



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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FROM THE HEARTH

The Vestry gathered for a retreat in April. We completed an exercise of theological reflection whereby those present identified with the Israelites wandering in the desert. “*What does the Promised Land look like?*” I asked them. They responded with the following (in order of response, not necessarily in order of importance):

- Where people are fed and nourished
- Strong community
- A light that draws others
- Expanding the reach/impact of the church
- New building/more space
- See “old” familiar faces (our kids)
- Joyful and celebratory
- New people; new faces
- Interesting
- Vibrant youth/children’s program
- Excellent care for our elders
- Vigorous service to those outside the parish

We set our faces to the future. We know that there will be times that we may feel like going back to Egypt. We know that getting there may be more difficult than we expect. In fact, the Promised Land may prove to be an uncertain and scary place.

We promised to try new things, to be open-minded and patient, to be hospitable and welcoming.

We acknowledged the need for leadership, inspiration, attentiveness to the voice of God, and possibly a miracle or two. There will be much to celebrate there: community, music, family, and hope. In other words, the journey is worth it!

Your Vestry is already working toward the goal that they set of “*being church in better ways, not doing church simply to increase membership.*” The staff will soon have a retreat of their own to contemplate how we can work in partnership to further this goal.

I invite you to consider prayerfully where God may be calling you to participate in this journey. New initiatives will be introduced; established ministries need reinvigoration. While “no” is a legitimate answer, I do hope that “yes” is heard most

often as I, or members of the Vestry, ask you to participate in our efforts. Together we are on our way to a renewed and strengthened Redeemer community. Thanks be to God!

Faithfully, Cricket+

The Rev’d Cricket Park, Rector

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

Saturday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m.

All are encouraged to this festive liturgy, the Holy Eucharist with the Institution of the Rev’d Cricket Park as seventh Rector of The Church of the Redeemer. The Right Rev’d Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, will serve as celebrant. Festive reception to follow.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY GALA CONCERT

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

Join us for an eclectic program in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the *Music at Redeemer Series* featuring works for choir, orchestra, and organ. Reception to follow. See p. 3 for details.

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WORSHIP

A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY: THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE INSTITUTION OF THE REV'D CRICKET PARK, SEVENTH RECTOR

On Saturday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m., the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde will serve as celebrant at a festive celebration of the Holy Eucharist which will include the Institution of the Rev'd C. B. "Cricket" Park as the seventh Rector of The Church of the Redeemer. Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend this important event in the life of the parish community. A festive reception will follow. If you plan to attend, please RSVP: office.redeemer@verizon.net.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2015: THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Easter the outstanding opportunities for worship that they were: our clergy for guiding us spiritually and liturgically through the week and for their sermons; the Altar Guild for preparing for each service and the beautiful decorations on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday; the singers and choirs at each of the services; Tom Smith for the beautiful orders of service, his leadership of the choirs and his playing of the organ; Angela Beckman for organizing liturgical assistants for each service and those who served in each of these ministries; the Hospitality team for the Maundy Thursday Simple Supper and Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday; and Ayesha Court for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

Thank you also to those who gave to the Good Friday Offering that enabled us to send \$380 Episcopal Relief and Development. The funds go to support the parishes, schools and hospitals of Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers on any Sunday in 2015, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Donations may be made in honor, memory, celebration, thanksgiving or anonymously. The dedication will be printed in the Sunday announcements. The requested donation is \$70. Please let the Parish Office know your dedication at least a week before the Sunday you are giving the flowers and if there are specific flowers you would like to be used (if available). More than one person may sign up for a given Sunday.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE MONDAYS AT REDEEMER

Contemplative worship and formation opportunities are offered at Redeemer each Monday, at 7:30 p.m. These opportunities include the Taizé Service & Healing Rite, the Contemplative Christian Group, the Benedictine Group, and Labyrinth Walks. With the exception of the Summertime Labyrinth Walks (see below), contemplative opportunities are generally offered during the program year, beginning in October and concluding in June. The schedule for the next two months is as follows:

May 4	Labyrinth Walk with Contemplative Music
May 11	Contemplative Christian Group
May 18	Benedictine Group
May 25	Contemplative Christian Group
June 1	Taizé Service & Healing Rite
June 8	Contemplative Christian Group
June 15	Benedictine Group
June 22	Christian Contemplative Group
June 29	Summertime Labyrinth Walks begin

SUMMERTIME LABYRINTH WALKS

While Redeemer's labyrinth is open 24/7/365, summer evenings are especially suited to quiet contemplation in the garden. For the past two years, parishioners, friends and neighbors of Redeemer have taken the opportunity to walk the labyrinth, accompanied by contemplative music. Music is played from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. People come and go as best suits their schedule, some remain for the full hour, others not. This year, the walks will begin on Monday, June 29 and continue every Monday through to Labor Day.



Please join us at least once this summer for what can be a moving and restorative experience. Questions? Contact the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net, or parishioner Patricia Snowden: postscript2@verizon.net or 301-229-2170.

MUSIC

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Tenth Anniversary Gala Concert

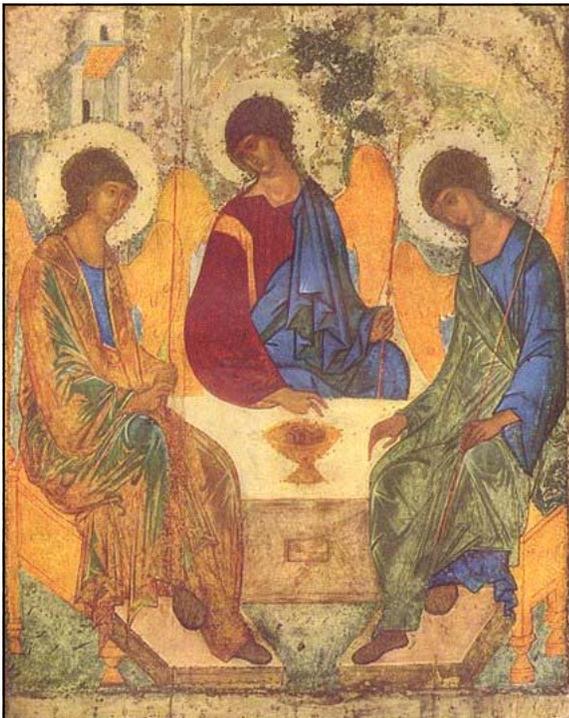
Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a gala concert in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Music at Redeemer Series. The eclectic program will feature the parish choirs and soloists, the Inscape Chamber Orchestra, and Redeemer's Di Gennaro-Hart organ. Works will include the premiere of a new organ work, Fanfare for a Festive Occasion, by Gary Davison; Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring (suite for 13 Instruments); the premiere of What I Decided to Keep, by Stephen Gorbos; George Frideric Handel's Chandos Anthem No. 9 ("O praise the Lord with one consent"); as well as the premiere of Martin Neary's new, orchestrated arrangement of A Hymn for St. Cecilia, by Herbert Howells. Free-will offering. Festive reception to follow.

Solemn Evensong for Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 31, at 5:00 p.m.

The 2014-15 season of the *Music at Redeemer Series* will conclude with a service of Solemn Evensong, sung by the combined choirs of The Church of the Redeemer and All Souls Memorial Church (Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, Director of Music). Music includes works by William Mathias, Craig Phillips, and Charles Villiers Stanford. Reception to follow.



SUMMER MUSIC CAMP 2015

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily

The Church of the Redeemer is pleased to announce its ninth annual Summer Music Camp. Designed for children/youth ages 7-14, the camp will be staffed by three professional musical educators, who will help your child grow musically through a week of secular, experiential learning. Using the Orff-Schulwerk process, children/youth will sing, speak, move, and play, while exploring literature and poetry, singing games, choral music, and a variety of percussion instruments, including drums and xylophones. In addition, campers' innate creativity will be fostered through simple improvisation/composition activities. The week will culminate in an informal, interactive performance for family and friends. No prior musical training is needed in order for your child to participate in and enjoy camp.



We hope that your child(ren) will join us for a week of musical learning and fun! For more information, please contact Tom Smith, *Director of Music*, at 301-229-3770, or by e-mail at music.redeemer@verizon.net.

Also included:

- Daily arts and crafts activities
- Daily outdoor recreation time
- Hike through Glen Echo Park
- Visit to the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park
- Tour of Redeemer's renowned pipe organ

Details-at-a-glance:

- Dates: July 27 – July 31, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily
- Tuition: \$375 (includes non-refundable registration fee of \$100)
- Registration deadline: July 16, 2015
- Scholarships available
- Lunch and a snack provided daily

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum takes place each Sunday, at 9:15 a.m., in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 3: American Higher Education

Goldie Blumenstyk, senior writer at *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, will speak about her new book, *American Higher Education in Crisis?* She believes that American higher education is at a crossroads, with parents and students questioning the cost/value of a college education. She will discuss what has brought colleges to this point and how they may be reshaped in the future.

Sunday, May 10: Not-so-good Old Days

Parishioner Steve France will lead this session, the first in a three-part series on civil rights. Participants will be asked to share thoughts and memories on living with segregation and prejudice as it affected family, school and work.

Sunday, May 17: Overthrowing Jim Crow

Parishioner Jim Michie will share his transition from the “Jim Crow” culture to human rights activism in his native “Deep South.”

Sunday, May 24: Racism Today

Guest speaker George Jones, CEO of Bread for the City, a leading DC social services organization, will share his experience and insights about racism today, the damage it does and ways in which Americans are confronting and overcoming this stubborn destructive legacy.

Sunday, May 31: The Moral Wounds of War

On the day after Decoration Day, when we remember those who have died in service to the country, parishioners Denny Shaw and David Riggs will lead a discussion on the “moral wounds” that are contributing to a high rate of suicide among veterans, and explain current efforts to deal with this problem.

Sunday, June 1: Education for Ministry (EfM)

The Rev'd Cricket Park will give a presentation on Education for Ministry (EfM). See next column for a detailed description of this four-year education course for lay people.

Sundays, June 21 and 28, July 12, 19 and 26: Embracing Spiritual Awakening by Diana Butler Bass

In this five-part provocative DVD, best-selling author, speaker and scholar, Diana Butler Bass explores what Christianity may look like “beyond religion and beyond the church.” In the DVD, Diana leads a small group of adults and youth in a discussion of how, culturally and spiritually, we are in the midst of another of history’s “great awakenings.”



*“It’s a learning community – faith or no faith.”
 “Teaches us to think outside the box theologically.”
 “Creates the building blocks for your personal faith journey.”
 “Safe space to question or affirm.”*

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a 4-year program offered through the seminary at The University of the South. The curriculum studies the Old Testament, New Testament, History of the Church (not just the Anglican church), and current questions of multi-culturalism, ethics and vocation. At the end of four years you will have gained a deeper understanding of our Christian faith tradition, formed strong bonds of friendship with the others in your group, and become equipped to go out into the community as leaders.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How much does it cost? Tuition is \$350 per year. However, if money is an issue do not stay away. Scholarships may be available.

Do I need to commit to all four years? No. We like to say that you sign up for one year at a time. You may find that you need to take a life-break between years. If you do need a break then you may pick up your studies where you left off – anywhere that an EfM seminar group is available. You do not need to complete your studies where you begin your studies.

What can I expect? EfM is conducted in a seminar format facilitated by a trained mentor. Our Tuesday evening group begins with table fellowship followed by open discussions of the readings and then a time for theological reflection. One of our goals is to integrate our tradition into our daily lives – learn to live theologically.

What does the mentor do? The mentor facilitates the seminar. S/he is not a teacher. S/he is responsible for ensuring that members of the group can openly discuss the week’s readings and their beliefs, doubts, and hopes in a safe, civil and confidential environment. The mentor is trained and certified and must complete 18 hours of continuing education each year in order to be recertified.

Can I get educational credit for participating in EfM? At the end of each year you are able to apply for 18 CEUs through Sewanee – a total of 72 CEUs for the program.

This sounds good but what is EfM really like? I’m a mentor therefore I’m biased. If you would like to know more about the program please feel free to speak with graduates or those that are currently enrolled. Ask them what the program has meant to them. Ask them how their lives have been changed.

Ask them about the evenings. Of course, I am always glad to speak with you. We can talk at coffee hour or I can meet you somewhere for lunch/dinner/coffee (I'm always up for Starbucks).

I want to join but I can't meet on Tuesday evenings. Where can I enroll? Exciting news. The Rev. Cricket Park will be forming a group at Redeemer—time and day to be announced. Speak with her about her group. Other groups in the area and their schedules are listed on p. 15. If none of these fit your schedule, you may log onto the EfM website at www.edowefm.org to find other groups in the area.

Our Parish Administrator Angela Beckman has made it easier than ever to enroll by posting the necessary forms on our website: www.redeemerbethesda.org. Simply download them, fill them out and give them to me (or Cricket if you are joining her group), along with a check made out to The University of the South. You may also pay with credit card and, if you prefer, you may split your payment between check and credit card.

If you are interested let's talk. You can contact me at: jobbeard@yahoo.com or 301-789-4493.

Jo Barclay-Beard, EfM Mentor/Coordinator

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery

The number of nursery-aged kids is growing exponentially! We had seven children in the nursery on Palm Sunday and there were at least four babies not there! We know it is time to hire an additional nursery caregiver. A job description has been sent out to various list serves and we are receiving names. In the fall, one caregiver will arrive by 9:00 so that parents with young children can participate in the Adult Education offerings and choir rehearsal. The second caregiver will arrive for the beginning of the 10:30 service. Until we have the second caregiver hired, members of the congregation are assisting each Sunday. We are grateful for all who have offered to help. It is wonderful to have so many young children at Redeemer. We are eager to provide a welcoming space for all babies and toddlers in the nursery. However, we are also happy if families choose to keep any children with them during the service. Please help these families feel welcomed. Baby noises are from God!!

Church School

Please talk with your children about what they learned in Church School on Sunday mornings. We have great students, great teachers, and great classes - so they must have great discussions!!

Godly Play

The younger Godly Play class is being taught primarily by

Ayesha Court. The older Godly Play class will be taught by Karen Stewart through May 17. Kim Penn will pick up the remaining classes through June 7. Karen will be leading the series: Knowing Jesus in a new way. Kim will lead classes on Pentecost, Baptism and World Communion.

Intermediate

During May the Intermediate class will be taught by Dominique Rychlik.

Middle School and High School

In April, May and June, the Middle School Church School teachers, Caitlin Moriarty and Zac Peterson are trying out a new curriculum with the students. The new curriculum is called "re:form." Though other churches have had good experiences with it, Caitlin and Zac will provide feedback on whether or not the curriculum is a good fit for us. I look forward to hearing from students too! The curriculum can be found here: <http://wearesparkhouse.org/teens/reform/>. The sample video is pretty funny. Take a minute to check it out. If you would be interested in helping to teach this curriculum next year, please let me know. We are always looking for new teachers in the church school program. Due to the small number of high school students, they have often met with the middle school class this year. We will have more high schoolers next year, if you are interested in teaching the High School Church School class, please let me know and we can get a plan together for the next year!

Youth Activities – Thank you

I want to thank the middle and high school youth who helped cook and serve for Bethesda Cares on Sunday, March 22. Cooking Chicken Divan for 40 people was like a beautiful dance...truly. We had folks taking the meat off of chickens, while others cut and steamed broccoli, while others ran recycling outside, while still others did dishes. No one stepped on anyone else's toes. Gorgeous! And then there was the salad. It was a lot of fun. It was great having Christoph, Theo, Sam, Will, Cara, Anna, Claudia and Olivia cooking. And it was great having Ellen join us for the serving. Thank you to Cricket for letting us use the rectory kitchen for our cooking fun!

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, Associate Rector

DC Metro Area Service Day

Saturday, May 31, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF), an interfaith group in which Redeemer youth participate, is organizing the DC Metro Area Service Day and will participate in the event along with other youth groups from around the metropolitan area. The event will take place at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 11810 Falls Road, Potomac. Participants will pack food for the hungry, make new friends, share a meal and find out what service projects are being worked on and how groups can support one another. Questions? Contact CAIF: 301-500-4410 or capitalareainterfaithfriends@yahoo.com.

NOTES FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

A DAY (WEEK, MONTH, YEAR) IN THE LIFE OF A CLERGY PERSON

In March, Cricket requested that I report to the Vestry on my work at Redeemer to help illustrate the type of work an Associate Rector undertakes. I have been at Redeemer for almost seven years now. Each of the eighty plus months I have been here have been different! However, it is a fun exercise to try to communicate what I do all day. Instead of just blessing the vestry with this information, we thought it would be good to send to the entire congregation! An Associate Rector helps the Rector with the running of the entire parish. When Susan was here, we worked out how I could best use my talents, compliment her work, and serve the needs of the congregation. Cricket and I will do the same thing and some of the things I did while working with Susan I won't do with Cricket and there will be some things I do now that I didn't do when Susan was the rector. Being an Associate Rector means being flexible; I love it. No snoozing on the job!

The Wider Church

As a priest I serve the congregation which employs me, but also the wider church. Most of my work hours are spent supporting the ministries at Redeemer, but I also do things to help the diocese. Right now, I am helping the diocese plan an overnight that is focused on supporting clergy wellness and relationships within the diocese. We are going to have summer camp for a day and it is going to be fun!! I love helping to plan large gatherings; it takes me back to my previous work organizing large meetings and conferences.

I also volunteer regularly at Street Church. This is a ministry of the Church of the Epiphany downtown, which is the parish which sponsored me for ordination. I had attended Epiphany for a decade before coming to Redeemer. I celebrate and preach each time I am scheduled and look forward to seeing familiar Redeemer parishioners each time I go - Redeemer is a primary supporter of Street Church, with many volunteers from our parish helping each week. Of all the mission and outreach programs Redeemer supports, I am closest to this one. It feeds me more than I help feed others! I hope I can help you find a ministry with which you can connect and serve God, experiencing the tangible and tactile worship that is mission and outreach.

Children and Youth

When I was first hired at Redeemer, one of my responsibilities was oversight of Church School and a program for middle and high school youth - this work continues today. I help recruit teachers for all levels of Church School; identify training opportunities (especially for Godly Play teachers) and help ensure our teachers can attend; identify and procure curriculum teachers can use in the

classroom, and help think through lesson plans for those teachers who do not choose to teach from a curriculum. I also ensure that our program is in compliance with diocesan guidelines (especially around issues of safety in the classroom). I teach confirmation classes for high school students and first communion/baptism preparation classes for younger children. These classes are seasonal and do not take place on Sunday mornings. Because of my role preaching and presiding on Sunday mornings I do not usually teach Church School. In any given week, this work requires sending a lot of emails, doing internet research on trainings and curriculums, and thinking through creative ways to teach children about the sacraments.

Youth programming at the parish changes each year, primarily due to the number of kids we have in a particular age group and the desire of youth to participate in youth activities. I help plan educational, fun, and service-oriented activities for middle and high school youth. We have done so much: pilgrimages and service trips to Colorado and Maine, overnights at the Cathedral, bowling, baseball games, mini golf, hiking. We have prepared meals for Bethesda Cares, walked in the Unity Walk several years running, and led mini walks in support of Samaritan Ministry and their work with the homeless. In March I led a youth overnight at Epiphany from Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. Our group met with others from Montgomery County for an evening touring justice monuments downtown and a morning spent with over 200 homeless neighbors - doing art, singing, worshipping, and eating together. Though I love working with the youth of the parish - and their families - I am not a "youth minister" - this is one of the ways I have supported the people of the parish and the previous rector in her work. We have a huge group of students entering middle school next year. I look forward to several robust years of youth programming ahead!

In any given week, this work requires connecting with other youth leaders to see what is happening on a diocesan level, looking into fun and helpful (service-oriented) things youth can do nearby, checking schedules with parents, inviting youth to participate, and sometimes, when we are lucky and the stars align - getting together to laugh, serve, learn and grow with one another!

Families

One of the most exciting things I have been working on over the last year is the formation and facilitation of a parenting group at Redeemer. We meet monthly and discuss material that is also posted on a blog. You can read more here: www.redeemerparents.weebly.com/. This initiative has caught the eye of several other churches. The diocese asked me to be a guest blogger one week and other priests are asking me to share the "curriculum" - I am excited to continue to work on this, think and pray about it, and of course meet and talk and share in fellowship with an awesome group of parents at Redeemer. In some ways this group feels like pastoral care. In

other ways it feels like Christian formation. In other ways it just feels like fellowship. So many ministries are like that! I spend time once a month researching material on each topic and creating a blog post and the following week meeting with parents. The idea for this group was to examine the ways parenting helps us think about God, in this sense the focus is heavily theological and all can participate. Check out the blog!! In another sense we often fall into talking about the joy and pain of parenthood and have become a community of support for those currently in the throes of parenting those under the age of 18.

Pastoral Care

I think of parents as a group in need of pastoral care, just as I think of people facing major life decisions, or people aging and facing the challenges of aging, or people who are sick or dying. Pastoral care is holy work. Some of the most important work I do each week is so simple (and so hard). I aim to show up, be present and connect with all members of the congregation. As much as I love providing pastoral care, I know the most important and lasting thing I can do is to help equip a community to be a community of care for all. I hope to help Cricket, the vestry and parish leaders think through this important ministry in the coming year.

In any given week, you will likely find me making at least one or two pastoral care visits to a homebound or hospital bound member of our community. I have been blessed to be with members of the congregation as they have been dying, having been invited by families into these holy moments.

Participating in funerals, weddings, pre-marital preparation, baptisms, etc., a priest is invited into the holy of holies – into the joy and struggles of your life with one another and with God. Though it takes time, it is hard to quantify this work – and it flows as the life of the congregation flows, sometimes rushing, sometimes rippling.

Small Group Ministry, Membership, Newcomers

It is a good thing I love people. And I love making connections. So much of my job seems to be connecting people to one another and to God. I used to hate networking, but now I see it differently. I want to help small groups at Redeemer flourish, so that relationships can flourish, so that the church can flourish, so our world can flourish. I help organize get togethers for young adults. This used to be the 20s30s group, but we now lean heavily 30s40s. How come I keep getting so old!!! Thankfully we have a couple of twenty somethings in our congregation and it would be a joy to grow this segment of our community. I also help organize family potlucks to help new families meet others in the congregation. Welcoming newcomers is big for me. You can always find me downstairs at coffee hour on Sundays seeking out new members – or encouraging you to! As with pastoral care, in the coming months I look forward to helping other leaders in the church identify ways we can continue to be a welcoming community for all. So in any given week, this is heart and brain work – thinking and praying about our

welcome (and tracking who is coming in our doors!). Right now it doesn't take too much time in any given week.

Christian Formation

Hospitality is so important, but we need to know what we are inviting people into – who are we as a parish? What does it mean to be Episcopalian? What is God calling us to do with our lives? How are we to live out our Baptismal covenant? How are we to work for the building up of the Kingdom of God? There are so many questions I have each time I enter into the church. I imagine many of you have these same questions. Addressing them is the work of Christian Formation. I have taught so many classes at Redeemer: Lenten series, Sunday morning classes Adult Ed classes, confirmation classes, Episcopal 101, etc. I hope to do more teaching and retreat leading in the future as it is one of my great joys.

In any given week, I am likely working on a new Christian Formation initiative. Right now I am working on a program for the church that will focus on discernment and group spiritual direction. How can we be a community of discernment, supporting one another in making the big decisions life sends our way - listening with one another to the way God is whispering (or shouting) to us in these decisive times? These next few months I will spend researching material for this program, talking with clergy and lay leaders in the area (and in Redeemer!) about how this ministry might work and what it will look like. Stay tuned.

Sunday Mornings

I love preaching and presiding on Sunday mornings. The liturgy of the Episcopal Church has shaped me since I was an infant, and to lead services now is an absolute privilege. I take preaching very seriously. It is a spiritual discipline for me and one of the few times I can completely focus on God's Word to me and to the people of the congregation. I generally spend about two to three hours per week I preach reading through biblical commentaries and studying Scripture; it takes me about another four to write the sermon. I also take presiding very seriously; it is at times completely overwhelming to think about what we are doing each Sunday morning and my role in leading worship. There are moments each Sunday that take my breath away. I want that to be the case for you too. Sundays are important days and they can feel like work, but if they only feel like work I am not doing my job. Being a clergy person is just like working in a large corporation – except when it is nothing like that! My work is helping to keep God in my mind, and my heart, and in my speaking, and to invite you into the same work.

This work is never boring (can't you tell!) and is always a privilege. Thank you for sharing in ministry with me!

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, *Associate Rector*

MISSION

PARISH-WIDE MISSION/OUTREACH FORUM

A parish-wide Mission/Outreach Forum was held on Sunday, March 15 in order to educate and engage the parish in the Redeemer's Mission/Outreach. Participants gathered in five small groups to discuss improving our partnerships with the organizations we support, what time and talent we had to offer our partners, and what new initiatives might be considered. A summary of each group's discussion was presented to all participants. Group presenters were Chrissy de Fontenay, Olivia Devereux, Marie France and Mike Rychlik.

How can we improve our partnerships?

- More personal engagement
- Better communication to volunteers, e.g. what needed, where to go, etc.
- A Mission/Outreach Fair providing "nuts and bolts" on how to participate
- Sustain relationships with our partners
- Cross-fertilization between partners; opportunities to link partner projects and lend each other support
- Better liaison between project leaders and parishioners, use bulletin board for contact information, thumbnail project descriptions, volunteer opportunities
- Parish-wish proprietary investment in projects, e.g. prayers for the organizations, presentations at services or Coffee Hour
- Expand partnerships by teaming up with other churches and NGOs; e.g. more partners to help Hope for Burundi

What time and talent can we offer our partners?

- Provide the sandwiches to the Bethesda Cares Lunch program
- Small groups of volunteers could work together and then share coffee or a meal to discuss the experience
- Promote Manna's food wish list – post on bulletin board and website
- Increase sales of project products (e.g. Burundi baskets, Palestinian olive oil)
- Provide more information on programs through photos and personal stories, e.g. Enrique's Journey joint discussion with Misa Alegria was a break-through experience
- Use the Outreach bulletin board, newsletter and weekly publications to promote volunteer opportunities
- Ask Rector for three minutes at services on an on-going basis to provide information to the parish on Outreach.

What initiatives might we consider?

- Explore issues around human trafficking
- Explore opportunities to help those with post-traumatic stress disorders/veterans
- Volunteer to tutor for underprivileged children in Montgomery County schools

- Sponsor refugees through the United Nations High Commission on Refugees

Next Steps

The Mission/Outreach Committee will follow up on:

- Improve communication about opportunities for parishioner involvement in Mission/Outreach activities:
 - * Organize and present volunteer opportunities and information about activities on the website and Outreach board for easier access, with designated volunteer coordinators for each activity.
 - * Raise leader profile: put names of leaders, photo and contact information on Outreach board.
 - * Brief the congregation on our partnerships occasionally with short announcements at the 10:30 Eucharist, particularly where relevant within the liturgical calendar.
 - * Invite specific people to volunteer for key positions, such as representative for Samaritan Ministry.
- Assign specific people to lead our outreach initiatives and develop stronger partnerships for the most meaningful two-way relationships, including some new proposed initiatives for veterans, homelessness and volunteer tutors for underprivileged children in Montgomery County Schools.
- Organize small group activities to increase awareness and engagement among parishioners.
- Engage our youth: identify opportunities to inform and involve our young people in mission-outreach projects; start the process early.

Jim Winkler, *Mission/Outreach Committee chair*

SAMARITAN MINISTRY WALKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Members of Samaritan Ministry's partner parishes are invited to participate in two community walks marking the launch of the 2015 *Empower the Homeless Campaign*. On Saturday, May 2, the walk will begin at St. Paul's Church (2430 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20037) and end at The Church of the Epiphany (1317 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20005).

On Saturday, May 30, the walk will begin at St. George's Church (915 N. Oakland Street, Arlington, VA 22203) and end at St. Mary's Church (2609 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207). Both walks begin at 9:00 a.m. Contributions may be made at check-in. You may register at check-in or pre-register online: www.samaritanministry.org. Questions? Contact Tommia Hayes: thayes@samaritanministry.org.

PARISH LIFE

PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR NEEDED

Pastoral Care, a vital and essential ministry of the church, is in need of leaders to work with clergy on different aspects of pastoral care. If you would like to know about what would be involved and/or are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the Rector, the Rev'd Cricket Park: 301-229-3770 or revcbpark@verizon.net.

REDEEMER AND SOCIAL MEDIA

If you haven't "liked" the Redeemer Facebook page, you should! It's one way in which we communicate information about events at the church and within the community. The Rector invites you also to "friend" her on Facebook (Cricket Park) and follow her on Twitter (@VicarVirtual) and Instagram (parkcricket). Our telephones and e-mail still work too, no worries.

PARKING AT REDEEMER

If you are happily able-bodied and can walk a distance from your car to the church building on Sunday mornings, we ask that you park further away so that the spaces close to the church are available to those less able. Please also be sure that you do not block the entrances to the pathways and stairs. These must be kept clear for safety reasons and especially for use by those in wheelchairs or using walkers. We thank you for your consideration of others in this regard.



COFFEE HOUR

Gathering in the Parish Hall following services on Sunday is an important fellowship time for all parishioners. If you would be willing to host a coffee hour one Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Parish Hall. It's more fun if you can find a fellow parishioner to do it with. It does not need to be elaborate – just items for people to snack on, such as cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, coffee cake, etc. It can all be store-bought if that is easier for you. If you have questions because you have not done it before, please contact Coffee Hour leader Karen Stewart: karenstewart@westat.com or 301-652-8470.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our stalwart laundry person, parishioner Tom Greene, who week in/week out takes our tablecloths and other linens home and brings them back all clean and folded. Thank you, Tom, for this much-needed ministry.

PERSONAL NOTES

We offer our condolences to: Kathy Ruckman on the death of her beloved friend Gretchen Thorsen, Mary K Young on the death of her brother David Young, Brian Beard on the death of his father Bernard, and all who knew and loved parishioner Pat Stevens. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



We offer congratulations to: David & Shannon Hoogerheide on the birth of their daughter, Athena Celeste.

We give thanksgiving for the baptisms at Easter of: Nima Shirzad, son of Farhad & Susanne Shirzad and brother to Neda and Navid; Laurel March Haeni daughter of Julie March & Jeffrey Haeni; Hazel-Marie Wang, daughter of Callie and Dongbo Wang; and Oliver Tate grandson of Toyin Rose and son of Tokunboh Rose & Ronald Tate Jr.

We wish a happy birthday to those born in May and June:

Simone Arrington	Juliet Grant-Suttie
Helen Curtice	Veronica D'Ambrosio
Tom McNaugher	Debbie Davenport
Josh Hildreth	Jessica Huey
Stefanie Greene	Ted Bledsoe
Jianping Zhou	Denny Shaw
Marie Caulfield	Susan Grigsby
Mike Stowell	Brenden Hart
William Imbrie	Whitney Cinkala
David Brown	Wesley Price
Christine Tomasson	Janice Huey
Carol Bassen	Jack Mershon
Jane Winer	Kukula Glastris
Jack Hutchings	Toby Kinnahan
Sean Croston	Susan Ingraham
Marisa Guzman-Vogele	Mary Lynne McElroy
Veronica Sherrard	Dean Cinkala
Olivier Jeanne	Marilynn Bersoff
Kelly O'Brien	Amy Bowers
Luke Rychlik	Jacqueline Hull
Zac Nachbar-Seckel	Jack Rabner
Dee Beilstein	

We wish a happy anniversary to:

Jochen & Huda Kraske
 John & Melinda Nelson
 Jim & Mary Packard Winkler
 David Schlafer & Peggy Tucker
 Howard & Julie Wolf-Rodda
 Bill & Joanne Bowman



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

What is this all about!

If you are new to Redeemer, you may be asking, “What is the Strawberry Festival and how can I help?” To give you some insight:

On Saturday, June 13, the date of this year’s Festival & Silent Auction, parishioners, friends and neighbors enjoy strawberries with shortcake, ice cream or other topping, eaten at tables in the Parish Hall, where they browse through and bid on the Silent Auction items. People shop at the Bake Sale, Book Sale and Nearly-New Boutique, or wander outside to the Collectibles and get lunch from the Grill. Children get their faces painted, jump in the moonbounce, and play other games.

Between Now and June 13

Recruiting volunteers for the various segments of the Festival (sheets are in the Parish Hall); soliciting individual and merchant donations for the Auction, helping with publicity; general organization and planning.

Opportunities to help out:

- Picking – strawberries hand picked by Episcopalians
- Hulling – cleaning strawberries with a great group
- Set-up – Friday afternoon and Saturday morning
- Book Sale
- Boutique – clothing sales
- Bake Sale
- Collectibles
- The Grill – burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks
- Kids’ Games, Face Painting & Moonbounce
- The Kitchen – shortcakes and sundaes
- Bankers –keep track of cash and do the final count
- Clean up–Saturday afternoon

Questions: Jefferson Arrington: jefferson7019@aol.com or 240-417-9990.

NEARLY-NEW BOUTIQUE: LEADER NEEDED

Have you ever wanted to open your very own boutique? This is your chance! You can manage Redeemer’s Nearly-New Boutique selling clothing and accessories at the Strawberry Festival. You will need about five helpers and several hours a day the week before the festival. If you would be interested in leading this, please contact Jefferson Arrington who can fill you in on all the details.

COLLECTIBLES

Collectibles must be of good quality and condition. Items sell for no less than \$5 and up to \$50. Appropriate items, among others, are pretty tableware, vases; quality glassware; good costume jewelry; good table linens artwork; picture frames; etc. We retain the right to refuse to accept what we think will not sell. Unsold items can be returned to the donor if you wish. Questions? Contact Patricia Snowden: 301-229-2170 or postscript2@verizon.net.

SILENT AUCTION: DONATIONS NEEDED!

You may be asking, “What can I give to an auction?” To help you decide, we have included some suggestions below. Donation forms will be available on the website and in the Parish Hall, or you may email your donation information to Silent Auction Co-Chair Janice Huey at: hueyjb@verizon.net.

Merchant Donations: A packet to take to a business will be available on the website and in the Parish Hall. Think of those places you frequently go to who might be willing to make a donation and get publicity!

Sponsorship: If you are unable to donate an item, we invite you to be a sponsor of the Silent Auction through a cash donation. Checks should be made out to The Church of the Redeemer with “Silent Auction” on the memo line.

Ideas for Donations:

- *Home-cooked Meals:* Offer to prepare a dinner for 4–8 people to enjoy at their home or yours; a festive brunch; a high tea; a dinner of your specialty (e.g. a complete Asian Fusion dinner).
 - *Gift Certificates:* For two or more people to a favorite restaurant; for fast-food, take-out, and/or delivery restaurants; for salons/spas and other retailers.
 - *Themed baskets:* Baskets with different themes, such as a wine selection; home baked goods; gourmet teas/coffees and treats; items for newborns; spa products; picnic; etc.
 - *Tours:* A museum, monuments or historical site tour for a given number perhaps including lunch or dinner.
 - *Repeat “Consumable” Gifts:* Items offered on an on-going monthly or quarterly basis for a given period of time: homemade cookies, dinner salads, floral arrangements, prepared and delivered main dishes, etc.
 - *Tickets:* For a tour and tea at the Cathedral; for a sporting event or the theatre; a gift certificate to a movie theatre.
 - *Art & Artisans/Unique Gifts:* Handcrafted items (sculpture, woodworking, knitted and crocheted items, paintings, jewelry, etc.); unique and unusual gifts, such as first editions, one-of-a-kind, etc.
 - *Services/Technology Help:* Where does your expertise lie? Landscape design, gardening, handyman services, babysitting/childcare, pet-sitting, dog-walking, and car-washing. Or offer lessons/help with computers, printers, smart phones, cameras and other devices.
 - *Private or Small Group Classes:* Share your knowledge! Pasta-making, cookie-baking, painting, crafts, musical instruction, tennis, golf, bookmaking. The list goes on and on!
- Questions: Contact co-chairs Rick Robinson: rrobi02@yahoo.com, or Janice Huey: hueyjb@verizon.net.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Reverend Cricket Park and the Vestry (and ourselves), we wish to thank the congregation for its generous response to the appeal for additional pledging to balance the budget. The total raised was \$47,997, and we are delighted to be able to report that this will enable Redeemer to fully fund the 2015 budget as adopted at the Annual Meeting. While the budget reduces our diocesan giving compared to 2014, we are mindful of our Bishop's statements encouraging parishes to ensure their own financial stability first and foremost. Mission/Outreach budgeted giving for 2015 will remain at the 2014 level. We are grateful to the clergy, staff and ministry leaders who worked hard to tighten all expenses that helped us to create a balanced budget.

Redeemer's finances presently are on track as budgeted. As is normal, timing of actual income and expense can cause various line items to be over or under budget on a monthly basis, but such variations can be expected to even out as the year progresses.

A comparison of year-to-date actual with budgeted income and expenses, along with a cash position report, is posted on the Vestry bulletin board. If you have any questions regarding Redeemer's finances, please feel free to contact either of us. If you wish to have a copy of the reports, please email Steve: gibliu@verizon.net.

Steve Gibson, *Treasurer*
Rick Robinson, *Finance Committee Chair*



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

Spring Refreshment

Led by straw bosses Frank Anderson, Susan Grigsby, Susan Graham Fitzgerald, and Cathy Arrington, on Sunday, April 12, a faithful group of Redeemer parishioners hit the dirt to pull weeds, turn the earth, and prune the dead leaves of last year's growth, all to make way for the cyclical resurrection of our church gardens and their brilliant display of the beauty of holiness. We owe a great debt to these volunteers, many of whom make weekly contributions to sustaining our environment. A hearty and heartfelt thanks to all of them.

If you are interested in helping with the maintenance of the gardens through the spring and summer, please contact me: ced122@comcast.net or 301-654-4721.



General Maintenance

During February and March, some general maintenance items were taken care of at the Rectory and the Church: roof repairs were done on both buildings; the Rectory insulation has been improved; and a new disposal installed in the church kitchen.

Clark Downs, *Junior Warden/Buildings & Grounds*

VESTRY NEWS

MARCH VESTRY REPORT

Rector's Report

The Rev'd Cricket Park reported that the Cottage Coffees had been "revelatory." Eighty parishioners, including seven youth, participated. A "word cloud" created from the conversations at the gatherings was shared with the Vestry. Cricket noted that she and the Rev'd Robin Razzino had attended a diocesan workshop focused on substance and alcohol abuse, an issue especially important with regard to Redeemer where we have many AA groups meeting. Lent Madness raised \$340 for Bethesda Cares.

Associate Rector's Report

The Rev'd Robin Razzino's report is on pp. 6-7.

Junior Warden's Report

Clark Downs thanked a small bank of hardy and faithful parishioners for keeping the church's walkways and stairs clear during snowstorms. Having this done by volunteers saved the church \$850 over the prior year. New energy efficient light bulbs have been installed in all downstairs rooms in the hope of savings on future electrical costs. Clark presented a proposal to reinsulate the Rectory which the Vestry approved. The Annual Spring Grounds Clean-up will take place on Sunday, April 12. A contract has been signed with Denchfield Landscaping for mowing services this summer. The question of purchasing a spare canister for the humidification system was tabled for future discussion.

Hospitality Report

Vestry member Janice Huey reported that she had been in conversation with Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman about Coffee Hour, especially as it relates to clean-up, a problem that exists with other parish events. Rather than having a hospitality committee, it is thought that individual heads for each event/activity will work better.

2015 Budget

Finance Committee Chair Rick Robinson reported that the budget deficit is at approximately \$47,000. He took the Vestry through the budget, noting where expense cuts could be made should that become necessary. Depending on the ultimate size of the deficit, the cuts could be made in several "waves." There was discussion around the issues of Mission/Outreach and Diocesan Giving. The Vestry approved a motion to accept the proposed sequential reducing in line items required to balance the budget based on pledge commitments as of Tuesday, March 24, the Tuesday following the two weeks of the special appeal for increases in pledges.

Newcomer/Membership Ministry

Cricket wants to look at this ministry in more detail and give consideration to what new activities we might do to increase membership and which parishioners might be recruited to assist with this effort.

Other Business

The Vestry Retreat will take place on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, at the Rectory.

APRIL VESTRY REPORT

The April Vestry meeting was incorporated into the Vestry Retreat on April 11.

Rector's Report

The Rev'd Cricket Park opened a discussion on moving toward equitable medical insurance for all employees. The Diocesan Health Benefits Policy was reviewed. Noting the increase in children in the Nursery, the Vestry voted to hire two nursery care persons so that we are in compliance with Safe Church Training. This increase the Nursery Care budget line for 2015.

Senior Warden's Report

Cathy Arrington proposed a Choir Knitting Project at the Strawberry Festival. The Vestry approved this as a fund-raising effort. She reminder the Vestry that the installation of Cricket as Redeemer's 7th Rector will take place on Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.

Junior Warden's Report

Clark Downs reported that the ashes of Chris Brewer were added to the niche shared with Moses Middleton, and the name of Carlton Combs has been added to the Memorial Wall. He reminder the Vestry that the Annual Spring Grounds clean-up will take place on Sunday, April 12.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Gibson reported that the appeal to raise pledging to balance the budget was successful (*see p. 11*). The Vestry thanked Finance Committee Chair Rick Robinson and Steve for their work on this and all those parishioners who responded for their generosity.

MAY — JUNE CALENDAR

Friday, May 1 (*Parish Office closed*)*Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles*

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

Saturday, May 2*Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373***Sunday, May 3***The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, May 4*Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (*in the Rector's office*)
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (*in the Rector's office*)
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7*Harriet Starr Cannon, Religious, 1896*

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8 (*Parish Office closed*)*Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417*

- 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, May 9*Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389*

- 10:00 a.m. Celebration of New Ministry: Installation of the
Rev'd C. B. "Cricket" Park as Rector of Redeemer
11:15 a.m. Reception (*following installation*)

Sunday, May 10*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13*Frances Perkins, Public Servant and Prophetic Witness, 1965*

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

Thursday, May 14*The Day of the Ascension*

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 15 (*Parish Office closed*)

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

Saturday, May 16*The Martyrs of the Sudan***Sunday, May 17***The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. 10th Anniversary Gala Concert to celebrate the
Music at Redeemer Series
6:30 p.m. Festive Reception (*following concert*)

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19*Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 988*

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

Wednesday, May 20*Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804*

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 21*John Eliot, Missionary among the Algonquin, 1690*

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 22 (Parish Office closed)

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

Saturday, May 23

Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler, Astronomers, 1543

Sunday, May 24

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
 12:15 p.m. Adult Formation Committee Meeting

Monday, May 25/Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)

Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Tuesday, May 26

Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

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

Wednesday, May 27

Bertha and Ethelbert, Queen and King of Kent, 616

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 28

John Calvin, Theologian, 1564

7:30 p.m. Adult and Youth Choir Warm-up

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

Jeanne d'Arc, Mystic and Soldier, 1431

Sunday, May 31

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour
 1:30 p.m. Newcomers' Reception
 3:15 p.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
 3:45 p.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
 5:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong for Trinity Sunday
 6:15 a.m. Reception (following Evensong)

Monday, June 1 (Parish Office closed)

Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Tuesday, June 2

Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons, 177

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

Wednesday, June 3

The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886

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

Thursday, June 4 (Parish Office closed)

John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli), Bishop of Rome, 1963

9:00 a.m. Clergy/Staff All-day Retreat

Friday, June 5 (Parish Office closed)

Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, and Martyr, 754

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

Saturday, June 6

Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Sunday, June 7

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, June 8

Roland Allen, Mission Strategist, 1947

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

Tuesday, June 9

Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597

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

Wednesday, June 10

Ephrem of Edessa, Deacon, 373

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

Thursday, June 11

Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Friday, June 12 (Parish Office closed)

Enmeghbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902

9:00 a.m. Strawberry Festival preparations (all day)
 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, June 13*Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Apologist and Writer, 1936*

- 9:00 a.m. Strawberry Festival preparations
 11:00 a.m. Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction
 3:30 p.m. Strawberry Festival Clean-up

Sunday, June 14*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Education for Ministry (EfM)
 Graduation
 12:00 p.m. Post-Strawberry Festival Cook-out

Monday, June 15*Evelyn Underhill, 1941*

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

Tuesday, June 16*George Berkeley and Joseph Butler, Bishops and Theologians, 1753, 1752*

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, June 18*Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Mashonaland, 1896***Friday, June 19 (Parish Office closed)**

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

Sunday, June 21*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, June 22*Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304*

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

Tuesday, June 23

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 24*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

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

Thursday, June 25*James Weldon Johnson, Poet, 1938***Friday, June 26 (Parish Office closed)***Isabel Florence Hapgood, Ecumenist and Journalist, 1929*

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

Saturday, June 27*Cornelius Hill, Priest and Chief among the Oneida, 1907***Sunday, June 28***The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, June 29*Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles*

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

*Continued from p. 5 ...***Additional locations for EfM classes:**

Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 205 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
 David Mitchell: dspmitchell@verizon.net
 Harry Bennett; hdb2@verizon.net

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
 10035 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854
 Vince Stanford: vmstanford@gmail.com

St. John's - Norwood Parish, Monday evenings
 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
 Cathy O'Donnell, Barbara Ordway, katvod@verizon.net

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
 818 University Blvd. West
 Silver Spring, MD 20901-1039
 The Rev. David C. Wacaster: rector@gsecmd.org

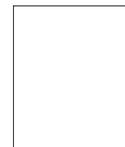
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sundays, 4:00 p.m.
 6030 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-1852
 Prescott Bullard

Church of the Ascension, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.*
 633 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD
 Anne LeVeque: anne.leveque@gmail.com
 *occasionally Sundays, 4:00 p.m.



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Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, is pleased to announce its tenth annual Summer Music Camp. Designed for children/youth ages 7-14, the camp will be staffed by three professional musical educators, who will help your child grow musically through a week of secular, experiential learning. Using the Orff-Schulwerk process, children/youth will sing, speak, move, and play, while exploring literature and poetry, singing games, choral music, and a variety of percussion instruments, including drums and xylophones. In addition, campers' innate creativity will be fostered through simple improvisation/composition activities. The week will culminate in an informal, interactive performance for family and friends. No prior musical training is needed in order for your child to participate in and enjoy camp.

We hope that your child(ren) will join us for a week of musical learning and fun! For more information, please contact Thomas Smith, *Director of Music*, at 301.229.3770, or by e-mail at music.redeemer@verizon.net.

Also included:

Daily arts and crafts activities
Daily outdoor recreation time
Hike through Glen Echo Park
Visit to the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park
Tour of Redeemer's renowned pipe organ

Details:

Dates: July 27 – July 31, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily
Tuition: \$375 (includes non-refundable registration fee of \$100)
Registration deadline: July 16, 2015
Scholarships available
Lunch and a snack provided daily



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