



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

This Week at Redeemer



Pledge Drive Update

As of December 1st, we have 84 pledges for a total of \$377,933. We had 108 pledges last year, so we haven't heard from many of you. Of those 84, 7 are new and 4 are folks who have returned to pledging after a hiatus. Thank you to those who increased their pledge - nearly half of the pledges received are significant increases. Bless you all!

Adult Forum this week!

On December 10th we'll talk about the gospel of Mark. We'll be reading this gospel during the upcoming church year (Year B). Finally, on Rose Sunday - December 17th - relax and enjoy The Christmas Cantata by Mark Schweizer. Pick up a copy at www.sjmp.com. The cost is \$10. Mr. Schweizer is the author of the Liturgical Mystery series set in St. Germaine, North Carolina. It's like Cabot Cove with an Episcopal twist.

Collect of the Day:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- Isaiah 40:1-11
- 2 Peter 3:8-15a
- Mark 1:1-8
- Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Serving: December 10, 2017

Ushers - Jefferson Arrington, Meredith Griggs, Michael Mershon

Acolyte - Olivia Tyler

Crucifer - Cara Price

Lector - Susan Grigsby (8:00), Chris Austin, Lisa MacBain (10:30)

Intercessor - Jo Barclay-Beard

Chalice - Tami McMinn (8:00), Ben Ivins, Bill MacBain, Nathan Price (10:30)

Counters - Clark Downs, Ben Ivins

Altar Guild - Tami McMinn, Helen Zitomer, Judy James

Coffee Hour - Jo Barclay-Beard, Barbara Alterowitz, Toni Strother, Chrissy de Fontenay

The Sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please volunteer in this ministry of hospitality. Thank you!

Also, see the sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers and add your special intention! Envelopes for Christmas flowers will be available in Advent.



■ Prayer Requests

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Susan Ingraham, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Clarice Leslie, Catherine Moore, Hal Palmer, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Rich Randa, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Lynda Shepard, Anne Southard, Karen Stewart, Patricia Snowden, Ann Taylor, Carter Taylor, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Mollie, Logan, Jay, James, and the Sewell family.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Tyler Packard-Winkler, Theo Akpinar, Lucy Court, Susan Cinkala

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 6

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7

- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

- Music Together, 10:00 a.m.
- AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Wreath Making, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Jack Hutchings' funeral - 4:00 p.m.

- Sunday, December 10
Alternative Gift Giving Sale
- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
 - Childcare, 9:15 a.m.
 - Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 11 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Christmas Pageant, December 17

P.R.A.Y. Caroling, December 17

"Blue Christmas, December 20

Advent IV, December 24

Christmas Eve, December 24

Christmas Day, December 25

Coming Up at Redeemer

Christmas Services

December 20 (Wednesday) at Noon: "Blue Christmas"

This service is for anyone who finds the crowds of Christmas Eve to be oppressive or who has recently lost someone dear. The holidays are difficult and people are feeling 'blue'. Please spread the word about this service to anyone who might benefit.

December 24 (Sunday) at 10:30 a.m.: Advent IV

It's not Christmas until Christmas! The final Sunday of Advent this year is the 24th. We will be worshipping in the parish hall to give the altar guild extra time to finish decorating. Finish Advent by coming to church this morning!

December 24 (Sunday) at 5:00 p.m.:

Family-friendly Eucharist with Christmas music.

December 24 (Sunday) at 10:00 p.m.:

Choral Holy Eucharist beginning with a musical offering by our Adult Choir.

December 25 (Monday) at 10:00 a.m.:

A simple Christmas Eucharist with music.

Bethesda Cares:

For a home, family, friends, fellowship, purpose in life. How do we show our appreciation of these God-given gifts to people in our community who lack some or all of them?

We worship and pray together in a township where BETHESDA CARES for those in need of these blessings that we have. On Sunday, November 26 Redeemer will provide our regular rotation-dinner for BETHESDA CARES. Hot food and take-away snacks bring together the needy community in our area. We also have a donation box for clothes, toiletries and other items to help this work all year. It's in the coat rack area of the parish hall.

December approaches and one specific need is warm adult-sized gloves, hats, and heavy socks. Please help us to decorate a THANKSGIVING TREE with these items. As you purchase for yourself or family could you get an extra pair (or 2) to make a colorful tree for those in need in our community? Please contact Barbara Thackray if you have any questions (thackraybm@aol.com).

Redeemer Book Group

The Book Group is reading "The Alto Wore Tweed" by Mark Schweizer. St. Germaine is a quiet little town in the mountains of North Carolina. Quiet until full-time police detective, part-time Episcopal choirmaster and aspiring whodunit novelist Hayden Konig begins his opus amidst murder and hilarious mayhem at St. Barnabas Church. In addition to discussing this liturgical mystery novel, we will continue delving into the forty rules of love that were listed in the book we have just discussed today. No prior reading of the book is required. The meeting for discussing "The Alto Wore Tweed" and the forty rules of love will be on December 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm the home of Susan Grigsby, 7325 University Avenue in Glen Echo. Any questions? Contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com.

The book to be read after that is "The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu deals with attaining happiness in a changing world. This book affirms many of the 40 rules of love mentioned above. More on this later.

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales will take place on December 10. Palestinian olive oil products, as well as other handmade items, will be available after each Sunday service in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate and have a product to sell, please contact Cricket. The proceeds support local ministries in which our parishioners are involved.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE

Go to redeemberbethesda.org/music for more information.

New choir members always welcome - adults and youth

If you or someone you know would like to be in our choirs, contact Chris Betts at music@redeemberbethesda.org. New members are always welcome. Right now we are particularly looking for youth choristers (any grade school age), tenors, and basses, but we'll welcome sopranos and altos too!

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