



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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NOTES FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR



Dear Friends,

As you know, during the season of Epiphany our focus in worship is the light of Christ breaking into the world. In the Gospel of John we hear that Jesus spoke to the people, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk

in darkness but will have the light of life." (8:12) The image of the light that is never overcome by the darkness is both hopeful and deeply inspiring. A candle can light up a room. A match can create a fire that, cared for, will burn far into the future.

As we move into the Epiphany season, we recall that an epiphany is described as an intuitive grasp of reality through something, such as an event, usually simple and commonplace. During this season, we celebrate two epiphanies of the reality of Jesus that serve as bookends to the month of January. The Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, which we will observe this year on Sunday, January 5, celebrates the arrival of the Magi; the first acknowledgment by those beyond Judaism of the birth of the Messiah. The second, traditionally called the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, occurs this year on Sunday, February 2. Sometimes called Candlemas, this is a celebration with a long tradition in Anglicanism, marking the bringing of the light of Christ into the world by Anna, as she goes out of the Temple to tell others about Jesus.



These days after Christmas offer us time to reflect on the meaning of the Incarnation, God becoming human in Jesus, and especially on the ways in which we incarnate Christ in our own day. The poem below was written by Howard Thurman, a prophetic preacher out of the Baptist tradition who was Chaplain at Boston University Chapel, active in the civil rights movement, and, later in life, affiliated with the Quakers. It carries our thoughts in that direction.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

When the "song of the angels is stilled," we are all called to take the joy and promise of Jesus' birth and the example of his life into the world that surrounds us. It is my hope that our worship during January and February will both equip and support us in our mission.

Faithfully, yours in Christ's light,

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 26

(following the 10:30 Eucharist)

Please mark your calendars. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to attend and to bring a dish to share at the pot-luck luncheon.

See p. 8 for details.

WORSHIP

THANK YOU!

We extend sincere thanks to all who helped make the Advent and Christmas seasons at Redeemer so deeply beautiful and uplifting: To Susan Grigsby, for leading an Advent Wreath-



making Workshop on the First Sunday of Advent; to Tom Smith, Director of Music, and the Adult and Youth Choirs for the glorious Service of Lessons & Carols on the Second Sunday of Advent; to Wesley Price, who wrote

and directed this year's Christmas pageant, and to all the children and youth who participated in the pageant on the Fourth Sunday of Advent; to members of the Altar Guild, who decorated the Nave and Narthex with greenery and flowers; and to the choirs and all other participants in the beautiful liturgies of Christmas Eve. *Deo gratias!*

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 11:00 a.m.; Holy Eucharist, 12:00 p.m.

For over 40 years, a faithful group of parishioners has gathered for a simple service of Morning Prayer each Wednesday. An important component of the service is praying through the prayer request cards submitted by Redeemer parishioners. The new time for this liturgy, held in the side chapel (behind the organ console), is **11:00 a.m.**

At **12:00 p.m.**, a quiet, simple service of Holy Eucharist is celebrated. Using the lectionary readings appointed for the coming Sunday or biographical material from *Holy Women*, *Holy Men*, participants enter into meaningful discussion about the relationship of the readings to everyday life and faith.

If you missed Sunday services and/or desire to deepen your connection with God during the week, we hope you will join us for either or both of these services. All are welcome!

AN INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

An instructed Eucharist is an opportunity to consider our worship. Where did the different Eucharistic prayers come from? What does it mean to take, bless, break, give? Why do we stand or kneel? What is the history of the Confession, the peace? What is the role of the Bible in our Book of Common Prayer? There are many levels of meaning in the simple words we pray each week. On Sunday, January 26, much of the service will follow the pattern we value. At 8:00 we will have our usual quiet simple service, gathering around the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. At the 10:30 service, in place of a sermon, we will look at why we worship as we do. Please join us and invite others who may find this of interest.

CONTEMPLATIVE MONDAYS AT REDEEMER

Taizé Service & Healing Rite

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) and every Monday during the season of Lent, at 7:30 p.m. 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. The next Taizé Service will take place on Monday, February 3.

The Taizé Ensemble, comprised of volunteer singers and instrumentalists from the parish, leads the sung portions of the service. New singers and instrumentalists are welcome. For more information, please contact Tom Smith, Director of Music: music.redeemer@verizon.net or 301-229-3770.

Christian Contemplative Group

The Christian Contemplative Group is a small, intimate gathering. Each session begins with a short liturgy of chant, readings, and centering prayer. The discussion that follows centers around a selected text. The group meets in the Nave on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, September–June (except during Lent), at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to drop in at any time. Questions? Contact parishioners Alice Despard: alicedespard@gmail.com or 301-263-9644.

Benedictine Group

For Saint Benedict, the spiritual life lay in simply living *this* life, the daily life, well. He turned the ordinary into an experience of the extraordinary; a union with the sacred in the here and now. Redeemer's Benedictine Group is currently using *Monastery of the Heart: An invitation to a meaningful life* by Joan Chittister as its text. Each session includes prayer, a reading from the book, and discussion. The group meets on the third Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Nave. Questions? Contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net or 240-205-5783.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2014, please add your name to the sheet on the Sign-up bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The requested contribution is \$65 per Sunday. Flowers may be given in memory/honor/celebration of, in thanksgiving for, or anonymously. Multiple donors may sign up for the same Sunday. Your dedication will be printed in the Sunday announcements. You may choose to keep the flowers after Sunday services or arrange to have them taken to a parishioner who is ill or homebound.

MUSIC



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On Sunday, February 9, at the 10:30 Eucharist, our Interim Rector, The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell, will bless the additions that were made to Redeemer's Di Gennaro-Hart pipe organ this past summer. The incredibly generous gift of parishioner Gary Hacker, the additions include a chorus reed (*Trumpet 8'*) and a high pressure solo reed (*Solo Trumpet 8'*), both in the Great division, the portion of the organ housed in the liturgical south (i.e. non-choir) transept. Totalling over 125 pipes, these new stops have added to the beauty, versatility, and power of our acclaimed pipe organ, which, as most of you know, was designed, constructed, and installed by the firm of parishioner Michael Hart.

And, although I have been using these magnificent new stops in a liturgical context since mid-August, they will receive their concert debut in a performance by British organist Simon Thomas Jacobs that same day, at 5:00 p.m. In addition to being a dear friend and colleague of mine, Simon was awarded both the First and Audience Prizes at the 2013 St. Albans International Organ Competition in England, arguably the most prestigious competition for organists in the world. I urge you not to miss this event!

In the coming weeks and months, please take time to thank Gary for the tremendous gift he has given to us – a gift that will continue to enliven and enrich the liturgical and musical life of this parish for generations to come.

Thomas Smith, *Director of Music*

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Countertop Ensemble & Illuminare: *Expressions of Praise*
Sunday, January 12, at 5:00 p.m.

The Countertop Ensemble and Illuminare, two of Washington's leading early music ensembles, join forces for a program of sacred song from all corners of Europe. Music will include plainsong and works by Antoine Brumel, Orlando Gibbons, Francisco Guerrero, and Giovanni Gabrieli. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

Concert Organist Simon Thomas Jacobs
Sunday, February 9, at 5:00 p.m.

British organist Simon Thomas Jacobs, First Prize Winner at the 2013 St. Albans International Organ Competition, performs works by J.S. Bach, César Franck, Franz Liszt, and William Walton. The program will feature recent additions to Redeemer's magnificent Di Gennaro-Hart organ, including

a high-pressure Solo Trumpet. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

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 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.



Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, guest conductor, rehearses the Adult and Youth Choirs before Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 8.



The 2013-14 Yale Spizzwinks(?) and Redeemer parishioner Andy Berry, a Spizzwink(?) alumnus, after the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, January 5.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

ADULT FORUMS

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

Humanitarian Ministry in the Holy Land

On Sunday, January 12, Maryn Goodson and Christy Wise, members of Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, will discuss the Olive Oil Ministry, an ecumenical effort of local congregations and one of the alternative gift-giving options at Redeemer this past Advent. The ministry sells olive oil produced by Palestinian farmers to encourage sustainable agricultural practices and help stabilize the Palestinian economy, toward the goal of peace and social justice in the Holy Land. The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell will speak about the health and education ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Please come and learn more about these efforts to improve lives in of the Holy Land.

Going Forward

As we move into the new year, there will be a forum series on navigating challenges in modern life. Topics will include: transitions, differences in marriage and family, coping with technology and media, being stewards of our bodies, death and dying, illness and healing. During Lent, we will explore the meaning of forgiveness and faith-enrichment through volunteer service. After Easter, a series on Science and Religion will utilize materials from the Great Courses series, as well as the work of Redeemer parishioners in scientific fields. Other ideas are being considered. Questions? Contact Mary Packard-Winkler: marypackwink@gmail.com.

Redeemer Book Group

The Book Group will meet on Sunday, January 26, 3:00 p.m., at the home of parishioner Bob Dresser: 1219 Forestwood Drive, McLean, to discuss *Whisky Galore*, by Compton MacKenzie, and plans for 2014. Please bring your calendar and ideas for future readings. You are welcome to attend even if you have not read the book. Questions? Contact Bob Dresser: robert.dresser@gmail.com.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

The Education for Ministry (EfM) class meets at Redeemer on Tuesday evenings, September-May. Starting this fall, participants are enjoying a new set of materials in the form of textbooks and scholarly works by authorities on the Bible, and on the history and spiritual life of the Christian tradition. In addition to items in the *Reading & Reflection Guide*, we have read works by Diarmaid MacCulloch and the late Diogenes Allen. If you would be interested in learning more about this program, please contact parishioner and EfM leader Jo Barclay-Beard: jobbeard@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School teachers are welcome new children and youth to join their classes: Godly Play I (ages 3-5), Godly Play II (grades 1-3), Intermediate (grades 4-6), Middle School (grades 7-8), and High School (grades 9-12). Parents are welcome to send their children to Church School after the Collect of the Day, or to accompany them downstairs to meet the teachers.

January Classes

Godly Play I and II will focus on the parables of Jesus' baptism and his time in the wilderness. Joelle Morris will teach Godly Play I. The Intermediate class will be taught by Dominique Rychlik, using the *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum. The Middle School class, taught by Mary K Young and Justin Hess, will finish their work educating parishioners about Manna Food Center, make use of the *Teen Text* curriculum, and develop additional projects and themes suggested by students. Pat Fitzgerald will lead the High School class discussions, with students contributing their thoughts on current ethical and religious issues, and reflecting on the positions of others.

Last Sunday of the Month

Middle and High School students have no class on Sunday, January 26, as they will remain in the Nave for the entire liturgy.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is not your father's Sunday School! So what is it? Curriculum author/developer Jerome Berryman writes:

"Godly Play is an interpretation of Montessori religious education... Godly Play assumes that children have some experience of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. It understands that often, in our culture, children lack the language, permission and understanding to express and enjoy God's creative presence or evaluate what adults and other children tell them about their moral and spiritual development. In Godly Play, children are taught how to enter into parables, contemplative silence, sacred stories and the liturgical action of the classical Christian language system to discover more about God, themselves, others and God's presence in the creation that surrounds and is within us."

Godly Play uses materials that children can see, touch, and play with to help them experience the stories, parables and liturgy in their fullness. Our newest set of materials is called The Greatest Parable that provides a framework for reflection and insight into the elusive presence of Jesus. This series of lessons will be presented during Lent.

Karen Stewart, Church School Teacher

MISSION

THANK YOU!

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, parishioners gave generously of their time, talent, and treasure to help those in need:

On December 8, about a \$1,000 was raised to purchase toys for children and youth served by the transitional housing program of Community Family Life Services, a Redeemer outreach partner. Special thanks to parishioners Jefferson and Cathy Arrington for handling the shopping and delivery.

On December 8 and 15, through the sale of a variety of hand-crafted items, over \$2,000 was raised for *Hope for Burundi*, Redeemer's outreach partner in Burundi. Our thanks to parishioners Joelle Morris and Clarice Leslie. Sales of Palestinian olive oil raised \$1,710 for the Olive Oil Ministry at Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ. Special thanks to parishioner Marie France.

On December 14, a Christmas party took place at Redeemer for families in the Community Family Life Services transitional housing program. There was craft and present-making, gift wrapping, and a delicious lunch. Parishioners John Vorhes, Nico Judge and Evan Judge took photos of the families that were framed and given to each family. John also played Santa Claus for the children. Our thanks to Chrissy de Fontenay and Gabrielle Herderschee-Hunter for organizing the party, to parishioner Helen Thackray and her troop of girl scouts for doing so much to help, and to Aidan Herderschee-Hunter's soccer team. Thanks also to Alice Despard for moving her yoga class to the Nave so that preparations could be made, and to Angela Beckman for organizing the clean-up.

MANNA FOOD PROJECT: FIGHTING HUNGER AND FEEDING HOPE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This winter, Redeemer youth are focusing on combating hunger in our local area. At Redeemer, we support the Manna Food Center, located in Rockville, through your generous donations. For those who don't know about the work of the Manna Food Center, it is a nonprofit organization that strives to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education and advocacy. Redeemer supports Manna by collecting and donating non-perishable packaged food items. To participate you can bring in food and put it in the baskets underneath the benches in the Narthex. We also have flyers with a wish list of what Manna is looking for to help you know what to purchase. The flyers are located in the Parish Hall. We are very grateful for all contributions and we hope you will continue to donate.

Cara Price, *Youth Parishioner*

BETHESDA CARES DINNER PROGRAM

Sunday, January 26

On Sunday, January 26, we will provide dinner for about 50 homeless individuals through the Bethesda Cares Dinner Program. Redeemer provides dinner six times a year, on the fourth Sunday every other month— January, March, May, July, September and November.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Outreach Board in the Parish Hall (the board is on the kitchen side of the hall).

Parishioners are invited to provide a main course, salad, a side vegetable, a starchy dish, or dessert. If two people sign up for one of the major categories, such as the main dish, then each person only has to bring enough for 25 people.

Please bring the food to Redeemer's kitchen on Sunday morning. Other volunteers are needed to help deliver the food to Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, where the dinner is served. Questions? Please contact Mary Helen Carlson: 301-983-0541 or carlsonmh1@gmail.com.

CAPITAL AREA INTERFAITH FRIENDS

CAIF meets throughout the year bringing together young people and families of different faiths. In December, CAIF — including a large contingent from Redeemer — prepared and shared dinner with women at the Calvary Women's Shelter. As Redeemer youth member Nicholas Rychlik observed,

"I have served at the Calvary Women's Shelter three times over the past 2.5 years. Every time I go I have a good time talking with the women there. I really enjoy serving the homeless and learning about their backgrounds. I have a great time during CAIF service projects and learning about my friends' faiths at holidays and I am glad to be a part of the group."

In January, the group will visit the Holocaust Museum as part of a project to raise awareness about genocide, which will take place in May. For more information on CAIF and its activities, please contact parishioners: Dominique and Mike Rychlik: rychliks@gmail.com.

2014 DIOCESAN CONVENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with events at the Convention. If you would be interested in volunteering, please visit: <http://www.edow.org/convention/info/volunteer>, or you may contact Ann Talty 202-537-6548 or atalty@edow.org. Volunteers will work with seasoned staff who will show them the ropes. Volunteer opportunities include: cashier, election teller, and voting, registration or hospitality assistant. See also the back page of this newsletter.

PARISH LIFE

MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, February 7– Sunday, February 9

This year's Men's Retreat, entitled *Men and their Children*, will be led by The Rev'd Joe Clark and held at Coolfont, near Berkeley Spring, West Virginia – about one hour from The Church of the Redeemer. Please know that you are welcome to attend even if you are not a father. The retreat will include biblical reflection, discussion, worship, shared meals, and time for quiet and relaxation. The cost, which covers accommodation and meals, is approximately \$150; scholarships are available. Questions? Contact parishioner Jefferson Arrington: jefferson7019@aol.com.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to host Coffee Hour in 2014. Some of you have expressed an interest in helping, but are a bit overwhelmed by the prospect of handling it alone. If you are willing to help, please contact parishioner Karen Stewart: karenstewart@westat.com, or speak with her on Sunday morning. Karen will assign you a manageable task, help you find a partner, develop a shopping list, and/or help you devise a plan for hosting Coffee Hour on your own.

PERSONAL NOTES

We offer our condolences to: Jeannette Rockwell on the death of her husband, Willard Rockwell.

We offer our congratulations to: Vikki Clayton, Redeemer's Seminarian, on her ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Vikki will serve as Deacon at Redeemer through June 2014.

We welcome as newly registered baptized members of the parish: Janet Davis, Davis O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Kathy Ruckman, Natalie Crichton, and Dawn Fairbanks. We thank each of them for their commitment to Redeemer.

We wish happy birthday to those born in January:

Kate Raber	Kim Barrett
Stuart Chandler	Bill Grote
Doris Ninde	Josh Nickerson
Frank Anderson	Susan Guzman-Vogele
Marlene Palmer	Anne de Fontenay
Michelle Huey	Clarice Leslie
Esther Nachbar-Seckel	Jo Barclay-Beard
Rebecca Riggs	Ron Pugsley
Anne Thackray	Joe Daley

We wish a happy anniversary to:

David & Toni Strother

FOYER DINNERS

A new round of Foyer Dinners will begin in February. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Parish Hall by Sunday, January 26. Foyer dinners are an opportunity for parishioners to get to know one another and deepen friendships with fellow parishioners. Groups of 8-10 will be formed and these people have dinner together usually at each other's homes – although the group could decide to meet at a restaurant. If, on occasion, it is impossible to get a “quorum” for a particular dinner, the host may wish to invite other parishioners to come. Each group will hold three or four dinners between February and May/June. New groups will be formed in September.

The host makes the main course and everyone else contributes a dish. You don't have to have a big house or be a good cook to join a Foyer Group. Homemade, store-bought, or restaurant take-out food are all fine. For more information, contact Mary Helen Carlson: 301-983-0541 or carlsonmh1@gmail.com.

Mary Helen Carlson, *Coordinator*

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. If you are able to assist with preparation and/or clean-up, please contact parishioner Kukula Glastris: kukula.glastris@gmail.com or 301-320-6409.

Then it's on with the show, a highlight of parish life. We hope you will join us...especially 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, 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.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

STEWARDSHIP 2014: INTO THE HOMESTRETCH

Listening for the Spirit ... Responding to God's call

Stewardship campaigns rarely end when they're supposed to. They start early in the fall and, ideally, you'd like them to end before Christmas. But while most of the pledges may be in by then, the rest trail in over the next couple of months. And the rest really matter, since it takes *all* pledges – everyone's generosity – to reach each year's stewardship goal.

That's the story this year. It's early January and we are just over 90% (\$522,000) of the way toward our 2014 pledge goal of \$562,000. To date, we have received 122 pledges out of a hoped for 140. Of the 122 pledges, 18 are new pledges and 34 have increased over last year. That's all good news, but obviously we're going to need more pledges and generosity to reach our goal.

We expect Redeemer's 2014 expenses to be roughly five percent higher than they were in 2013. A good part of the increase is for building and grounds, including, this year, the need to finance repairs to the rectory, as well as to parts of the church building. We're also financing the search for a new rector, a process that includes travel for search committee members as well as candidate rectors.

We can't dodge these expenses. Despite our presence in the DC area, there is no "pork" in our budget, nor is deficit spending available to make ends meet. Cutting our budget means cutting programs, and that gets at the very heart of this church we all love and appreciate so much – a church that gives so much to each of us.

Your Vestry and I understand if you are not able to pledge – these are difficult financial times for many – but if you intend to pledge and haven't, we ask that you please do so now. You can email your pledge to Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman in the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net.

And if you can find it in your heart (and finances) to be more generous in the pledge you've already submitted, that, too, would be most appreciated!

Tom McNaugher, *Stewardship Chair*



TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date: December 31, 2013				
	Actual Jan-Dec	Budget Jan-Dec	Variance	Total 2013 Budget
Pledges	\$530,161	\$579,097	(\$48,936)	\$579,097
Total Ordinary Income	\$746,424	\$718,797	\$27,627	\$718,797
Expenses	\$772,007	\$718,797	\$53,210	\$718,797
Net Ordinary Income	(\$25,583)	\$0	(\$25,583)	\$0

If you have any questions about Redeemer's finances, please contact Treasurer/Finance Chair Mary K Young Mary K Young: young@consultzg.com, or the Parish Office.

2013 PLEDGES

If you have not completed your 2013 pledge, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Year-end statements will be sent out before January 31, 2014. If you have any questions regarding your 2013 pledge or your statement, please contact Angela Beckman, Administrative Assistant: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net.

Mary K Young, *Treasurer*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

Blessedly, December was a quiet month for buildings and grounds! We give thanks to Zac Petersen, Frank Anderson, Josh Hildreth, and others, who helped remove the snow and ice from our walkways during two brief snowstorms. Should more snow arrive in the coming months, we welcome any who would like to assist in keeping the entrances to the church clean and safe.

We also give our thanks to Annabel and Milton Janitorial, who not only came on their regular days (Monday and Friday), but also provided cleaning services following the CFLS Christmas party and on Christmas Eve.

Peter Carlson, *Junior Warden*

VESTRY NEWS



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 26, 12:00 p.m.

Parishioner of all ages are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish, an important event in our common life. The meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26, following the 10:30 Eucharist, and will include a pot-luck luncheon; reports from the clergy and Vestry, including a financial report for 2013 and an overview of the 2014 budget; and the election of new Vestry members and delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention.

What is the Annual Meeting? The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for the parish community to receive a summary of our life and ministry in the past year, to take stock of where we are, and where we think we are going in ministry and finances. This is done through written reports from the Rector, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, and the committee chairpersons or leaders in parish ministries, and through questions, concerns, and comments from parishioners. The 2014 budget will be presented. New Vestry members and lay delegates and alternates to the following year's Diocesan Convention will be elected and thanks given to those rotating off the Vestry and this year's lay delegates for their service.

Who should attend the Annual Meeting? Anyone who wishes to find out more about the life of the parish, would like to contribute to the life of the parish, has an interest in the lay leadership and governance of the parish, who has questions, concerns, comments, enjoys fellowship with Redeemer friends, or is just curious, should attend the Annual Meeting.

Elections: Elections will be held for Vestry terms and for Lay Delegates and Alternates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention. Those eligible to nominate, serve and vote ("Qualified Voters") are defined in the parish by-laws as those whose names are in the Church Parish Register, are in good standing at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting (that was December 28, 2012), are 18 or older, and have contributed through money offerings and other services to the support of the Parish during a period of at least 30 days preceding the Annual Meeting. A list of Qualified Voters is posted on the Vestry board in the Parish Hall.

Nominations: The Nominating Committee – Cathy Baker, Russ Paulsen and Callie Raulfs-Wang will propose a slate of nominees for approval at the Annual Meeting.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING REPORT

The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell opened the December 11 Vestry meeting with a prayer: Song of the Holy Spirit.

Interim Rector's Report: Ann Broomell noted the following upcoming events: On Sunday, January 5, the Yale Spizzwinks (?) will sing at the 10:30 Eucharist and give a concert that evening; new members of the parish will be welcomed at services on January 12 [date change, new date TBA]; Ann will lead an Instructed Eucharist on January 26; and on Sunday, February 2, the Feast of Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas) will be observed. Ann offered a teaching on ways to handle anxiety using systems centered theory. The proposal to have two or three people serve as Event Sextons (to liaise between Redeemer and non-parishioners using the building for ad hoc events) was discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary K Young said that Redeemer should end 2013 on budget, but that unexpected expenses – rectory repairs, clerestory window repair, rector transition – and pledge income will affect the final numbers. The Finance Committee will submit the 2014 budget in January.

Housing Allowances: 2014 housing allowances for Ann Broomell and Robin Razzino were approved.

Stewardship Report: Mary K Young reported that, as of December 11, 2013, 111 pledges for 2014, totaling \$494,000, had been received. Compared to this time last year, there are fewer pledges, but a higher dollar amount pledged.

Search Committee: Senior Warden Cathy Arrington reported that the members of the Search Committee for a new rector have been chosen.

Nominating Committee: Cathy Baker, Russ Paulsen, and Callie Raulfs-Wang will serve on the Nominating Committee to select nominees for election to the Vestry, and as Lay Delegates and Alternates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention.

Outreach: Approval was given to disburse the remaining \$4,500 from the outreach budget to selected Redeemer outreach partners. A proposal to join the Olive Oil Ministry that supports Palestinian farmers will be further explored at the January Vestry meeting with proposers Marie France and Margaret Green.

Building and Grounds: A professional consultant will be hired to determine how to eliminate the on-going oil odor issue at the Rectory.

Catherine Sands, *Secretary*

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH TRANSITION PROCESS UPDATE

Members of the Search Committee for a new rector are:

Jo Barclay-Beard	Mary Helen Carlson
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On Sunday, January 19, the Vestry and Search Committee will meet jointly to plan the next steps in the process.

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.redeemerbethesda.org. If you have questions, we encourage you to speak with or email Senior Warden Cathy Arrington: cathy253@gmail.com.

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.



New to Redeemer in 2013:

Michael Mershon & Alicia Jennings with Jack and Annie Mershon.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, January 2

Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, First Indian Anglican Bishop, Dornakal, 1945

Friday, January 3 (Parish Office closed)

William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 4

Elizabeth Seton, Founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821

Sunday, January 5

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ (observed)

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Nursery Care

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Procession of the Three Kings

10:30 a.m. Church School

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m. The Yale Spizzwinks(?) in Concert

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

Monday, January 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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

Tuesday, January 7

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

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969

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. Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9

Julia Chester Emery, Missionary, 1922

7:30 pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 10 (Parish Office closed)

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

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 with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

10:30 a.m. Church School

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Healing Ministry Meeting

5:00 p.m. Countertop Ensemble & Illuminare in Concert

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

Monday, January 13

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, January 14

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

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

Richard Meux Benson and Charles Gore, Religious, 1915 Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932

7:30 pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17 (Parish Office closed)

Anthony, Abbot in Egypt, 356

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 18

Confession of Saint Peter of Apostle

Sunday, January 19

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

12:15 p.m. Joint Vestry & Search Committee Meeting

Monday, January 20/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*(Parish Office closed)**Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250*

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Benedictine Group

Tuesday, January 21*Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304*

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

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 22*Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304*

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

Thursday, January 23*Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893*

7:30 pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24 (Parish Office closed)*Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944*

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 25*Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle***Sunday, January 26***The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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. Instructed Choral Eucharist

12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of Parish & Pot-luck Luncheon

Monday, January 27*Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith*

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, January 28*Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Theologian, 1274*

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

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 29*Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430*

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

Thursday, January 30

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 31 (Parish Office closed)*Juan Bosco (John Bosco), Priest, 1888*

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 2*The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Candlemas*

10:30 a.m. Blessing of Candles & Choral Eucharist

Tuesday, February 5

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, Associate Rector, returns from leave

Friday, February 7 – Sunday, February 9

Men's Retreat

Sunday, February 9*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of Additions to Organ

5:00 p.m. British Organist Simon Thomas Jacobs in Concert

Sunday, February 23*The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

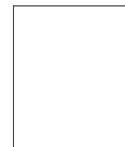
10th Anniversary of Tom Smith's appointment as Directory of Music





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I am making all things new.

This year's Diocesan Convention will include four workshops on Friday, January 31, at 2:00 p.m. Those same workshops will be offered again, along with six others, on Saturday, February 1, at 11:15 a.m.

Workshops are open to anyone from the Diocese who wishes to attend. To pre-register, visit: <http://www.edow.org/convention/info/registration-payment>. The deadline for registration is January 10.

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