



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

Adult Forum on Sunday: John Harbeson talks about Africa.

On February 19, our guest will be the Rev. Elizabeth Gardner, who will speak on diocesan programming for young adults. On February 26, the Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin will share information on sanctuary cities.

The February Spirit is available on our website (see below).



Sunday's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119: 1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37



The Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you:

Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Serving: February 12, 2017



Sunday, February 12

Ushers: Mary K Young, Rick Tyler, Jefferson Arrington

Crucifer: Claudia Hull

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Lectors: Jane Winer (8:00); John Harbeson, Carolyn Kimberlin (10:30)

Intercessor: Meredith Griggs

Chalice: Susan Grigsby (8:00); Steve France, Judy James, Ben Ivins, TBD (10:30)

Greeters: Denny Shaw, Ann Taylor

Counters: Deborah Babcock-Daley, Lois Burleigh

Coffee Hour Team: Chrissy deFontenay, Callie Wang, Shannon Yehl, Margaret Green

Altar Guild: Ann Hartman, Linda Menasco, Helen Zitomer, Judy James

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please volunteer for these ministries of hospitality. Thank you!

If you cannot serve, or if you will sub for a TBD above, please notify Bob Yates (bob@bobyates.net).



■ Prayer Requests

For those in need of healing:

Ralph Alterowitz, Bill Barclay, Jo Barclay-Beard, Scott Barnette, Jeff Bergner, Vicky & Claudia Bocock, Betty Jo Boyer, Allison Chow, Bill Cooper, Jane Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Jeff Griffen, Jack Hutchings, Susan Ingraham, Olivier Jeanne, Kurt Kemper,

Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Susan Moore, Hal Palmer, Mary Potter, Jack Rabner, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Mike Rychlik, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Ann Taylor, Karen Stewart, Rees Evans, Catherine Sands, Phillip Sarsany, Lynda Shepard, Patricia Snowden, Bernie, Edward, Katherine, Jim, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Hyla, Nico, Jay, and Evan.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Cathy Arrington and Cara Price

For those celebrating anniversaries: Justin & Gwen Hess

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, February 8

- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Education for Ministry, 9:30 a.m.
- Welcome to Washington 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- AA Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

- Music Together, 9:30 a.m.
- AA Meditation Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class, 11:30 a.m.
- Girl Scouts, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13 - Office closed

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

Tuesday, February 14

- Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

· AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

- Education for Ministry, 9:30 p.m.
- AA Meeting, Noon
- Holy Eucharist, Noon
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.
- Vestry, 6:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

American Boychoir, February 19, 5:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show, February 28, 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 1/Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m., Noon, and 7:30 p.m.

More News from Redeemer

The February Redeemer Spirit is available at:

<http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Redeemer-Spirit-February-2017.pdf>

The Annual Report is available on our website:

<http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Annual-Meeting-2017.pdf>

AMERICAN BOYCHOIR SINGS AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 19

On Sunday, February 19, we are very fortunate to be hosting a return performance by America's most popular touring vocal ensemble, the American BoyChoir. The concert begins at 5.00p.m. This will be a great event to invite your family and friends. Special thanks to the Friends of Music at Redeemer for making this special performance possible.

Leadership Learning Day Available to the Parish

The Diocese is offering a Leadership Learning Day on February 11th at St. Andrews' School in Potomac. Workshops include: Christian Identity and Your Faith Story; Preparing to Deliver an Alpha Discipleship Course; Writing Grant Requests; The Church's Role in Forming Disciples; Nonprofit Marketing through Technology and Social Media; Taking Care of Business: The Ministry of Administration; Multicultural/Racial Social Justice Reconciliation; Sanctuary: Answering the Call to Provide Refuge. Register at edow.org.

Dying on Our Own Terms: A Wednesday Evening Lenten Program (March 8 - April 5)

We avoid it, deny it and joke about it. Dealing with death, especially our own death is a difficult issue. But if there is anything the church should be able to do, it is to speak frankly about loss and look directly at death. This five evening discussion program at Redeemer will use a series of video vignettes to explore the ethical, medical and economic forces that often drive a person's choices. The time to talk about these difficult issues is before

they happen, before you're in the emergency room and under pressure to make a decision "right now". Armed with courage and knowledge, each of us can help one another, our families and the clergy to make those decisions which allow us to die on our own terms. There will be some homework. There are directives to consider and decisions to be made to plan your own burial service. These actions are kind and thoughtful gifts we can make to those we love the most. The program will be led by the Rev. Joe Clark. Cost for the program: \$40. Make checks payable to Church of the Redeemer, or you can pay online through our website.

Confirmation/Newcomer Classes Scheduled

Spring Confirmation Service is Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. If you wish to be confirmed (make an adult commitment to the baptismal vows made for you at baptism), received (officially become an Episcopalian from a church in communion with ours), or reaffirm your baptismal vows, please plan to come to the following classes:

February 11 (Episcopal History) CHANGE OF DATE

March 4 (Sacramental Life/Book of Common Prayer)

April 1 (Living in Christian Community)

Please schedule accordingly. If you have questions, please see Amma Cricket. Anyone interested in these classes are welcome, even if you don't plan to participate in the May service. Take this opportunity to refresh your knowledge of Anglicanism!

All meetings are on Saturdays and will start at 11:30 a.m.

Pancake Supper, Talent Show & Lent Madness 2017 - February 28

Join us for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Please note earlier start time.) During supper, support Bethesda Cares by participating in Lent Madness! For each \$10 donation, you'll draw a saint from the Holy Grail. Vote throughout Lent on lentmadness.org to usher your saint into the match for the Golden Halo. Following the Pancake Supper, we'll celebrate the artistic gifts of Redeemer at our annual Talent Show. Sign your act up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or contact Chrissy deFontenay (ccfontenay@yahoo.com).

Redeemer Book Group

The next reading of the Book Group is: *A Rage for Order --- The Middle East in Turmoil, from Tahrir Square to ISIS* by Robert Worth. The book narrates first-hand accounts of how various countries rose up against dictatorship and then why they were not able to sustain democracy. Robert Worth is a New York Times journalist who has written an eye-opening read for anyone interested in understanding the raging crisis in the Middle East.

Discussion of the book will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, February 26 at the home of Juliet Grant-Suttie, 4986 Sentinel Drive #301, Bethesda, Md. 20816. For questions, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com. The author may be able to join us for the discussion.

MEN'S RETREAT 2017: Friday through Sunday, April 28th - 30th

Men in Their Roles as Leaders

Meeting for our sixth annual weekend retreat, men at the Church of the Redeemer will gather in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on the weekend of April 28-30, with David Schlafer as our convener, to share experiences and reflections on what it has meant for us to be "leaders." We gather as friends and colleagues, and as fellow explorers in the Community of Christian faith, to speak and listen with one another in considering questions related to "Leadership." Sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Questions:

Jefferson7019@aol.com

Help Wanted Sundays

Would you like a leadership role on Sunday mornings that doesn't involve speaking in public? We need acolytes and crucifers especially. Please e-mail John Harbeson (jwharbeson@aol.com) or Amma Cricket (rector@redeemberbethesda.org) to volunteer.

AMAZON Charitable Donations

When you purchase items remember: your purchases at smile.amazon.com can support Church Of The Redeemer. Go to the Smile website, select Redeemer as your charity. Amazon donates a small percentage of your purchase. The little bits add up so sign up today! (This, of course, is a supplement, not a substitute, for your pledge.)

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Please contact the office by e-mail or sign up on the name tag form in the narthex.

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