

Prayer Tree

This group offers intercessory prayer for those who request prayers in times of need. When a request is received, the Rector e-mails those who have on the Prayer Tree list who have access to e-mail. Parishioner Pat Stevens calls others on the list who can only be reached by telephone. *Contact:* Pat Stevens: 301-263-0451, or The Rev. Susan Burns: revsusanburns@verizon.net/301-229-3770.

Wednesday Prayer Group

This group meets for the service of Morning Prayer each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The service is followed by a light breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Vestry

Contact: Tom McNaugher, Senior Warden: tomm@rand.org/703-533-3654.

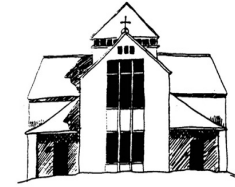
The Vestry is responsible for oversight of Redeemer's operations and activities. Members are elected for three-year terms. Each member oversees one area of ministry. The Vestry meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your ministry.



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“... my strength and my Redeemer.”

-Psalm 19:14

TIME & TALENT OPPORTUNITIES

This Time & Talent leaflet is designed to provide a summary of The Church of the Redeemer's many opportunities for ministry within the parish and the wider community.

*If no contact person is listed, please contact the Parish Office:
office.redeemer@verizon.net or 301-229-3770*

Adult Education

Adult Education Committee

This committee helps to plan and organize educational/formational programs for adults, including the regular Adult Education Forum at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Forum provides an opportunity for in-depth discussion of a wide array of topics. *Contact:* Lois Burleigh: loisburlei@aol.com/301-469-0274.

Adult Formation

Formation in faith is a lifelong process. The clergy offer mid-week classes during the year for adults who would like to explore more deeply, to prepare for baptism, confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Classes are also offered during Lent. Recent themes have been Anglican Spirituality and Creating a Rule of Life. *Contact:* The Rev. Susan Burns: revsusanburns@verizon.net, or The Rev. Robin Gulick: revrobingulick@verizon.net; 301-229-3770.

Book Club

The book club meets once a month to discuss a book they have chosen to read. Meetings are held at parishioners' homes. *Contact:* Huda Kraske: hqkraske@aol.com/301-656-2087.

Discovery & Travel Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy lunch and fellowship. Special activities and outings are also planned.

Contact: Moses Middleton: 301-585-1438.

Altar Guild

Contact: Marie France: msmfrance@comcast.net/301-320-1534, or Tami McMinn: tamiabout29@comcast.net/301-229-0844

The Altar Guild (adults and youth) prepares the sanctuary for worship. Work includes the arrangement of flowers, altar set-up, and care of sacred vessels and linens. Members can elect to do flowers only or altar set-up only or both. Members set up at their convenience on Friday or Saturday (approx. 1-2 hours), between and after services on Sunday, and on weekdays, as needed. There is a rotating schedule of volunteers. Training is provided.

Buildings and Grounds

Contact: Meredith Griggs: mmgriggs@gmail.com/301-320-5831

Building & Grounds Committee

This committee, under the leadership of the Junior Warden, assists in keeping our facilities and grounds in good order. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks including the organization of clean-up campaigns (inside and out), gardening, and snow removal.

Children & Youth

Contact: The Rev. Robin Gulick: revrobingulick@verizon.net/301-229-3770.

Children & Youth Committee

This committee helps to plan and organize educational/formational programs for the young people of Redeemer. These include retreats, outreach opportunities, and other events.

Sunday School Teacher

Volunteers teach Sunday school on a rotating basis. Classes take place on Sunday, 10:40 - 11:15 a.m. There are classes for all ages.

Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival includes strawberry picking and hulling, a silent auction, food sales, rummage and book sales, and games and activities for children and youth. Volunteers assist with planning, organization, and publicity, starting in the spring. The festival takes place on the second Saturday in June and is Redeemer's largest fundraising event of the year.

Other Events

Assistance is needed at the following annual events: Homecoming Sunday (September), Celebrate Redeemer Dinner (November), Advent Wreath-Making, and the Christmas Pageant (December).

Pastoral Care

Contact: Jack Hutchings: drjrh@rcn.com/301-986-4606

Pastoral Care Committee

The committee helps to plan and organize pastoral care support services for Redeemer parishioners.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

A Lay Eucharistic Visitor is licensed to take Holy Communion to those who are ill or homebound and unable to attend services. Training is provided.

Contact: The Rev. Susan Burns: revsusanburns@verizon.net/301-229-3770.

Healing Ministry

Lay persons offer prayers for strength and healing with the laying-on of hands at services on the first Sunday of the month. On the third Monday of the month, there is a healing group meeting at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral Support

Volunteers assist with the preparations for receptions following funerals, in consultation with clergy. Guidelines are provided.

Network of Care Givers

Volunteers, coordinated by a Pastoral Care Captain, provide assistance to those in need due to sickness or being homebound. Volunteers also provide transportation to/from doctor visits, church services, and church events; meals for those who are homebound; calls, cards, and visits to those who are unwell or in need; and other assistance as needed.

Outreach

Contact: Clarice Leslie: cyleslie@verizon.net/301-229-2609

Outreach Committee

This committee plans and oversees Redeemer's extensive outreach programs and assists in making the various events and activities happen throughout the year.

International

International outreach projects are tied to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals: Hope for Burundi, an agro-forestry and peace and reconciliation project in Burundi in Central East Africa; and Our Little Roses, an Episcopal home for girls in San Pedro Sula in Honduras.

Local

Local outreach includes work with Bethesda Cares, Manna Food Center, Center for Family Life Services, Samaritan Ministry, Transitional Housing Corporation, and Street Church. Local outreach activities include, among others, a mini-walk for the Homeless, Summer Music Camp, a back-to-school supplies drive, Samaritan Ministry toiletries drive, and a collection of toys for children at Christmas.

Parish Life

Contact: Ben Ivins: bivins@nab.org/301-263-0608

Parish Life Committee

This committee helps to plan and oversee the many parish life events.

Coffee Hour

Volunteers provide refreshments, e.g., cookies or fruit or cheese and crackers, etc. and assist with Coffee Hour set-up and clean-up. This work can be done by individuals or groups within the parish.

Pancake Supper and Talent Show

Volunteers are needed to assist in various ways with the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show, a highlight of parish life.

Nursery

Nursery care is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays.

Communications/Administration

Contact: Gary Hacker: gary.hacker@verizon.net/202-265-6467, or the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net/301-229-3770.

Communications & Publicity

Volunteers are invited to provide assistance with the website, newsletter, advertising and publicity, and other communications projects.

General Assistance

The Parish Office occasionally needs assistance with answering phones (when the Administrative Assistant is away), as well as with proofreading, collating, mailings, etc.

Fiscal Affairs

Contact: Mary K Young: young@zconsultzg.com/301-320-5696

Finance Committee

This committee meets as needed to oversee the church's financial planning and budgeting.

Assistant Treasurer

The assistant treasurer helps to keep financial life in order by providing much needed help to the Treasurer and Vestry.

Counters

After the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday (and after some special services), counters work in pairs to record plate offerings and pledge payments and prepare bank deposits. Counting usually takes about 30 minutes and is done in the Parish Office. Counters are scheduled about once a month. Training is provided.

Stewardship Committee

This committee is responsible for planning the annual stewardship campaign each fall and for year-round stewardship activities. Members of the committee help inform parishioners of the ways in which they can offer treasure, time, and talent to the parish community.

Liturgical Assistants

Contact: The Rev. Susan Burns: revsusanburns@verizon.net, or the Parish Office: office.redeemer.net; 301-229-3770.

Worship Committee

This committee meets as needed to work with the clergy and Director of Music in planning the liturgical life of the parish.

Acolyte/Crucifer/Torch Bearer (All ages)

Acolytes assist the clergy at the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Crucifer carries the cross in procession at the beginning and end of the service. Torch Bearers carry torches (candles) in procession. Each Acolyte/Crucifer/Torch Bearer serves once or twice a month. Training is provided.

Chalice Bearer (Adults and youth)

Chalice Bearers administer the consecrated wine or grape juice to worshippers during Holy Communion. Chalice Bearers serve approximately once every 4-5 weeks. Training is provided.

Greeter (All ages)

Greeters welcome worshippers at the conclusion of the service, provide newcomers and visitors with general information, and introduce them to other parishioners. Greeters serve approximately once every six weeks.

Lay Reader (Adults and youth)

At the 8:00 service, the Lay Reader reads the Lesson, the Psalm, and the Epistle. At the 10:30 a.m. service, one Lay Reader reads the Lesson and a second Lay Reader reads the Epistle. (The Psalm is typically sung at this service). The Lectionary is on the lectern; it is in large print. The Parish Office e-mails or mails the readings to Lay Readers on the Monday before they are scheduled to serve so they can practice and study the reading. Readers serve approximately once every six weeks. Training is provided.

Prayers of the People (POP) Leaders (Adults)

The POP Leader receives a sheet with the complete POP text when he or she arrives at Church. An usher selects others to read parts of the prayers. The leader reads from the lectern; the others read from the pews. Leaders serve approximately once every six weeks.

Usher (Adults and youth)

Ushers arrive early to distribute service leaflets to worshippers as they arrive, assist those who may need help, and welcome newcomers. Ushers pass the offering plate and present it at the Offertory. Ushers may be asked to assist at special services, such as funerals. Ushers serve once or twice a month. Training is provided.

Scheduling

A 12-week schedule of Liturgical Assistants and Counters (*see Fiscal Affairs*) is produced and distributed by the Parish Office.

Membership/Newcomers

Contact: Bruce McWilliams: brucemcw@msn.com/301-320-0142

Membership/Newcomers Committee

This committee is responsible for the warm welcome of visitors and newcomers, the organization of Newcomers' Receptions, and the maintenance of the Membership bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Music

Contact: Tom Smith, Director of Music: music.redeemer@verizon.net/ 301-229-3770.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist each Sunday, and at special liturgies during the year. Rehearsal takes place on Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday morning Warm-up begins at 9:15 a.m.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir (children and youth) sings at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist each Sunday, and at special liturgies during the year. Rehearsal takes place on Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Sunday morning Warm-up begins at 9:45 a.m.

Music at Redeemer Series

Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers and to assist with the planning and preparation of receptions following the various music series events.