



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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NOTES FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I picked up a wonderful book while visiting my daughter in England a year or so ago. It's called *What am I doing here? A beginner's guide to church*. Written by a parishioner who describes herself as having tried a number of denominations, it begins by considering our need to "meet with (our) maker" through Sunday worship, and continues through "the need to share the journey." Much of the focus of this small book is about the value of community – of coming together with others to celebrate and count our blessings, consider challenging questions, ask for help, discover strength, comfort and delight and, finally, to share the journey.

Jesus was all about community – always traveling with some of his disciples, reaching out to all who were in need, being known in the blessing and breaking of the bread. In seeing God as Trinity, we are constantly reminded of the inter-relationships between creator, savior and spirit, and God's presence in so many ways in our midst.

This fall is an exciting time for the parish as we gather again to celebrate community, with God in Jesus Christ and with each other. Inside this newsletter you will discover many opportunities to renew friendships and make new connections as well. Our worship will return to its usual robust strength as we welcome back our choirs. Taizé on the first Monday night of the month begins in October. The Adult Formation Committee is planning a series of diverse and fascinating forums, opportunities for small group study, quiet days, and retreats. Sunday Bible Study continues. The unique process of learning and spiritual reflection of the Education for Ministry program awaits your involvement. The Mission/Outreach Committee continues to support our on-going hands-on ministry with Street Church, other diverse ministries in the area and beyond, and is embarking on a more intentional relationship with *Misa Alegria*, the Latino congregation founded by former Redeemer seminarian The Rev'd Sarabeth Goodwin, who is also Interim Latino Missioner for the Diocese of Washington.

Our Church School continues to flourish with its fine Godly Play leaders and the engaging and creative teachers of the higher grades. Each brings valuable gifts, the most important of which is that their first priority is meeting the spiritual needs of our children. Their efforts enable our children to

grow in understanding of themselves as followers of Jesus Christ, as they are being fed and nurtured both in worship and in their time among us.

The Stewardship Committee is meeting regularly to create the opportunity for you to support the on-going staff, programs and infrastructure of this parish. I know you will be both engaged and enlightened by all they offer through their careful planning and infectious enthusiasm. Look also for a special gift for new and increased support. The Rector Search Committee is involved in its confidential ministry as it gets to know possible candidates for the position of rector. They will be very busy this fall, beginning with reviewing materials submitted by candidates and then continuing on to conduct telephone interviews, and meetings with candidates. I know from my experience on a search committee many years ago that, in addition to an intentional process of seeking God's leading, it is a time of being exposed to new ideas and perspectives about the church, and parish life and worship. Please be sure to thank them for all they are doing.

Jesus said to his disciples "*come and see*." All of us on the staff are inviting you and your friends and family and welcoming you back. May this be a time of blessing for all of us.

Faithfully, yours in Christ,

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

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 7

We invite you to join us for worship, Christian formation, and fellowship on Homecoming Sunday, September 7, the start of a new program year in the life of the parish community. The 10:30 Eucharist will include the return of the Adult and Youth Choirs from summer recess.

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
10:30 a.m.	Church School
12:15 p.m.	Ice Cream Social

All are welcome; bring a friend!

WORSHIP

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, September 14, at the 10:30 Eucharist, there will be a *Blessing of the Backpacks*, a special rite of blessing for the children and youth of the parish as they embark on a new academic year. All young people are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church that morning. Questions? Contact The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell: revannbroomell@verizon.net.

CONTEMPLATIVE MONDAYS AT REDEEMER

Taizé Service & Healing Rite

First Mondays (October – June), 7:30 p.m.

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

The first Taizé Service of the 2014-15 season will take place on Monday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. We extend a special invitation to those who have never experienced the quiet beauty of Taizé.

Christian Contemplative Group

Second & Fourth Mondays (September – June), 7:30 p.m.

The Christian Contemplative Group is a small, intimate collection of parishioners and members of the wider community which gathers to explore contemplative practices. Each session includes a short liturgy of simple chants, readings, and centering prayer, as well as discussion about a selected text. All are welcome to drop in any time. Sessions are held in the nave. Questions? Contact parishioner Sally Pugsley: salpugs@mac.com or 301-922-1838.

Benedictine Group

Third Mondays, (September – June), 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why someone would choose to live in a monastery? For Saint Benedict, the spiritual life lay in simply living *this* life – our daily life – well. He turned the ordinary into an experience of the extraordinary; a union with the sacred in the here and now. The Benedictine Group is currently reading *Monastery of the Heart: An invitation to a meaningful life*, by Joan Chittister, written for those desiring a powerful relationship with God, but in a modern context.

Sessions begin with a centering exercise and reading from the book. This is followed by group discussion. Questions? Contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net or 240-205-5783.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

All are welcome to join us for mid-week worship each Wednesday. The service of Morning Prayer, taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, is held in the side chapel at 9:00 a.m. The liturgy, which lasts for about 45 minutes, includes time for intercessory prayer. Questions? Contact The Rev'd Robin Razzino: revrobinrazzino@verizon.net.

An informal service of Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 12:00 noon. The liturgy includes materials from both *The Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching our Worship*. The homily typically includes dialogue about the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. Worshippers gather round the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We hope you will join us when you are able!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers on any Sunday in 2014-2015, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Donations may be made in honor, memory, celebration, thanksgiving or anonymously. The dedication will be printed in the Sunday announcements. The requested donation is \$65. Please let the Parish Office know your dedication at least a week before the Sunday you are giving the flowers and if there are specific flowers you would like to be used (if available). More than one person may sign up for a given Sunday.

You may choose to keep the flowers after the service or arrange for them to be taken to someone who is ill or homebound. Please speak with a member of the clergy to find out if there is anyone who might be given the flowers.

A COMMITAL OF ASHES

On Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m., at the Church of the Redeemer's Columbarium, there will be brief liturgy of committal for the ashes of beloved, long-time parishioner Lee Shipman, who died in March of this year. Lee's family invites all parishioners and neighbors to attend. Questions? Contact The Dr. Rev'd Ann Broomell: revannbroomell@verizon.net.



MUSIC

As we begin the 2014-2015 program year, I encourage all parishioners to become more actively involved in Redeemer's growing ministry of music:

- Consider the possibility of joining the Adult Choir. Additional voices are always welcome.
- Encourage your children to participate in the Youth Choir, a free addition to your child's musical education.
- Plan to attend a musical event or two...or three or four. An extraordinary series of concerts and choral services has been planned.
- Volunteer to assist with the publicity/production of the *Music at Redeemer Series*. Many hands make light work.
- Sing or play a musical instrument in the Taizé Ensemble. The music of Taizé is accessible to all.
- Help to organize a post-concert reception in the Parish Hall. Hospitality and fellowship are vital components of the *Music at Redeemer Series*.
- Above all, join us each Sunday morning as we “*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*” Sing praise to God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

ADULT CHOIR: NEW SINGERS WELCOME!

The 2014-2015 choral season will commence with rehearsal on Thursday, August 28, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. New members are welcome! All singers must possess a pleasing tone quality and the ability to match pitch and blend. Highlights of the upcoming season will include a Solemn Requiem Mass with guest conductor Dr. Martin Neary; the annual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent with guest conductor Dr. Benjamin Hutchens; and participation in the May 17 Gala Concert in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the *Music at Redeemer Series*. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music: music.redeemer@verizon.net.

YOUTH CHOIR: CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

The first rehearsal of the Youth Choir will take place on Wednesday, September 3, at 4:30 p.m. An ice cream party will follow at 5:45 p.m. New members are welcome! Although there is no minimum age requirement, all choristers must be able to read. The Youth Choir is a wonderful – and FREE – opportunity for high quality music education right here at Redeemer. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER SERIES 2014-2015

In late September, all parishioners and hundreds of others from across the region will receive a copy of the 2014-2015 music brochure, detailing the extraordinary slate of events planned for the tenth anniversary season of the series. In the meantime, please see the schedule at right.

2014-2015 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, October 19, 5:00 p.m.
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert

Sunday, November 2, 5:00 p.m.
Solemn Requiem Mass
(Dr. Martin Neary, guest conductor)

Sunday, December 6, 5:00 p.m.
A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent
(Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, guest conductor)

Thursday, December 24, 10:30 p.m.
Festal Eucharist of the Nativity
(An extended prelude of voluntaries, anthems, and carols begins at 10:00 p.m.)

Sunday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.
The District Eight in Concert

Sunday, February 8, 5:00 p.m.
Silent Film with Accompaniment by Jonathan Ortloff, organ

Sunday, February 22, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 5:00 p.m.
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.
Choral Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3, 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.
The Solemn Liturgies of Good Friday

Saturday, April 4, 8:30 p.m.
The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.
Festal Eucharist of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 19, 5:00 p.m.
Organist Nathan Laube in Concert

Sunday, May 17, 5:00 p.m.
Gala Concert in Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the *Music at Redeemer Series*

Sunday, May 31, 5:00 p.m.
Solemn Evensong for Trinity Sunday

Thomas Smith, *Director of Music*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 (Parish Hall)

There is an exciting line-up of Forums planned for the 2014–2015 church year, including allowing room for what our new rector may wish to do.

On Sunday, September 7, parishioner Dongbo Wang and Jason Evans, Young Adults Missioner for the Diocese of Washington, will recount their recent trip to a border immigration station in McCallum, Texas. On Sunday, September 14, there will be a showing of a vintage Cathedral forum entitled *A New Kind of Christianity* featuring Brian McLaren, author of the book with the same name. Other planned forums include such diverse topics as human trafficking, ethical wills, evolution, and a series on world religions.

Please check *This Week at Redeemer*, *The Redeemer Spirit*, and the Sunday Announcements sheet for more details. We value your opinion and welcome your suggestions and ideas. If you would be willing to organize or to lead a forum or participate in a panel discussion, or if you simply have a topic you would like to see presented, please let us know. Members of the Adult Forum Committee are Virginia Pearson, Marylin Raisch and Steve France. Questions? Please contact Virginia Pearson: vapearson2@aol.com or 703-395-5619.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study takes place on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Intermediate classroom. In July, we have read and discussed *Zealot* by Reza Aslan, alongside the Book of Acts. The vivid descriptions in *Zealot* of life in Palestine under Roman occupation at the time of Jesus' ministry, and the political currents swirling around the Jerusalem temple, deepened our understanding and appreciation of Acts. In August, we read Paul's letter to Titus, which was enriched by our prior study of *Zealot* and Acts.

All are welcome to the Bible study – drop in when the spirit moves you for one Sunday, two or more. To be added to the weekly email list or if you have questions, please contact parishioner Steve Gibson: gibliu@verizon.net.

Steve Gibson, *Bible Study Coordinator*

GROUP STUDIES

Joint Group Study with *Misa Alegria*

Many thousands of immigrants from Central America are arriving in the United States with little or nothing left after their journey. It is believed that some 3,000-4,000 are in the

Washington, DC area and in need of our help. Redeemer has been looking for ways to become involved.

At the Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, DC, The Rev'd Sarabeth Goodwin, a former Redeemer seminarian, has built a Spanish-speaking congregation named *Misa Alegria*. With support from St. Stephen's, Redeemer, the Diocese and others, this has become a vibrant and active worship community with committed Spanish and English speaking members.

On Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m., the Outreach Committee is hosting a discussion led by Sarabeth and to which all parishioners are invited. See p. 6. In addition to reporting on *Misa Alegria*, the forum will explore the possibility of a joint Misa/Redeemer book group centered on the national bestseller, *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. The group would meet once a month for four to six months and would hope to involve people who have made the harrowing journey to be in this country. Planning is still in its infancy, but the hope is that such a combined effort would draw us to look outward for ways in which we can help this critical issue.

Small Group Study

The Adult Formation Committee is looking to start a number of small study groups at Redeemer that would meet in parishioner's homes. The focus of the study would be Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation*. (Visit Amazon.com to see reviews of the book.). The book is divided into easily-manageable chapters, with Bible readings, a discussion topic, and engaging questions.

How to do this? The obvious approach would be to have individual groups (4-8 people in each) that would determine when, where and how often to meet. This flexibility might be helpful in encouraging participation by younger parishioners. The book provides structure and questions so a leader may not be needed. There would also be church-wide sessions – one to get started and another to let all groups share their experience with the study. We would invite parishioners to form their own groups and have a sign up for those who would like to be matched with others to form a group.

The committee wants to engage the parish in some on-going communication that draws attention to the Redeemer website and a possible blog related to this program might be a place to start. We promise to make it easy. Let us know any thoughts you may have on this proposal.

Bob Yates, *Adult Formation Committee Chair*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

School Begins on Sunday, September 7!

Following the informal summer Church School program, the formal Church School year begins on Homecoming Sunday, September 7. Church School classes are Godly Play I (ages 3-5), Godly Play II (grades 1-3), Intermediate (grades 4-5), Middle School (grades 6-8), and High School (grades 9-12). Redeemer also provides nursery care for infants during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist.



New Teachers

In addition to our cadre of experienced teachers, we have several new volunteers to teach Church School this year: Dongbo and Callie Wang (high school); Caitlin Moriarty (middle school); and Kim Penn, Brian Razzino and Christine Tommason (Godly Play). I am very grateful to each of these folks for their commitment of time and energy to this important ministry. I know, too, they will have fun and grow from it!

Registration

Redeemer is jumping headfirst into the 20th century! That isn't a typo and all kidding aside, now that we have a FABULOUS new website, we have created a form Church School. You can do this at anytime – at one in the morning, on a Saturday, whenever you want! No need to remember to bring it back to church with you. The world is a great place. You will find the form at: www.redeemberthesda.org/christian-formation/children-youth/church-school-registration-form/. If you have questions, please contact Robin: 301-229-3770 or revrobinrazzino@verizon.net. Another reminder will be emailed to parents at the beginning of the Church School year.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Church School isn't just for kids. Or at least it shouldn't be! Though we have a lot of opportunities for faith formation for adults at Redeemer (the Sunday morning Adult Forum, the Bible Study, seasonal series that take place in the evening, retreats and quiet days), many of us with small (or large) children are not able to make it to these sessions. That

doesn't mean we have to miss out on faith formation opportunities. We live in a digital age! The church can be more flexible!

I am excited about trying to find a way to reach out to those who can't make it to a class or group on Sunday mornings (or any other time). So, I want to try an experiment this fall. The idea is below. I hope you will join me. I welcome all feedback and hope we have folks who are as enthusiastic as I am about participating.

The idea: After attending a conference in June on alternative ways of doing faith formation in a digital age, I got excited about doing a "hybrid" faith formation series. We might launch the series with a potluck or some other event, and there may be ways for those available to meet for face-to-face discussion over coffee during the week, but there will always be an on-line portal for conversation open 24-/7! The theme of the first series will be *The Spirituality of Parenthood*. This will be an opportunity to delve into how our experience of parenting has affected how we understand God and our relationship to the divine. We will listen to multiple voices – Margaret Guenther, Anne Lamott, Brene Brown – and I hope we can have lively conversations in person and on-line: <http://redeemerparents.weebly.com/>.

Please be on the lookout for more information in *This Week at Redeemer* and the Sunday Announcements sheet. I hope to launch the series in mid- to late-September. I hope you will join me and please invite your friends as well!

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, *Associate Rector*



MISSION

OUTREACH EVENT: A CONVERSATION WITH THE REV'D SARABETH GOODWIN

Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to attend a forum, led by members of the Mission/Outreach Committee, with The Rev'd Sarabeth Goodwin, a former Redeemer seminarian who is the founder and vicar of *Misa Alegria*, the Spanish-speaking congregation at St. Stephen & the Incarnation Church, Washington, DC, and Interim Latino Missioner for the Diocese of Washington. The session will include dialogue about Redeemer's on-going support of *Misa Alegria's* music ministry; prospective mission/outreach activities with the Latino community; and The Episcopal Church's response to the border crisis. Please plan to attend. Questions? Please contact Jim Winkler: jim_winkler@dai.com. See also p. 4.

9/11 UNITY WALK 2014

Sunday, September 21, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

For the ninth year, Redeemer will participate in and support the 9/11 Unity Walk. On Sunday, September 21, in a dramatic display of unity, all houses of worship along Embassy Row on Massachusetts Avenue open their doors to each other, to visitors and, symbolically, to the world. Since 2005, the Walk has drawn thousands of people of all faiths and no faith. The impact is huge and the intention is simple: greater understanding, acceptance and friendship. As people come together, they experience a world of traditions through food, music, art, architecture, and service projects.

We hope you will join us on this exciting day, to celebrate, to learn, to serve, and to remember. The Walk is organized in partnership with the President's Interfaith & Community Service Campus Challenge, and Day to Serve. Parishioners Mike & Dominique Rychlik are among the organizers of the Walk. Redeemer youth will participate in service events at the Walk through the Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF) group.

Flyers are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall and information is posted on the Parish Hall Outreach board. We invite you to help with publicity by sharing the information with friends, families, faith communities, schools and more! Questions? Contact Mike and Dominique: 301-365-3845 or rychliks@gmail.com; or visit any of the following websites:

www.911unitywalk.org
 www.facebook.com/911unitywalk
 www.twitter.com/911unitywalk
 www.instagram.com/911unitywalk

Dominique & Mike Rychlik, Organizers

MANNA FOOD CENTER

The Mission/Outreach Committee will meet on Sunday, September 7, 12:30 p.m., to review an application for funds to support the Manna Food Center in Rockville.

BETHESDA CARES DINNER PROGRAM

On July 27, Redeemer parishioners provided dinner for about 50 hungry people, including the main and side dishes, drinks, salad, bread, fruit and dessert. Many thanks to Jo Barclay-Beard & Brian Beard, Chrissy de Fontenay, Pat Fitzgerald, Steve Flynn, Marie France, Lou Garo, Meredith Griggs, Susan Grigsby, Janice Huey, Ben Ivins, Edie Michie, Denny Shaw & Ann Taylor, Mary Slaby, and Karen Stewart.

Bethesda Cares has been a Redeemer outreach partner for many years. In addition to providing a hot meal, the program offers other opportunities to engage and help those living on the streets. Redeemer provides the dinner on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November. The next date for Redeemer is Sunday, September 28. A list of food items needed for the dinner and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the Outreach board in the Parish Hall. If you are willing to contribute an item and/or help with delivery, please sign up. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Simmons: livwell_lafflots@yahoo.com or Olivia Devereux: ohdevereux@gmail.com.

Olivia Devereux & Elizabeth Simmons, Coordinators

BACKPACKS/SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Vestry approved giving \$2,000 of outreach budgeted funds to purchase backpacks/school supplies for children in of the Transitional Housing program. Our thanks to Debbie Babcock-Daley, the Devereux family, and Susan Guzman-Vogele for making the purchases, to those who made individual monetary donations, and to those who did the packing on Sunday, August 17. For the past seven years, Redeemer has raised donations from individual parishioners to support this program that ensures underprivileged children begin the school year with the supplies they need.



PARISH LIFE

PARISH ART SHOW

Sunday, September 7

The Parish Art Show will open on *Homecoming Sunday*, September 7. All parishioners are invited to display their work: paintings, sculpture, original writings, hand-crafted items, etc. Please make sure items are ready to hang (if applicable) and include your name, the name and date of the piece, and the medium. Please deliver to Redeemer by September 4, as the display will be set up on Saturday, September 6. Questions? Please contact Frank Anderson: fsculpt@aol.com, or Susan Fitzgerald: grahampubs@comcast.net.

FOYER DINNERS: PLEASE SIGN UP!

Hurry! It's coming - the new fall season of Foyer Dinners and we want you to sign up! You will meet new friends and be surprised with the joy of getting to know others at a more leisurely pace than a quick Coffee Hour greeting. You say "but I don't cook" or "my house is too small." No worries - bring "take out" or meet in a restaurant. You are among fellow parishioners whose only interest is being part of our vibrant, loving community and spending time together.

Groups of 8-10 people will meet in one another's homes (or wherever it suits) once a month October through January (new groups will be formed in February). If, on occasion, it is impossible to get a "quorum" for a dinner, the host may wish to invite other parishioners to come. The host provides the main course and everyone else contributes a dish. Come on - there is a part going on! Please add your name to the sheet on the Sign-up board in the Parish Hall by Sunday, September 14. Questions? Contact the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net.

REDEEMER BOOK GROUP

The group is reading parishioner Cathy Baker's book *To Do the Deal, A Novel in Stories*, with illustrations by GB Tran. Congratulations to Cathy on its publication! You may order the book at <http://www.demitassepress.com>. The lead character, Kenneth Bodine, is "in commission sales; the last refuge of the disposed, or so his wife calls it." Kenneth is on a hero's journey, though he doesn't know it. This book is a must read, that speaks to all of us with love and humor. The group will meet to discuss Cathy's book on Sunday, October 5, at the home of parishioners Ron & Sally Pugsley. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Huda Kraske: hqkraske@aol.com or 301-656-2087.

COMMUNICATIONS

Be sure to check out Redeemer's new website that was launched on June 13: www.redeemerbethesda.org. Take a tour of the site to familiarize yourself with the information

available. If you have any suggestions and/or comments, please contact Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net.

HOSPITALITY

Maybe this is the year when you will sign up to host Coffee Hour! It is easier and more fun if you ask a friend, or two or three, to join you and share the work. Coffee Hour can also be hosted by a group: maybe the high school class one week, the grounds crew another. Food can be as simple as two trays of store bought cookies and a plate of grapes or whatever you want and is easy for you to do. Coffee Hour is a lovely time in our week when we strengthen the bonds of community and friendship at Redeemer. I invite you to share in the blessings of hospitality.

Karen Stewart, *Hospitality Coordinator*

PERSONAL NOTES

We offer our blessing to: The Rev'd Vikki Clayton, who has served for two years at Redeemer as seminarian, deacon and priest, as she continues her journey in God's service.

We offer our congratulations to: Suzanne & Farhad Shirzad on the birth of their son, Nima, brother to Neda and Nevid;

We offer our condolences to: Cindy Winder on the death of her brother, Thomas Weaver; Martin Neary on the death of his mother, Jeanne Marguerite Neary; Jo Barclay-Beard on the death of her friend, Rudolph "Rudy" Kuehn, and Tami McMinn on the death of her friend Jim DeVol. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We welcome as newly registered members of Redeemer:

Mary Slaby

We wish a happy birthday to those born in September:

Tim Nickerson	Anne Southard
Sean Boland	Lowry Adams
David Lawrenz	Judy James
Emma Rackstraw	Jim Packard Winkler
John Harbeson	Michael Hart
Mary Helen Carlson	Graeme Browning
Bruce McWilliams	Charles Court
Anna Nachbar-Seckel	Leah Ninde-Nazarian
Celina Fratzscher	Lily Young
Philip D'Ambrosio	

We wish a happy anniversary to:

Joe Daley & Debbie Babcock-Daley
Hal & Marlene Palmer
David & Anne Hotes

STEWARDSHIP: FINANCE & BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

CAMPAIGN UPDATE: REFRESHING REDEEMER

We extend sincere thanks to those who have already contributed to *Refreshing Redeemer*, a campaign to fully fund the 2014 operating budget and to build up significant reserves for on-going maintenance of the parish's aging facility. To date, the campaign has yielded \$63,390 of the \$175,000 goal. Details on the maintenance issues are available at: www.redeemberthesda.org/stewardship-giving/refreshing-redeemer/.

The Vestry and Finance Committee ask that all parishioners prayerfully consider making a commitment to the campaign by September 10. You may email your commitment to the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net. Lump sum payments or payment in installments are welcome, with the request that contributions be completed by year's end. Please be sure to indicate "Refreshing Redeemer" on the memo line of any/all checks. Questions? Please contact: Rick Robinson, Finance Committee Chair: robbi02@yahoo.com, or Steve Gibson, Treasurer: gibliu@verizon.net.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that Redeemer is making good progress toward the stronger financial footing that we are seeking to achieve. Expenses for 2014 are essentially on track with the budget. While there have been overages in buildings and grounds expenses, these have been covered to a large extent by donations. With regard to revenues, the *Refreshing Redeemer* campaign is receiving support from the congregation, and sufficient funds have been raised to ensure that Redeemer will be able to pay its bills through the end of the year.

Commitments to the campaign have reached a point where we are starting to fund a new Building Reserve fund. At its August meeting, the Vestry authorized establishing a separate bank account for *Refreshing Redeemer* funds in order to keep them physically separate from operating funds until such time as they are needed for a designated purpose.

If you would like to see the financial statements through July 31, these are available from the parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net. If you would like a copy sent to you or have questions, please contact me at gibliu@verizon.net.

Steve Gibson, *Treasurer*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We offer our thanks to Evan and Nico Judge, who trooped up and down the stairs to the basement numerous times on Sunday, August 17, with old (and wet) file boxes, the old bench (now in the Parish Hall), and various other items. A job that had been long on our To Do list is now completed thanks to their willingness to help out, as they have done around Redeemer for many years. Thank you, Evan and Nico!

The Grounds Committee met on Sunday, August 3. The committee reviewed the grounds budget and concluded that expenses need to be consistently reduced and controlled. This conclusion was driven by the fact that a substantial portion of the funds expended to maintain the gardens and grounds came from non-budgeted parishioner donations and such financing is unpredictable and unsustainable. The committee will develop a plan to work within funds approved in the budget. To that end, the committee determined to search for and identify new commercial firms that are capable of providing the contracted services required at significantly lower costs than the current contractor. Additionally, the committee will seek to identify and contract with individuals for on-going weeding and clean-up work and snow removal.

The committee decided to initiate a process of down-sizing the individual gardens and that these efforts will be deliberate and will proceed in a step-by-step manner over time. We have selected to begin the down-sizing by reworking the north garden (the garden above the main entrance to the church). Plans for this are being prepared.

During the summer months, Montgomery County-approved paper weed bags will be placed at the several doors to the Parish Hall with signs noting catchy slogans such as "Feed me Weeds!" or "Many hands make light Work!", or "I'm Hungry for Weeds!" etc. By placing these bags at the doors we hope to attract additional volunteer efforts.

Peter Carlson, *Junior Warden*



VESTRY NEWS & PARISH INFORMATION

AUGUST VESTRY REPORT

At its August 20 meeting, the Vestry decided:

- to establish a separate bank account for funds raised through the *Refreshing Redeemer* campaign;
- to create teams of parishioners to host Coffee Hour in one-month increments in hope that new volunteers will participate and that all Sundays will be covered;
- the tenure of the Interim Rector will not be extended beyond its scheduled conclusion in late October.

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

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NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDING BISHOP

The 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be elected from a field of candidates at the 2015 General Convention of The Episcopal Church next summer in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (JNPB) has issued the Call for Discernment and Profile for the election of the next Presiding Bishop. The Call for Discernment and Profile can be read at: www.episcopalchurch.org/notice/joint-nominating-committee-issues-call-discernment-and-profile-27th-episcopal-presiding-bisho.

Between now and September 30, any member of The Episcopal Church may submit to the Committee the name of a bishop whom they believe should be considered for nomination using the email address in the Call for Discernment and Profile. JNCPB will inform bishops whose names have been presented and advise them that if they wish to engage the discernment process, they must submit their materials as specified in the Call between October 1 and October 31, 2014. The JNCPB will announce the nominees in early May 2015.

PARISH TRANSITION: THE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE

The Rector Search Committee has received 37 applications for the position of Rector of The Church of the Redeemer. Committee members are in the process of reviewing these applications. At this stage in the process, the work of the committee becomes confidential. Although members are not able to discuss the names or backgrounds of those who have applied, they are able to answer questions about process and timing. Please continue to keep the committee members and our new rector – whoever he or she may be – in your prayers. Questions? Contact committee chair Mary Helen Carlson: carlsonmh1@gmail.com or 301-787-2357.

TRANSITION INFORMATION

Information on the transition to new clergy leadership is posted on the Search Committee bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The Diocese of Washington's Parish Transition Handbook is available at: www.redeemerbethesda.org. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact any member of the Search Committee.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, September 1 (*Parish Office closed*)

Labor Day

David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday, September 2

The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Youth Choir Ice Cream Social
7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 4

Paul Jones, 1941

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 5 (*Parish Office closed*)

Gregorio Aglipay, Priest and Founder of the Philippine Independent Church, 1940

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

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Homecoming Sunday

- 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
12:15 p.m. Ice Cream Social
12:30 p.m. Mission/Outreach Committee Meeting

Monday, September 8

Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872

Søren Kierkegaard, Teacher and Philosopher, 1855

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, September 9

Constance, Nun, and Her Companions,

Commonly called "The Martyrs of Memphis," 1878

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

Alexander Crummell, 1898

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11

Harry Thacker Burleigh, Composer, 1949

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 12 (*Parish Office closed*)

John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830

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

Saturday, September 13

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407

Sunday, September 14

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 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
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, September 15

Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258

James Chisholm, Priest, 1855

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Benedictine Group

Tuesday, September 16

Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

Hildegard, 1179

- 9:00 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. Rector Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 18

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 19 (*Parish Office closed*)

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

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

Saturday, September 20

John Coleridge Patteson and his Companions, Bishop of Melanesia, Martyrs, 1871

Sunday, September 21*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 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. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, September 22*Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio, and of Illinois, 1852*

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:00 p.m. American Guild of Organists Hymn Festival

Tuesday, September 23

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 25

- Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392*
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 26 (Parish Office closed)

- Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626*
Wilson Carlile, Priest, 1942
 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 27

- Vincent de Paul, Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660*
Thomas Traherne, Priest, 1674

Sunday, September 28*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 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
 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour
 12:30 p.m. Adult Formation Committee Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
 1:00 p.m. Bethesda Cares Dinner Preparation

Monday, September 29*Saint Michael and All Angels*

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, September 30*Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420*

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

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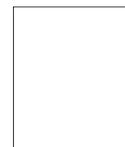
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A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

- *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 832