



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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NOTES FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Dear Friends,

On March 5, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent – a time of preparation for experiencing the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Lent, it is traditional to focus more intently on our spiritual lives and on our relationship with God, who we know in Jesus Christ. You may wonder, what is Lent in this day and age? As it has always been, Lent is observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. During Lent, we concentrate on fundamental values and priorities; on strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ.



Here, at The Church of the Redeemer, there will be several opportunities to deepen our spiritual lives – from the three services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, to weekly Monday night services in the style of Taizé, mid-week services of Holy Eucharist, a series of Adult Forums, a Women's Lenten Quiet Morning, and an evening Lenten series, which you will hear more about as we draw closer to Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a time of turning, of returning to God. During these forty days, we focus on cleansing ourselves spirituality through prayer, fasting, and confession, so that we can be prepared to participate at some level in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a perfect time to come back to church, to intensify your worship, and to bring your belief to a deeper level. It is a time for us to gain the benefits of reflection on our life in Christ, confession of all that separates us from God, and a clear effort to change our lives.

It is our tradition as Episcopalians to mark the season of Lent by giving up some things and/or taking on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a holy time of preparation. Some examples of things people give up for Lent include sweets, meat for all or some meals and alcohol. In most cases, giving up something for Lent can be made more meaningful by using the money or time that would have been expended on what you have given up for another purpose.

For example, meal times on fast days could be spent in prayer. Another example is that, if you give up meat during Lent, the

extra money that would go to meat dishes can be given to a group, such as Bethesda Cares, which works to support the homeless in our area. Some things added during Lent are daily Bible reading; fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; scheduling personal time for prayer and reflection; or taking a course of study related in some way to spirituality.

A friend who traveled to the desert area of the Holy Land during Lent had expected to find it a barren and isolated place. Instead he found the desert alive with beautiful flowers. May our Lenten journey be a time of growth and new birth.

In this season of Lent 2014, we can find tremendous benefit as we walk the way to the cross with Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that you will take advantage of the rich opportunities the Lenten season offers to grow into Christ's presence and grace here at Redeemer and in the area. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Faithfully, yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Dr. Ann J. Broomell, *Interim Rector*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, February 23

Celebration of Tom Smith's 10th Anniversary as Director of Music, 12:15 p.m. (p. 3)

Tuesday, March 4

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00 p.m. (p. 6)
Talent Show, 7:30 p.m. (p. 2)

Wednesday, March 5

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 7:30 a.m.,
12:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (p. 2)

Sunday, March 23; Wednesday, March 26; Saturday, March 29; and Sunday, March 30

Rector Search Committee Listening Sessions: *Listening to our Redeemer* (pp. 8-9)

WORSHIP

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE & HEALING RITE

Redeemer's usual monthly service in the style of Taizé will take place on Monday, March 3. During the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, a Taizé Service & Healing Rite will take place every Monday (March 10 – April 14), at 7:30 p.m. Why not make Taizé part of your Lenten practice?

Taizé is an informal, contemplative liturgy with scripture, icons, incense, silence, and chant accompanied by piano, guitar, and other instruments. It is offered on the first Monday of the month (October – June). The Healing Rite – prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit for you or someone you love – is offered at the conclusion of the liturgy.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

There will be three liturgies on Ash Wednesday. The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. liturgy will include choral anthems, hymns, and service music. We hope you will begin your Lenten journey by worshipping with us.

HEALING MINISTRY

A group of about 20 women and men have committed themselves to the Healing Ministry at Redeemer, which takes place during both the 8:00 and 10:30 liturgies on the third Sunday of the month. The Healing Rite is also offered at the end of the Taizé service on the first Monday of the month (October – June) and every Monday during Lent. As members of the community come forward to the side chapel after receiving the Eucharist, it might be helpful for all of us to understand more precisely what is going on and to reverently offer our own silent prayer, along with those who come forward seeking healing in body, mind, and spirit.

There are four Healing Ministers who participate at each service. Two stand behind the rail to hear petitions for healing for yourself, your loved ones, your friends and all who you hold before God in prayer. These Ministers listen to your petition and then “lay hands” upon you, either on your head, your shoulders or sometimes take your hands in theirs, and quietly beseech Our Lord Jesus Christ to hear your supplication, and to pray for and with you. Sometimes we use our own prayers to give voice to your petitions, and sometimes we lay our hands upon you in silent prayer – a silence in which the ministers and you, and all those who participate silently from the congregation – send our prayers to God. Most often, the Healing Minister will end with one of the prayers found in The Book of Common Prayer, p. 456. When a member of the clergy participates in the healing prayer, they end with a blessing.

The other two Healing Ministers do not hear your petition, but step forward to lay their hands on you as a sign of the whole community of Christ faithfully supporting the prayer for healing. When the blessing has concluded, the Ministers step back to their places. They represent the whole community in asking for God's blessing.

You might also wonder just why the four Healing Ministers join hands at the rail in silent prayer both before the service begins and again when the last petitioner has returned to his/her seat. During these moments, we are praying that our words might be acceptable to Christ, that our efforts to communicate the needs of the petitioners might be heard, and that all those in the community who are in need of healing, but do not come forward, may be heard and healed as well. We ask for God's blessing on us as we humbly seek to channel the needs of those who come before us to the heart of Christ and to ask that He comforts all who are in need.

It is our belief that we who participate in this wonderful ministry can be conduits for the whole community and for all the needs for healing of body, mind and spirit that are spoken and unspoken. We pray for openness to the Holy Spirit, and we pray for those who come before us in total confidence that their prayers may be heard by God alone.

We hope that more in the Redeemer community will feel comfortable about coming forward to ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones, our community and our nation. There is a copy of *Ministry with the Sick* that contains prayers that some of us use for healing on different occasions, as well as other readings. It is a small green book that is kept on the window ledge in the side chapel for anyone to use. We ask that you not remove it from the chapel so that it will be available for others.

We hope that any who feel they are called to join us in this ministry will make themselves known to The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell, Interim Rector. The Healing Ministers try to meet several times a year as a group for reflection and discussion. Training is offered to anyone who desires to serve Christ in this way. Thanks be to God.

Linda Lear, *Healing Ministry Coordinator*

MUSIC

CELEBRATION OF TOM SMITH'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Our beloved Tom Smith has served as Director of Music at The Church of the Redeemer for 10 years! Join us after the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, February 23, when we will celebrate Tom's ministry among us with a festive coffee hour, which will include special surprises and delicious cake. Don't miss this opportunity to thank Tom for all that he has done and continues to do for the parish.

In his ten years at Redeemer, Tom has transformed our music ministry. He has grown the Adult Choir from about 12 voices to almost 40, and has built an outstanding choral program for youth, which currently includes 20 young people of all ages. Both choirs offer glorious music within the context of worship Sunday after Sunday, and on many special occasions.

Tom initiated and continues to oversee the *Music at Redeemer Series*, an extensive and eclectic series of concerts and choral services currently in its ninth season. The series draws in many who might not otherwise come through Redeemer's doors – an important musical outreach to the community. Over the years, the series has raised a significant amount of money for several of Redeemer's outreach partner organizations.

Thanks to Tom, Redeemer now offers a Summer Music Camp each August. Staffed by several of the area's leading music educators, the camp brings together a diverse group of children and youth for one week of musical learning and fun.

Under Tom's leadership, the parish commissioned a new pipe organ in 2007. Designed and constructed by parishioner Michael Hart, this world-class instrument, recently expanded thanks to the generosity of parishioner Gary Hacker, is known throughout the region for its beauty and versatility.

As we celebrate with Tom, let us give thanks to God for his ministry in this place. *Deo gratias!*

Redeemer Clergy and Vestry



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It's nearly impossible for me to believe that my tenth anniversary as Director of Music at The Church of the Redeemer is quickly approaching. These have been some of the most personally, professionally, and spiritually fulfilling years of my life, and I give thanks to God for all of you, who have lovingly and faithfully supported me in my ministry since 2004. I love this parish and I look forward to discovering what God has in store for us in the years to come.

Thomas Smith, *Director of Music*

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

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

An evening service to mark the beginning of the season of Lent, sung by the Adult and Youth Choirs. Music will include works by David Briggs, Gary Davison, and Richard Webster. A brief organ recital by Russell Weismann will precede the liturgy. All proceeds from the offering benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. Reception to follow.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra: *Poetic License*

Sunday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m.

An exceptionally unique program featuring Dominic Argento's Six Elizabethan Songs, with acclaimed soprano Hilary Park; William Walton's *Façade* (An Entertainment); and the world premiere of *The Bear and the Dove*, by Brooklyn-based composer Gregory Spears. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Science & Religion: On February 23, Parishioner David Brown will lead a discussion of the controversy between Galileo and the Catholic Church and provide a perspective on the ongoing dialogue between science and religion. On March 2, a panel of parishioners will focus on bioethics and the impact of these new developments on faith.

Lenten Series: Responding to the Needs of Others: We will begin with a series on helping others, including discussions about cancer patients and intimate relationships, alleviating hunger, public service, and volunteer work. Later in Lent, The Rev'd Ann Broomell will present forums on *Forgiveness:* in Holy Scripture, among peoples and nations, and between others, ourselves and God. A detailed schedule will be available soon. Questions? Contact Marilyn Raisch: 301-762-2790 or raischm@gmail.com; Virginia Pearson: vapearson2@aol.com or 703-395-5619.

Women's Lenten Quiet Morning

Saturday, March 15, 8:30 a.m.–Noon

The Rev'd Vikki Clayton will lead a Women's Lenten Quiet Morning, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at noon, followed by a shared pot-luck lunch. All women of Redeemer and their friends are invited to attend a morning of spiritual contemplation and meditation. Please bring an item to share for lunch. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall or contact Vikki: vclayton@sugarloafnet.com, or speak with her on a Sunday morning.

Bible Study

Bible Study takes place on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Intermediate classroom. The group is now studying the Book of Acts. Recent topics have included the books of Psalms, Titus, Hebrews, James, First & Second Peter, First, Second and Third John, and Revelation, among others. There is still much to explore. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Steve Gibson: gibliu@verizon.net or 301-229-1168.

Redeemer Book Group

The group is reading *The Meanings of Jesus, Two Versions* by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright, which will be discussed at the next meeting on Sunday, March 9, 3:00 p.m. at the home of parishioners Kiki and Lou Garo. The next two selections are *Corruption* by Tahar Ben Jelloun, and *Eearth* by Bill McKibben. The group meets approximately every six weeks. Questions? Contact Lou & Kiki Garo: 301-229-7763 or luciengaro@verizon.net. All are welcome.

NOTES FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is so wonderful to be back among you all. So much has happened in the life of the parish during my three-month absence. We have a new Interim Rector, Search Committee, and diocesan search consultant. We are well on our way to meeting our new rector later this year! It is an exciting time in the life of our parish and I look forward to being with you all as we listen and learn together, and continue to develop a vision for this corner of the Kingdom of God.

Brian and I look forward to introducing you to our newest little Razzino, Anna. She is a sweet little girl and we are a happy family. It was so nice for Brian and Zoe to come to Redeemer while I was on maternity leave and stay connected to all of our friends here. I love that Zoe is so comfortable here and enjoys coming to church. And I was filled with so much joy on Sunday, February 9, as I celebrated the Eucharist with all of you once again. God is so good.

As you all know, this is an amazing and generous community. Pretty much all of you provided us food at some point in the last three months. It was wonderful to be so supported and well fed by this community. We had beef and lamb, pork roasts and chicken pot pies, home-made soups, brownies, cakes, and cookies. We had bags of groceries delivered, gift cards for Trader Joe's (perfect) and Clyde's (our favorite restaurant). There is no mystery as to why I haven't lost my baby weight! We cannot thank you enough for this outpouring of love and calories that sustained us during a difficult (and joyful) time of transition. Now I just have to figure out how to cook again. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, *Associate Rector*

CHURCH SCHOOL

All Church School classes will continue through March: Godly Play I and II, Intermediate, Middle School and High School. On Sundays, February 23 and March 30 – the Middle and High School classes will remain in the Nave for the entire service.

Our thanks to parishioner Frank Anderson for the four beautiful new bookcases in Godly Play I classroom. These have been made with great love, care, and attention to detail. Please thank Frank when you see him at church.

MISSION

BETHESDA CARES DINNER PROGRAM

Many thanks to the Penn and Annie de Fontenay families for providing the entire dinner on Sunday, January 26, for about 50 hungry people as part of the Bethesda Cares Dinner program. Redeemer parishioners participate in this program six times a year on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November. The dinners are served at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Bethesda.

Normally, many parishioners contribute to this effort. Be on the look out for the sign-up sheet for providing dinner on Sunday, March 23. Parishioners Elizabeth Simmons and Olivia and Erik Devereux have taken over coordination of this program. Questions? Contact: Elizabeth: livwell_lafflots@yahoo.com or 301-841-6196; or Olivia & Erik: ohdevereux@gmail.com or 301-325-7449.

CAPITAL AREA INTERFAITH FRIENDS

To celebrate Interfaith Harmony Week, CAIF youth, that includes a number of Redeemer youth, visited the Holocaust Museum to see the permanent exhibit and the Contemporary Genocide Exhibit. The response to the exhibits was overwhelming and a second visit will take place in March. The youth are planning a Genocide Awareness Project for early April – details to be provided shortly. If you are interested in learning more about CAIF, please contact Dominique & Mike Rychlik: rychliks@gmail.com or 301-365-3845.



MANNA FOOD CENTER

The youth of the parish worked hard to raise Redeemer's awareness of the needs of the Manna Food Center in Rockville and how easy it is to contribute – just bring the

items to church and leave them in the Narthex. As a result of their efforts, 210 pounds of food were delivered to Manna from Redeemer in January – twice the usual monthly amount. Thank you Cara Price, Nick Rychlik, Anna Forman and Anna Nachbar for this wonderful effort and to Mary K Young, who helped to organize it. Keep the contributions coming!

STREET CHURCH: PLEASE JOIN US

Street Church, a ministry of The Church of the Epiphany, DC, takes the church to the people. It includes a weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist and lunch for about 60–80 needy/homeless individuals who frequent Franklin Square Park in downtown Washington.

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., clergy and lay volunteers from area churches, including Redeemer, gather at Epiphany, 1317

G Street NW, to prepare the lunches, which include hot soup in the winter.

The liturgy begins at 1:00 p.m. Afterward, lunches are distributed. The interaction between volunteers and homeless individuals creates a special spiritual bond. Those who are served have come to believe that those who are more fortunate really do care about and value them. Volunteers will refer those with special needs to agencies in the city. A successful warm clothing drive was just completed with help from many Redeemer parishioners. Epiphany is easily accessible by Metro; free parking is also available. Additional volunteers are needed! Questions? Contact parishioners Frank Anderson: 301-229-3688; Chrissy de Fontenay: 301-229-6835 or ccfontenay@yahoo.com; or Lou and Kiki Garo: 301-229-7763 or luciengaro@verizon.net.

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

As responsible stewards of the environment, the non-profit group Groundswell, offers parishioners an opportunity to consider switching to wind power. Through Groundswell, wind power can be purchased at a discounted price lower than the cost of fossil fuel. This is done through a process of competitive bidding and bulk purchase.

To learn more see the information posted on the Community board in the Parish Hall, or visit [cphpones@groundswell.org](mailto:cpphones@groundswell.org) or call 240-342-6193. To express an interest online visit: <http://groundswell.tfaforms.net/300231>. Questions? Contact parishioners Marie France: tweedfrance@gmail.com, or Marcia Sartwell: marcia.sartwell@verizon.net.

OUTREACH BUDGETED FUNDS

The 2014 budget has allocated \$36,742 to Redeemer's Outreach Ministry. The Outreach Committee will be meeting in late February/early March to discuss applications for funding and distribution of the funds to our partner organizations. More information will be provided shortly.

PARISH LIFE

HOLY LAND KEBAB DINNER

Sunday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its relationship with the Diocese of Washington, please join us for a Kebab Dinner on Sunday, February 23, 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Rev'd Ann Broomell will lead a pictorial pilgrimage to the Holy Land using photos from her visits in 2004 and 2011. The requested contribution for the meal is \$15. To make a reservation, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact parishioner Margaret Greene: mhgreene01@aol.com or 301 229 3414

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER & TALENT SHOW

Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.

As is our custom, the parish community will gather on Shrove Tuesday (also known as *Mardi Gras*, or "Fat Tuesday") for a delicious feast of pancakes and sausage. The requested contribution is \$10/adults and \$5/children. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend. If you are able to assist with preparation and/or clean-up, please contact parishioner Kukula Glasstris: kukula.glasstris@gmail.com or 301-320-6409.

Then it's on with the show – a highlight of parish life. We hope you will join us, specially if you are new to Redeemer! Talent in all forms – singing, dancing, playing an instrument, telling a story, reciting a poem or prose – is welcome as long as it lasts no more than five minutes. This will surely be the most gracious and appreciative audience you will ever encounter, so don't miss the chance to perform!

To reserve a space in the line-up, please add your name to the sign-up in the Parish Hall or contact parishioner Chrissy de Fontenay: ccfontenay@yahoo.com or 301-229-6835.

Parishioner Pat Fitzgerald will once again serve as MC; be sure to send him your favorite jokes: pf2134@columbia.edu.

PERSONAL NOTES

We offer our condolences to: Howard Wolf-Rodda on the death of his mother, Mary Lee Rodda; Shannon Hoogerheide on the death of her grandfather, Raymond Schmidt; Michael Hart on the death of his dear friend, Patrick Quigley; Ben Ivins on the death of his friend, Joan Desbaillets; and Angela Beckman on the death of her friend, George Wilson. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We welcome as newly registered baptized members of the parish: Timothy Yehl, Katherine Yehl, Shannon Yehl, Collette Yehl, Michael Yehl, Michael Mershon, Alicia Jennings, John Mershon and Anna Mershon.

We wish happy birthday to those born in February/March:

Jef Huey	Ann Harbeson
Mary Packard-Winkler	Cathy Arrington
Cara Price	Linda Lear
Muriel Croston	Greg Sherrard
Bill Babcock	Janet Davis
Gabriela Noya	Toria Rose
Blair Raber	Dominique Rychlik
Marleigh Burns	Julia Dohner
Steve Gibson	Steve France
Shannon Yehl	Chris Hull
Toni Strotherq	Jefferson Arrington
Anne-Sophia Fratzscher	John Vorhes
Sophia D'Ambrosio	Justin Cinkala
Hal Palmer	Sally Pugsley
David Winer	Philip Burns
Toyin Rose	Pat Stevens
Zoe de Waal	Steve Flynn
Bob Yates	Lili Liu
Olivia Devereux	Steve Raber
Alexander Devereux	Beate Kendall
Marie France	Nathan Price
Caroline Sherrard	Olivia Tomassen
Scott Williams	Maris Imbrie

We wish a happy anniversary to:

Justin & Gwen Hess
Dongbo & Callie Wang
Pat & Susan Fitzgerald

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY

Pictured below are two members of the Newcomers Ministry – Sarah Wijewardena and Toyin Rose. Other members are Kiki Garo, Ben Ivins and Callie Raulfs-Wang. If you have questions as a newcomer to Redeemer or if would be interested in joining this ministry, please speak with any one of them or contact Callie: callie.raulfs.wang@gmail.com or 757-254-7843.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

STEWARDSHIP 2014 UPDATE

To date, we have received 132 pledges totaling \$536,655, leaving us with a shortfall of \$25,345 for the 2014 pledge goal. The letter below was sent to all parishioners on February 10, asking that you to consider pledging if you have not yet done so, and, if you have pledged, to consider increasing your pledge – even by a small amount. We invite you to call or email your pledge/pledge increase to the Parish Office: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net; or send us a written note. Questions? Contact Stewardship Chair Tom McNaugher: 703-533-3654 or tlm47@georgetown.edu.

Dear Friends,

It's not often that we on your Vestry write to all parishioners, but our current budget situation calls for attention. If you've been following the progress of our annual stewardship campaign in the bulletin each week, the monthly church newsletter, or the Annual Report, you know that we now have pledges of support for this year that fall short of our goal. It is that shortfall that prompts us, the members of your vestry, to write to you now.

To date we have pledges in hand from 132 families for a total of \$536,655. Our pledge budget number for 2014 is \$562,000. Redeemer's 2014 budget is as "lean" as we can make it. We have already taken a sharp pencil to the budget and reduced where we could. This budget covers our wonderful clergy and staff, and the projected annual cost of operating and maintaining the property, but does not include a reserve fund for building emergencies. Above all, it fully funds the programs that make our church so special. Hence a shortfall is going to cut into something that we parishioners love about Redeemer.

By the same token, we feel this shortfall is not overwhelming; we think we can make it up. And that's why we are writing this letter. In the spirit of Redeemer, a church and parish that so enrich our lives, we ask for your generosity. We ask families that have already pledged to prayerfully consider increasing their pledge by 5%, or to whatever extent you can. If you haven't pledged, we urge you to do so soon. We believe that with both increases and new pledges, we can fully support the church we love so much.

You will find a copy of the 2014 budget and a detailed explanation of our current financial situation in the Annual Report. As always, if you have questions about Redeemer's finances, please ask a member of the Vestry and they will be glad to point you in the right direction.

*We continue to move forward in faith, guided by love.
Grace and peace*

*Cathy Arrington, Senior Warden; Peter Carlson, Junior Warden;
The Rev'd Ann Broomell, Interim Rector*

TREASURER'S REPORT

As discussed in the Annual Meeting Report, Redeemer enters 2014 with a budget that is close to balanced, showing an expected deficit of \$6,579. However, as noted opposite, this close-to-balanced budget is dependent on our increasing pledge income to meet the pledge goal of \$562,000. We will also have to monitor expenses closely throughout the year given that there was a shortfall in income in 2013.

As I take on the role of Treasurer, I am grateful to my predecessor, Mary K Young, for her work in leading preparation of the 2014 budget, and I am delighted that she will continue to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. The other two members of the lay finance team for 2014 are parishioner Lois Burleigh, Assistant Treasurer, and staff member Angels Beckman, Administrative Assistant.

If you have any questions about Redeemer's finances, please contact Treasurer Steve Gibson: gibliu@verizon.net or 301-229-1168, or Assistant Treasurer Lois Burleigh: loisburlei@aol.com or 301-814-1407.

Steve Gibson, Vestry Member/Treasurer

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

In 2014, responsibility for buildings and grounds will be divided between two Vestry members: Peter Carlson, Junior Warden, will continue to be in charge of our grounds and gardens, while John Nickum will take over caring for our buildings – the church and the Rectory. We are grateful to them both. If you have suggestions or questions, or notice items that may need attention, please contact Peter: spikens@verizon.net 301-983-0541, or John: jwnickum@verizon.net or 301-469-9503.

With the increase in snowfall this winter, a decision was made to hire Denchfield Landscaping to do snow removal if the fall is over 2". To those who have worked to clear the pathways in January—our heartfelt thanks.

Peter Carlson, Junior Warden/Grounds
John Nickum, Buildings

PARISH TRANSITION: SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

PARTICIPATION IN THE SEARCH PROCESS

We on the Search Committee for a new rector are both honored and excited to serve the Redeemer Parish at this special time. Over the course of the coming weeks and months together we will be embarking on a journey of self-exploration. Through a variety of means, including Adult Forum, Listening Sessions, and a survey, we will learn about the search process itself, the Parish history, where we find ourselves now, and where we hope to go.

As parish members, it will be an opportunity to discover and share our own hopes and aspirations for the future of Redeemer. Each of us is an integral part of what makes up the parish. We will be seeking input from everyone – from our youth to our respected seniors, from our long-term parishioners to our newest members. Each of us has been drawn to Redeemer, and each of us contributes to its vitality and life. That is why the theme for the Listening Sessions is *Listening to our Redeemer*. In order to do our job as a Search Committee, we need your participation, as well as your prayers.

The result of the self-exploration will be the creation of the Parish Profile – the chief document used to solicit applications from potential rectors. The thoroughness and accuracy of this document is paramount in finding the right fit between Redeemer and our new rector. Your participation is not simply encouraged, it is vital to the process.

Please see the schedule of meetings opposite. We invite you to attend any one of the sessions – or all of them if you wish.

Mike Rychlik, *Search Committee Member*

A HISTORY OF REDEEMER

Sunday, March 2, 12:30-1:30 p.m. A History of Redeemer Parishioners Michael Hart, Melinda Nelson and Peggy Tucker will lead us through a history of Redeemer's past, as we look toward the future and calling a new rector. This is an opportunity to learn and to ask questions.

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee's regular weekly meetings are on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30pm, at Redeemer. Information on the transition process is available on Redeemer's website and in a binder in the Parish Hall. If you would like a copy of any of the documents in the binder, speak with Angela Beckman in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact Communications Coordinator Nathan Price: npay@me.com or 202-441-5136, Chair Mary Helen Carlson, or any member of the Committee.

LISTENING TO OUR REDEEMER SESSIONS

To accomplish the *Congregational Self Study and Assessment (CSSA)* – an intensive, week-long self-exploration – the entire parish is invited to reflect on Redeemer's past, present and future. Through Adult Forums, the *Listening to our Redeemer* sessions (attend any or all), and a written survey, parishioners will have a variety of opportunities to express to the Search Committee what this parish means to them and their hopes for the future. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Listening Session. Refreshments and childcare provided.

Wednesday, March 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Listening Session. Refreshments provided, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29, 11:30-12:30 p.m. Listening Session. **Please sign up** in the Parish Hall if you wish to attend this session (minimum of 10 for this session to go forward). Sandwiches provided.

Sunday, March 30, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Listening Session. Coffee and cookies provided.

Nathan Price, *Search Committee Communications*

VESTRY CHARGE TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

On Sunday, January 19, the Vestry of The Church of the Redeemer, gave the following charge to the Search Committee:

We are grateful for your commitment to The Church of the Redeemer and thank you for the many hours you will work on behalf of our parish community. We charge the Search Committee to work diligently on behalf of the parish to: work with the congregation to gather information and create the parish profile; conduct a full search and request the diocese to present all qualified candidates; provide the Vestry with the three best candidates for rector; keep an open mind; listen to your heart; work collegially; listen to and be respectful of each other; and endeavor to prioritize the interests of the parish over your personal feelings. Our prayers are with you as you search for a new rector and discern the best leadership to shepherd Redeemer into a future that embraces all the best that we are, while activating new visions for our life as a community of faith.

PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Almighty and everliving God, look favorably upon us, the parish community of The Church of the Redeemer in this time of transition, as we search for a new rector. We pray for the life of this parish, that we may continue to be guided by your love. We pray for the members of the Search Committee, that their hearts and minds may be open to your Spirit. We pray for the priest whose name is known to you alone, that he or she be open to your call. Give us grace to follow where you lead us and grant us peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Jo Barclay-Beard, *Search Committee Chaplain*

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jo Barclay-Beard	Mary Helen Carlson
Jane Dealy	Josh Hildreth
Charlie Hundley	Joelle Morris
Nathan Price	Mike Rychlik
Peggy Tucker	

Information on the transition to new clergy leadership is posted on the Vestry/Parish News bulletin board in the Parish Hall. A binder containing pertinent documents is on the table across from the board. If you would like a copy of any of these documents, please speak with Angela Beckman in the Parish Office. The Diocese of Washington's Parish Transition Handbook is available on the parish website: www.redeemberbethesda.org. If you have questions, we encourage you to speak with or email Senior Warden Cathy Arrington: cathy253@gmail.com.

**COMMUNICATIONS: WHERE DO I FIND ...?**

Ensuring that information reaches parishioners is no easy task! However, we have a variety of means through which we hope we reach each of you. Especially for those who are new, the following is a guide to where to find information about Redeemer:

This Week at Redeemer: This weekly email goes out on Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday mornings to the whole parish. It contains information on the events of the coming week (Wednesday to Wednesday), as well as some advanced notice of other events. Requests for Prayers, the week's calendar, and Liturgical Assistants and the readings for the coming Sunday are also included. TWAR is also posted on the website.

Sunday Announcements: Each Sunday there is an announcements sheet (goldenrod in color) included in the Sunday leaflet. Information for the particular Sunday's worship is included (e.g. healing rite, guest organist, etc.), as well as the Adult Forum topics, upcoming events, prayers and the calendar for the week.

The Redeemer Spirit: This is Redeemer's newsletter that is published monthly, except when circumstances require a combined newsletter covering two months. The newsletter includes notes from the clergy, Vestry members and parish leaders, news on programs (music, outreach, pastoral care, parish life, etc.), information on the search for our new rector, a detailed monthly calendar, and general parish information. This is available on our website and in printed form.

Redeemer's Website: www.redeemberbethesda.org, our website, provides information on all parish programs – worship, music, formation for adults, children and youth, outreach, and parish life. It also includes information on the clergy and staff, Vestry minutes, annual reports and the newsletter. A new website is in the design stage.

Parish Hall Bulletin Boards: Take a walk around the hall to familiarize yourself with the various bulletin boards that are a great source of information. Boards include: Vestry News, Music, Children & Youth, Outreach, Sign-up, Membership/Newcomers, and Community Life. We just added, a Search Committee board. On these boards you will find notices, the budget, and sign-up sheets for various parish activities.

Questions? If you have questions about our communications methods, suggestions for improvements, would like something included in one of the above publications, please contact the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net, or speak with any member of the clergy or staff. We welcome all and any help that will enable us to communicate better with each of you.

VESTRY NEWS

NOTES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, we continue to move forward day-by-day. Two new Vestry members were elected at the Annual meeting – John Nickum and Jenny Nachbar. John and Jenny will join Peter Carlson, Steve Gibson, Janice Huey, Melinda Nelson, Mary Packard-Winkler, David Riggs, The Rev'd. Ann Broomell and myself at the next Vestry meeting on Wednesday, February 19.

With the Search Committee in full operation, the Vestry will concentrate on the regular business of working with the staff to engage parishioners in worship and service and overseeing parish finances. As we move from a pastoral congregation to a programmatic organizational structure, there will be increased opportunity for new lay leadership that will draw the community together in new and exciting ways. The Vestry will explore more community-wide outreach activities, support a vigorous church school, and provide a variety of Adult Christian Formation venues, just to name a few. This is a normal and healthy move when registered membership and regular Sunday attendance reaches a certain number.

The Search Committee will lead the parish through the Transition to New Clergy Leadership. The committee will work with the congregation and the Diocese to gather information, create a parish profile, receive resumes from candidates, and which candidates the Vestry will interview. The Vestry will then discern a call for the next Rector. This is important work and Redeemer's congregation, the Search Committee, and the Vestry will all work together to listen to and learn from each other in every step of the process. We are on schedule and on track, and if we continue so, hope to call a new Rector in the fall.

Thank you to Ann, Robin, David, Tom, Angela and Alice for your excellent and heartfelt work keeping the parish running in 2013. Thank you to the 2013 Vestry; Peter Carlson, Steve Gibson, Janice Huey, Melinda Nelson, Mary Packard-Winkler, David Riggs, Callie Wang, and Cindy Winder. Thanks also to Finance Chair/Treasurer Mary K Young and Secretary Catherine Sands for all your hours of work for the good of us all.

This is an exciting time for our church. We are individually strong and loving disciples of Christ and stronger as a community. I look forward to getting to know everyone better in the coming year as we gather to share our hopes and dreams for Redeemer. Everyone's voice is important and needs to be heard. It's more fun when we work together.

Cathy Arrington, *Senior Warden*

JANUARY VESTRY MEETING REPORT

Interim Rector's Report: The Rev'd Ann Broomell reported positive feedback on the January 5 interactive Epiphany service. An Instructed Eucharist will be conducted on Sunday, January 26. Ann noted that The Rev'd Robin Razzino returns from maternity leave on February 5, and will preach and celebrate on Sunday, February 16. Ann offered a prayer from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick, ME, as an option for use by the Search Committee. The prayer that is chosen will be read at all services during the search process.

Buildings & Grounds: Junior Warden Peter Carlson presented a study that sets out the steps needed to remediate the oil leak and mold problems at the Rectory. A motion was approved to initiate the work.

Stewardship Report: Stewardship Chair Tom McNaugher reported that the 2014 pledge goal has been revised from \$608,035 to \$562,000. As of January 27, \$528,000 has been pledged, leaving a shortfall of \$34,000. With continued contacts by Vestry members to parishioners who have yet to pledge, and the sending of a special stewardship letter by the Vestry, Tom is confident that the goal will be reached.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was approved accepting the Treasurer's final 2013 report. Finance Chair/Treasurer Mary K Young presented the draft 2014 budget for review, emphasizing that the focus needed to remain on increasing pledge income. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Search Committee for a New Rector: The Search Committee will have their first meeting on Sunday, January 19, with the Vestry (excluding the Interim Rector), Joey Rick, Canon for Congregational Vitality for the Diocese of Washington, and search consultant John B. Johnson of Riteworks Consulting LLC. Joey will commission the Committee, and the Vestry will issue a charge to the Committee.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee proposed a slate for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26: David Riggs, Jenny Nachbar and John Nickum for three-year Vestry terms; Melinda Nelson for a one-year Vestry term; Graeme Browning and Clark Downs for delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention; and Steve France and Michael Hart as alternate delegates.

Outreach: Parishioner Marie France presented a proposal for Redeemer to join the Olive Oil Ministry, a partnership of six churches in the Washington, DC area that raises funds to benefit Palestinian farmers. This will be discussed further at the February Vestry meeting.

Catherine Sands, *Secretary*

2014 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

On Sunday, January 26, approximately 100 parishioners of all ages gathered in the Parish Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting and a pot-luck luncheon – thank you to all those who brought delicious items to share. The Rev'd Ann Broomell, Interim Rector, convened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with an opening prayer. As the first order of business, the minutes from the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Finance Chair Mary K Young was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. The Rev'd Broomell announced this and referred attendees to the detailed report that Mary K had written and the 2014 budget both of which were included in the Annual Report. Ann invited anyone with questions to speak with Mary K or with Steve Gibson, who will take over as Treasurer in 2014. Ann thanked Mary K for her outstanding work during 2013.

Thank you to retiring Vestry Members: The Rev'd Broomell thanked Cindy Winder for her three years of service on the Vestry and as Chair of the Outreach Committee, during which time she has reorganized and enhanced Redeemer's mission/outreach programs. Callie Raulfs-Wang was thanked for her two years of service on the Vestry with responsibility for Membership/Newcomers. Redeemer continues to grow in part due to the extra effort and care that has gone into building a welcoming ministry at Redeemer. Katie Glover, who served as an alternate delegate to the diocesan convention, was thanked for her service. Katie has transferred to St. Albans to be with her husband who is a priest there; she will be much missed.

The Rev'd Ann Broomell also thanked Senior Warden Cathy Arrington, Junior Warden Peter Carlson and Stewardship Chair Tom McNaugher for their faithful stewardship of the parish. She gave thanks for the service and dedication of The Rev'd David Schlafer, The Rev'd Robin Razzino, Director of Music Tom Smith and Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman.

Elections: The slate of nominees chosen by the Nominating Committee (Cathy Baker, Russ Paulsen and Callie Wang) was presented by committee chair Callie Raulfs-Wang: Jenny Nachbar, John Nickum and David Riggs for three-year terms and Melinda Nelson for a one-year term on the Vestry; Graeme Browning and Clark Downs as delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention, and Steve France and Michael Hart as alternate delegates. All were unanimously elected.

Search Committee: Mary Helen Carlson, Chair of the Search Committee, reported on the beginning work of the committee, which has received its charge from the Vestry

and had its first couple of meetings. Mary Helen emphasized that the work of the committee will be open and transparent until such time as they begin to consider candidates which, of necessity, must be kept confidential. The committee is taking an expeditious approach to their mission, at the same time as being aware of the importance of being thorough and intentional in their work.

Nathan Price, Search Committee member responsible for communications between the Committee and the parish, stressed how important it will be for the entire parish to participate in gathering information on Redeemer – as it is today and our hopes for its future. There will be a variety of venues for parishioners to communicate with the Search Committee. *For more information on the search process, see p. 8–9 of this newsletter.*

Presentation: The Rev'd Ann Broomell gave a presentation on *Sizing up the Congregation*, that addressed issues arising out of growing from a pastoral to a programmatic parish, and the impact this has on clergy, staff, lay leaders, and parishioners. The Vestry delegates more responsibility and authority to the laity, who will assume leadership of the organizational framework of the parish, while the rector becomes a pastor to these leaders, providing support and guidance. These changes will take time and prayer to happen successfully.

Following a benediction, the meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Catherine Sands, *Secretary*

Meeting to Elect Officers

On Sunday, February 2, The Rev'd Ann Broomell, Interim Rector, convened a brief meeting of the Vestry in her office to elect the officers for 2014. Unanimously elected were: Cathy Arrington, Senior Warden; Peter Carlson, Junior Warden; Steve Gibson, Treasurer; Lois Burleigh, Assistant Treasurer; Catherine Sands, Secretary. We thank each of them for their willingness to serve the parish in their respective roles.

Janice Huey, *Vestry Member*



PARISH INFORMATION

2014 DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The life of the Redeemer parish is intimately linked to the life of the larger church, especially the Diocese of Washington of which Redeemer is a member. Redeemer's diocesan delegates attend the Diocesan Convention each year. We are grateful to Clark Downs and Graeme Browning for the following report.

Behold I am making all things new

The 119th Convention of the Diocese of Washington was held at the Reid Temple AME Church in Glen Dale, Maryland, January 31 – February 1, 2014. The business of the Convention consisted of the election of lay and clerical officers and committee members, consideration of two resolutions, and approval of a budget for 2014.

The first resolution proposed that the Investment Committee of the Dioceses adopt principles of sustainable and responsible investment when deciding how to invest capital assets the Diocese controls. Such principles would consider environmental impacts, social justice, and corporate governance when choosing companies to invest in. After discussion of the reach of such principles and the potential impact on investment results if adopted, a substitute resolution that asked the Bishop and the Diocesan Council to appoint a task force to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of following such principles was passed.

The second resolution, from the floor, sought to restore one-half of the reductions in the amount budgeted for Episcopal chaplaincies at Howard University and the University of Maryland College Park. After lengthy discussion, the Convention agreed to restore one-half of the reductions by cutting the Howard University funding by \$9,000 instead of by \$18,000, and the UMD funding by \$14,000 instead of by \$28,000. The restoration would be funded by reducing amounts budgeted to parking operations, conferences and meetings, and general administrative reserve for cost overruns.

Redeemer delegate Graeme Browning stopped a move to restore the funding to the Howard and UMD chaplaincies by taking monies instead from the funds designated for the Lay Leadership for Campus Ministries program. Only students and faculty at Howard and UMD now have Episcopal chaplains available to them. By developing lay leaders, the program would extend the reach of Episcopal chaplaincy to other institutions of higher learning in the area. As revised, to restore funding to the Howard and UMD chaplaincies, the 2014 budget passed. The budget anticipates expenses of Diocesan operation will increase by about \$200,000 over 2013.

The Convention agenda also included a service of Holy Eucharist on the Friday, a variety of workshops, and a keynote address by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, Executive Director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of the Episcopal Church to nurture discipleship and encourage evangelism. Workshop topics ranged from building a youth and family ministry to promoting peace in the Holy Land. Redeemer parishioner Erik Devereux, who attended the workshop on *Innovative Digital Ministry in Church Communications*, described how international visitors came to services at a church he formerly attended because they had watched, in their home countries, a video of the liturgy on that church's website.

Redeemer's Director of Music Tom Smith was the organist for the Eucharist, and Redeemer choir members John Barnes, Lois Burleigh, Clark Downs, Dawn Fairbanks, Cynthia Fischer, John Harbeson, Andrew Pardini, and Laura Petersen sang in the multi-parish choir. Redeemer's banner was one of several carried in the Eucharist procession.

Clark Evans Downs & Graeme Browning,
Redeemer 2014 Diocesan Convention Delegates

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 which 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.



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Melinda Nelson,
John Nickum,
Mary Packard-Winkler,
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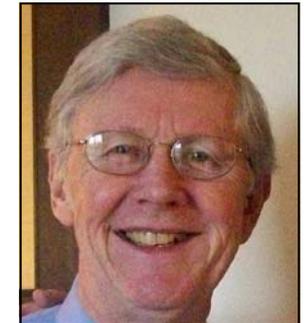
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MARCH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 1

David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544

Sunday, March 2

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: *The Parish Transition Process*
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 10:30 a.m. Church School
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Special Forum: A History of Redeemer

Monday, March 3

John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Tuesday, March 4/Shrove Tuesday

Paul Cuffee, Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
- 6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Talent Show

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Search Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, March 6

William W. Mayo, Charles F. Menninger, and Their Sons, Pioneers in Medicine, 1991, 1953

- 7:30 pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 7 (Parish Office closed)

Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 8

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929

Sunday, March 9 (Daylight Savings Time begins)

The First Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 10:30 a.m. Church School

- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
- 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent
- 6:30 p.m. Reception (*following Choral Evensong*)

Monday, March 10

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Taizé Service & Healing Rite
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Christian Group

Tuesday, March 11

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604

- 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 13

James T. Holly, Bishop of Haiti, and of the Dominican Republic, 1911

- 7:30 pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 14 (Parish Office closed)

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

The Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 10:30 a.m. Church School
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, March 17

Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Taizé & Healing Rite

Tuesday, March 18

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386

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

Wednesday, March 19

Saint Joseph

- 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 20

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 21 (*Parish Office closed*)

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 22

James De Koven, Priest 1879

Sunday, March 23

The Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up

9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up

10:15 a.m. Nursery Care

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

12:30 p.m. *Listening to our Redeemer* Session

1:00 p.m. Bethesda Cares Dinner Program

Monday, March 24

Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Lenten Taizé & Healing Rite

Tuesday, March 25

The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ

11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC

6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EFM)

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

Richard Allen, First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. *Listening to our Redeemer* Session

Thursday, March 27

Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and of Western New York, 1929

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28 (*Parish Office closed*)

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 29

John Keble, Priest 1866

11:30 a.m. *Listening to our Redeemer* Session

Sunday, March 30

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. *Listening to our Redeemer* Session

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up

9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up

10:15 a.m. Nursery Care

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m. Inscape Chamber Orchestra: *Poetic License*

6:30 p.m. Reception (*following the concert*)

Monday, March 31

John Donne, Priest, 1631

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Lenten Taizé Service & Healing Rite

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2014

Sunday, April 13

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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

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

Monday, April 14

Monday in Holy Week

7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Tuesday, April 15

Tuesday in Holy Week

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

Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday in Holy Week

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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

Thursday, April 16

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper

7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

12:45 p.m. Musical Meditation

7:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday, April 19

Easter Even

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

Sunday, April 20

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

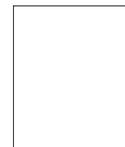
10:30 a.m. Festal Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

12:00 p.m. Hot Cross Buns & Easter Egg Hunt



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THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

