



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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NOTES FROM THE RECTOR ELECT

Without a doubt, December 2014 was the weirdest holiday month I've experienced in a long time. I was at once giddy with the knowledge that I'd soon be joining you, sad at leaving people I love, and living in moving chaos. I'm not sure how Santa found the tree without tripping over a U-Haul box! Add to that some minor surgery that kept me from picking up more than 10 pounds. It made for Christmas unlike any I've seen.

Transitions are exercises in chaos. Even the best of them include stress and grief. When I find myself walking through chaos, I try to remember that God is doing something very creative and I'm in good company. I'm very thankful to the Vestry and the Search Committee for their work and their welcoming care for Steve and me. You all made the chaos easier to walk through.

My first weeks at Redeemer will be chaotic, I'm sure. There will be boxes to unpack, books to shelve (lots of books), and a new city to explore. I hope, with the help of the transition team, to organize some ways in which I can get to know you and listen to your hopes and dreams for the parish. I've taken the opportunity to read the responses to the parish profile survey and I know that there are a variety of ideas and opinions as to how Redeemer should proceed. But right now, my priority is to spend time with you and the staff. I want to get to know you, get to know how and why you do things, and learn the best ways to communicate with you.

The young people of the parish have sent me some questions. I've sent them answers! I believe that those questions and answers will be a part of this newsletter. It was a delight to do this. Please know that questions are always welcome. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out who has it!

Here's to a blessed and fabulous 2015!

Faithfully,
Cricket+

The Rev'd Cricket Park, *Rector Elect*

THE REV'D CRICKET PARK'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM OUR CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN/YOUTH

How did you become a priest?

The easy answer to this question is "I knelt down and a bishop laid hands on my head and said the words in the prayer book." The not-so-easy answer is that I was first a deacon for 13 years. I began to have suspicions that God was asking me to do something else. I asked my friends and they agreed with me. I asked my bishop and he said that I'd been functioning as a priest for many years in the parish and it was time I got with the program! I went through a parish discernment process, talked with the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee, and was assured by my husband and son that this was the right thing to do. I went to seminary for three years and voila! I was ordained to the priesthood in the same year that Katharine Jefferts Schori was elected Presiding Bishop: both in Columbus, Ohio.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 25
(following the 10:30 Eucharist)

The Annual Meeting, an important event in the life of the parish community, will include a pot-luck luncheon, the election of new Vestry members and lay Delegates/Alternates to the 2016 Diocesan Convention, and a presentation on the 2015 parish budget by Finance Committee Chair Rick Robinson. Outgoing Vestry members and members of the Rector Search Committee will be formally thanked for their faithful service to The Church of the Redeemer. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to attend!

WORSHIP

WELCOME, CRICKET PARK!

On Sunday, February 1, 2015, the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, the Rev'd C.B. "Cricket" Park, Rector Elect, will celebrate the Eucharist and preach at The Church of the Redeemer for the first time. Following the 10:30 Eucharist, there will be a festive Coffee Hour, organized by the Rector Transition Team. Please mark your calendars and please plan to join us for worship and fellowship on this momentous day!

THANK YOU

We extend sincere thanks to all who helped make the Advent and Christmas seasons at Redeemer so deeply beautiful and uplifting: To parishioner Susan Grigsby, for leading an Advent Wreath-making Workshop on the First Sunday of Advent; to Tom Smith, Director of Music, Ben Hutchens, guest conductor, and the members of the Adult and Youth Choirs for the glorious Service of Lessons & Carols on the Second Sunday of Advent; to Wesley Price and Rebecca Riggs, directors, and to all the children and youth who participated in the Christmas Pageant on the Third Sunday of Advent; to members of the Altar Guild, who decorated the nave and narthex with greenery and flowers; and to all who assisted in the beautiful liturgies of Christmas Eve. *Deo gratias!*



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

We encourage you to begin your Lenten journey by worshipping at one of three liturgies on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m.,

12:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. liturgy will include hymns, service music, and choral anthems.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2015, please add your name to the sheet on the Community News bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The requested contribution is \$70 per Sunday. Flowers may be given in memory/honor/celebration of..., in

thanksgiving for..., or anonymously. Multiple donors may sign up for the same Sunday. Your dedication will be printed in the Sunday announcements. You may choose to keep the flowers after Sunday services or arrange to have them taken to a parishioner who is ill or homebound.

CONTEMPLATIVE MONDAYS AT REDEEMER

Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Taizé is an informal, contemplative liturgy with scripture, icons, incense, silence, and chant accompanied by piano, guitar, and other instruments. It is offered on the first Monday of the month (October – June) and every Monday during the season of Lent, at 7:30 p.m. The Healing Rite – prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit for you or someone you love – is offered at the conclusion of the liturgy.

Christian Contemplative Group

The Christian Contemplative Group is a small, intimate gathering. Each session begins with a short liturgy of chant, readings, and centering prayer. The discussion that follows centers around a selected text. The group meets in the nave on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, September – June (except during Lent), at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to drop in at any time. Questions? Contact parishioner Sally Pugsley: salpugs@mac.com or 301-469-5917.

Benedictine Group

For Saint Benedict, the spiritual life lay in simply living *this* life – the daily life – well. He turned the ordinary into an experience of the extraordinary; a union with the sacred in the here and now. The Group is currently using *Monastery of the Heart: An invitation to a meaningful life* by Joan Chittister as its text. Each session includes prayer, a reading from the book, and discussion. The group meets on the third Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the nave. Questions? Contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net or 240-205-5783.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT REDEEMER

Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 p.m.

For over 40 years, a faithful group of parishioners has gathered every Wednesday in the side chapel for a simple service of Morning Prayer. An important component of this brief liturgy is intercessory prayer based on prayer requests made by parishioners and friends of the parish.

At 12:00 p.m., a quiet, contemplative celebration of the Holy Eucharist take places in the nave. Using the lections appointed for the coming Sunday, participants enter into meaningful discussion about the relationship of the readings to everyday life and faith.

If you happen to miss Sunday services and/or desire to deepen your connection with God during the week, we hope you will join us for either or both of these liturgies. All are welcome!

MUSIC

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

An Evening at the Movies with Jonathan Ortloff, organ

Sunday, February 8, at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an old-fashioned evening at the movies, featuring two silent films accompanied by internationally acclaimed theater organist Jonathan Ortloff (*see adjacent column for more information about Mr. Ortloff*). The first film will be *Big Business*, a child-friendly Laurel & Hardy short. The feature film will be the 1925 version of *The Phantom of the Opera*. Child care will be available throughout the evening. A reception will follow. Free-will offering. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this exceptionally unique musical event. Word of mouth is still the best form of publicity!

Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, at 5:00 p.m.

An evening service to mark the beginning of the season of Lent, sung by the Adult and Youth Choirs. Music will include works by Gary Davison and Herbert Howells. A brief organ recital by Victoria Shields will precede the liturgy. All proceeds from the offering will benefit Episcopal Relief & Development. Reception to follow.

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert: American Aggregate

Sunday, March 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Under the leadership of founder and Artistic Director Richard Scerbo, the musicians of Inscape will perform selections from their second major album, *American Aggregate*, including Bohuslav Martinu's *Musique de Chambre No. 1*, as well as works by Armando Bayolo and Joseph Hallman. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

Organist Nathan Laube in Concert

Sunday, April 19, at 5:00 p.m.

26-year-old Nathan Laube, an internationally acclaimed artist who was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music, will return to Redeemer for a concert featuring works by J.S. Bach, Alfred Hollins, Felix Mendelssohn, Camille Saint-Saëns, and Percy Whitlock. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

Tenth Anniversary Gala Concert

Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an eclectic program in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Music at Redeemer Series! The program will feature the parish choirs, Inscape Chamber Orchestra, and organ. Works will include Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, G.F. Handel's *Chandos Anthem No. 9*, as well as the world premiere of a new, orchestrated arrangement of *A Hymn to St. Cecilia*, by Herbert Howells. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

Biography of Jonathan Ortloff

An organ builder, scholar, and classical and theatre organist, Jonathan Ortloff holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester in organ performance



and interdisciplinary engineering. While at Eastman, he was a student of David Higgs and studied improvisation under William Porter.

Jonathan is the founder and president of Ortloff Organ Company, LLC, Boston-based organ builders and restorers. He apprenticed under organbuilder and pipemaker Stephen Russell, and subsequently worked for Spencer Organ Co. of Waltham, MA. He has previously worked for C.B. Fisk, Paul Fritts & Company, and Jonathan Ambrosino.

As a performer, Jonathan has excelled as a young theatre organist, winning the American Theatre Organ Society's 2008 Young Theatre Organist Competition. He has been a featured performer at national conventions of ATOS, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Guild of Organists and has two recordings to his credit: *Clang Clang Clang* recorded in 2009, and *Roll Out the Big Guns*, recorded live in 2010. Both albums feature drummer Allan Ward.

His scholarly interests, mainly in the fields of organ history and preservation, have led to publication in *The American Organist*, *Theatre Organ*, *The Diapason*, and *The Tracker*. He currently serves on the Organ Historical Society's Publications Governing Board.

A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Jonathan makes his home in Boston, spending his free time skiing, hiking, or paddling the mountains and streams of New England.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum takes place each Sunday, at 9:15 a.m., in the Parish Hall. The schedule of upcoming forums is:

Sunday, January 18: *Ethiopia and America: A Love Story*
Parishioner Wondimu Geda Deyasso, poet, writer, and former professor of Ethiopian and African-American literature at Addis Ababa University, will offer glimpses into the vast and ancient culture of his homeland, as well as information about the challenges Ethiopia faces today and the Ethiopian community in metropolitan Washington area.

Sunday, January 25: TBA

Sunday, February 1: *The United Palestinian Appeal*
Parishioner Cathy Baker has arranged for two guest speakers: Saleem Zaru, Executive Director of the DC-based nonprofit United Palestinian Appeal (UPA); and Kirk Campbell, founder of the running group Iqraa (Arabic for “read”). Saleem will discuss UPA’s work to alleviate the suffering of Palestinians and advance long-term socio-economic and cultural development of Palestinian society. Kirk will explain how Iqraa raises funds for UPA-directed scholarships to students of post-secondary institutions in the West Bank and Gaza. UPA is a Redeemer Mission/Outreach partner. Several parishioners participate in Iqraa activities.

Sunday, February 8: *The Olive Oil Ministry*
Parishioner Marie France has invited guest speakers Robert Mertz and Jane Coe, who will address the importance in Palestine of the olive harvest and of the olive tree as a symbol of “sumud” (steadfastness). Robert will describe the work of the Olive Oil Ministry that helps support sustainable farming in the West Bank and the Tent of Nations, a peace center and farm outside Bethlehem. Redeemer is a member of the Olive Oil Ministry sponsored by the Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ. Jane Coe, a member at Bethesda Friends Meeting, will discuss her recent trip to Palestine with Grassroots International.

Sunday, February 15: TBA

Sunday, February 22: *Meet the Rector*: Come and spend time with our new Rector, the Rev’d C. B. “Cricket” Park.

Redeemer Book Group

The group is reading *Family Life* by Akhil Sharma, the story of Mishra, a young boy growing up in Delhi in 1978, waiting to join his father in America when tragedy strikes and he has to choose between duty and his own survival. The group will meet to discuss the book on Sunday, February 15, 3:00 p.m., at the home of parishioner Susan Grigsby. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Huda Kraske: kqkraske@aol.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Church School

We welcome three new Godly Play teachers: Kim Penn, Brian Razzino, and Christine Tomassen. Christine will join Mike Rychlik and Ayesha Court in teaching Godly Play 1 (ages 3-5). Kim and Brian will join Karen Stewart in teaching Godly Play 11 (grades 1-3). Our thanks to parishioner Jo Barclay-Beard for donating new Godly Play materials: a desert box and a box containing the parable of the mustard seed. These items are an important part of the Montessori style of Godly Play teaching. To see a brief video on Godly Play teaching, visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v+Aw_mrZ1x00.

Melinda Nelson taught the Intermediate Class (grades 4-5) during November and December, using her prior experience as a Godly Play teacher to explore Advent and Christmas stories with this class. Melinda also shared with the class a collection of 100 crèches that belong to her mother, Kim Barrett. In January and February, this class is being taught by Dominique Rychlik and will focus on interfaith work and service. During the first meeting of the New Year, the class played a game called *Enlighten*, which is like Trivial Pursuit, but with questions about different faiths.

The Middle (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) classes, meeting jointly and taught by Mary K Young and Justin Hess, have been discussing immigration with a focus on children who have come to this country seeking refuge. In December, the class received a visit from Wendy Young, President of Kids in Need of Defence (KIND), which provides support to children facing immigration proceedings alone. The session was well-attended by children and adults. Thank you Mary K Young for organizing Wendy’s visit. In January, the class will continue to discuss ways to help immigrants, particularly unaccompanied minors.

If you have questions about Redeemer’s Church School programs, please contact the Rev’d Robin Razzino, Associate Rector, or parishioner Steve Gibson.

The Rev’d Robin Razzino, *Associate Rector*
Steve Gibson, *Church School Coordinator*

MISSION

Joint Book Discussion with Members of *Misa Alegria*

Fridays, January 16; February 6, 13, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Parishioners of The Church of the Redeemer and *Misa Alegria*, the Spanish-speaking congregation at St. Stephen & the Incarnation Episcopal Church, Washington, DC, will hold their second meeting at Redeemer on January 16 to discuss *Enrique's Journey*, by Sonia Nazario. The group will meet at St. Stephen's on February 6, and at Redeemer on February 13. The discussion is open to people of all ages. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Marie France: tweedfrance@gmail.com. For copies of the book, contact parishioner Bob Yates: bob@bobyates.net.

Bethesda Cares: Helping the Homeless

Redeemer is one of several area churches that partners with Bethesda Cares to provide dinners to about 60 homeless people on a rotating schedule. Redeemer's next date is January 25. If you are willing to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Outreach board in the Parish Hall. This is a group effort and a wonderful show of all the heart at Redeemer! Food items can be delivered to church on Sunday morning or directly to Our Lady of Lourdes around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. You are welcome to stay for supper and share dinner and a smile with the homeless.

For the dinner in November 2014, parishioners Anne and Chrissy de Fontenay, David and Nicholas Hotes, and the Penn family delivered a Thanksgiving dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, as has been their tradition for many years. They had a great time doing it. Our thanks to all of them for providing the large quantity and variety of food that was needed, and for making the dinner special for the homeless men, women and children at a time of the year that can be lonely for many.

Redeemer also gave \$3,000 to Bethesda Cares to help purchase supplies for daily hot, nutritious lunches, and for the Housing Stabilization program. This program provides low-income clients in temporary crises with small grants, paid directly to landlords/utility companies. These grants buy the client time to resolve the crisis, rather than facing a precipitous move or homelessness. Most clients seek Bethesda Cares' help because they have lost a job, were ill, or are unable to work. These small grants keep them safely housed and help stabilize the surrounding community by preventing evictions and vacancies. Just \$100 can mean that a household will have heat and water, or will be spared eviction. This multiple approach to engaging with and helping the homeless supports Redeemer's Mission/Outreach objectives.

Olivia Devereux, *Bethesda Cares Coordinator*

Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF)

From Julia Kagan, CAIF youth leader:

On December 7th, Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF) hosted a Hanukkah/Advent event. We shared holiday foods and explanations of their significance. After the meal, one of our youth told the story of Hanukkah and the various Hanukkah symbols, such as the dreidels, gelt, and Chanukkah, and the menorah that is lit each night of Hanukkah. We also learned that the Hanukkah holiday stands for religious freedom – something that we are all thankful for as members of CAIF!

Nicholas and Julia Rychlik showed the group their Advent calendar, which is used in December to count down the days until Christmas, and explained that Advent is a time of reflection and waiting dedicated to preparing for Christmas. During Advent, purple and pink candles are lit on the Advent wreath for each Sunday of Advent. The wreath represents the eternity of God and eternal life.

As both Hanukkah and Advent involve symbols of light and candles, we discussed as a group the religious and societal importance of light and why it is involved in the traditions of so many faiths. After dinner we heard from members of Adat Shalom about their service trip to Haiti over Christmas. CAIF had collected school supplies and clothes for the trip.

In January, CAIF youth will participate in the International Cultural Center's *Youth Against Hunger* event, making sandwiches for the homeless. In February, the group will prepare and serve a meal at Calvary Women's Shelter in Northeast, DC, as they have done on several occasions in the past. A visit to the Holocaust Museum with one of our CAIF mom's leading us through the exhibit will be scheduled early in 2015. In April, CAIF will hold an area-wide service project for youth groups of all faiths. If you know of service groups who might be interested in learning more about CAIF, please email capitalareainterfaithfriends@yahoo.com, or contact the Rychliks: rychliks@gmail.com.

Thank you!

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, parishioners gave generously to help others in need. On December 7, \$1,130 was raised to purchase toys for children and youth served by the transitional housing program of Community Family Life Services, a Redeemer outreach partner. In addition, \$1,505 was raised for *Hope for Burundi* and \$1,600 for the Olive Oil Ministry. Our thanks to all who gave and to Jefferson Arrington, Marie France, Clarice Leslie and Joelle Morris for organizing these alternative gift-giving opportunities.

PARISH LIFE

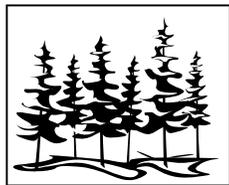


SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER & TALENT SHOW

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.

As is our custom, the parish community will gather on Shrove Tuesday (also known as *Mardi Gras*, or “Fat Tuesday”) for a delicious feast of pancakes and sausage. The requested contribution is \$10/adults and \$5/children. If you are able to assist with preparation and/or clean-up, please contact parishioner Kukula Glasiris: kukula.glasiris@gmail.com or 301-320-6409.

Then it’s on with the show, a highlight of parish life. We hope you will join us...especially if you are new to Redeemer! Talent in all forms – singing, dancing, playing an instrument, telling a story, reciting a poem or prose – is welcome as long as it lasts no more than five minutes. This will surely be the most gracious and appreciative audience you will ever encounter, so don’t miss the chance to perform! To reserve a space in the line-up, contact parishioner Chrissy de Fontenay: cfontenay@yahoo.com or 301-229-6835. Parishioner Pat Fitzgerald will once again serve as *Mc*; be sure to send him your favorite jokes: pfitzgerald@columbiauniversitypress.com.



MEN’S RETREAT

Friday, March 20, 3:00 p.m. – Sunday, March 22, 3:00 p.m.

This year’s Men’s Retreat, entitled *Men and their Creativity*, will be led by the Rev’d Dr. David Schlafer, Assisting

Priest at The Church of the Redeemer. The retreat, which will include biblical reflection, discussion, worship, shares meals, and time for quiet and relaxation, will take place at Coolfont, near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia – less than two hours from Redeemer. The cost of the weekend will be approximately \$175, which includes lodging and meals. Scholarships are available.

Participants will depart from Redeemer at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, and return on Sunday, March 22, around 3:00 p.m. Each attendee will have a private room in one of five beautiful mountain homes. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity for camaraderie and fellowship with other men of the parish, add your name to the sheet on the Sign-up board in the Parish Hall. Registration is limited to 25; sign up soon! Questions? Contact parishioner Jefferson Arrington: jefferson7019@aol.com or 240-417-9990.

FOYER DINNERS

A new round of Foyer Dinners will begin in February. This is a wonderful way to get to know one another and to deepen friendships with fellow parishioners. Groups of 8-10 will meet about once a month, February – June. If, on occasion, it is impossible to get a “quorum” for a particular dinner, the host may wish to invite other parishioners to come. Usually, the host makes the main course and everyone else contributes a dish. You don’t need to have a big house or be a good cook to join a Foyer Group. You can choose to do take-out or meet in a restaurant.

If you are interested, please add your name and preferred day/time to the sheet on the Sign-up board in the Parish Hall by **Sunday, February 1**. Questions: Contact parishioner/coordinator Deborah Davenport.

Deborah Davenport, *Coordinator*



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Coffee Hour is a special time of fellowship, when parishioners are nourished in both body and spirit! We are in need of volunteers for 2015. As the parish has grown, it has become clear that hosting Coffee Hour is much more manageable when parishioners partner with one or more other parishioners. The food can be simple – really simple: fruit, veggies/dip, cheese/crackers, bagels/cream cheese, donuts, pastries, etc. A sign-up sheet and detailed instructions are on the Community News bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Karen: karenstewart@westat.com.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

In December and January the focus has been on preparing the Rectory for the arrival of our new Rector, the Rev’d Cricket Park. The Rectory grounds have received a thorough clean-up, including the removal of some trees and tree limbs. The Rectory is being repainted on the inside and some minor additional repairs are being completed. A complete cleaning of the Rectory was done on January 10. Also, for security reasons, a dead bolt lock has been added to the exterior door of the Rector’s office.

Peter Carlson, *Junior Warden*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2015 BUDGET

I hope all parishioners are entering 2015 as I am – with mountains of hope and anticipation, and a fair amount of relief that we can “close the books” on 2014. It was a year of uncertainty and difficult personal challenges in the Hildreth-Robinson household; over and over again, God was faithful – an “on time” God – and I am excited about the fresh start.

We are also in the process of “closing the books” on 2014 finances here at Redeemer, and have a new budget year to build and fund. With our new rector’s arrival in early February finally upon us, the Finance Committee and Vestry have set a goal of maintaining our existing parish operations and activities intact, rather than making significant changes, so that we may chart a course forward together with our new rector. Through much effort by our dedicated staff and others, our current draft operating budget for 2015 keeps costs in line with 2014 expenses of approximately \$650,000, with inflation impacts absorbed through diligent cost management.

Even as costs are kept in line, funding for parish operations must be “reinvented” each year. We do not have endowments or reserves in place to fund gaps in our budget during lean periods – we must build our funding from scratch each year, one household at a time. It requires discipline and commitment from each of us, and in a sense tests and reaffirms our faith that God is indeed an “on time” God, and will meet all our needs – personally and collectively – as promised.

Of the total funding needed, approximately \$100,000 comes from program and facility income, offerings and other donations. The remainder is funded through pledges. As of early January, we have received pledges for 2015 from 117 households, totaling \$455,000. In 2014, we collectively pledged \$550,000 from 133 households. Without greater participation from the parish, we have a funding gap of approximately \$95,000 if we are to maintain all current operations and activities.

These numbers hide what is otherwise a very encouraging story, we have new households pledging for the first time in 2015; almost all renewed pledges are at or above their 2014 level, and all this after the generous funding of the *Refreshing Redeemer* Campaign last year. God has been faithful and generous to us, and we have seen that in our parish giving. We celebrate this generosity, and yet must also bring our 2015 budget into balance.

In order to hold to our goal of no significant cuts or changes before the Rev’d Cricket Park joins us, and still exercise our

responsibility to properly manage the parish’s finances, the Vestry and Finance Committee have laid out a process to finalize our budget, as follows:

- Provide full transparency to the parish on the funding status and needs going into 2015.
- Allow several months at the beginning of this year for households who have not yet pledged – or those who have – to further consider what God would have them do.
- Fund existing internal operations on a month-to-month basis for the first few months of the year, and limit initial commitments to external groups (e.g., outreach organizations, our diocesan office, etc.) until our funding picture is clear and final.
- Once we know what funding is available, if there remains a significant income shortfall, we will engage the parish in a process of discerning our calling and our priorities for those funds that are available.
- Finalize a balanced 2015 budget no later than the end of April.

Please bring your attention, questions and ideas to this discussion, and keep our parish finances in your prayers. Let’s make this challenge one that renews and strengthens our faith and commitment to God and our Redeemer community.

Rick Robinson, *Finance Committee Chair*

TREASURER’S REPORT

Preliminary reports indicate that Redeemer may end 2014 with a positive financial result, albeit it small. Pledge income was, as expected, below the budgeted amount. However, this was offset by substantial savings on expenses. Detailed 2014 financial results will be provided in the Annual Meeting Report due out on January 25.

The *Refreshing Redeemer* campaign raised \$89,673 to cover any 2014 budget deficit and to fund major maintenance projects anticipated in the future. To date, \$21,143 of these funds have been spent: \$13,050 to paint the church building’s exterior; \$6,412 to clean-up the Rectory grounds; and a deposit of \$2,355 towards the painting of the Rectory interior. The balance of the funds will be kept in a separate bank account and drawn on as needed to fund the projects for which they were raised.

Steve Gibson, *Treasurer*

VESTRY NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 25, 12:00 p.m.

Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, an important event in our common life. The meeting will include a pot-luck luncheon, reports from the clergy and lay leadership, a presentation on the 2015 budget, and the election of Vestry members and delegates and alternates to the 2016 Diocesan Convention.

What is the Annual Meeting? The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for the parish community to receive a summary of our life and ministry in the past year, to take stock of where we are, and where we think we are going in ministry and finances. This is done through written reports from the Rector, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, and the committee chairpersons or leaders in parish ministries, and through questions, concerns, and comments from parishioners. Those rotating off the Vestry will be thanked for their service and new Vestry members and lay delegates and alternates to the following year's Diocesan Convention will be elected.

Who should attend the Annual Meeting? Anyone who wishes to find out more about the life of the parish, would like to contribute to the life of the parish, has an interest in the lay leadership and governance of the parish, who has questions, concerns, comments, enjoys fellowship with Redeemer friends, or is just curious, should attend.

Elections: Elections will be held for three three-year Vestry terms and for Lay Delegates and Alternates to the 2016 Diocesan Convention. Those eligible to nominate, serve and vote ("Qualified Voters") are defined in the parish by-laws as those whose names are in the Church Parish Register, are in good standing at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting (that was December 27, 2012), are 18 or older, and have contributed through money offerings and other services to the support of the Parish during a period of at least 30 days preceding the Annual Meeting. A list of Qualified Voters is posted on the Vestry board in the Parish Hall.

Nominations: Written nominations may be made by any Qualified Voter and require at least two seconds from other Qualified Voters. Please submit nomination forms, available in the Parish Hall, to any member of the Nominating Committee: the Rev'd Robin Razzino, Cathy Arrington, Cathy Baker, Zac Petersen, and Russ Paulsen. The deadline for nominations is *Thursday, January 15*. The committee will present the slate of nominees at the annual Meeting. Questions? Contact any member of the Nominating Committee.



STEWARDSHIP 2015

*Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee . . .*

The members of the Vestry extend their gratitude to the 117 households that have pledged a total of \$455,673 to date. We are still aiming for 100% participation. Even if it's a small amount at the beginning, all pledges are appreciated and needed. If you have not yet pledged, the Vestry asks that you prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible in order to assist the Vestry and the Finance Committee with planning the 2015 budget. *See p. 7.*

Pledge cards are available in the Parish Hall or on the parish website: www.redeemerbethesda.org/stewardship-giving/stewardship. You may also email your pledge direct to the Parish Office: office.redeemer@verizon.net.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING REPORTS

The Vestry met on Wednesday, December 3.

Associate Rector's Report

The Rev'd Robin Razzino thanked the Vestry for the time and effort given to the search for a new rector. She is excited about the choice of the Rev'd C. B. "Cricket" Park, who seems to be very joyful, rooted, fun and spiritual. Robin stated that this is a full and busy church that needs a rector. The Rev'd Dr. David Schlafer and the Rev'd Amy Yount have been very helpful during the period without a rector. The Church School is dynamic. Efforts will continue to reach out to the youth of the parish, but interest is limited - maybe this will increase when Cricket is here; there is good energy among young families and the recently instituted parenting group continues to meet. Amy and Robin will work together on a First Communion class to begin soon.

Buildings & Grounds Report

Junior Warden Peter Carlson reported that a decision on a landscape/mowing company for 2015 will be postponed until budget recommendations have been received from the Finance Committee. Milton Janitorial will continue as Redeemer's cleaning company and will assist with snow removal, along with help from volunteers. A dead bolt lock will be installed on the Rector's office outer door for security. The Fall Grounds clean-up was attended by 27 parishioners, the best attendance in a while. John Nickum, Vestry Member for Buildings, reported that Mike Parker has been hired to repaint the Rectory interior prior to the new Rector's arrival.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Gibson reported that pledges for 2014 are not yet all fulfilled. It will be determined later if funds from *Refreshing Redeemer* will be needed to cover any 2014 deficit. If a parishioner tells a Vestry member they are unable to fulfill their pledge, Cathy asked that the information be passed on to her. Steve Gibson and Lois Burleigh are now the signatories on Redeemer's Schwab account. Discussion of undesignating the Columbarium funds was postponed to the next meeting.

Outreach

Melinda Nelson, Vestry liaison for Mission/Outreach, reported that the Committee would like to give \$1,500 in outreach funds to Bethesda Cares. The Vestry approved this funding. The Mission/Outreach Committee is trying to get youth involved with providing the meals for Bethesda Cares on specific dates during the year, possibly a date in the spring. Robin says food prep and service roles are different and we want the kids to be involved with serving. A question was asked about unallocated outreach budget funds and whether amounts to existing outreach partners should be increased or whether the funds should be returned to the operating budget as being more fiscally responsible. A decision will be made before year-end.

Nominations for Vestry and Lay Delegates/Alternates

Peter Carlson, Steve Gibson and Melinda Nelson will rotate off the Vestry in January 2015. The Vestry voted to ask the Rev'd Robin Razzino, Cathy Arrington, Cathy Baker, John Judge, and Russ Paulsen to serve on the Nominating Committee. If any of them prefer not to, Zac Petersen and/or Jane Winer would be asked. Robin will circulate an article on the qualities to be looking for in Vestry members and the attributes of the group as a whole so we can see it as a discerning ministry. Cathy asked the Vestry to start thinking about people who would be appropriate for Vestry.

Other Business

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday, January 25. It is expected that the Rev'd Cricket Park's first Sunday as Rector will be February 1.

Cathy Arrington, *Senior Warden*

The Vestry met again on December 17.

Buildings & Grounds Report

John Nickum, Vestry member for Buildings, reported that a dead bolt has been installed on the outer door of the Rector's office. The Rectory is being repainted and will be cleaned throughout prior to the arrival of the new Rector. Junior Warden Peter Carlson reported that Denchfield will do a final clean-up of the Rectory grounds. He asked for help from Vestry members in moving the trash and recycling cans to and from the curb for pick-up. Attempts will be made to put

together a team for snow shoveling.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Gibson presented information regarding the Columbarium and Emergency funds. The Vestry voted to move the Columbarium funds to the Emergency Fund. These monies will be used in the future to cover unexpected and unbudgeted expenses or unexpected loss of revenue. The Vestry approved the Housing Allowance Resolution for the Rev'd Robin Razzino.

Finance Committee Report

Rick Robinson, Finance Committee chair, presented the initial draft of a 2015 parish budget, based on input from committees, staff, the Vestry and the Finance Committee. The draft shows a an income shortfall at this time of \$92,000. The Vestry discussed a plan to share the draft budget with the congregation, as well as how and when to contact parishioners who have not yet pledged for 2015. A motion to approve the method and approach being used for the 2015 budget was passed. The Vestry will continue discussion of the budget at its January meeting with a view to approving a budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Outreach Report

Melinda Nelson, Vestry liaison to the Mission/Outreach committee, recommended approval of \$1,500 being given to the Bethesda Cares Eviction Prevention Program. The recommendation was approved.

Nominations for Vestry

The Nominating Committee members are Cathy Arrington, Cathy Baker, Russ Paulsen, Zac Petersen and the Rev'd Robin Razzino. The Committee will invite nominations from the congregation and present a slate at the Annual Meeting to fill three three-year Vestry terms and delegates and alternates for the 2016 Diocesan Convention.

Rector Elect Transition Team

Suggestions were made for those parishioners who might be invited to serve on a Transition Team to help welcome the Rev'd Cricket Park, Redeemer's Rector Elect, and her husband, Steve, to the community and to assist them with meeting people and finding their way around the local area..

The next Vestry meeting will be January 14, 2015 at 6:30pm

Catherine Sands, *Secretary*



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Do you like kids?

Of course I like kids. I color, play with puppets, tell stories, dance for joy, and still enjoy watching the same Christmas specials I watched when I was a kid. Do you like grown-ups?!

An example of our fellowship is the annual Strawberry Festival. In what ways would our traditions blend with yours?

Strawberries...yum. Fellowship is anytime that people come together to celebrate their love for each other and, hopefully, do something good for someone else. Your strawberry festival sounds like one of the traditions I'm going to love very much. At St. Patrick's we had a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday and three Fish Fry dinners in Lent. We raised money for Habitat for Humanity at those dinners as well as having fun listening to music and having supper with our friends and family. I love to cook – so hopefully I'll be able to blend in to your traditions very well.

Are there traditions you had at your old Church that you want to bring to Redeemer?

I think that the important traditions at St. Patrick's are the same as at Redeemer. Good worship, enjoyable fellowship, superb education opportunities come to the top of my list. St. Patrick's is learning to be better stewards of their resources and giving. If I can help bring that to Redeemer, I believe the parish will be much stronger than it already is. I hope that the young people of Redeemer will embrace their role in all of these as well.

Why are you a priest?

I'm a priest because God wanted me to be a priest. I tried to run away, but it didn't work. You can't hide from God. Trust me on this one.

Why do you continue to follow the path of God?

See the answer to question 5. Seriously, though, seeking God's divine desire is the key to my joy. I may not always succeed or I may misunderstand, but I always, always know I'm loved and valued.

How do you discern the path of God?

Discerning what God's will for you involves you, your baptismal covenant, and the Christian community. Read the prayer that is said over each person when they are baptized. We ask God to give you an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. You, or your parents and godparents, promise to learn the Christian story and live it out. The community is there to support you and help you figure out where God might be calling you to serve in Christ's name in the world.

Did you grow up in a different faith/denomination? And do you still have a connection to those beliefs?

I've been an Episcopalian my entire life. I did go to seminary with Lutherans and Baptists and UCC folks. I even learned and practiced Buddhist meditation when I was at Bexley Hall. I've been working with my boss with an interfaith group that includes people who are Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and Buddhist as well as a myriad of Christian denominations. It's been a privilege to learn about these traditions and bring some of the richness of those practices into my life.

What is your favorite color?

Green.....no
blue.....aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
(Sorry, I couldn't resist. To look at, my favorite color is spring green. To wear, usually blue.)

Why is your nickname Cricket?

When I was a very little girl, my dad read bedtime stories to me and my sister. One of the books was a children's dictionary! He read the entry "C is for Cricket: Crickets hop and chirp." I am told that I got out of his lap, jumped up and down in the bedroom and said, "Chirp chirp, I'm a Cricket." It stuck. I still jump up and down when I'm happy! (I still like reading dictionaries, too.) My real name is Ciritta. It's pronounced "Sir-ee-ta." The only person who calls me Ciritta is my mother, when she's angry with me. So, I like to hear Cricket instead. :-)

What do you want children to call you?

Please call me Amma Cricket. Amma is the title that was used by the women called the Desert Mothers. They led communities in the early church. If you don't like that, then you can call me Mother Cricket, or Ms. Cricket, or Pastor Cricket. You pick! (Just don't call me late for dinner!)

What traditions will you bring from your church to ours?

I definitely want to learn about your traditions. If they are important to you, they are going to be important to me, too. However, I think there will be puppets in our future! My favorite puppet is a sheep named Agnes Day. I have several puppets...Molly Blue and Spirita and Scholastica. Sometimes they preach with me. I like to tell stories with puppets and I love it when we can do that together. Maybe we can do a puppet making class!

How do you know God?

I know God through quietness and frivolity; in sadness and in joy; when I study and when I write. Most of all, I see God when I look into the eyes of people when they take communion. Each person is made in God's image. Each person is loved by God very, very much. When I see your faces, I see the face of God. Do you see God in each other? Do you see God in yourself?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM ADULT PARISHIONERS

Is service to seniors a priority on your scope?

Thanks for your question. My highest priority as new rector is getting to know all of the members, of all ages, at Redeemer. Everyone has something to share with me, I'm sure! One of the best lessons I've learned from my friends and mentors is to not micromanage the ministries that God is calling people to do. My job is to help people find God and then help them discern what they are to do with the gifts they've been given and the needs of the community. It sounds as if you have already discerned God calling you to ministry with our seniors. It would be a privilege to work with you and assist you in gathering the resources you need to fulfill this call. I hope you'll be of assistance to me and the staff in pointing out the needs of this community so that other might respond as well.

Could you please share with us the details of your resume: education, professional training, and the focus of your ministry thus far.

I hope this won't be too boring. I grew up in Mishawaka, Indiana, near the golden dome of Notre Dame. I've been an Episcopalian my entire life. I knew I was supposed to be ordained when I was 12. Girls weren't allowed to be ordained then. I told our priest's wife that I wasn't going to let that stop me. (so there)

I graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, with a degree in mass communications. I thought I wanted to be a pharmacist, but one semester of chemistry and a sign from God changed all that. I was very involved with the Episcopal campus ministry there and served on the mission council of the Church of the Good Shepherd. I was asked to be the communications coordinator for the ministry. Ta Da – a major was born.

I married my husband Steve in August of 1980 and graduated from college in December that year and moved to Columbus, Ohio. I worked for nonprofit associations, public television, educational institutions, and did some consulting work. I've done fundraising, meeting and event planning, association management, and have authored a number of articles and a couple of books. My son Kevin came along in 1988 and I began my best job – mom.

I was involved with St. Mark's in Upper Arlington, Ohio, when I felt the call to be a deacon. The diaconate is an order that, at that time, was in decline. But, as I read about it, I fell in love with the idea that their was an order of ministry that interpreted the world to the church and vice versa. After completing the program of Education for Ministry and attending deacon school in Northern Indiana, I was ordained to what I thought would be the permanent diaconate in November of 1990.

My ministry as a deacon was as an advocate for people with disabilities, especially people living with AIDS/HIV. I chaired the AIDS Commission of the diocese for many years and worked with the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition as its event planner. I served the HIV/AIDS community at St. Stephen's at Ohio State and at St. Paul's in downtown Columbus. Understanding that justice for a few meant justice for no one, I began advocating for my LGBTQA colleagues and served on the national board of directors for Integrity, USA, for 2 years.

I founded C. B. Park & Associates, LLC in 1995 in order to be a better mom and provide income for the household. My clients included my former employer (the Association on Higher Education and Disability), many nonprofits in the DC area, and national and state associations. I did association management, meeting planning, fundraising, strategic planning, and disability accessibility consulting. I earned my CAE and served on the Communications and Meeting & Expositions Section Councils of the American Society of Association Executives. I was also a featured speaker and author for the Professional Convention Management Association.

In the early 2000's, I knew I needed to do something new. My consulting work was fine, but it wasn't fulfilling. My colleagues at St. Paul's convinced me that my call had changed and that I needed to be a priest. I, once again, went through the discernment process and with the bishop's blessing began seminary in 2003 at Bexley Hall in Columbus.

While I was in seminary, I was assigned to St. Patrick's in Dublin, Ohio. There I began my 11-year tenure with my friend and mentor Stephen Smith. Together we prayed and led the parish as it became one where people embrace their baptismal covenant, care for the poor, and tend to the needs of their own and the community around them. There are now three Education for Ministry groups where there was none before. We began a third contemporary service that usually sees attendance between 24-75. Emergent church practices like "pub theology" and "St. Arbut's" were begun and will continue even after I've gone.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to do equally exciting work in Bethesda.

Faithfully, Cricket+



PARISH INFORMATION

PERSONAL NOTES

We offer congratulations to: Sarah and Imesh Wijewardena on the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Claire; Sean and Alison Boland on the birth of their son, Myles Quinn, brother to Gabriel; and Jeannette Rockwell on the birth of her great grandson, Christopher Allen Rockwell, III, son of Chris and Alissa Rockwell.

We offer condolences to: Marcy Dresser on the death of her father, John Stevens; and Chris Horton on the death of his aunt, Mary Horton. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We celebrate with and give thanks for the children of the parish who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, January 11, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, after a period of preparation, led by the Rev'd Amy Yount and the Rev'd Robin Razzino:

Maddy Tyler	William Kessner
Jack Mershon	Annie Mershon
Gabriela Noya	Tim Nickerson
Ann Thackray	Michael Yehl
Colette Yehl	

We celebrate with those born in the months of January and February:

Kate Raber	Kim Barrett
Doris Ninde	Josh Nickerson
Frank Anderson	Susan Guzman-Vogele
Marlene Palmer	Anne de Fontenay
Michelle Huey	Clarice Leslie
Esther Nachbar-Seckel	Jo Barclay-Beard
Rebecca Riggs	Ron Pugsley
Anne Thackray	Joe Daley
Jef Huey	Ann Harbeson
Christine Wade	Mary Packard-Winkler
Cathy Arrington	Cara Price
Linda Lear	Muriel Croston
Greg Sherrard	Bill Babcock
Janet Davis	Gabriela Noya
Blair Raber	Dominique Rychlik

We wish a happy anniversary to:

David & Toni Strother
Justin & Gwen Hess

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, January 12

Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, January 13

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, January 15

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 16 (Parish Office closed)

Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915, and Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
6:30 p.m. Book Discussion with Members of *Misa Alegria*
8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 17

Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356

Sunday, January 18

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- 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, January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Benedictine Group

Tuesday, January 20

Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 23 (Parish Office closed)

Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893

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

Saturday, January 24

Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944

Sunday, January 25

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting & Pot-luck Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Bethesda Cares Dinner Preparation

Monday, January 26

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, Companions of Saint Paul

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, January 27

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Theologian, 1274

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 30 (Parish Office closed)

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

Saturday, January 31

Juan Bosco, Priest, 1888

Samuel Shoemaker, Priest and Evangelist, 1963

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. Celebratory Coffee Hour

Monday, February 2

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Taizé Service & Healing Rite

Tuesday, February 3

The Dorchester Chaplains: Lieutenant George Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode, Lieutenant Clark V. Poling, and Lieutenant John P.

Washington, 1943

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

Wednesday, February 4

Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

Roger Williams, 1683, and Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic Witnesses

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 6 (Parish Office closed)

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Book Discussion with Members of Misa Alegria
- 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 7

Cornelius the Centurion

Sunday, February 8

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
- 5:00 p.m. A Night at the Movies with Jonathan Ortloff, Organ
- 6:15 p.m. Reception (*following silent films*)

Monday, February 9

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Contemplative Group

Tuesday, February 10

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby, Hymnwriter, 1915

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*tentative*)

Thursday, February 12

Charles Freer Andrews, Priest and "Friend of the Poor" in India, 1940

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 13 (Parish Office closed)

Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Book Discussion with Members of Misa Alegria
- 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 14

Cyril and Methodius, Monk and Bishop,

Missionaries to the Slavs, 869, 885

Sunday, February 15

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
- 10:15 a.m. Nursery Care
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, February 16

Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Benedictine Group

Tuesday, February 17

Shrove Tuesday

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, and Martyr, 1977

- 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC
- 6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Talent Show

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 19

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 20 (Parish Office closed)

Frederick Douglas, Prophetic Witness, 1895

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 21

John Henry Newman, Priest and Theologian, 1890

Sunday, February 22

The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Warm-up

9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up

10:15 a.m. Nursery Care

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

6:15 p.m. Reception (following Choral Evensong)

Monday, February 23

Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Contemplative Christian Group

Tuesday, February 24

St. Matthias the Apostle

11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC

6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (EFM)

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

John Roberts, Priest, 1949

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, February 26

Emily Malbone Morgan, Prophetic Witness, 1937

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 27 (Parish Office closed)

George Herbert, Priest, 1633

12:00 p.m. AA Meditation Meeting

8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 28

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, Educators, 1964, 1904

8:30 p.m. Lenten Quiet Morning

IMAGES FROM NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014



Bethesda Cares Thanksgiving Dinner preparation (see p. 5)



Capital Area Interfaith Friends (see p. 5)

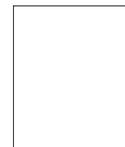


Redeemer's annual Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 14, 2014



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The 10:30 Eucharist will be followed by
a festive Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!