



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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FROM THE HEARTH

Dear Friends in Christ,

Episcopalians have a reputation. With good humor and some self-effacement, we refer to ourselves as 'whisky-palians'. You may have heard the old chestnut: "Wherever you find four Episcopalians, you'll always find a fifth!"

However, it was no joking matter when, two days after Christmas last year, the former Suffragan Bishop of Maryland struck and killed a bicyclist while driving very drunk and simultaneously texting. This tragedy put the spotlight on the Episcopal Church and the culture of alcohol use we have so long tolerated if not encouraged.

When meeting in Salt Lake City in June, the General Convention of The Episcopal Church responded by passing two resolutions relating to alcohol use in the Church. By these resolutions, the General Convention urged dioceses and congregations to review their alcohol use policies, keeping in mind that any behavior that undermines wholeness, healing, renewal, and justice should be amended

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13

We invite you to join us for worship, Christian formation, and fellowship on Homecoming Sunday, September 13, 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
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!

See back page for more dates to put on your calendars!

or discontinued. You can read resolutions A158 and A159 at <http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/2015-resolutions>. (See also report on p. 12.)

I shared the resolutions with the Vestry at our July meeting. I also expressed my concerns about the alcohol culture I have witnessed in the parishes I have served, including Redeemer. The lack of designated monitors of alcohol consumption at receptions, especially when there are children present, is dangerous. While alternative libations are always offered at Redeemer receptions, diocesan policy obligates us to offer even more appealing alternatives. Going forward we must also have someone whose job it is to monitor and control the distribution and use of any alcoholic beverages that are offered at events in our building. There are legal ramifications for The Church of the Redeemer flowing from alcohol use at receptions that we need to keep in mind. We also want to protect our young children from ingesting alcohol at church events. The Vestry therefore encourages all persons who plan events to designate a monitor of alcohol consumption, and to report anyone who might be impaired to the Rector and/or the Wardens so that arrangements can be made to get them safely home.

The Vestry also decided we would begin this fall using *nonalcoholic* wine for Eucharistic celebrations, and discontinue the use of grape juice. The Church of the Redeemer hosts five Twelve Step groups. These groups stand as a witness to the

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WORSHIP

WORSHIP AT REDEEMER

As we enter the Fall, Redeemer's regular weekly schedule of worship will be:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
<i>Monday:</i>	7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite (<i>first Monday of the month, October – June</i>)
<i>Wednesday:</i>	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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 Taizé Service will resume on Monday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. We extend a special invitation to those who have never experienced the quiet beauty of Taizé. If you have questions, please contact parishioner Clark Downs: 301-654-4721 or ced122@comcast.net; or the Parish Office.

Wednesday Worship

All are welcome to join us for worship on Wednesdays. 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 lasts for about 30 minutes and includes time for intercessory prayer.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 12:00 noon. The liturgy includes materials from *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!

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS TRAINING

Sunday, September 27, and Sunday, October 4, 12:30 p.m.
The Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector, the Rev'd Robin Razzino, Associate Rector, and lay ministry leaders will conduct two trainings for Liturgical Assistants: Sunday, September 27, for Acolytes, Crucifers, Chalicists, Greeters, Torch Bearers, and Ushers; and Sunday, October 4, for Lectors and Intercessors. If you already serve in one of these ministries, please attend the appropriate session if you wish to continue to serve.

If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, please come to the appropriate training session to learn more. Below is a brief outline of each ministry. Questions? Contact the Rev'd Cricket Park: revcbpark@verizon.net, or the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net or 301-229-3770.

Participation in Worship

The word "liturgy" is derived from two Greek words meaning "work of the people." By their presence alone, all who gather for worship – young, old, and every age in between – are participants in the liturgy of the Church. The opportunities for lay members to participate in a distinct role during worship are:

Acolyte: In contemporary usage, a general term that covers not only those who assist at the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but also torch bearers, crucifers, andthurifers.

Altar Guild: A volunteer group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for liturgical celebrations and clean-up afterwards. They also oversee decoration of the sanctuary and nave with flowers.

Chorister: A member of one of the parish choirs. Choristers rehearse weekly to prepare beautiful, finely-crafted music for the glory of God and the edification of the worshipping community.

Crucifer: The acolyte whose role is to carry the cross in procession. The crucifer sometimes assists in other ways during the liturgy.

Eucharistic Minister: A lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

Greeter: An individual who welcomes visitors and newcomers as they leave at the conclusion of the liturgy.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: A lay person licensed by the bishop to share the Blessed Sacrament with members of the congregation who, through illness or infirmity, are unable to be present for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Lector: A trained lay person who reads one or more of the lessons during the Liturgy of the Word.

Usher: A lay person who greets and assists people as they enter the church. Ushers may hand out service leaflets, answer questions of visitors and newcomers, count the number of people in the congregation, collect and present the offering at the offertory, assist parishioners during the administration of Holy Communion, and clean the pews and church building after the service.

HEALING MINISTRY

The Healing Ministry at Redeemer had its beginnings in the late 1990s shortly after completion of the new church building. Under the guidance of the Rev'd Susan Thon, former Rector, and Melanie Sunderland, then seminarian and Virginia Theological Seminary student, a small group of lay members of the parish began meeting twice a month. The group established a routine of study, discussion and prayer, incorporating a variety of materials to increase awareness of the healing ministry, and for our own personal preparedness to enter into this sacred space. We studied assorted writings on healing precepts, inspirational readings, excerpts from *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The New Zealand Prayer Book*, and biblical passages of Jesus' healing ministry. We folded these into our consciousness through the use of lectio divina, meditation, and prayer.

Through God's grace, we introduced the practice of the Healing Rite with the Laying on of Hands at each of the Sunday services, once a month. Prayers offered were clergy and lay-led, depending on scheduling needs. Healing Ministry members assisted at all services. Later on the Healing Rite was added at the Taizé service to provide an additional opportunity for support to those in need of healing for themselves and others.

Now, as we enter a time of new growth and transition at Redeemer, we invite you to consider participating in what we know to be a transformative ministry. Please prayerfully consider your own spiritual path to discern if making a commitment to this ministry is part of your faith journey. Members of the Healing Ministry, along with the Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector, hope to offer the Healing Rite twice a month at the Sunday Eucharist, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., as well as at the monthly Taizé service on Monday evenings.

Those in the ministry will be happy to share who we are and what we do, and the training and commitment involved. We are small in number, but mighty in sharing God's healing for you, for those you love, and for those who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit. We ask your prayers for this ministry as we move ahead. Questions? Contact parishioners Linda Lear: linada@lindalear.com or 301-469-9503 or a member of the clergy.

In peace,
Joanne Bowman, Linda Lear

CONTEMPLATIVE OPPORTUNITIES AT REDEEMER

In addition to the contemplative service of Taizé on the first Monday of each month, Redeemer offers three other contemplative opportunities on the second, third and fourth Mondays of the month. These offerings are described below. The Lectio Divina is a new addition on the fourth Monday starting in October. These offerings are intended to help participants deepen their understanding of their own spiritual

journey. While each of the Monday offerings is somewhat different, the focus is on contemplation through a choice of silence, music, chant, prayer, reading and discussion. Regular attendance is not required – please join any Monday evening whenever you wish to do so. Sessions are held in the Nave.

Christian Contemplative Group

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

The Christian Contemplative Group is a small, intimate group that is exploring contemplative practices. Each session includes a short liturgy of simple chants, readings, centering prayer, and discussion about a selected text. At present, the group is studying the gospel of Thomas. Questions? Contact parishioner Sally Pugsley: salpugs@mac.com or 301-922-1838.

Benedictine Group

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

For Saint Benedict, the spiritual life lay in simply living our daily life well – turning the ordinary into an experience of the extraordinary; a union with the sacred in the here and now. The Group is using the text *Monastery of the Heart: An invitation to a meaningful life*, by Joan Chittister. Sessions include centering prayer, reading and discussion. Questions? Contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net.

Lectio Divina

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

Lectio Divina, reflective sacred reading, has deep roots in Benedictine spirituality. Traditionally, the scriptures are the primary text for lectio as a way to engage in a lifelong conversation with God. Other texts – such as psalms of nature, poetry and personal experiences of creation – can be used in this practice. Questions? Contact Bob Yates.

Bob Yates, *Adult Formation Committee Chair*

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers on any Sunday, 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 is printed in the Sunday Announcements. Requested donation is \$70. Please let the Parish Office know your dedication wording and if there are specific flowers you would like to be used. More than one person may sign up for a given Sunday.

You may choose to take 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. Questions? Contact Altar Guild Chair Kukula Glastris: 301-320-6409 or kukula.glastris@gmail.com, or the Parish Office: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net.

MUSIC

FROM TOM SMITH, OUTGOING DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dear parishioners and friends:

In January 2004, when our former Rector, the Rev'd Susan Thon, called me to serve as The Church of the Redeemer's Director of Music, I accepted the (very!) part-time position thinking that I would be among you until the completion of my graduate studies at The Peabody Conservatory roughly 16 months later, at which point, I, in my youthful arrogance, assumed I would move on to "bigger and better things". And now here I am, writing this letter of thanks and farewell, having served this parish for nearly 12 years. God *does* work in mysterious ways!

Together we have built a music ministry of exceptional breadth and quality, particularly for a parish of Redeemer's size. Almost 60 individuals of varying ages and levels of ability sing in the Adult and Youth Choirs. The Music at Redeemer Series continues to attract sizable and, in many cases, capacity crowds for concerts and special choral liturgies. The Taizé Service provides an opportunity for worship to an entirely different "congregation", many of whom may not otherwise enter the door of a church if it were not for this simple, contemplative liturgy. Summer Music Camp serves as a unique form of musical outreach to members of the wider community and, in particular, children and youth who might not otherwise experience the joy of music-making. Installed in 2007 and expanded in 2013, Redeemer's beautiful and versatile Di Gennaro-Hart organ, lovingly and creatively designed and built by parishioner Michael Hart, continues to serve the parish in both liturgical and concert settings. *Deo gratias!*

I said this to members of the choirs last week and I say it again here: Serving at The Church of the Redeemer has been one of the great joys, privileges, and blessings of my life. I take with me so many wonderful memories: services of Choral Evensong and Lessons & Carols, concerts, commissions, premieres, camps, choir trips, hymn-a-thons, foyer dinners, Strawberry Festivals, the installation of the organ. The list goes on and on! Words cannot adequately express how grateful I am for the love and support so many people – clergy, staff, adult and youth choristers, choir parents, other parishioners – have shown me over the years. This parish and its people will always hold a very special place in my heart. I hope and pray that each of you will continue to support and work to strengthen Redeemer's ministry of music, which has become such an important part of the parish's identity. And I give thanks for the arrival of Christopher Betts, Redeemer's new Director of Music, who, I know, will serve the parish well as we all move forward in faith. Although I will miss seeing you on a routine basis, I am comforted by the fact that I will be just down the road at Christ Church, Georgetown.

I conclude with words from one of my favorite hymns:

*Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us – our Shield and Sun.*

Words by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.
The Hymnal 1982, No. 317, stanza two

With love and deep gratitude,

Tom Smith



FROM CHRIS BETTS, INCOMING DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

This is a great way for me to say how excited I am to be serving as Director of Music for The Church of the Redeemer. My family and I have already been made extremely welcome at the church – thank you! It has been wonderful to see the support for the excellent music program that Tom has built and nurtured.

I am honored to have the opportunity to carry that music program forward into its next chapter. With God's help, and yours, I hope to build on the firm foundation that Tom has created, strengthen it, and even grow into some new areas.

I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you, and if there is a way that I can involve you in music at the church, I would love to do so. If you've ever thought about singing in the Redeemer choirs, but haven't yet done so, this is a great time to begin. We would love to have you!

I would like to thank Cricket for inviting me to join you, and Sunny, Ben, Charlotte, and I look forward to being a part of the Redeemer congregation.

Christopher Betts

ADULT CHOIR: New singers welcome!

The 2015-16 choral season will commence with rehearsal on Thursday, September 3, 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. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Chris Betts, Director of Music: music.redeemer@verizon.net.

YOUTH CHOIR: Calling all children and youth!

The first rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, September 9, at 4:30 p.m. An ice cream party will follow. 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 Chris Betts.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER SERIES 2015-2016

The eleventh season of the Music at Redeemer Series will commence in late September. A brochure detailing the season will be mailed to over 1,000 households, including all parishioners, in early September. If you would like to add friends, family, and neighbors to the mailing list, contact the Parish Office: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net. Questions about the series? Contact Redeemer's new Director of Music, Chris Betts: music.redeemer@verizon.net.

Sunday, 27 September, at 5:00 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert (I)

Sunday, 1 November, at 5:00 p.m.

Requiem Mass for the Feast of All Souls

Sunday, 6 December, at 5:00 p.m.

A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

Thursday, 24 December, at 10:30 p.m.

Festal Eucharist of the Nativity

Sunday, 17 January, at 5:00 p.m.

Organist Christopher Betts in Concert

Sunday, 14 February, at 5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 28 February, at 5:00 p.m.

U.S. Navy Sea Chanters in Concert

Sunday, 13 March, at 5:00 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert (II)

Thursday, 24 March, at 7:30 p.m.

Choral Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

Friday, 25 March, at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

The Solemn Liturgies of Good Friday

Saturday, 26 March, at 8:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, 27 March, at 10:30 a.m.

Festal Eucharist of the Resurrection

Sunday, 17 April, at 5:00 p.m.

Organist Janet Yieh in Concert

Sunday, 1 May, at 5:00 p.m.

Eya: Ensemble for Medieval Music in Concert

Sunday, 15 May, at 5:00 p.m.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in concert (III)

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT REDEEMER

Musical programming at The Church of the Redeemer is underwritten, in large part, by the generosity of the *Friends of Music at Redeemer*. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this musical ministry, benefiting both the parish and the wider community. Gifts can be made in memory/honor/celebration of... or in thanksgiving for... A contribution card will be included with the series brochure that will be distributed in early September. You can also contribute through Redeemer's new online payment service: www.redeemberbethesda.org/stewardship-giving/other-contributions/. Questions? Contact Director of Music Chris Betts: music.redeemer@verizon.net, or the Parish Office.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP 2015

Twenty-two children and youth, ages six through 14, attended this year's Summer Music Camp. Through the generosity of several Redeemer parishioners, nine campers from *Misa Alegria*, the Spanish-speaking congregation at St. Stephen & the Incarnation Episcopal Church, attended on full scholarship. We offer sincere thanks to all who assisted, especially: John Barnes and Laura Petersen, camp instructors; as well as volunteers Angela Beckman, Evan Judge, Nico Judge, Araceli Ma, Joelle Morris, Zac Petersen, and Patricia Snowden. Parishioner Jane Dealy, whose grandsons attended the camp, wrote the following:

Dear Tom, John, Laura,

As a group of professional musicians, you put forth an amazing production; a life changing experience for the children who attended Redeemer's Summer Music Camp. As I watched the performance on Friday, each child had an equal role playing percussion instruments and in singing; all were engaged, focused, having fun, and LEARNING. The underpinnings of the performance was all the work that went on during the week. It was amazing... The week following music camp, Owen and Sean were singing "This little light of mine" and "Can you hear me calling". Thank you for all your time and effort. You made a difference: how the campers will approach music and what they learned is possible. As you see, Sean is very happy and comfortable with his surroundings. I only wish he and Owen lived close by. After this experience, I'm sure they would be part of Youth Choir.



John Barnes, Sean, Laura Petersen and Tom Smith

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Sunday Adult Forums

The Adult Forum will resume at 9:15 a.m. on Homecoming Sunday, September 13, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Forum topics for September are:

Sunday, September 13: Prayer Book 101

The Rev'd Cricket Park will lead participants on a quick trip through the wonders of *The Book of Common Prayer 1979* so that they may become familiar with each section of the book and its resources, beyond the few pages that are included in Sunday services. Prayer books from Anglican provinces and other traditions will also be discussed.

Sunday, September 20: Report on the General Convention Parishioner Clark Downs, Alternate Deputy, to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, will report on the election of Bishop Michael Bruce Curry as the next presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, and on important resolutions that were passed by the Convention.

Sunday, September 27: Innovation, Technology, Death, Hope, and God: Musings from N.T. Wright and Peter Thiel Parishioner Shannon Hoogerheide will discuss how rapid technological changes, and advances in communication, artificial intelligence, and extending human life, may potentially change the way we live our lives. Drawing on conversations with N.T. Wright, renowned Anglican priest, and Peter Thiel, a leading entrepreneur, how might we, as Christians, think about these ideas and advances.

For more information on the Adult Forum, contact parishioner Virginia Pearson: virginia@vapearson.com.

Adult Formation Committee

The Committee is looking for new members. The philosophy is that we come together as a willing group to see our Redeemer mission into reality. If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please contact committee chair Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.com. Meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Committee members are Jo Barclay-Beard, Lois Burleigh, Shannon Hoogerheide, Janice Huey, Mary Packard Winkler, the Rev'd Cricket Park, Virginia Pearson, Sally Pugsley, the Rev'd Robin Razzino, Patricia Snowden, and Bob Yates (chair).

Parish Retreat

Friday, October 23 – Sunday, October 25

Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend the 2015 Parish Retreat to be held at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD – a one-hour drive from Bethesda. Entitled *The Fall Triduum*, the retreat will focus on the feasts of All Hallows, All Saints, and All Souls – a progression from light

to darkness. The church long ago recognized the need to remember the past and those who have gone before and established these feast days on which to do so. It is considered to be a time when the veil between the living and the dead is thinnest. The Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector, will lead participants through the history and meaning of this Fall Triduum. Participants are invited to bring pictures of their ancestors, and costumes for All Hallows' Eve.

The retreat will begin on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and conclude after lunch on Sunday. The program will include time for worship, group discussion, reflection and recreation. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the sheet on the Sign-up Board in the Parish Hall. Space is limited to 21 participants. The cost is \$182 per person. Questions? Contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

A New Church School Year Begins!

A new Church School year is beginning on Homecoming Sunday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m., with classes for all children and youth at Redeemer. We have a lot of students moving from elementary to middle school, and from middle to high school this year. This means there will be a lot of shake up in the composition of the classes. Please register your child for Church School this year using the VERY simple online form that can be found on the Parish Website: <http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/christian-formation/children-youth/church-school-registration-form/>

We have a large group of talented teachers helping out with Church School this year. The youngest Godly Play class is being coordinated by Ayesha Court, the older Godly Play class by Karen Stewart, and the Intermediate class by Steve Gibson. Robin Razzino will coordinate the schedule of the middle and high school teachers. If you have any questions please see these individuals. We look forward to a great year!

Redeemer Youth: Mini-golf Outing

On Sunday afternoon (time TBD), September 20, we will visit Montgomery County's best mini-golf course at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, about 20 minutes from Redeemer. All middle and high school students are invited to participate. This will be a great way to have some fun with your friends from Redeemer. We will need adult chaperones/drivers – at least two depending on how many youth are able to go. Please let Robin Razzino know if you are able to chaperone/drive.

Questions: Contact the Rev'd Robin Razzino: 301-229-3770 or revrobinrazzino@verizon.net.

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, Associate Rector

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

ON-LINE DONATION SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE

Redeemer now has an online payments service on the parish website for pledges and donations. Our thanks to parishioners Lois Burleigh and Janice Huey for the research they did to help with the selection of Vanco as the service provider. Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman has created user-friendly pledge and donation pages on Redeemer's website.

Pledge payments: Payments can be made on a pledge (one-time/monthly/weekly) using a checking/savings account or with a credit/debit card. Participants can create a profile, set up recurring payments and make one-time donations. Donors may also choose to cover the service fee if they wish to do so. A receipt for each and every payment will go to the donor and to the Parish Office. For donations of stock, please contact the Parish Office.

When it comes time to make a 2016 pledge, parishioners will be able to go to the website to complete an electronic pledge card, send it to the office, and then continue on to set up

payment. Printed pledge cards will also be available in the Parish Hall and mailed to all parish households.

Donations: Donations can be made using the on-line service for parish programs, such as Altar Flowers, Friends of Music at Redeemer, Memorials, and other ad hoc donations. These will all be one-time payments.

Payment Information: Payment information is secure. Access is only possible by the donor, Vanco and the Parish Office through specially set up passwords and access codes.

Assistance: If you would like assistance entering your information into the system, you are welcome to call or come by the Parish Office and Angela Beckman will help guide you through the process. It is very similar to other on-line payment systems.

Questions? Want more information? Contact Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman: office.redeemer@verizon.net or 301-229-3770.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A summary of year-to-date budget performance through the end of July is set forth in the adjoining table. Redeemer continues to be on track to achieve a balanced operating budget for the year. Variances between actual and budgeted income/expenses year-to-date are primarily due to timing differences, which will tend to even out over the remainder of the year.

If you have any questions about parish finances, please feel free to contact Steve Gibson: gibliu@verizon.net.

Steve Gibson, *Treasurer*

	2015 Jan-July Budget	Jan-July Actual	Jan-July Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
Pledge Payments	\$347,850	\$367,268	\$19,418	\$552,680
Non-Pledge Donations	\$7,875	\$7,428	-\$447	\$13,500
Loose Plate Offering	\$3,500	\$2,616	-\$884	\$6,000
Special Offerings	\$4,000	\$7,493	\$3,493	\$8,100
Event & Activity Income	\$33,333	\$30,988	-\$2,345	\$36,500
Facilities Use	\$14,583	\$17,138	\$2,554	\$25,000
Interest Income	\$0	\$16	\$16	\$0
Gain (Loss) on Stock	\$0	\$340	\$340	\$0
Total Income January-July	\$411,142	\$433,287	\$22,145	\$641,780
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	\$26,231	\$21,935	-\$4,296	\$40,050
Diocesan Giving	\$26,745	\$26,745	\$0	\$45,850
Outreach Giving	\$19,200	\$3,775	-\$15,425	\$32,000
Discretionary Account	\$758	\$758	\$0	\$1,300
Maintenance Expense	\$38,810	\$38,651	-\$159	\$67,250
Personnel Expense	\$217,520	\$222,924	\$5,405	\$368,508
Program Expense	\$21,956	\$20,498	-\$1,458	\$36,390
Property Expense	\$27,272	\$27,272	\$0	\$46,752
Total Expense January-July	\$378,492	\$362,559	-\$15,933	\$638,100
Net Income Jan-July	\$32,650	\$70,728	\$38,078	\$3,680

MISSION

FUNDING FROM THE MISSION/OUTREACH BUDGET

The Mission/Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that the Vestry approved the following distribution of funds from the Mission/Outreach budget for 2015:

- Bethesda Cares, Bethesda, MD: \$3,000
- Manna Food Center, Gaithersburg, MD: \$500
- Misa Alegria, St. Stephen's & the Incarnation, Washington, DC: \$3,500
- Street Church, The Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC: \$4,000
- Summer Music Camp, The Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, MD: \$2,000
- Transitional Housing Authority, Washington, DC: \$1,000
- The Trinidad Conservation Project, Honduras: \$3,500
- United Palestinian Appeal, Washington, DC: \$1,500

The Vestry also gave its approval to the Olive Oil Ministry holding two sales of olive oil products annually to benefit that ministry of which Redeemer is a member.

If you would be interested in learning more about any of these organizations or to volunteer, please contact Mission/Outreach Committee Chair Jim Packard Winkler: jim_winkler@dai.com or (202) 531-0910.



HONDURAS PRESENTATION

Sunday, September 20, 12:30 p.m.

Edwin Escoto, the Executive Director of Vecinos Honduras, Groundswell's local partner in Honduras and a partner with the Trinidad Conservation Project (TCP), will update the parish on the work of

TCP. Mr. Escoto is an agronomist with years of experience in promoting sustainable agriculture through community development. The presentation will take place following Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 20. The TCP program helps train farmers in rural mountain areas to restore tropical forests and learn sustainable farming techniques. Questions? Contact parishioner Ben Ivins: bivins@nab.org.



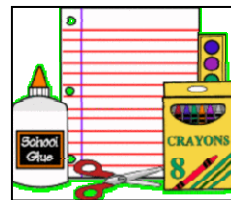
BETHESDA CARES DINNER PROGRAM

In July, Redeemer parishioners provided dinner for about 40 hungry people at Our Lady of Lourdes as part of the Bethesda Cares Dinner

Program. Our thanks to youth parishioners Christoph Muenchow-Pohl and parishioner Stacy Stratton for organizing the food collection and delivery, and to all who provided the various food items.

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 27. 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 Stacy Stratton or Christoph Muenchow-Pohl: strattstac@gmail.com or 302-682-1190.



BACKPACK/SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

Redeemer supplied 100 backpacks filled to the brim with school supplies to the Transitional Housing Corporation (THC), a DC-based

nonprofit that helps at-risk families. This contribution helps to ensure that the children in the program go back to school with all they need for a good start to the school year. Thank you to all who generously donated funds, raising a total of \$1,795 to purchase the supplies; to the Vestry for approving \$1,000 from the Mission/Outreach budget to purchase the actual backpacks; and to all those who helped to stuff the backpacks on Sunday, August 16. Most of all, thank you to youth parishioner Mildred Devereux for her commitment to the project and excellent organizing. This is an outreach opportunity dear to Redeemer's heart and one that happily involves many parishioners in a variety of ways.

MISSION/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chrissy de Fontenay, Olivia Devereux, Marie France, John Harbeson, Ben Ivins, Clarice Leslie, Michael Mershon, the Rev'd Cricket Park, Denny Shaw, Jim Winkler (chair). If you have questions/would like to join the committee, please contact Jim: jim_winkler@dai.com.

PRAYING WITH HANDS AND HEART: WORKSHOP REFLECTION

Redeemer has a long-standing relationship with *Misa Alegria*, the Spanish-speaking congregation at St. Stephen and the Incarnation in the District of Columbia, through the Rev'd Sarabeth Goodwin, a former Redeemer seminarian who is now also Latin Missioner for the Diocese of Washington. Inspired by our joint reading of *Enrique's Journey*, members of Redeemer and *Misa Alegria* met four times in January and February of this year to share a meal and hear personal stories inspired by the prize-winning book. Following the series, Sarabeth invited members of Redeemer to a two-day workshop in April, *Praying with Hands and Heart*.

On the first evening, workshop leader Enedina Vasquez, a poet, playwright and visual artist from Texas, long associated with St. Stephen's, began by asking us to choose a design from a selection of angels, saints and Christian symbols to make a "contemporary icon," or an "Intercessor of Today." She instructed us to color in the image we chose with watercolor, then let the paper dry so that a mix of paraffin and beeswax could be applied, and press the image flat with an iron. Next, do the unthinkable: Crumple up the "work of art" and cover the image (mine was an angel) with black paint and remove the wax. At this point, expecting a wreck, I saw the angel transformed: the process of coloring, waxing, ironing, painting and distress had given the paper and the angel image a "batik effect," turning it into a stunning image.

Surprise was at the heart of turning an outline of an angel into an icon, an "Intercessor of Today." I did not know what I was doing and did not guess what was to come from the process. I have taken many workshops, but Enedina's challenge, apparently straightforward - coloring something that could have come from a coloring book - undid me, in the best sense.

Saturday morning we met again at St. Stephen's for Part 2 of the workshop. We arranged our tables so we could see each other when we took turns reading the stories we were about to write. Enedina read hers, written from the point of view of herself as a child, and she invited us to do the same with a story of our own. She explained the art of the *platica* (discourse, conversation), within which one might rediscover "one's inner voice." As Enedina was speaking, I picked up on a pervasive hum in the room, the sound of a voice quietly translating from English to Spanish.

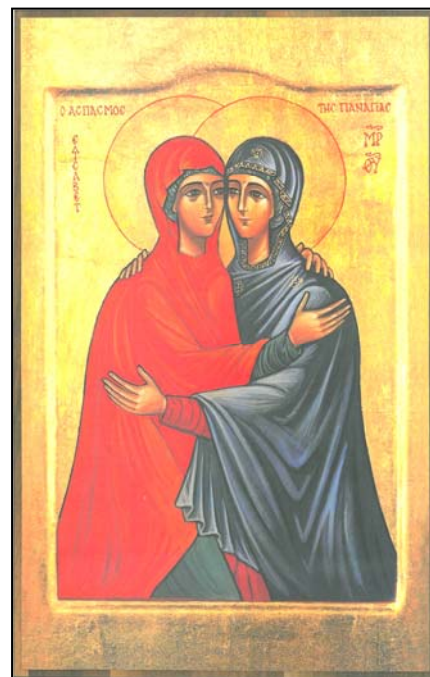
For me the simultaneous translation could be understood as the outward and audible sign of an inward and spiritual need: communicating with one another. This acute need had prompted the stories told when we had met in January and February: shared personal accounts of escape from unbearable hardship. Related by members of *Misa alegria* and repeated simultaneously in Spanish or English, they offered

us all the comfort of listening and hearing the stories in our own language. This, and potentially much more, *Misa alegria* offers its congregation.

Enedina gave us half an hour to write down our own stories, the *platica* – our grown-up selves in conversation with our childhood selves. Not all of us shared, but those that did heard their stories in Spanish and English, no one was left out. Abruptly, it was time to move into the church to the lovely *nicho*, the People's Altar that celebrates the *Latinidad* of *Misa alegria*. Before we were to break for lunch, Sarabeth wanted us to hear the story of the altar, how it came to be and to learn about Enedina's involvement: *Misa alegria* had been in need of its very own altar and the church had received a gift from the estate of former Redeemer parishioner Deborah Howell, a collection of icons and *santos* that included work by Enedina and her late husband Arturo. When Sarabeth and Enedina made the discovery, Enedina knew she was called to help the church create their *nicho* – a beautiful blue altar/wall adorned with pieces from Deborah's collection – another link between Redeemer and St. Stephen and the Incarnation.

Sarabeth invited us to conclude the workshop with a "whole body blessing," a first for most of us. We paired off with the person each of us found at hand and, facing one another, we blessed our partner's ears and hearing, eyes and seeing, our entire bodies, and finally we blessed our partner's forehead with the sign of the cross, with holy oil.

Jane Winer, *Parishioner*



PARISH LIFE

FOYER DINNER GROUPS: *Sign-up now*

Foyer Dinners are in their ninth year at Redeemer. The dinners are an excellent opportunity to broaden and deepen friendships with fellow parishioners. How do foyer dinners work? Groups of about eight are formed. Each group has dinner together three or four times, usually in the home of a group member. The host provides a main course and others contribute side dishes. You do not have to live in a big house or be a good cook to participate. Homemade, store-bought, and/or take-out food are all perfectly fine. The focus is on fellowship and fun!

The current session will last from late September through January. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Sign-up board in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate, please add your name to the list by Sunday, September 20. Questions? Contact parishioner Debbie Davenport: 301-320-5479 or cityandbeach@yahoo.com.

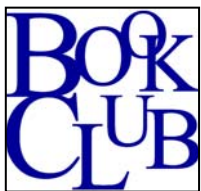
TIME & TALENT FAIR

Sunday, September 13, 12:15 p.m.

The gift of time and talent to a ministry at Redeemer is a way of offering service to God through one's unique individual skills and interest. On Homecoming Sunday, September 13, there will be a Time & Talent Fair in the Parish Hall. As we begin a new program year, leaders of different ministries will be available to provide information on a particular ministry and encourage you to perhaps give it a try by signing up.

Opportunities for ministry include: Altar Guild, Buildings & Grounds, Christian Formation for Adults, Christian Formation for Children & Youth, Liturgical Assistant, Mission/Outreach, Music, Newcomers/Membership, Parish Life/Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship/Finance, Vestry.

Parishioner Chrissy de Fontenay has volunteered to set up the Fair. If you would be willing to assist, please contact her: ccfontenay@yahoo.com or 301-229-6835.



REDEEMER BOOK GROUP

Sunday, September 13, 3:00 p.m.

The Book Group's next selection, *A Man Called OVE*, by Fredrik Backman, is the story of a curmudgeonly man who maintains staunch principles, strict

routines, and a short fuse. Read more about the book at: <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18774964-a-man-called-ove>. The group will meet at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske. Questions? Contact Huda: hqkraske@aol.com.



COFFEE HOUR

Thank you, Karen! The parish extends heartfelt thanks to parishioner Karen Stewart who has overseen the Sunday morning Coffee Hour for the past several years. Karen has assisted those who signed up to host, as well as doing it herself on those Sundays when no one signed up. Please take time to thank her for her quiet and consistent leadership that has without a doubt nourished all of us.

Parishioner Joelle Morris has offered to organize volunteers for Coffee Hour in the coming months. She will be reaching out to the parish for volunteers shortly. In the meantime, we continue as usual and are appreciative of those who have signed up on the Sign-up Board to host a Coffee Hour in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please contact Joelle Morris: robotosofsaturn@yahoo.com or 301-986-5716.



REDEEMER ART SHOW

Opening Sunday, September 27

In the Fall, we will once again hold a Redeemer Art Show. Parishioners of all ages are invited to display their artwork — painting, drawing,

sculpture, pottery, writing, poetry, handmade items, and the like. The show will be set up on Saturday, September 26, by parishioners Frank Anderson and Susan Fitzgerald, and will open on Sunday, September 27. Items for the show can be delivered to Redeemer the week prior — limit two items per person. If you intend to exhibit an item, please contact Frank: fsculpt@aol.com, or Susan: grahampubs@comcast.net.

KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 4:30 — 6:00 p.m. All are welcome — whether you already knit, crochet, or do another craft, or would like to learn. The group meets in the Parish Hall. We are discerning what we want our purpose to be and how we will live into that purpose. Questions? Contact the Rev'd Cricket Park: revcbpark@verizon.net.



COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY REPORT

Thank you to the 76 households that responded to the Communications Survey, representing 46% of all parish

households. The survey was conducted in August. Ninety-one percent of responses were from people aged 46 and above; 50% of respondents have been at Redeemer for over 10 years, and 41% for between three and ten years. Smart phones are used by 84% of respondents.

Overall, respondents consider that Redeemer does a good job of communicating with parishioners through a variety of means in ways that are appropriate. The majority believe they are very well/well informed about the church and its activities, and that information is most effectively provided through This Week at Redeemer, Sunday Announcements, special event emails, verbal announcements, and *The Redeemer Spirit* newsletter.

Respondents prefer one comprehensive email a week, along with specific emails for special events. Announcements are mostly read during the worship service, when verbal announcements are also valued. The parish website is seen as a good source for information on a variety of topics with the potential of being more interactive. Social media is a chosen resource for information by only a few parishioners.

For the future, improvements would include:

- An online parish directory and listings of committees
- An interactive blog on the website dealing with faith, spirituality, and social justice topics
- Parishioner stories and information included in the newsletter on a regular basis
- Increased understanding of and information about parish finances
- Additional information on mission/outreach and volunteer opportunities.

The information provided by this survey will be of value as the clergy and staff work to provide the best communication and information resources possible to the parish. Our thanks to the Rev'd Robin Razzino for creating the survey and getting it launched.

A more in-depth report is available on the Parish Life page of Redeemer's website: <http://www.redeemerbethesda.org/parish-life/>. If you have questions, please contact the Rev'd Robin Razzino or Angela Beckman in the Parish Office.

Angela Beckman, *Administrative Assistant*

PERSONAL NOTES

We welcome into the household of God Kathleen Abigail Fischer, daughter of Cynthia and Ryan Fischer, who was baptized at Redeemer on Sunday, July 26.



We offer our congratulations to Ben & Hilary part on the birth of their daughter, Daphne Diana Chae-Young Park, born July 28; and to Debbie Davenport on the birth of her grandson, Roman Wade, in August.

We congratulate Adult Choir member Andrew Pardini, who placed second in the International Opera Competition at the Utah Festival's Opera & Musical Theatre; and parishioner Daniel Deyasso, recipient of the Devine Family Scholarship, providing tuition through 2018.

We wish a happy birthday to those born in September:

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| Tim Nickerson | Anne Southard |
| Sean Boland | Mary Slaby |
| 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 | |

We wish a happy anniversary to:

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



PARKING REMINDER

Please be aware of those in need when choosing where to park at Redeemer. There is only one wheelchair accessible entrance to the church – the apron next to the Labyrinth on the Dunrobbin Drive side of the building. This pathway must remain clear at all times. When it is blocked, individuals who use a wheelchair, walker, or cane have to risk movement across the grass or perhaps miss church altogether. Parking spaces next to the accessible entrance are reserved for persons who can drive, but who also use the aforementioned equipment. If you are able-bodied and transporting someone who needs use of the accessible entrance, please allow an usher to help your family member/friend into church and then park your car elsewhere, leaving the path accessible for the next person.

VESTRY NEWS



78TH GENERAL CONVENTION REPORT

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church gathered in Salt Lake City from June 23 through July 3, 2015. The Convention elected Michael Curry, Diocesan Bishop of North Carolina, as the 27th Presiding

Bishop of the Church; and enacted significant changes in the organizational structure and governance of the church and future general conventions. The Convention was treated to amazing daily worship services and an old fashioned gun control protest march. By adjournment, the Convention had acted on 392 resolutions. The texts of the resolutions the Convention considered and the manner in which each was disposed can be found at <http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/2015-resolutions/>.

Two of the most significant resolutions were brought to General Convention from the Diocese of Washington. The first (C018) calls for encouraging pilgrimage to the Holy Land; education concerning the plight of Christians and Palestinians in Israel; and continued support for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. A related resolution (B013) directs the church to collect resources for inter-faith conversation regarding conflict in the Holy Land; to encourage Bishop Curry to travel early to the Holy Land; to increase financial support of Palestinian enterprise; and to urge the United States government to take stronger and more proactive steps, particularly in the UN Security Council, to develop a comprehensive framework for a two-state solution.

Another resolution (D016) proposed that the church compile lists of those corporations that support the infrastructure of illegal settlements in formerly Palestinian territories, and of goods and services produced in such illegally occupied territories and the corporations who produce them. D016 was defeated in the House of Bishops and an attempt to revive the measure failed in the House of Deputies.

The other resolution brought forward from EDOW (C019) decries the numerous deaths of unarmed black men and youth at the hands of law enforcement personnel, and the moral atrocity of mass incarceration in which a hugely disproportionate number of persons of color have been unfairly caught in the criminal justice system. By passing C019, the Convention affirmed as a top priority of The Episcopal Church the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action.

The Convention approved two liturgies for trial use that will permit same-sex couples to be married in The Episcopal

Church, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent this year. This action came just days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples can now be married in all 50 states. The two liturgies, which were in Resolution A054, include a gender-neutral version of the current marriage service in *The Book of Common Prayer*, as well as a version of a liturgy that was approved in 2012 for blessing same-sex unions that now also provides vows of marriage. These rites do not refer to “man and woman” or “husband and wife,” but instead use “these persons” or “the couple” to refer to the two people being married.

By resolutions A158 and A159, the General Convention urged dioceses and congregations to review their alcohol use policies. Resolution A158 observes that Church culture too often avoids hard conversations about alcohol use. The Convention directed the Church to aspire to be a place where conversations about alcohol, substance misuse, and addictions are not just about treatment but also about wholeness and healing. Resolution A159 commits the Church to speak to promote spiritual practices as a means of prevention and healing, and to advocate for public funding and health insurance coverage for prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery.

The environment was also the subject of intense debate. Resolution C045 calls on the church to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy.

These are but a few of the subjects that engaged Bishops and Deputies in long days of debate and prayer over hundreds of proposed Episcopal Church actions and policies. The subjects of these discussions included gender and income equality; racial reconciliation; pension board policies and benefit schedules; LGBT issues, disability rights; and the moral hazards of war and injustice in the Sudan, the Dominican Republic and Pakistan.

We were reminded of the call to love by homeless people huddled on the street corners of Salt Lake City. We melted in the heat of the city and shivered in the excessively air-conditioned corridors and meeting halls of the Salt Palace. It was an honor, a pleasure and a labor of faith and love.

Clark Evans Downs, *Junior Warden, and
Alternate Deputy to the Convention*

JULY VESTRY REPORT

Rector's Report

The Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector shared that the Knitting Ministry had its first meeting and decided to meet monthly on Wednesday afternoons prior to the Vestry meeting.

Cricket will lead the Parish Retreat, October 23-25 (see p. 6) and the Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday, December 5. In July, Adult Forum participants studied *Spiritual Awakenings*, a DVD series facilitated by Diana Butler-Ross.

Meetings of the Worship Committee and the Calendar Planning Group are scheduled for August. Trainings for Liturgical Assistants will take place on Sunday, September 27 and Sunday, October 4.

Mission/Outreach Report

The Vestry accepted the report and recommendations of the Mission/Outreach Committee for distribution of some portion of the mission/outreach budgeted funds. The Vestry hopes that the committee will be able to share more about the supported ministries in the future. (See p. 8)

Stewardship

A Stewardship Committee and a Fall Pledge Campaign Committee are being formed by the Rector, along with Vestry members Cathy Arrington and Michael Mershon. This is in response to Spencer Pugh's Stewardship Ministry workshop held at Redeemer in early July.

Junior Warden Report

Clark Downs reported on several resolutions that were passed by the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church held this summer in Salt Lake City. (See p. 12) As a result of resolutions A158 and A159, the Vestry engaged in serious discussion about Redeemer's policy regarding alcohol use. A motion was made and unanimously approved to use only nonalcoholic wines at Communion and suspend the use of grape juice. (See p. 1)

The Vestry will not meet in August. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015.

The Rev'd Cricket Park, *Rector*

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welcoming culture of Redeemer. The meetings downstairs have often inspired people to move upstairs to join us on Sunday mornings.

Using nonalcoholic wine for Holy Communion is similarly hospitable. As things stand, those who desire a nonalcoholic alternative are asked to go to a 'separate but equal' side of the altar to receive grape juice. This can threaten a recovering person's anonymity and the presence of alcoholic wine can threaten the recovery itself. We need to be one people receiving from one cup.

This new policy does not take anything from the Eucharist. Remember, you receive the benefits of Christ's presence whether you receive the sacrament of communion in both kinds, in one kind, or not at all. Your participation in the liturgy, hearing the Word, praying with the congregation, confession, and being at peace, are all blessings we receive as the body of Christ. The new practice will keep our celebration of the Eucharist open and unsegregated.

If you have any questions about this policy, please feel free to talk with me, the wardens, or a member of the Vestry.

Faithfully, Cricket+
The Rev'd Ciritta B. Park, *Rector*



INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, will take place on Sunday, November 1, 12:00 p.m., at Washington National Cathedral. The service and installation will be on a live webcast. The service will be reflective of the comprehensiveness of the Episcopal tradition and community. Bishop Curry will preach. Information on the process for general seating tickets will be announced after Labor Day. For a biography of Bishop Curry, visit: www.episcopalchurch.org/bishop/rt-rev-michael-b-curry.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 1

David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 3

Prudence Crandall, Teacher and Prophetic Witness, 1890
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 4 (Parish Office closed)

Paul Jones, 1941
12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Summer Church School
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, September 7/Labor Day (Parish Office closed)

Elie Naud, Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Summertime Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday, September 8

Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
Søren Kierkegaard, Teacher and Philosopher, 1855
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 1
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, Commonly called "The Martyrs of Memphis," 1878
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 2
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10

Alexander Crummell, 1898
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11 (Parish Office closed)

Harry Thacker Burleigh, Composer, 1949
12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 12

John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830

Sunday, September 13/Homecoming Sunday

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
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
12:15 p.m. Ice Cream Social
12:15 p.m. Time & Talent Fair
3:00 p.m. Redeemer Book Group

Monday, September 14

Holy Cross Day
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, September 15

Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258
James Chisholm, Priest, 1855
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 1
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 2
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry
6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, September 17

Hildegard, 1179
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 18 (Parish Office closed)

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 19

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
John Coleridge Patteson and his Companions, Bishop of Melanesia, Martyrs, 1871

Sunday, September 20

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
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
 12:30 p.m. Mission/Outreach: Honduras Presentation
 4:00 p.m. Mini-golf for Middle/High School Group

Monday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Tuesday, September 22

Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio, and of Illinois, 1852

6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 1
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 2
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25 (Parish Office closed)

Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392

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

Saturday, September 26

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626

Wilson Carlile, Priest, 1942

Sunday, September 27

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
 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
 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour
 12:30 p.m. Liturgical Assistants Training Session I
 12:30 p.m. Adult Formation Committee Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Bethesda Cares Dinner Preparation
 5:00 p.m. Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert I

Monday, September 28

Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, c.1440

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

Tuesday, September 29

Saint Michael and All Angels

6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 1
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. Education for Ministry (EfM) Group 2
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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SEPTEMBER

- Sunday, 13th – Homecoming,
– Ice Cream Social
– Time & Talent Fair
- Sunday, 20th – Honduras Presentation
- Sunday, 27th – Liturgical Assistant Training
- Sunday, 27th – Inscape Chamber Orchestra
Concert I: “Darkness”

OCTOBER

- Sunday, 4th – Liturgical Assistant Training
- Friday, 23th–Sunday 25th – Parish Retreat

