



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

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

This Week at Redeemer



September 3rd - Backpack Blessing

Start the school year off with a blessing! Bring your backpacks to church and we will pray over them and you as you begin a new academic year. All ages are invited! EI-Hi to Grad School!

Sunday's Readings

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Serving: August 27, 2017



Sunday, August 27, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers, Crucifer, Acolyte, Lectors, Intercessor, Chalice, Greeters - Sign up for these ministry at the door Sunday morning!

Altar Guild: Patricia Snowden (flowers), Marie France, Judy James, Ann Taylor

Counters: Clark Downs, Mary K Young

August Coffee Hour Team: Bert Spencer, Toni Strother, Barbara Thackray, Chrissy deFontenay

Adults and youth are invited to choose a ministry for the morning when they come to church. Grownups: please defer to young folk who are dependent upon their parents to

Saturday, August 26

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.
- Barclay funeral, 1 p.m.

Sunday, August 27

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Coffee Conversation & Childcare, 9:45 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, August 28 - Office closed

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

Tuesday, August 29

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon

Looking ahead

Blessing of the Backpacks, September 3

Marriage of Hilary Robinson & Chris Moore, September 9

Homecoming Sunday, September 10

Redeemer Book Club, September 24

Bethesda Cares Dinner, September 24

Coming Up at Redeemer

Labyrinth Walks Summer Mondays - Just Two More!

Serenity on a summer evening - come to Redeemer and walk the path of the Labyrinth. Music (live or recorded) accompanies your journey. Life's busy. Take a little walk for your soul (through Labor Day), 7-8 p.m.

Pastoral Care Request: Kukula Glastris' family

Kukula continues to be in the hospital and the Redeemer family can show their support through Sign-Up Genius. Please consider taking a meal to them. It can be something fresh, or something frozen that they can heat up on another day. More information is at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4AADAB22A2F49-kitchen

Youth Event - Hidden Treasures of the Cathedral

Explore the hidden treasures of our Cathedral

Sunday, August 27

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This event provides an opportunity for parents and older children from our collaboration parishes to begin to get to know each other. Join us for a fun tour and exploration of the Cathedral and for snacks on the west lawn. Here is the link to a sign-up form for the event: [link](#)

Homecoming Sunday is September 10th!

The choirs are back and we'll have a great coffee hour featuring the fabulous food of Holy Crepes. The food truck will be outside Redeemer, so invite your friends to church - or just for coffee hour! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Redeemer. Sunday School registration is this day as well. It's a new program year so let's make it a great start.

Share your ministries on Homecoming Sunday

The first Sunday of the program year provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the ministries of Redeemer. If you'd like a little space to promote your good works, please let Amma Cricket know.

Washington Cornetts and Sackbutts Kick Off

2017-2018 Music at Redeemer Series

On Sunday, September 10, at 5.00pm, Music at Redeemer is hosting a performance by the highly acclaimed Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble. Cornetts are a late Renaissance and early Baroque precursor of the modern trumpet, and sackbutts are a precursor of the modern trombone. This ensemble, comprising some of the finest musicians in the Washington, DC area, is considered one of the premiere ensembles of its kind in North America, and it is a real treat to have them performing here at Redeemer. The 60-minute program, entitled a 'Grand Tour' of European Courts, will feature music by prominent composers of the last 16th and 17th centuries, including the great Giovanni Gabrieli, who wrote music for the exemplary basilica of S. Marco in Venice, and was one of the pioneers of the 'polychoral' style. Admission is free. Free-will offering. Reception following. Special thanks to the Friends of Music at Redeemer for making this event possible.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE

Go to redeemberbethesda.org/music for more information.

Adult Forums

A new season of adult forums will start on September 17th at 9:15am. You can count on something being presented every Sunday, so please plan to join us! In Advent, there will be a series, and always the topics are varied and very interesting! If you have ideas, or know of a person or group who could make a presentation, send the information to Bob Yates bob@bobyates.net and get it on the schedule.

Redeemer Book Group

We have been reading Monsoon by Robert Kaplan. This book is a history of countries surrounding the Indian ocean mainly in the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Africa. It is a scholarly book, and requires hard work and concentration to fully absorb what the author says. Therefore, one can just concentrate on a couple of chapters on a country of one's choice. Discussion of this book will take place towards the end of September.

The book selected after that, "The Forty Rules of Love" by Elif Shafak is a wise and joyous page turner that I hope many will read. It is a lyrical, imaginative novel by the most widely read female writer in Turkey and unfolds in two parallel narratives. In the 13th century, the Sufi poet Rumi encounters his spiritual mentor, a wandering dervish known as Shams of Tabriz and is transformed from a successful but unhappy cleric into a committed mystic and advocate of love. In present day Massachusetts, an unhappy American housewife, inspired by Rumi's message of love, finds the courage to undertake her own transformation. Blending East and West, past and present, the author provides a compelling dramatic and exuberant account of how love works in this world. Don't we all need love, tolerance and peace.

For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com or by calling 301-656-2087.

FOYER DINNERS

Foyer Dinners start again this fall. There will be a few changes to make scheduling more flexible. Groups can decide to meet any evening that is convenient for them. As in the past, you can meet at the home of a group member or in a restaurant. This year, groups will also have the option to hold their dinner at the church due to the addition of the stove/oven. Another change this year, is the frequency of the dinners. Last year, some of the groups met multiple times and others only once or twice due to the availability of the members. October will be the start month, as in the past, but this year you can continue to meet through the entire year.

Foyer Dinners are a great way to meet and get to know members of the congregation, especially if you are a new member. If you have any questions about the Foyer Dinners or would be willing to speak to the congregation about your previous experience as a member of a Foyer Dinner group, please see Brooke Anthony after church on Sundays. The sign-up sheet will be available beginning in September.

Wednesdays at Redeemer - Formation opportunities for all ages

Beginning September 13th

You are invited to come to church on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper and a time of learning. For the first few weeks, adults and confirmation candidates will meet together to discuss "How Episcopalians Read the Bible." Youth not in confirmation will have an activity with Deacon Sue. A calendar and sign-up for supper sheet will be shared on the first evening. Bring a friend!

Potomac River Area/Anglican Youth

Pool Party

Sunday, September 10

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Host by the Evans Family from St. Dunstan's

6609 Pyle Avenue, Bethesda MD 20817

Come, bring friends, and take one last Splash of summer!

All 5th through 12th graders are invited. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and an food item to share (details on the registration link). We'll talk about the calendar for the year, ask for input of places to go and things to do, and just have fun!

To register for the event - please go to this [link](#).

Dates for other events this year include:

October 22 - open event

November 19 - open event

December 17 - Caroling at Oasis

January 15 (Monday) - MLK Day of Service

February 11 - open event

March 11 - open event

April 13-14 (Fri-Sat) - Live Now Serve Now - Overnight at the Cathedral and Day of Service with other EDOW youth

May 20 - open event

Possible Short-term Mission week - June 17-24 (dates are somewhat flexible)

There are many ideas to fill the open event dates, but we want to give the youth a chance to give input on where we go and what we do. Part of that will happen on Sept. 10. The times for events will be limited to 2 hours, plus any travel needed; with the exception of the overnight in April. Start and end times will be determined by the event selected and restrictions of possible sites for activities.

Hope the end of your summer weeks will be good ones.

Yours in Christ,

Sue

L. Sue von Rautenkranz

Applications now accepted for Official Youth Presence at Episcopal Church General Convention 2018

Applications are now accepted for high school students who want to participate in the General Convention Official Youth Presence (GCOYP) at the Episcopal Church 79th General Convention to be held Thursday, July 5 to Friday, July 13, 2018 at The Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas (Diocese of Texas).

Applications and information are available here.

"Each General Convention, we look forward to welcoming the members of the Official Youth Presence to the House of Deputies," said the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, House of Deputies President. "The perspectives and experiences of high school students are critical to our legislative deliberations and make our debates more lively."

"General Convention resolutions dating back to 1982 provide for an Official Youth Presence," noted Bronwyn Clark Skov, Episcopal Church Director for Formation, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries, whose office, together with the General Convention Office and President Jennings, coordinates the application and discernment process for teens who want to become members of the OYP. "Under the current Rules of Order of the House of Deputies, members of the OYP are granted seat and voice in that house."

Skov explained that no more than two high school youth from each of the Episcopal Church's nine provinces will be selected.

Criteria

To be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- * Be an active member and communicant in good standing of an Episcopal Church congregation
- * Be at least 16 years old and no older than 19 during General Convention 2018.
- * Be a current high school student enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2017/18 school year
- * Be capable of traveling alone by plane or train to and from the meetings in the United States with no escort
- * Be available to travel to the mandatory orientation and training from April 5 - April 18, 2018 in Austin. This weekend will include community building, worship and training on the legislative process.
- * Be available to be present at General Convention in Austin from July 2 - 13, 2018.

The Episcopal Church budget covers travel, lodging and meals for OYP participants attending the orientation weekend and General Convention.

Deadline for applications and nominations is November 1. All applicants must identify a non-family member nominator who can complete an on-line essay nomination form by November 1.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee that includes House of Deputies Vice-President Byron Rushing of Massachusetts, Deputy Ariana Gonzalez Bonillas of Arizona, members of the Youth Ministry Network Leadership Council and the Formation Department staff.

Nominators may be contacted in early January and applicants will be notified of their status in February. The Official Youth Presence team will be announced in March.

Questions should be directed to Skov at bskov@episcopalchurch.org or 646-242-1421.

General Convention

The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held every three years to consider the legislative business of the church. General Convention is the bicameral governing

body of the Church, comprised of the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay deputies elected from the 109 dioceses and three regional areas of the Church, at more than 800 members. Between Conventions, the General Convention continues to work through its committees and commissions. The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church carries out the programs and policies adopted by General Convention.

On the web:

[Applications now accepted for Official Youth Presence at Episcopal Church General Convention 2018](#)

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