



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

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Wednesday, December 7, 2016 - Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Parish Announcements

It's the Last Week of Pledge Drive 2017

We are over \$404,000, but not yet at the place we were for last year. **It is imperative that we have everyone's commitment to Redeemer by December 14th.** We must have \$442,000 to maintain our music, staff, and giving levels from 2016. Our goal is \$475,000 so that we can expand on last year's gains. Place your pledge card in the offering plate, e-mail it to office@redeemberbethesda.org. All pledges, no matter the amount, are valuable. Make your commitment to Redeemer today.

Great Nanny/Eldercare giver is available - and you already know her! Teresa Raj, who works in our nursery each Sunday, beginning at 9:15, needs a live-in work situation as soon as possible. If you know someone who would be a good employer for Teresa, please either speak to her directly, or let Cricket know. Teresa's current job is being eliminated on December 31st. She's terrific - just ask our kids! She has a green card and is a great cook. Thank you for helping one of our own.

December Spirit is on our Website!

<http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Redeemer-Spirit-December-2016.pdf>

Advent Quiet Day, December 10

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

When we have too much to do, we need to take time to pray and re-center. Set aside time on December 10th as we pray, meditate, reflect, and celebrate Holy Eucharist in anticipation of the birth of Christ. Please RSVP to Patricia Snowden or Cricket Park. A light lunch will follow the Quiet Day.

P.R.A.Y. Caroling on December 18th

The Regional Youth Event for this month is to carol at Sibley Oasis. The Oasis is the Alzheimers unit that adjoins the hospital on the west side of Sibley Hospital (accessible from the parking lot at Grand Oaks). We are scheduled from 2pm-4pm. The music teams at our respective churches will prepare musical pieces to share as part of our offering. We will also offer traditional carols.

2 pm - Arrive at Oasis, warm up, stretch :)

2:15 pm - Start singing in the Common Room
(including anthems prepared by our choirs)

3:15 pm - Conclude singing and begin talking to residents and making room calls in small groups to those unable to get out

4:00 pm - Finish Up

Please let Cricket or Chris know if you'll be attending.

This Sunday

December 11, 2016

Advent III

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- [December 21](#) (Wednesday) at noon - a service for anyone who finds the holidays difficult or who would like a more simple service.
- [December 24](#) (Saturday) at 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. - a family-oriented service in the afternoon and a traditional choral service, beginning with musical prelude at 10 pm, in the evening.
- [December 25](#) (Sunday) at 10:00 a.m. NOTE: Only one service on Christmas and on New Year's Day ([January 1](#)).



Alternative Gift Sunday on December 11

Be sure to check out the wonderful olive products available through Marie France, benefitting Palestinian farmers in the Holy Land. The New Needlers will have knitted and crocheted items available. Note cards will benefit the Music Program.

Adult Forum - The Redemption of Scrooge A 4-Sunday event featuring Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. If Scrooge is redeemable, so are we! Last week we pondered "Christmas Past". This week it's the Ghost of Christmas Present. Books are available in the office (\$10). You can join anytime.

Scarves and Hats for Street Church

Anyone who knits or crochets, put your extra yarn to good use! Chrissy deFontenay will take handmade scarves and hats down to Street Church and give them to the men and women who attend this ministry to the homeless. **Please place them in the plastic bin in the parish hall no later than SUNDAY.**

Contemplative Mondays Shifts for January

The schedule of Mondays is: 1st is Taize, 2nd is Christian Contemplative Group, 3rd is Centering Prayer, and 4th is Welcoming Prayer with John Smallwood. Because January 2nd is a Monday and a holiday, all of these will shift one week later. All are at 7:30pm in the church, and all are welcome at any of them.

Leadership Opportunity!

We elect officers and delegates at the annual meeting on January 22, 2017. Please contact David Riggs, Jenny Nachbar, or John Nickum if you are willing to be a part of the nominating committee *or if you would like to place yourself in nomination for a leadership position.* Nominees will need to submit a picture and short biography for the January newsletter and annual report.

Redeemer Book Club is reading *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. This is an acute and sympathetic biography that brings Clementine Churchill out of the shade into which her illustrious and domineering husband had cast her and shows how key she was to his success. Purnell makes us ask how Clementine endured life with Winston and provides the answers. The meeting to discuss the book will take place on January 8, 2017 at 3 pm at the house of Sally and Ron Pugsley, 8108 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817. All are welcome. For questions, please contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com.

New Camp next Summer!

Kids4Peace is excited to announce a new **Interfaith Day Camp** this summer, hosted by St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

In the face of rising hate and fear, the camp will give kids from different religions the chance to come together, make new friendships, visit houses of worship, learn about other traditions, practice dialogue, and gain skills to confront Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism ... all while having lots of fun together!

The program is open to **current 5th and 6th graders** from any religious background and will run from 8am-4pm from July 24-28th.

Details, flyer and registration are at k4p.org/dc. We're also looking for adult volunteers and high school counselors.

Now more than ever, we need young leaders who can **build bridges and promote understanding**.

FR. JOSH THOMAS

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Go to smile.amazon.com and select Church of the Redeemer to be your designated charity. Redeemer receives a percentage of what you purchase. It's an easy way to give a little more to the parish. Remember: this is not a substitute for your pledge.

Need a name tag?

Please contact the office by e-mail or sign up on the name tag form in the narthex.

E-mail Addresses:

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Prayer Requests

■ Prayer Requests

For those in need of healing:

Ralph Alterowitz, Bill Barclay, Jo Barclay-Beard, Scott Barnette, Jeff Bergner, Vicky & Claudia Bocock, Allison Chow, Bill Cooper, Jane Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Jeff Griffen, Jack Hutchings, Olivier Jeanne, Kurt Kemper, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Susan Moore, Hal Palmer, Mary Potter, Jack Rabner, Teresa Raj, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Ann Taylor, Karen Stewart, Rees Evans, Patricia Snowden, James Young, Bernie, Katherine, Jay, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Hyla, Nico, and Evan.

For the repose of the souls of: Kyle Frank (Lisa MacBain's sister) and Paul Kessner (Larry Kessner's father)

For those who are traveling: for all who travel for the holidays or work

Pray for Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Theo Apkinar, Lucy Court, Susan Cinkala, Jorge Guzman

This Week's Calendar

■ Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 7

Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.

Education for Ministry, 9:30 a.m.
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Balkan Dancers, 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 9

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon
AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

Advent Quiet Day, 9:00 a.m.
Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 11 - Advent III

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
Nursery Care, 9:15 a.m.
Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist & Church School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 12 - Church Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon
Contemplative Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Vocal Lessons, 10:00 a.m.
Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Alternative Christmas Sale, December 11, after services.
P.R.A.Y. Youth event, December 18, 2 p.m.
"Blue Christmas" service, December 21, Noon
Christmas Eve services, December 24, 5 & 10:30 pm
(Music at 10:00 p.m.)
Christmas Day service, December 25, 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Day service, January 1, 10:00 a.m.

Scheduled Liturgical Leadership

■ Liturgical Assistants

Sunday, December 11 - Advent 3

Altar Guild: Marie France, Helen Zitomer, Ann Hartman
Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Rick Tyler, Michael Mershon
Crucifer: Callum Riggs
Acolyte: Olivia Tyler
Lectors: TBD (8:00); Clark Downs, Juliet Grant-Suttie
(10:30)
Intercessor: TBD
Chalice: Susan Grigsby (8:00); Helen Zitomer, Michael
Hart, Justin Hess, Jenny Nachbar (10:30)
Greeters: Jane Dealy, Steve France
Counters: Brooke Anthony, Cathy Arrington
December Coffee Hour Team: Chrissy deFontenay, Susan
Grigsby, Frances Sharon, Lois Burleigh

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers (for 2017)
are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**Please volunteer for these ministries of hospitality.
Thank you!**

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