



Nowden, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Arnold Thackery, Jimmy Tinto, Hannah Tubbergen, Lois Vuolo, Beth Warner, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katie, Leslie, Mollie, Logan, Eileen and Jay.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Nida Shirzad, Sunny Betts, Clark Downs, Harold Palmer, Michael Mershon, Ben Ivins, Adam Tucker

For those preparing for Baptism: Patrick Tucker, Anna McInturff

The flowers on the altar on Sunday are given for the glory of God by Bert Spencer.

## **Parish Calendar**

### **Wednesday, July 25**

Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
Music Together, 10:00 - 11:45am  
AA Meeting, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, Noon

### **Thursday, July 26**

Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

### **Friday, July 27**

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon  
AA Meeting, 6:30 pm  
AA Meeting, 8:30pm

### **Saturday, July 28**

Yoga, 9:30am

### **Sunday, July 29**

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am  
Child Care, 9:15am  
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am - Sending for Anne Derse & Redeemer Choir; commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors  
Book Group meets, 3:00pm

### **Monday, July 30, Office closed**

AA Meeting, Noon  
Final Labyrinth Walk, 7 - 8pm

### **Tuesday, July 31**

Staff Meeting, 1:00pm  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

### **Wednesday, August 1**

Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
AA Meeting, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, Noon

### **Looking ahead:**

Parish Choir in Bristol, U.K., August 5 - 13  
Backpack Packing Party, August 5  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, September 5  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, September 6

First FOMAR Concert, September 8  
Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, September 12  
Welcome Back Sunday, September 16  
"Bristol Evensong", September 16 at 5:00pm  
P.R.A.Y. Kickoff at St. Dunstan's, September 19

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## Coming Up at Redeemer

### Special Blessings this Sunday!

We say good-bye to Ann Derse, our diaconal intern, this week. Her ordination is September 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. Also, we'll bid our choir adieu and send them with blessings to Bristol for their pilgrimage. But wait - there's more! Those whom Anne trained to be Eucharistic Visitors, as well as our continuing LEVs, will be commissioned at the 10:30 am service as well. Please plan to join us this Sunday for all of these blessings. (Your attendance will matter a lot in August while the choir is away. Come worship and sing!)

### From Amma Cricket to Parents of young people 5th grade and above:

Over the past two years, Deacon Sue and the clergy of Redeemer, St. Dunstan's, and St. Patrick's have planted the seeds for a long-term cooperative effort called the Potomac River Anglican Youth (P.R.A.Y.). In our review of this program we realize that in order for this collaboration to work, our young people need to meet together a minimum of twice a month. *For this to happen, parents of said youth must commit to get them them to the meetings!*

Beginning in the fall (September 19th), P.R.A.Y. will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The meetings on the 1st Wednesdays will be here at Redeemer; the 3rd Wednesday meetings will be at St. Dunstan's. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the program will run from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

If everyone who participated in a P.R.A.Y. event last year came regularly to meetings, we would have a group of 15-20 youth. If we have enough high school students (minimum of 5), Sue will have a program for them specifically. Young people need a cadre of their peers who will support each other as Christians as they negotiate their world. Please mark your calendars now and support your children's faith journey. And, please e-mail [rector@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemberbethesda.org) to let Cricket and Sue know that you are making the commitment.

### Redeemer's Annual Backpack Project

Shannon Yehl is our chair for the annual backpack project benefiting DC elementary school children. We are collecting donations for the supplies. Make checks payable to Church of the Redeemer with "backpacks" in the memo line. You can also donate online. We still need about \$500 to cover the costs of supplies. We are providing 30 more backpacks this

year than we did last. Hence, the additional need for cash. The packing party is August 5th after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please plan to be here for the fun!

## **"Out of the Office" Office!**

Due to her EfM continuing education commitment, Cricket will not have office hours at Sangamore this week. See you on August 2nd.

## **Redeemer Book Group - this Sunday**

The Book Group will next be reading the book "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward. This novel is a searing, urgent read for anyone who thinks the shadows of slavery and Jim Crow have passed and anyone who assumes the ghosts of the past are easy to placate. It is hard to imagine a more necessary book for this political era. This book will be discussed at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815, phone 301 656 2087. For further information, pls. contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com). The book to be read after this book will be The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen.

## **Music Department launches a new venture**

Exciting prospects ahead: This September we will be launching a combined community non-auditioned outreach chorus with St Dunstan's in an initiative called the Glen Echo Singers, a separate organization that will work alongside Friends of Music at Redeemer to enrich our music, strengthen our identity, and grow our community-without draining our core budgets. The mission of this ensemble, which will meet on Wednesday nights, is to bring music in particular to those who can't travel easily (the elderly, the sick), music therapy to dementia patients, to bring an uplifting moment to carers and volunteers at soup kitchens etc., and to nurture the new ensemble's membership through new artistic experiences. The first rehearsal will be at St. Dunstan's on Wednesday, September 12, at 7:30 pm.

We need a board member from Redeemer. Could it be you?

## **More Music Department News**

Looking ahead to August, the keen-eyed among you may notice that choir members will be absent from the pews. This is because we are going on a pilgrimage week to Bristol Cathedral in the UK (August 5-12) a culmination of two years of planning by my predecessor, Chris Betts (who will be attending to play organ and direct on the Friday).

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