



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



Funeral Service for Peter Carlson
December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at Redeemer
Reception to follow at the Carlson home.

Your pledge is important - please send it in!

As of November 27, we have 81 pledges for a total of \$370,728. We had 108 pledges last year, so we haven't heard from many of you. Of those 81, 7 are new and 4 are folks who have returned to pledging after a hiatus. Thank you to those who increased their pledge - nearly half of the pledges received are significant increases. Bless you all!

Adult Forum this week!

Amma Cricket takes the reins of Adult Forum during Advent to look at the history of the season, the upcoming gospel of Mark, and a bit of humorous reading. December 3rd, join her to hear about the reason for the season. Why do we do blue? Why is it four weeks long? Is it really about Christmas? On December 10th we'll talk about the gospel of Mark. We'll be reading this gospel during the upcoming church year (Year B). Finally, on Rose Sunday - December 17th - relax and enjoy The Christmas Cantata by Mark Schweizer. Pick up a copy at www.sjmp.com, or let Cricket know by December 1st if you'd like her to order one for you. The cost is \$10. Mr. Schweizer is the author of the Liturgical Mystery series set in St. Germaine, North Carolina. It's like Cabot Cove with an Episcopal twist. If we ask nice, he'll even autograph the books! Don't miss it!

A Visit from St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.

St. Nicholas, fourth century Bishop of Myra, will make his annual visitation to The Church of the Redeemer at the very start of the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, December 3. Children, be sure your parents get you to church on time!

Toy Sunday

Sunday, December 3

Every year, Redeemer collects new, unwrapped toys and/or funds for the purchase of toys for needy children served by Community Family Life Services (CFLS), a long-time Redeemer outreach partner. To contribute, please bring the toys on Sunday, December 3 or, if you wish to contribute funds, please speak with Jefferson or Cathy Arrington following the 10:30 Eucharist that day. They will do the shopping and deliver the toys. Questions? jefferson7019@aol.com.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Our adult and youth choirs are continuing our annual tradition of scripture and music focusing our hearts and minds on the coming of Christ.

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-37
- Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Serving: December 3, 2017

Ushers - Jefferson Arrington, Bill MacBain, John Smallwood

Acolyte - Thad Arrington

Crucifer - Sam Nickerson

Lector - Rachel King (8:00), Barbara Alterowitz, Mary K Young (10:30)

Intercessor - Bob Yates

Chalice - Susan Grigsby (8:00), Michael Hart, Jenny Nachbar, Justin Hess (10:30)

Counters - Cathy Arrington, Jane Dealy

Altar Guild - Marie France, Cathy Baker, Ann Hartman

Coffee Hour - Jo Barclay-Beard, Barbara Alterowitz, Toni Strother, Chrissy de Fontenay

The Sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please volunteer in this ministry of hospitality. Thank you!

Also, see the sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers and add your special intention! Envelopes for Christmas flowers will be available in Advent.

We do not have flowers on the altar in Advent and Lent.

■ Prayer Requests

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Ellen Boyle, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Christmas Wreath Making, December 9

Alternative Gifts Sale, December 10

Christmas Pageant, December 17

P.R.A.Y. Caroling, December 17

Christmas Eve - December 24

Coming Up at Redeemer

Bethesda Cares:

For a home, family, friends, fellowship, purpose in life. How do we show our appreciation of these God-given gifts to people in our community who lack some or all of them?

We worship and pray together in a township where BETHESDA CARES for those in need of these blessings that we have. On Sunday, November 26 Redeemer will provide our regular rotation-dinner for BETHESDA CARES. Hot food and take-away snacks bring together the needy community in our area. We also have a donation box for clothes, toiletries and other items to help this work all year. It's in the coat rack area of the parish hall.

December approaches and one specific need is warm adult-sized gloves, hats, and heavy socks. Please help us to decorate a THANKSGIVING TREE with these items. As you purchase for yourself or family could you get an extra pair (or 2) to make a colorful tree for those in need in our community? Please contact Barbara Thackray if you have any questions (thackraybm@aol.com).

Redeemer Book Group

The Book Group will be reading "The Alto Wore Tweed" by Mark Schweizer. St. Germaine is a quiet little town in the mountains of North Carolina. Quiet until full-time police detective, part-time Episcopal choirmaster and aspiring whodunit novelist Hayden Konig begins his opus amidst murder and hilarious mayhem at St. Barnabas Church. In addition to discussing this liturgical mystery novel, we will continue delving into the forty rules of love that were listed in the book we have just discussed today. No prior reading of the book is required. The meeting for discussing "The Alto Wore Tweed" and the forty rules of love will be on December 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm the home of Susan Grigsby, 7325 University Avenue in Glen Echo. Any questions? Contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com.

The book to be read after that is "The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu deals with attaining happiness in a changing world. This book affirms many of the 40 rules of love mentioned above. More on this later.

Advent Greens

We need tall people to help us decorate the church for the Advent season. We have to hang the Advent Wreath and put up greenery. If you will be here on December 2nd at 9:00 a.m., please let us know! (office@redeemberbethesda.org)

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales

Holiday Alternative Gift Sales will take place on December 3 and 10. Palestinian olive oil products, as well as other handmade items, will be available after each Sunday service in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate and have a product to sell, please contact Cricket. The proceeds support local ministries in which our parishioners are involved.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE

Go to redeemberbethesda.org/music for more information.

New choir members always welcome - adults and youth

If you or someone you know would like to be in our choirs, contact Chris Betts at music@redeemberbethesda.org. New members are always welcome. Right now we are particularly looking for youth choristers (any grade school age), tenors, and basses, but we'll welcome sopranos and altos too!

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