



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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FROM THE HEARTH

Wow. What a whirlwind these last five months have been! Could we have packed any more into my inaugural months? Lent, Holy Week, Eastertide, concerts, Evensongs, the Celebration of New Ministry, funerals, baptisms, and Strawberry Festival! I don't know about you, but I need a nap!

It's time to rest. Take some vacation time. (I'm planning to do that in August!) Remind yourself that you are valued by God because you ARE, not because you DO. Watch the fireflies. Run through a sprinkler. Play a board game with your family. Turn off the electronics for 24 hours. The world will survive without you for a little while. Really.

Oh, and Sabbath. Come to church if you're in town and go to church if you're out of town. You're not off the hook just because the lazy days of summer are upon us. We're in Ordinary Time now. We'll be hearing scripture that tells us the stories of the faith of our ancestors: David and his challenges, Jesus and his challenges. Paul waxes philosophic.

It is time to relax, hear stories around the altar, and think about how those stories inform our own.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PRIEST?

Yes, clergy are a busy lot. We have meetings to attend and sermons to write. There are Church School activities and formation classes to plan. Oh, yes, worship too.

However, we aren't too busy for you. In fact, keeping your clergy informed as to your state of being (physically, mentally, spiritually) is important to us. We need to know if you are ill or in the hospital. This is especially true if you are in the hospital or the emergency room because they will not call us automatically. You need to call us. If we are delayed in getting to you, we can at least talk with you on the phone and pray with you.

Is there something bothering you that you want to share? Make an appointment to talk with one of us. Clergy can be a listening ear. Most of the time, the answer to what's bothering you is inside your head. You just need to talk it out. We have plenty of tissues, too, just in case. Is there good news to celebrate? We want to celebrate with you! We can do a little happy dance together!

If there is a pastoral emergency during the day, call the Parish Office first. If the clergy are not in the building, Angela Beckman, Administrative Assistant, will know where we are and get a hold of us. If the Parish Office is closed, call my cell: 614-806-5248. In the evening, or overnight, please call the Rectory: 301-229-0346. I might be groggy, but would rather hear from you than find out bad news in the morning

Cricket +

The Rev'd Cricket Park, Rector

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Summertime Labyrinth Walks
Monday evenings, June 29 – Labor Day
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (see p. 2)

Summer Music Camp 2015
Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (see p. 3)

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WORSHIP

SUMMERTIME LABYRINTH WALKS

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (beginning Monday, June 29)

Completed in Fall 2010, Redeemer's beautiful stone labyrinth is modeled after the famed 13th century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. This summer, we once again invite you to participate in weekly labyrinth walks, accompanied by recorded and, on occasion, live music. The walks will begin on Monday, June 29 and continue through Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

Walking a labyrinth can serve as a valuable contemplative practice. Participants focus on the path to and from the center of the labyrinth. The walking, done at one's own pace, tends to clear the mind, allowing the participant to listen to God with the "ears of the heart," as St. Benedict put it. If two walkers meet on the path, one quietly steps aside, allowing the other to pass. Once the walker is at the center – or Heart – of the labyrinth, s/he may want to pause and drink in the beauty and peace of the place before retracing her/his steps out.

As Saint Augustine said, "*Soluitur ambulando*" ("It is solved by walking"). Come when you can; leave when you must. Questions? Contact parishioner Patricia Snowden: postscript2@verizon.net or 301-229-2170.



PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP

Summertime offers the perfect opportunity for you to consider your role in the liturgical life of the parish.

The word "liturgy" is derived from two Greek words meaning "work of the people". By their presence alone, all who gather for worship – young, old, and every age in between – are participants in the liturgy of the Church. Those who feel called to a distinct role in worship (or who have questions) are encouraged to speak to a member of the clergy or contact the Parish Office. Opportunities for ministry include:

Acolyte

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

Altar Guild

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

Chorister

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

Crucifer

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

Eucharistic Minister

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

Greeter

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

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

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

Lector

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

Torch Bearer

The acolyte whose role is to carry a torch in procession.

Usher

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

MUSIC



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



ADULT CHOIR: New singers welcome!

The 2015-16 choral season will commence with rehearsal on Thursday, September 3, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. New members are welcome! All singers must possess a pleasing tone quality and the ability to match pitch and blend. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Tom Smith, Director of Music.

YOUTH CHOIR: Calling all children and youth!

The first rehearsal of the Youth Choir will take place on Wednesday, September 9, at 4:30 p.m. An ice cream party will follow at 5:45 p.m. New members are welcome! Although there is no minimum age requirement, all choristers must be able to read. The Youth Choir is a wonderful – and FREE – opportunity for high quality music education right here at Redeemer. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Tom Smith, Director of Music.



The Adult and Youth Choirs, Inscape Chamber Orchestra, and Dr. Martin Neary, guest conductor, rehearse before the May 17 Gala Concert in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Music at Redeemer Series – an event that drew a capacity crowd.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Adult Formation Series

Sundays, July 12, 19, and 26, 9:15 a.m. (Parish Hall)

In July, the series on *Embracing Spiritual Awakening* continues for three more weeks. Even if you did not attend in June, you can still join in and participate in the rest of the series. Using a five-part DVD set featuring renowned scholar and author Diana Butler Bass, participants will explore what Christianity may look like “*beyond religion and beyond the church,*” as we enter another of history’s “*great awakenings*” – both *culturally and spiritually*. Questions: Contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net.

Education for Ministry

Now is the time to register for Education for Ministry. EfM teaches you how to think theologically, bringing your life and study of scripture, history and theology into relationship. Classes will begin after Labor Day. There will be two classes at Redeemer: Tuesday evenings, mentored by parishioner Jo Barclay-Beard, 6:30-9:00 p.m., and Wednesday mornings, mentored by the Rev’d Cricket Park, 9:30–11:45 p.m. The cost of the year, including texts and materials, is \$350.

Enrollment forms are available on the Community News board in the Parish Hall and on our website: www.redeemberthesda.org/christian-formation/adults/. You can download the form, complete it and give it, along with a check made out to The University of the South, to Jo Barclay-Beard or the Rev’d Cricket Park depending on which group you selected. You may also pay with credit card and, if you prefer, you may split your payment between check and credit card.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Education for Ministry?

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.

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.

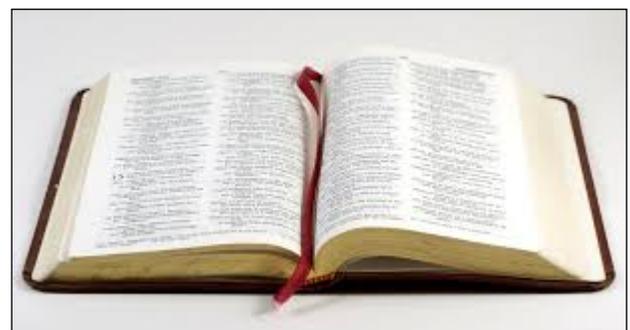
Can I get educational credit for participating in EfM?

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).

Jo Barclay-Beard, EfM Mentor/Coordinator



CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Summer Church School

Schools out for the summer! But, not for Redeemer. We will have Church School for the children who come on Sundays in the summer. Because summer numbers are usually much smaller we will have only two classes: a younger class (combining those in the Godly Play classes) and the bigger kids class (everyone else!). Mary K Young and Melinda Nelson are splitting the bigger kids class, with occasional help from Dominique Rychlik and Steve Gibson. The younger kids class will be taught primarily by Godly Play teachers.

Thank you

The church is extremely grateful for everyone who was willing to teach in any capacity this past year. Some folks were willing and then not needed; some folks volunteered to substitute, some folks volunteered to get trained in order to be a resource in the future. Some folks have taken sabbaticals after long tenures of teaching but continued to mentor and help new teachers.

A gift was made to Episcopal Relief and Development in honor of their valuable contribution to the life of this parish and to the lives of our children and youth.

We are very grateful for the following people who were involved in this ministry this year: Joelle Morris, Janice Huey, Ayesha Court, Christine Tomasson, Mike Rychlik, Karen Stewart, Kim Penn, Brian Razzino, Deborah Davenport,

Dominique Rychlik, Melinda Nelson, Steve Gibson, Amy Yount, Jenny Nachbar, Justin Hess, Mary K Young, Steve France, Zac Peterson, Caitlin Moriarty and Cathy Baker.

Youth Activities

We have a lot of new kids in the youth program this year! Yay for new middle schoolers! We will set up monthly activities for the youth group centered around fellowship, learning and service. Robin will gather together all youth in late August for a planning meeting. If you are in middle or high school and will be in town then, please come! Our first activity will take place on a Sunday in late September once everyone is back in town.

If you are an adult interested in helping out with the youth program, please let me know. It would be great to have consistent adult presence for purposes of chaperoning and relationship building. In the past chaperones have generally been parents. Parental involvement is most important in all aspects of spiritual and social formation. However, there is also a need for kids to know that adults in their faith community care about them and want to spend time with them.

If you would be interested in this ministry let me know and we can talk about what it would entail (a mature and caring presence, a willingness to have fun, and a desire to be in relationship with the youth of the parish). Any volunteer would also have to attend the Safeguarding God's Children training provided by the diocese, if they have not done so in the last three years. This is a three-hour training. I hope to hear from YOU about this opportunity soon.

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, *Associate Rector*

A gift has been made in your honor!

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From: **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**

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Faithfully, Robin

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MISSION

BACKPACK/SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

Each year Redeemer donates backpacks filled with school supplies to the Transitional Housing Corporation, a DC-based nonprofit that aims to end family homelessness. THC helps more than 500 at-risk families, many with school-age children. These children have experienced the hardships of homelessness and their backpacks tend to contain their entire lives. This is why every August Redeemer helps THC by volunteering to provide backpacks with all the supplies needed for the upcoming school year. The backpacks will be paid for using funds from Redeemer's Outreach budget. Parishioners are asked to contribute towards the cost of school supplies. Checks can be made out to The Church of the Redeemer with "school supplies" on the memo line. Parishioners will also be invited to help with packing and delivery in August, date to be announced. Questions/willing to help? Contact youth parishioner Mildred Devereux: mildreddevereux@gmail.com.

Mildred Devereux, *Youth Coordinator*

CAPITAL AREA INTERFAITH FRIENDS

On Sunday, May 31, at Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF) Youth Service Day, volunteers packed 15,120 meals for the homeless in Montgomery County! Thanks to 60 youth volunteers from all faiths – Jewish, Muslim Zoroastrian, Sikh, Hindu, Baha'i, Christian and Atheist/Agnostic, ten adults and the wonderful "red apron" members of the Washington Hebrew Congregation's Hunger Project. Thanks also to CAIF members and the WHC for donating to the cost of the food. All the food was distributed within the week.

This summer, CAIF will prepare and share a meal at Calvary Women's Shelter in DC, date to be announced. There will also be a visit to the Holocaust Museum led by one of the CAIF parents who used to be a docent. If you would like to participate, be added to the CAIF mailing list, or have questions, contact parishioners Dominique & Mike Rychlik: rychliks@gmail.com.

Dominique & Mike Rychlik, *Coordinators*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

A summary of budget performance through the end of May is set forth below. Variances between actual and budgeted income/expenses year-to-date are primarily due to timing differences, which are likely to even out over the remainder of the year.

Pledge income is running ahead of monthly budgeting through the end of May, but tends to drop off somewhat over the summer. Overall, Redeemer appears to be on track to achieve a balanced operating budget for the year.

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

Steve Gibson, *Treasurer*

	2015 Jan-May Budget	Jan - May Ac- tual	Jan-May Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
Pledge Payments	\$270,318	\$304,857	\$34,539	\$552,680
Non-Pledge Donations	\$5,625	\$6,133	\$508	\$13,500
Loose Plate Offering	\$2,500	\$1,997	(\$503)	\$6,000
Special Offerings	\$4,000	\$7,326	\$3,326	\$8,100
Event & Activity Income	\$4,722	\$7,809	\$3,087	\$36,500
Facilities Use	\$10,417	\$14,863	\$4,446	\$25,000
Interest Income	\$0	\$9	\$9	\$0
Gain (Loss) on Stock	\$0	\$313	\$313	\$0
Total Income January-May	\$297,582	\$343,306	\$45,724	\$641,780
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	\$20,879	\$13,630	(\$7,249)	\$40,050
Diocesan Giving	\$19,103	\$19,103	(\$1)	\$45,850
Outreach Giving	\$12,800	\$1,775	(\$11,025)	\$32,000
Discretionary Account	\$542	\$542	\$0	\$1,300
Maintenance Expense	\$27,184	\$27,989	\$806	\$67,250
Personnel Expense	\$156,864	\$156,164	(\$700)	\$368,508
Program Expense	\$14,433	\$15,604	\$1,172	\$36,390
Property Expense	\$19,480	\$19,480	\$0	\$46,752
Total Expense January-May	\$271,285	\$254,289	(\$16,996)	\$638,100
Net Ordinary Income Jan-May	\$26,297	\$89,017	\$62,720	\$3,680

PARISH LIFE



AFTERNOON TEA & REDEEMER'S HISTORY

At this year's Silent Auction, parishioners Melinda Nelson and Kukula Glasris offered to provide a Saturday Afternoon Tea in the early fall (September-October) to be held in the

Parish Hall at Redeemer. Melinda, who along with her mother Kim Barrett, have been the custodians for many years of Redeemer's history, will present the unique story of the Church of the Redeemer from its beginnings in 1903. This is a great way to learn more about where we come from, in case any who are new or have never heard the stories want to find out more!.

At the auction four parishioners signed up for the Tea. We'd like to have more people enjoy this special afternoon (cost is \$20). It is open to all – parishioners, friends, family. If you would like to come and share food, fellowship and history, please contact Melinda Nelson: nelson@exchange.nih.gov, or Angela Beckman in the Parish Office: 301-229-3770 or office.redeemer@verizon.net.

KNITTING MINISTRY CASTS ON!

Do you knit, crochet, or are you otherwise crafty? Do you want to learn? Attend an inaugural meeting of a new fellowship ministry at Redeemer! Wednesday August 5, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. The Parish Hall is the place to be. We will discuss what we want our purpose to be and how we will live into that purpose. Questions? Contact the Rev'd Cricket Park: revcbpark@verizon.net.

REDEEMER BOOK GROUP

The group is currently reading *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin, who presents a view of the life of Mary in Ephesus after Jesus' crucifixion that is quite different from that generally accepted. He provides a provocative alternate view of Mary's thoughts on the divinity of Jesus, his disciples and whether it was all worth it. The group will meet to discuss this book on Sunday, August 2, 3:00 p.m. at the home of parishioner Susan Grigsby.

Continuing a focus on important religious figures in the New Testament, the next book the group will read is *Paul: The Mind of the Apostle* by A. N. Wilson. Paul is the architect of the Christian church as we know it today and the author spins an astute narrative of the divine Jesus at the center of an entirely new religion. This book will be discussed in the Fall at a time and place to be announced.

Questions: Contact Huda Kraske: hqkraske@aol.com.



COFFEE HOUR

Gathering in the Parish Hall after worship on Sunday mornings is an important fellowship time for all parishioners. If you would be willing to host 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 need not 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.

PERSONAL NOTES

We wish a happy birthday to those born in July/August to:

Marcia Sartwell	Christoph Muenchow-Pohl
David Strother	Abe Sauer
Tony Penn	Clare Paulsen
Gabriel Boland	Sam Penn
Cynthia Fischer	Carolyn Rutledge
Tami McMinn	Howard Wolf-Rodda
Liam Hundley	Neda Shirzad
Clark Downs	Ben Ivins
Genie Jones	Nicholas Rychlik
Claudia Hull	Virginia Pearson
Colette Yehl	Michael Yehl
Lois Brown	Brian Beard
Rick Robinson	Callie Wang
Joanne Bowman	Leifer Tomasson
Peter Carlson	Justin Hess
Claudia Serrin	Charlie Croston
Erik Devereux	Any Sokolowski
Caitlin Moriarty	Ioulia Vvedenskaya
Rachel King	Charles Penn

We wish a happy anniversary to:

John Nickum & Linda Lear
 Bob & Marcy Dresser
 Cricket & Steve Park
 Ron & Sally Pugsley
 Tom & Leslie McNaugher
 Mary K Young & Bramman Avery
 Lou & Kiki Garo
 John & Ann Harbeson

VESTRY NEWS

MAY VESTRY REPORT

Rector's Report: The Rev'd Cricket Park met with those interested in a Newcomers Ministry. They will start a bread ministry. She gave thanks for all the work done in connection with her installation as Rector and the 10th anniversary Music at Redeemer series concert. Cricket hopes to begin a second Education for Ministry (EfM) class at Redeemer on Wednesday mornings in the fall. Cricket shared a publication on what is and what is not working in the Episcopal Church. Redeemer's online presence was discussed, noting that we need podcasts of sermons, audio recordings of music, and the website needs to be more smart phone oriented.

Junior Warden's Report: Clark Downs reported that the Rectory AC is repaired and also a cracked pipe in the downstairs bathroom has been replaced. There may be an insurance claim arising out of this water damage.

Strawberry Festival: The purpose of the Strawberry Festival will be discussed at a future Vestry meeting to determine whether the funds raised at the Festival should be for Mission/Outreach rather than for the operating fund.

Other Business:

New Copier: The Vestry approved the lease for a new copier.

Communications: The proposed communications survey, which the Rev'd Robin Razzino worked extensively on, was discussed. There were a variety of viewpoints on the need for and length of the survey.

Stewardship: Spencer Pugh's stewardship presentation in May was discussed and the suggestion of calling the fall campaign a "pledge" rather than a "stewardship" campaign, because stewardship is actually a year-round responsibility and activity. Spencer will give a second presentation on July 11.

Preservation/Repairs Preserving the banner from the early 1900s, stained glass window repair and repair to the Stations of the Cross pictures was discussed.

JUNE VESTRY REPORT

Walkways/Parking: There was discussion of future plans for marking the walkways from the street. People park across the walkways, which makes it impossible for people with mobility difficulties to enter the church. The only accessible entrance is the one on Dunrobbin Drive.

Pastoral Care: Pastoral Care is concentrating on Lay Eucharistic visitation and transportation of people to church. Pastoral concerns should be shared with the clergy, who respond accordingly.

Newcomers Ministry: The bread delivery ministry has begun. Those who received the loaves were thankful and impressed.

Calendar Meeting: There will be a calendar meeting on August 9 following the 10:30am service.

Finance Committee Report: The Committee reviewed year-to-date income/expense actual versus budget and noted no issues of concern or significant potential upside at this time. The committee also discussed staff compensation and benefits and instituting online giving. The Vestry voted unanimously to contract with Vanco to provide for online payment of pledges and other contributions to Redeemer. Steve Gibson and John Nickum will lead a renewed effort to launch a planned giving program.

Stewardship: Spencer Pugh will present a workshop on Stewardship on Saturday, July 11, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vestry and Finance Committee members are specifically invited to attend. Any Redeemer member may attend. If you wish to do so, please email The Rev'd Cricket Park by July 7: revcbpark@verizon.net.

Strawberry Festival: There was a continuing lively and informative discussion of the designation of Strawberry Festival funds: to the General Fund; to Outreach; to a combination of both.

Volunteers: The ongoing challenge of encouraging volunteer positions was addressed. One possibility is to have a volunteer coordinator, who could use Sign-Up Genius, to organize specific ministries. Having two people bring food and two clean-up at Coffee Hour was discussed. A new Coffee Hour coordinator will be needed in September.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 78th Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church takes place Tuesday, June 23 – Friday, July 3, in Salt Lake City. Parishioner/Junior Warden Clark Downs is attending as a member of the deputation from the Diocese of Washington. The House of Deputies, of which Clark is a member, and the House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church to a nine-year term, and consider changes in the organization and mission focus of the Church. Also on the agenda are a wide range of public policy resolves, including two brought forward by the Diocese of Washington regarding the criminal justice system, and actions the Church should take related to conflict in the Holy Land. The latter will be the Clark's primary focus.

Clark will provide a report to Redeemer in the next issue of *The Redeemer Spirit*.

JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 1

Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896

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

Thursday, July 2

Walter Rauschenbusch, Washington Gladden, and Jacob Riis, Prophetic Witnesses, 1918, 1918, 914

Friday, July 3 (Parish Office closed)

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

The Sixth 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, July 6

John Hus, Prophetic Witness and Martyr, 1415

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

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

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

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10 (Parish Office closed)

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

Saturday, July 11

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

Sunday, July 12

The Seventh 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, July 13

Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760

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

Tuesday, July 14

Samson Occum, Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

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, July 16

"The Righteous Gentiles"

Friday, July 17 (Parish Office closed)

William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836

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

Saturday, July 18

Bartolomé de las Casas, Friar and Missionary to the Indies, 1566

Sunday, July 19

The Eighth 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, July 20

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Solourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman, Liberators and Prophets, 1902, 1894, 1883, 1913

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

Tuesday, July 21

Albert John Luthuli, Prophetic Witness in South Africa, 1967

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

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

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Thomas á Kempis, Priest, 1471

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

Saturday, July 25

St. James the Apostle

Sunday, July 26

The Ninth 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 with Holy Baptism
 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, July 27

William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909

9:00 a.m. Summer Music Camp
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday, July 28

Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel, and Henry Purcell, Composers, 1750, 1759, 1695

9:00 a.m. Summer Music Camp
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

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

Thursday, July 30

William Wilberforce and Anthony Ashley Cooper, Lord Shaftesbury, Prophetic Witnesses, 1833, 1885

9:00 a.m. Summer Music Camp

Friday, July 31 (Parish Office closed)

Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Monastic, 1556

9:00 a.m. Summer Music Camp
 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Summer Music Camp Closing Performance
 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, August 1

Joseph of Arimathea

Sunday, August 2

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 9:15 a.m. Parish Fundraising Forum
 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
 12:15 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, August 3

George Freeman Bragg, Jr., Priest, 1940

William Edward Burghardt DuBois, Sociologist, 1963

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

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach the Elder, Artists, 1528, 1529, 1553

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

Thursday, August 6

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Friday, August 7 (Parish Office closed)

John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866; Catherine Winkworth, Poet, 1878

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

Saturday, August 8

Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221

Sunday, August 9

The Eleventh 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
 12:15 p.m. Calendar Planning Meeting

Monday, August 10

Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258

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

Tuesday, August 11

Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253

11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

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

Thursday, August 13

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667

Friday, August 14 (Parish Office closed)

Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Seminarian and Martyr, 1965

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

Saturday, August 15

Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, August 16

The Twelfth 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, August 17

Samuel Johnson, Timothy Cutler, and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, Priests, 1772, 1765, 1790

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

Tuesday, August 18

William Porcher DuBose, Priest 1918

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

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, August 20

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153

Friday, August 21 (Parish Office closed)

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

Saturday, August 22**Sunday, August 23**

The Thirteenth 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
 12:30 p.m. Adult Formation Committee Meeting

Monday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle

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

Tuesday, August 25

Louis, King of France, 1270

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

Thomas Gallaudet with Henry Winter Syle, 1902, 1890

Friday, August 28 (Parish Office closed)

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Theologian, 430; Moses the Black, Desert Father and Martyr, c. 405

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

Saturday, August 29

John Bunyan, Writer, 1688

Sunday, August 30

The Fourteenth 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, August 31

Aidan and Cuthbert, Bishops of Lindisfarne, 651, 684

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

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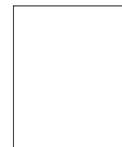
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