia Sartwell, Cathy Baker and Lois Burleigh

PARISH LIFE

A Special Thank you

On Sunday, March 27, we not only enjoyed the amazing music of the American Boychoir, but we experienced the excellent organization of Patricia Snowden and her parish life team who put on a spectacular and delicious spread at coffee hour and another for the post-concert reception in the evening. Our thanks to Brian Beard, Jo Barclay-Beard, Alice Despard, Marcy Dresser, Susan & Patrick Fitzgerald, Margaret Greene, Mary Lynne McElroy, Joelle Morris, Julia Rogers, Tom Smith (who did the flowers), Karen Stewart, Toni Strother, and Patricia Snowden.



Sunday Coffee Hour

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

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

If you questions regarding Coffee Hour, the following parishioners are available to help:

- Toni Strother in March, April and December
- Margaret Greene in May and June
- Patricia Snowden in July and August
- Katie Glover, September, October and November

For questions on Parish Life events and activities, please contact Patricia Snowden: postscript2@verizon.net or 301-229-2170

Patricia Snowden
Parish Life Chair

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Openings for Education for Ministry Group

Are you interested in exploring your faith, deepening your understanding of our Episcopal traditions, and growing in fellowship with other Christians? Then consider joining the Education for Ministry (EfM) group at Redeemer.

Stefanie Greene says, *“The best thing about EfM for me was your acceptance of me as a very newbie to the Episcopal Church, and one with heretical tendencies, as well. The fellowship of EfM members, the spirited discussions, the sharing of our stories without judgments of any kind, and the thoughtful selection of material for worship has moved and inspired me more than I can tell you.”*

Ellen Jimerson, a participant in Redeemer’s group for the second time, writes: *“After four years of study, I graduated from EfM, but continue to enroll in the class. Why? The conversations: they are rich and deep; they make me think about really important things; they help me focus on ideas I hadn’t considered before; they cause me to question; and they change the way I understand myself, the world and God. Before EfM, I couldn’t express clearly my own theology; now I can. The readings: this year I am reading the Old Testament again. I know the people and their stories and they have become an important source of inspiration. I understand more fully what it is to be a Christian. Friendship: we listen to one another. Imagine! We listen! We consider other points of view, and have a unique understanding of and respect for one another, even within a short period of time. I think it is because we listen. Conversation, readings, friendships—what’s not to like? Tuesday evenings anywhere else wouldn’t be the same.”*

EfM meets one evening a week September- May. Classes are based on a curriculum developed by The University of the South’s Episcopal Seminary. Members register for one year at a time. If they choose to complete the entire curriculum, they will participate for four years, with each year covering a different subject: Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), Christian Scriptures (New Testament), Church History, and 20th Century Philosophers and Theologians. The course provides an extraordinarily rich opportunity for learning and fellowship.

EfM is for lay people. It’s not about becoming a Priest, but about becoming a far more able member of the Priesthood of All Believers - which we are all called to. This is a deeply enriching learning experience, and we are fortunate to be able to offer this course at Redeemer. Currently we only have four spaces open for the class beginning in September so you must register early. For more information, contact Jo Barclay-Beard: jobbeard@yahoo.com or 301-593-5993.

INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Jewish-Islamic Dialogue

Sunday, April 10, 2:30 p.m.

The Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society (JIDS) will hold its next dialogue on Sunday, April 10, 2:30 p.m., at the congregation Beth El (8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda). The dialogue will involve the extremely timely issue of how people interpret the Qur'an and the Torah to criticize and sometimes demonize their respective faiths. Ira Weiss and Haythan Younis will give the presentations.

Presentation by Palestinian Author Raja Shehadeh

Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

St. Columba's Peace Fellowship will sponsor a presentation and reading by Raja Shehadeh on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. Shehadeh is a Palestinian Anglican, human rights lawyer and author of a new book, *A Rift in Time: Travels with My Ottoman Uncle*. Shehadeh trained as a lawyer in London and is a founder of the human rights organization Al-Haq. He lives in Ramallah. In 2008 he was awarded the Orwell Prize, Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing, for his book *Palestinian Walks*.

CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP

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

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

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Karina Kimberlin	Tom Smith
Karen Stewart	Brooke Anthony
Joe Clark	Patricia Rogers
John Caldwell	Pat Fitzgerald
Marina France	Sarah Lasseron
Maggie Raber	Sarah Nelson
Maureen Shupe	Meredith Myers
Eli Livezey	Peter Magrath
Jay Petillo	Kelsie Kimberlin
Katie Nelson	Chrissy de Fontenay
Jordan Avery	Nathan Hotes
Robin Razzino	Julie Wolf-Rodda

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Stuart Chandler & Alice Despard



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 Spring Session will begin on Saturday, April 9, and will run for eight weeks to Saturday, May 28. The sessions costs \$112 or you can pay the drop-in rate of \$15/class weekly if you prefer. (There will be no class on Saturday, April 2).

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

- Parish Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 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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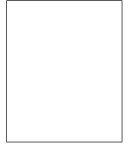
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We are called as a loving community of faith to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action, and to welcome all people who seek a deeper knowledge of God. We will achieve our mission by striving to create a vibrant, focused and growing Church that embodies Christian values and beliefs; implementing programs and services that are meaningful in our daily lives (faith in action); building a safe environment that encourages us to reach out to our community, to people of other faiths and beliefs, and to people who differ from us in important ways.

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

Holy Week & Easter at REDEEMER



PALM SUNDAY — April 17

Blessing of Palms, Procession & Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
Blessing of Palms, Procession & Choral Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK — April 18

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



TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK — April 19

The Office of Compline (sung), 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK — April 20

Morning Prayer & Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon
The Office of Tenebrae (sung), 7:30 p.m.



MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 21

Simple Supper, 6:30 p.m.
Choral Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY — April 22

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 noon
The Solemn Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.



EASTER EVEN — April 23

The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:30 p.m.

EASTER DAY — April 24

The Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
Festal Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
Hot Cross Buns & Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 noon