



THE EPISCOPAL  
**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

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

## This Week at Redeemer

### Photo Directory

The photos were taken last week. If you missed yours, call this week: 800-521-4611. There are other churches doing directories and they may be able to fit you in!

**Adult Forum this Sunday:** Redeemer contributes meals on a regular basis to Bethesda Cares. The head of this community organization will join us this Sunday at 9:15am. Please join us!

Cricket is at Clergy Conference April 30 - May 2. There will be no noon Eucharist on May 2.

*Dear Friends,*

*Please prayerfully consider signing up for flowers and coffee hour. We all appreciate the beauty of fresh arrangements at the altar. We all share the goodies after church. Let's all take a week's responsibility for these ministries. No one has to do coffee hour alone. No one needs to sponsor flowers alone. Partner with someone and let's share the ministries that we all enjoy.*

*Amma Cricket*

**The Collect for the Day:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Readings for Sunday:

- ■ Acts 10:44-48
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17
- Psalm 98

**Serving: May 6, 2018**

**Sunday - May 6, 2018** Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 Service, Lector: Sally Pugsley, Chalice: Susan Grigsby



Sunday, May 6

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Adult Forum & Child Care, 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

**GROUPS CLEAN UP**

- Inscape in concert, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 7 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, Noon
- Taize and Healing Rite, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 8

- Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 9

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

**Looking ahead:**

Pentecost, May 20

Confirmation at the Cathedral, May 12

Festal Choral Evensong, June 3

Strawberry Festival, June 9

David Briggs/Silent Movie, June 24

Choir to be in Bristol Cathedral, U.K., August 4 - 13

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**Coming Up at Redeemer**

THIS Sunday: May 6th, noonish  
Redeemer grounds clean up  
we can supply gloves and tools  
All ages welcome  
Many hands make light work!!

**Strawberry Festival is coming!** from Michael Mershon

Please mark your calendars for our annual Redeemer Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 9th. As you know, this event is a key fundraiser for our beloved church home, as well as one of our most important community outreach events.

We need your help to make Strawberry Festival a big success!

Everyone can do a little to help. On Friday, June 8th, we will be picking strawberries at

Butler's Orchestra and hulling them at the Clara Barton community center. On the day of the event, we'll be setting up, dishing out strawberry shortcakes and sundaes, grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, keeping a watchful eye on the moonbounce, selling books, clothing and collectibles, and so much more. Please think about how you can help. There will be sign-up sheets available in the parish hall for the next several weeks.

We especially ask that you consider how you can help with the silent auction – the part of the festival that brings in the most money for our church. All of us are "good customers" somewhere – and all of us can take a few moments of our day to ask for donations for a good cause. For questions on the silent auction, please see Toyin Rose or Bill MacBain.

**Inscape Orchestra, May 6:** the final instrumental event of the Music at Redeemer season is upon us! Today at 5pm, our resident ensemble the Inscape Chamber Orchestra will perform Mahler's strikingly beautiful *Das Lied von der Erde*, free-will offering, followed by a reception. Our thanks to the Friends of Music for their generous support that makes this important relationship possible.

**Palestinian Liberation Theology:** Please join us at St. John's on Wednesday, May 16, from 7-9 pm, for an evening with the Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, the father of Palestinian Liberation Theology and founder of Sabeel - an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement. The Rev. Dr. Ateek will discuss his latest book, *A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, and the Palestine-Israel Conflict*, followed by a time of Q&A. During the course of the evening, attendees will also have a chance to hear from Tarek Abuata, the Executive Director of Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA). We hope to see you for this unique discussion!

**Festival Choral Evensong, June 3:** come and celebrate the closing of our choral and Music at Redeemer seasons - one that began with Chris and ends with Geoffrey - with this festival event that gives us an opportunity to share in the Adult Choir's hard work of preparation for its pilgrimage residency at Bristol Cathedral, August 5-13. Chris and Sunny Betts will be accompanying the Choir in Bristol. The service will feature music that the Choir will sing in Bristol, and will be followed by a reception.

### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

We are pleased to announce that Redeemer has formed a new ministry to care for members of our community in need of support. The Redeemer Pastoral Care Ministry in memory of Moses Middleton currently has six members who are working to get activities up and running. The purpose of this ministry is to be a first-line, confidential way for members to ask for help of any kind, and for the church to organize outreach responses as needed. We want to stay informed about people who are sick or lonely, need transportation and meals, or any kind of support. We will try to respond through telephone calls, written notes, visits, and by recruiting other members of the community for help when needed. This ministry will function in addition to the weekly prayer list, and will complement, not replace the direct line of communication with our rector, Cricket, which is always available to every parishioner.

Current founding members of the Pastoral Care Ministry are: Carolyn Killea Rutledge, Barbara Alterowitz, Mary Packard-Winkler, Brooke Anthony, Patricia Snowden, and Toyin Rose.

You can help by contributing to the two new resources the Ministry is setting up. Food and transportation are resources we want to be prepared to offer whenever someone is in need. Please help if you are able by:

1. Contributing to the Redeemer "casserole bank." Cricket has offered the use of her large deep freezer for this purpose. You can make an extra casserole when it is convenient. Use a

disposable container, label it for Pastoral Care with the date, contents, and number of servings, and bring it to Redeemer.

2. Offering to drive fellow parishioners in need of transport, for example to a medical appointment. Place your name on the 'Drivers List' if you are willing to be called and consider responding to an occasional opportunity to help as needs arise.

As the Ministry develops, we would welcome offers of other specific talents or resources you think could enhance Redeemer's Pastoral Care Ministry. Please feel free to contact Ministry members or chat with us on Sunday at coffee hour. We will be happy to speak with anyone who would like to provide or request assistance.

### **Islamic Community Center of Potomac**

Peace and Greetings! Perhaps you know that the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and fasting start on May 15th this year. In keeping with the spirit of Ramadan, ICCP would like to invite you to share an Iftar (break of fast) and dinner with us. The program of the evening follows:

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Venue: ICCP, 10601 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

7:30-8:20 pm - Gathering and Brief Comments by faith leaders

8:24-8:34 pm - Iftaar (break of fast)

8:35-8:45 pm - Maghrib Prayer led by the ICCP Imam

8:50-9:50 pm - Dinner at the Barn - the formal close of the program

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10:00-11:30 pm - Isha prayer followed by Tarawih prayer - guests may optionally observe

RSVP: By 5/15/18 to Karen Stewart - [Karen](#)

### **Redeemer Book Group**

Our next book we will be reading is Cluny Brown by Margery Sharp, a New York Times best-selling author. A parlor maid, Cluny Brown, upends the lives of an aristocratic family in prewar England. The book will be discussed on June 3 at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. After that, we will be reading the following two books: Sing Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward and the Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen. More on these two books later. Questions: contact Huda Kraske at [HQKraske@aol.com](mailto:HQKraske@aol.com) or by calling 301 656 2087.

Pampered Chef orders are due on Sunday, May 6. BOB PLS HIGHLIGHT THIS

### **P.R.A.Y. (Potomac River Anglican Youth) Event**

Sandy Springs Adventure Park

Sunday, May 20

2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$40 per person

*Sign up no later than May 3!*

Spend a spring afternoon in the trees - climbing, overcoming obstacles, and zip lining. The park has multiple courses each with different degrees of expertise - from simple low to the ground to high in the trees with difficult challenges.

All participants should wear close-toed shoes and either long shorts or pants. Shirts that extend below the hip are helpful. The park provides gloves and harnesses for all climbers. Parents - Please read the following information about costs and the requirements regarding the signup deadline:

- Group tickets require an advance purchase.

- If there is a cancellation after the sign-up deadline, those tickets will be available to others on a first come, first serve basis. If there are cancellations that can not be filled by others, parents will be responsible for paying for the tickets that are not used.
- The P.R.A.Y. group does not have a budget to cover costs for reservations that are not used.
- To sign-up to attend this event - please fill out this [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec0uxn6bCETwVwsJt\\_e7-gcdOK-IU5wzSNp0H2orE-pS5Dqw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec0uxn6bCETwVwsJt_e7-gcdOK-IU5wzSNp0H2orE-pS5Dqw/viewform)

All climbers must have filled out an online waiver to climb. Parents must fill this out for all climbers who are under 18. [https://www.smartwaiver.com/w/54e238904c2ea/web/?auto\\_tag=r544028](https://www.smartwaiver.com/w/54e238904c2ea/web/?auto_tag=r544028) Click here for the waiver for our event. Do not fill out the general waiver on their site.

### **Summer Mission**

We have enough registrations to proceed with both summer missions! We still have room in the Kentucky mission and maybe a slot or two for Haiti; but we need to know about any additions very soon. I will be sending one more email to parents this week to get last minute sign-ups. Are there any adults from your parishes who are willing to go to Kentucky? I have one dad from Redeemer.

**Upcoming Events at St. Dunstan's:** A beginning to what we hope are several ways to cooperate in ministry is to share information on activities happening in each other's parishes. Next month at St. Dunstan's: May 12 at 6:00 p.m. is Open Mic Night, and May 14 at 6:30 p.m. is Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra. More cooperative endeavors are being explored by joint meetings of our vestries.

### **New choir members always welcome - adults and youth**

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

**Where's my name tag?** The name tags have been relocated to the stairwell.

### **Geoffrey says:**

A comedian who only plays one small room her entire career will not grow. An office worker who stays in one organization his entire career without ever having an opportunity for education or attending conferences will be unlikely to fulfill his full potential. Artists who only paints in watercolor on a 10x8 pad won't experience other media...and so it is with singers. By traveling to Bristol, our gifts will be enriched and our spirits uplifted by the ability to hear, in better acoustics, our sound naturally come back to us, bouncing off centuries-old hand carved stone, and filtered through the dusty shafts of light from stained glass. Our experience will gladden the heart and train us to be an even better Choir. We look forward to the show and tell on our return!

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