



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



September 3rd - Backpack Blessing

Start the school year off with a blessing! Bring your backpacks to church and we will pray over them and you as you begin a new academic year. All ages are invited! preschool to Grad School!

Sunday's Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28



The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Serving: September 3, 2017



Sunday, September 3, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers, Crucifer, Acolyte, Lectors, Intercessor, Chalice, Greeters
- Sign up for these ministry at the door Sunday morning - for the last time!!

Altar Guild: Patricia Snowden (flowers), Tami McMinn,
Cathy Baker, Judy James

Counters: Deborah Babcock-Daley, Mary K Young

September Coffee Hour Team: nobody is on the list for this week! Will it be you?

Adults and youth are invited to choose a ministry for the morning when they come to church. Grownups: please defer to young folk who are dependent upon their parents to get to church. We resume regular scheduling on September 10th.

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

Also, see the sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers and add your special intention!
The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God.



■ Prayer Requests

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Barbara Alterowitz, Allison Chow, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Kukula Glastris, Jack Hutchings, Susan Ingraham, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Clarice Leslie, Catherine Moore, Hal Palmer, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Rich Randa, Charlotte

Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Frances Sharon, Lynda Shepard, Anne Southard, Karen Stewart, Patricia Snowden, Ernie Spokes, Ann Taylor, Carter Taylor, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katherine, Katie, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Jay, Nico, and Evan.

Your continuing prayers for Kukula Glastris are welcome and encouraged. Her family has invited any in the parish community who wish to do so to sign onto Caring Bridge, where Kukula's husband Paul posts regular reports of her progress. The website page is www.caringbridge.org/visit/kukulaglastris Upon signing in, you will be invited "in," and can both receive update and post messages. Thank you for caring and praying.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Caitlin Moriarty, Steve Park, and Ioulia Vvedenskaya, Catherine deFontenay, Rachel King, Charles Penn, Tim Nickerson, Jane Dealy, Anne Southard

For the repose of the soul of William Grote

For those preparing for marriage: Hilary Robinson & Chris Moore

For those who are traveling.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, August 30

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon

Thursday, August 31

- Adult Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Balkan Dancers, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 1

- Music Together, 10:00 a.m.
- AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 2

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 3

- Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
- Coffee Conversation & Childcare, 9:45 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 4 - Office closed for Labor Day

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- final Labyrinth Walk, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 5

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6

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

Looking ahead

Marriage of Hilary Robinson & Chris Moore, September 9

Homecoming Sunday, September 10

Redeemer Book Club, September 24

Bethesda Cares Dinner, September 24

Coming Up at Redeemer

CHOIRS START REHEARSALS THIS WEEK and NEXT!!!

Redeemer Adult Choir starts their new season this week, on Thursday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. The first Sunday for both choirs is Homecoming Sunday, September 10. All are welcome.

Contact Chris Betts music@redeemberbethesda.org for more information.

YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK

In a change from previously announced, the first rehearsal for Redeemer Youth Choir will be next Wednesday, September 6, at 4.30 p.m., including singing, social time and ice cream treats.

Labyrinth Walks Summer Mondays - Last one for the year on September 3!

Serenity on a summer evening - come to Redeemer and walk the path of the Labyrinth. Live Music accompanies your journey. Life's busy. Take a little walk for your soul, 7-8 p.m.

Pastoral Care Request: Kukula Glastris' family

Kukula continues to be in the hospital and the Redeemer family can show their support through Sign-Up Genius. Please consider taking a meal to them. It can be something fresh, or something frozen that they can heat up on another day. More information is at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4AADAB22A2F49-kitchen

Homecoming Sunday is September 10th!

The choirs are back and we'll have a great coffee hour featuring the fabulous food of Holy Crepes. The food truck will be outside Redeemer, so invite your friends to church - or just for coffee hour! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Redeemer. Sunday

School registration is this day as well. It's a new program year so let's make it a great start.

Share your ministries on Homecoming Sunday

The first Sunday of the program year provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the ministries of Redeemer. If you'd like a little space to promote your good works, please let Amma Cricket know.

Washington Cornetts and Sackbutts Kick Off 2017-2018 Music at Redeemer Series

On Sunday, September 10, at 5.00pm, Music at Redeemer is hosting a performance by the highly acclaimed Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble. Cornetts are a late Renaissance and early Baroque precursor of the modern trumpet, and sackbutts are a precursor of the modern trombone. This ensemble, comprising some of the finest musicians in the Washington, DC area, is considered one of the premiere ensembles of its kind in North America, and it is a real treat to have them performing here at Redeemer. The 60-minute program, entitled a 'Grand Tour' of European Courts, will feature music by prominent composers of the last 16th and 17th centuries, including the great Giovanni Gabrieli, who wrote music for the exemplary basilica of S. Marco in Venice, and was one of the pioneers of the 'polychoral' style. Admission is free. Free-will offering. Reception following. Special thanks to the Friends of Music at Redeemer for making this event possible.

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE

Go to redeemberbethesda.org/music for more information.

Unity Walk - Sunday, Sept 10th 12:30-5 pm

This year, the Unity Walk is more critical than ever. When over a thousand people of all faiths walk together in friendship on September 10th, we will show that we support ALL our neighbors; whoever they are... no exceptions!

Resource Fair 12:30-1:30 pm

Walk begins 1:30 pm [Register Now](#)

Opening Ceremony:

Washington Hebrew Congregation

Closing Ceremony:

Islamic Center of Washington

The Unity Walk is open and free to everyone. There is a suggested donation of \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors, and those of limited income.

Service projects will include:

- Apple-bagging at Annunciation Roman Catholic Church
- Green service project at the Apostolic Nunciature to the United States

The Unity Walk cares about our planet!

Don't forget that bringing your own water bottle and utensils goes a long way in making our region friendly towards the environment.

Adult Forums

A new season of adult forums will start on September 17th at 9:15am. You can count on something being presented every Sunday, so please plan to join us! In Advent, there will be a series, and always the topics are varied and very interesting! If you have ideas, or know of a person or group who could make a presentation, send the information to Bob Yates bob@bobyates.net and get it on the schedule.

Redeemer Book Group

We have been reading *Monsoon* by Robert Kaplan. This book is a history of countries surrounding the Indian ocean mainly in the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Africa. It is a scholarly book, and requires hard work and concentration to fully absorb what the author says. Therefore, one can just concentrate on a couple of chapters on a country of one's choice.

The discussion will be at the home of Susan Grigsby in Glen Echo on September 24th at 3:00pm.

The book selected after that, "The Forty Rules of Love" by Elif Shafak is a wise and joyous page turner that I hope many will read. It is a lyrical, imaginative novel by the most widely read female writer in Turkey and unfolds in two parallel narratives. In the 13th century, the Sufi poet Rumi encounters his spiritual mentor, a wandering dervish known as Shams of Tabriz and is transformed from a successful but unhappy cleric into a committed mystic and advocate of love. In present day Massachusetts, an unhappy American housewife, inspired by Rumi's message of love, finds the courage to undertake her own transformation. Blending East and West, past and present, the author provides a compelling dramatic and exuberant account of how love works in this world. Don't we all need love, tolerance and peace.

For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com or by calling 301-656-2087.

FOYER DINNERS

Foyer Dinners start again this fall. There will be a few changes to make scheduling more flexible. Groups can decide to meet any evening that is convenient for them. As in the past, you can meet at the home of a group member or in a restaurant. This year, groups will also have the option to hold their dinner at the church due to the addition of the stove/oven. Another change this year, is the frequency of the dinners. Last year, some of the groups met multiple times and others only once or twice due to the availability of the members. October will be the start month, as in the past, but this year you can continue to meet through the entire year.

Foyer Dinners are a great way to meet and get to know members of the congregation, especially if you are a new member. If you have any questions about the Foyer Dinners or would be willing to speak to the congregation about your previous experience as a member of a Foyer Dinner group, please see Brooke Anthony after church on Sundays. The sign-up sheet will be available beginning in September.

Wednesdays at Redeemer - Formation opportunities for all ages

Beginning September 13th

You are invited to come to church on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper and a time of learning. For the first few weeks, adults and confirmation candidates will meet together to discuss "How Episcopalians Read the Bible." A calendar and sign-up for supper sheet will be shared on the first evening. Bring a friend!

Potomac River Area/Anglican Youth

Pool Party

Sunday, September 10

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Host by the Evans Family from St. Dunstan's

6609 Pyle Avenue, Bethesda MD 20817

Come, bring friends, and take one last Splash of summer!

All 5th through 12th graders are invited. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and an food item to share (details on the registration link). We'll talk about the calendar for the year, ask for input of places to go and things to do, and just have fun!

To register for the event - please go to this [link](#).

Dates for other events this year include:

October 22 - open event

November 19 - open event

December 17 - Caroling at Oasis

January 15 (Monday) - MLK Day of Service

February 11 - open event

March 11 - open event

April 13-14 (Fri-Sat) - Live Now Serve Now - Overnight at the Cathedral and Day of Service with other EDOW youth

May 20 - open event

Possible Short-term Mission week - June 17-24 (dates are somewhat flexible)

There are many ideas to fill the open event dates, but we want to give the youth a chance to give input on where we go and what we do. Part of that will happen on Sept. 10. The times for events will be limited to 2 hours, plus any travel needed; with the exception of the overnight in April. Start and end times will be determined by the event selected and restrictions of possible sites for activities.

Hope the end of your summer weeks will be good ones.

Yours in Christ,

Sue

L. Sue von Rautenkranz

Applications now accepted for Official Youth Presence at Episcopal Church General Convention 2018

Applications are now accepted for high school students who want to participate in the General Convention Official Youth Presence (GCOYP) at the [Episcopal Church 79th General Convention](#) to be held Thursday, July 5 to Friday, July 13, 2018 at [The Austin Convention Center](#), Austin, Texas (Diocese of [Texas](#)).

Applications and information are available [here](#).

"Each General Convention, we look forward to welcoming the members of the Official Youth Presence to the House of Deputies," said the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, House of Deputies President. "The perspectives and experiences of high school students are critical to our legislative deliberations and make our debates more lively."

"General Convention resolutions dating back to 1982 provide for an Official Youth Presence," noted Bronwyn Clark Skov, Episcopal Church Director for Formation, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries, whose office, together with the General Convention Office and President Jennings, coordinates the application and discernment process for teens who want to become members of the OYP. "Under the current Rules of Order of the House of Deputies, members of the OYP are granted seat and voice in that house." Skov explained that no more than two high school youth from each of the Episcopal Church's nine provinces will be selected.

Criteria

To be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- * Be an active member and communicant in good standing of an Episcopal Church congregation
- * Be at least 16 years old and no older than 19 during General Convention 2018.

* Be a current high school student enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2017/18 school year

* Be capable of traveling alone by plane or train to and from the meetings in the United States with no escort

* Be available to travel to the mandatory orientation and training from April 5 - April 18, 2018 in Austin. This weekend will include community building, worship and training on the legislative process.

* Be available to be present at General Convention in Austin from July 2 - 13, 2018.

The Episcopal Church budget covers travel, lodging and meals for OYP participants attending the orientation weekend and General Convention.

Deadline for applications and nominations is November 1. All applicants must identify a non-family member nominator who can complete an on-line essay nomination form by November 1.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee that includes House of Deputies Vice-President Byron Rushing of Massachusetts, Deputy Ariana Gonzalez Bonillas of Arizona, members of the Youth Ministry Network Leadership Council and the Formation Department staff.

Nominators may be contacted in early January and applicants will be notified of their status in February. The Official Youth Presence team will be announced in March.

Questions should be directed to Skov at bskov@episcopalchurch.org or 646-242-1421.

General Convention

The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held every three years to consider the legislative business of the church. General Convention is the bicameral governing body of the Church, comprised of the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay deputies elected from the 109 dioceses and three regional areas of the Church, at more than 800 members. Between Conventions, the General Convention continues to work through its committees and commissions. The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church carries out the programs and policies adopted by General Convention.

On the web:

[Applications now accepted for Official Youth Presence at Episcopal Church General Convention 2018](#)

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