



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

Urgent: Potomac River Anglican Youth deadline

P.R.A.Y. (Potomac River Anglican Youth) Event - Museum of the Bible

Sunday, February 11

1:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost: \$15 donation, plus \$ for food/gift shop

We'll gather as a group just inside the museum after the security check to talk about the areas for our visit. There will be time to explore as small groups and we will end our visit together in the world of Jesus of Nazareth. Tickets are required for this event, so all must register no later than Wednesday, February 7. What a great way to begin Lent this year!

Adult Forum this Sunday - On February 4th and 11th David Brown will lead us on a journey discovering the early church. Consider that between 40 AD and 350 AD the number of Christians in the Roman Empire grew from about 1,000 to almost 34 million, a majority of the population. The forum will be "How the West Was Won - For Jesus." We will explore whether the factors driving that growth have relevance for churches today.

AN ILLUSTRATED LENT FOR FAMILIES: An Illustrated Lent for Families is now available for purchase and immediate download! 7 weeks of devotions (plus a bonus Ash Wednesday reflection & activity for families) and 7 coloring/activity pages will be a really great gift you can share with your family or the families in your community.

Get more details and pickup your copy (or download a sample) [here](https://store.illustratedchildrensministry.com/products/an-illustrated-lent-for-families-2018?ck_subscriber_id=136898513).

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Collect of the Day: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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:

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

- Tai Chi, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 11

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

Monday, February 12 - Office closed

- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Taize, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13

- Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, Talent Show, 6:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

- Holy Eucharist, Distribution of Ashes, 7:00 a.m.
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Education for Ministry, 9:30 a.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Distribution of Ashes, Noon
- Youth Choir rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist, Distribution of Ashes, 7:00 p.m.

Looking ahead:

Party for Chris Betts, February 18 Coffee Hour

Choral Evensong, February 18

Taize - Mondays in Lent, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19

Taize, March 5

Tai Chi Chih, March 10

Palm Sunday, March 25

Coming Up at Redeemer

It's not too early to think about Shrove Tuesday!

February 13 will be here soon. Plan to join us for our annual Pancake Supper, Talent Show, and Bracket Selection for Lent Madness. To help with the supper and/or sign up for the talent show, contact Chrissy deFontenay. Amma Cricket will be selling brackets for the Lent Madness Sainly Competition that benefits Bethesda Cares. \$10 gets you a saint to follow through the season. The winning saint receives the Golden Halo and the winning bracketeer wins a collectible Lent Madness mug.

Ash Wednesday services: 7 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.

Lenten Liturgy Preview

After stuffing ourselves full of pancakes, and watching the range of talent afterward, you are

invited to confess your sins and begin Lent on February 14th. Yes, it's Valentine's Day. Please transfer your outward signs of love earlier in the week or wait until Sunday. There is no special dispensation for chocolate. ;-) We'll use the prayer book liturgy at all three Ash Wednesday services.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we'll do the Great Litany. However, we're going to use it as the Prayers of the People instead of a processional. The liturgical focus is making the ancient more accessible. From Lent II - Palm Sunday the Prayers of the People will be Form 2. This year's Great Litany will be from Enriching our Worship. The Eucharistic Prayer will feel familiar because it's a contemporized Prayer I from Rite I. We'll be using the contemporary Prayer of Humble Access from the English Common Prayer book. Bishop Budde has approved the liturgies. More about Holy Week and Eastertide next month. Welcome Lent. May we reconnect with God and with each other through these holy liturgies.

Sign up for Coffee Hour & Flowers!

The February sign-up sheets are up in the Parish Hall.

A Shabbat of Peace, Featuring Shaykh Bin Bayyah

On Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm, the Washington Hebrew Congregation will welcome His Eminence Shaykh Abdullah bin Bayyah to Temple. Ranked 9th on the 2018 list of "The Muslim 500: The World's Most Influential Muslims," Shaykh bin Bayyah is a prominent Muslim cleric, respected religious scholar, and President of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, Abu Dhabi, UAE. The sheikh will speak for the first time at a Jewish house of worship when he comes to WHC for this Shabbat service. His remarks will be paired with a selection of music about peace from Dan Nichols, an internationally renowned Jewish musician. WHC's youth choir, JAM, will join Dan. A festive oneg (reception) will follow the service.

Washington Hebrew Congregation is located on 3935 Macomb Street, NW, Washington DC. Parking is VERY difficult since the nearby police station is being renovated and they are using street parking for their cars and have restricted street parking for the public. For more information or to share rides, contact Barbara Alterowitz at (301) 983-1062.

Tai Chi Saturdays

Tai Chi Chih at Church of the Redeemer

Class for both Beginners & Returning Students

Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:15am: Feb. 10 & March 10

Reduce Stress - Experience Tranquility - Circulate Internal Energy - Strengthen Legs - Improve Balance, both physically and mentally. Tai Chi Chih® is a simplified tai chi / qigong form consisting of 19 standing, gentle movements and one pose.

Cost: suggested \$15 per class contribution to the Church of the Redeemer

Accredited Instructor: John Smallwood

John has taught TCC widely to adults of all physical conditions. He has studied and practiced deeply Tai Chi Chih and Tai Chi Chuan. He is also immersed in energy healing work as an accredited Reiki Practitioner and a Medical Qigong Therapist.

For more Tai Chi Chih information, see: <http://taichichih.org/>

Any questions? Call John Smallwood 301-633-8261 or email:

johnsmallwood@outlook.com

Men in Their Roles as Peacemakers

Meeting for our eighth annual weekend retreat, men at the Church of the Redeemer will

gather in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on the weekend of April 20-22, with David Schlafer as our convener, to share experiences and reflections on what it has meant for us to be "Peacemakers." Sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Questions: Jefferson7019@aol.com

REDEEMER YOUTH NIGHT

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Program from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We will be continuing our conversations about friendship and beginning to learn about Jesus. Our conversations in February, March and April will be on Christian relationships and especially our relationship with Jesus. We will also be looking at that relationship through the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and how through those sacraments we deepen our relationship with Christ.

Next Redeemer Youth Night is Wednesday, March 21.

SUMMER MISSION in ST. ETIENNE, HAITI

Rising 9th through 12 grade

Dates: June 16-20, 2018

Youth will learn and work alongside Haitian youth as we participate in the life of the people of St. Etienne in Haiti. This parish and school have been in partnership with St. Patrick's for over 35 years and will provide a wonderful opportunity to learn and serve this community.

The estimated cost is \$1,500 which includes travel. Mission participants will be required to attend a couple meetings and pay a non-refundable deposit. Airline tickets will be purchased shortly after the deadline date.

The sign-up deadline for this event is February 15 and a deposit of \$500.00 is due at that time.

Please mail a check made payable to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 4700 Whitehaven Pkwy NW, Washington, DC 20007. Please write Haiti Youth Mission in the memo line.

Enclose a copy of the passport with the check.

This event is limited to 12 young people and spaces will be first come, first serve.

The event will be led by The Rev. Kurt Gerhard and Mrs. Marilyn Nowalk.

Please fill out a separate form for each person participating for your family.

[Link](#) to register for the Haitian mission.

SUMMER MISSION in WILMORE, KY

Rising 6th through 10th grade

Dates: June 18-23

We will work with a leadership team from Adventure Serve Ministries as we serve a community in the heart of Appalachia. This non-denominational group customizes mission experiences for groups, sharing their passion for the people and culture of Appalachia. Our mission will be focused on home repair and building community with those we serve and each other. We will stay in their camp facility located in Wilmore, KY.

The cost for this mission is estimated to be under \$600. Participants will be expected to attend a couple planning and learning sessions and pay a non-refundable deposit.

The sign-up deadline is February 15 and a deposit of \$100 is due at that time.

Please mail a \$100 non-refundable deposit made payable to St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church at 5450 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda MD 20816. Please write - Summer Mission KY in the memo line.

Sue von will led this experience with the leadership team from Adventure Serve Ministries.

There is no limit to the number of young people who can attend this event.

Please fill out a separate form for each person participating for your family.

[Link](#) to register for the Kentucky mission.

SNACKS NEEDED

The youth room is always in need of snacks and any contributions are welcome. Sweet or salty - healthy or unhealthy. Packaged in individual sized containers is helpful. Cricket and Sue have been keeping this stocked - either of us is happy to shop if you want to contribute funds rather than shop yourself.

Land of Jesus, People of God, Words of Witness - A Webinar

Thursday, February 8, 2018

10am Pacific, 12pm Central, 1pm Eastern

Register here

Join Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, Dr. Monica Burnett and Friends of Sabeel North America Executive Director Tarek Abuata for this Lenten webinar! Speakers will address issues on the ground in Palestine, introduce a new educational Biblical resource for congregations, and provide ideas for advocacy stemming from Palestinian Liberation Theology.

Holy Land Film Series at St. John's - Join Us!

St John's Norwood Holy Land Committee, in conjunction with Voices From the Holy Land (VFHL), is bringing a documentary film series to the neighborhood over the next two months. Beginning on March 4, St John's will host a screening and moderated discussion of four films, one each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm. The VFHL film series, whose hosts also include Ravensworth Baptist, Universalist Unitarian of Arlington, Westminster Presbyterian, and the DC Chapter of Jewish Voices for Peace, is free and open to the public at each venue. Our friends from Redeemer are cordially invited!

The March 4 film at St. John's is Disturbing The Peace. This documentary finds a spirit of compassion and empathy among former enemy combatants-Israeli soldiers from the most elite units and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison-who have come together to challenge the status quo and say "enough." Our moderators for this event will be Saleem Zaru, the Executive Director of United Palestinian Appeal, who addressed an adult forum on October 1, and Alison Glick, the local chapter head of Jewish Voices for Peace.

On March 11, we'll screen two short documentaries:

Bethlehem: Hidden From View and Gaza: A Gaping Wound. The first short tells the story of Israel's encircling wall around the 'Little Town' of Bethlehem, and its impact on the local Christian and Muslim community. The second short tells the story of ten families who lost loved ones during the 2014 Israeli military offensive against Gaza, through a series of interviews. Our co-moderators are Liana Smith, a local JVP activist and Zeina Azzam, the editor at the Arab Center.

On April 8, our documentary is the hard-hitting Roadmap to Apartheid, narrated by Alice Walker, author of The Color Purple. This documentary, produced by a white South African and a Jewish Israeli, takes a detailed look at the apartheid analogy often, and at times controversially, used to describe the Israeli-Palestinian political relationship. The analogy is a useful framework for understanding the conditions in which many Palestinians feel they live today. Our co-moderators are a local couple, Shelley Fudge of JVP and Jamal Najjab, a Palestinian-American activist.

Please invite your friends for what promises to be an educational and thought-provoking series of documentary films and discussions. For questions, please contact St. John's co-coordinators Nancy Adams (njadams1@verizon.net) and Kirk Campbell (kirkcruachan@yahoo.com).

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 SERIES DETAILS ARE ONLINE

Go to redeemberbethesda.org/music for more information.

New choir members always welcome - adults and youth

If you or someone you know would like to be in our choirs, contact Chris Betts/Geoffrey Silver at 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!

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