



# THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

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**Wednesday, November 23, 2016 - Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

## Parish Announcements

### Pledge Update

We've received 81 pledges, including 13 new pledges, for \$363,465!  
That's 76% of our goal! There are approximately 45 pledges still outstanding from those of you who pledged last year. If you haven't returned your pledge card, please do so. The vestry will finalize and approve a budget on **December 14th** according to the pledges we have in hand. It is important that we have everyone's commitment to Redeemer by that date.

### Thanksgiving/Eucharist on November 24

Give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow at 10:00 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th. Take time to be with your parish family for prayer before you attend other family/friend gatherings this day.

**Adult Forum - The Redemption of Scrooge** A 4-Sunday event featuring Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. If Scrooge is redeemable, so are we! Take a look at Advent through the eyes of this familiar Dickens novel.

### Bethesda Cares "Thanksgiving Dinner"

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

Please sign up to bring food, drinks, or snacks for our holiday version of Redeemer's Bethesda Cares dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes church. Questions? Contact Stacy Stratton (302-682-1190) or Meredith Griggs (301-229-4935).

### Scarves and Hats for Street Church

Anyone who knits or crochets, put your extra yarn to good use! Chrissy deFontenay will take handmade scarves and hats down to Street Church and give them to the men and women who attend this ministry to the homeless.

### December 4 (Don't leave your checkbook at home.)

#### Toy Sunday - St. Nicholas Sunday

Please bring an unwrapped NEW toy, or a donation, to church.. Jefferson Arrington will ensure the toys get to kids in need. A visit from the good bishop will highlight the morning.

#### Wreaths Galore

Susan Grigsby and Susan Fitzgerald present Advent and Christmas wreaths - make your own or purchase one already made. Costs are being calculated and will be provided soon. See them after church in the parish hall.

#### Alternative Gift Sunday (and also the 11th)

Be sure to check out the wonderful olive products available through Marie France, benefitting Palestinian farmers in the Holy Land. The New Needlers will have knitted and crocheted items available. Note cards will benefit the

## This Sunday

**November 27, 2016**

*Advent I*

*Liturgical Year "A" begins*

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

### Collect of the Day

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



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### **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS, DECEMBER 4, 6.00P.M.**

Modeled after the famous service of Darkness in Light created at Salisbury Cathedral, this beautiful liturgy for Advent leads us through the prophecies of redemption, with scripture and music sung by Redeemer's choirs.

Including music by Francisco Guerrero, Otto Goldschmidt, Charles Wood and Herbert Howells. Please note the 6:00 p.m. beginning time. Special thanks to Friends of Music at Redeemer for making this event possible.

Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

### **TAIZÉ SERVICE DECEMBER 5**

On Monday, December 5, our regular services in the style of the Taizé Community will continue. Taizé services are held at 7.30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month from October - June, and include Taizé chant led by our own musical ensemble, scripture, meditation and healing.

### **Contemplative Mondays Makes a Shift**

Starting on November 21st we are shifting the Benedictine Monastery of the Heart to a Centering Prayer Practice lead by Patricia Snowden. Patricia has years of experience in this and will certainly open up your heart in special ways! The schedule of Mondays is: 1st is Taize, 2nd is Christian Contemplative Group, 3rd is Centering Prayer, and 4th is Welcoming Prayer with John Smallwood. All are at 7:30pm in the church, and all are welcome at any of them.

### **It's Time for Vestry Nominations**

David Riggs, Jenny Nachbar, and John Nickum, the three members of the Vestry whose terms end in January, are seeking one or two parishioners to help form the Nominations Committee for the next Vestry class and for delegates and alternates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. We elect officers and delegates at the annual meeting on January 22, 2017. Please contact David, Jenny, or John if you are willing to be a part of the committee or if you would like to place yourself in nomination for a leadership position. Nominees will need to submit a picture and short biography by December 15 for the January newsletter and annual report.

### **Thanksgiving Donations for Samaritan Ministry**

Samaritan Ministry seeks donations for Thanksgiving to help participants and their families. Please consider \$10-\$50 gift cards for turkey and other fresh foods from grocery stores like Safeway, Giant, Harris Teeter, and Walmart. Please place the gift cards in the wicker box in the parish hall. Other donations of toiletries can be placed there also. **Redeemer needs a parish representative to the Samaritan Ministry Council.** Please contact Cricket Park or Karen Stewart if you would be willing to make this commitment to this vital ministry.

**Redeemer Book Club** is reading Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill by Sonia Purnell. This is an acute and sympathetic biography that brings Clementine Churchill out of the shade into which her illustrious and domineering husband had cast her and shows how key she was to his success. Purnell makes us ask how Clementine endured life with Winston and provides the answers. The meeting to discuss the book will take place on January 8, 2017 at 3 pm at the house of Sally and Ron Pugsley, 8108 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817. All are welcome. For questions, please contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com).

### **SMILE! and help Redeemer**

Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Church of the Redeemer to be your designated charity. Redeemer receives a percentage of what you purchase. It's an easy way to give a little more to the parish. Remember: this is not a substitute for your pledge.

### **Need a name tag?**

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

### **E-mail Addresses:**

Cricket: [rector@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemberbethesda.org)

Chris: [music@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:music@redeemberbethesda.org)

### **Links to:**

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## Prayer Requests

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#### **For those in need of healing:**

Ralph Alterowitz, Bill Barclay, Jo Barclay-Beard, Scott Barnette, Jeff Bergner, Vicky & Claudia Bocock, Allison Chow, Bill Cooper, Jane Dealy, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Jeff Griffen, Jack Hutchings, Olivier Jeanne, Kurt Kemper, Peter & Beate Kendall, Rosalie Kerr, Paul Kessner, Edie Michie, Hal Palmer, Mary Potter, Jack Rabner, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Ann Taylor, Karen Stewart, Rees Evans, Patricia Snowden, James Young, Bernie, Katherine, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Hyla, Nico, and Evan.

**For those who are traveling:** Brian & Jo Barclay-Beard, Chrissy deFontenay, the Court family, John Nickum & Linda Lear

#### **Pray for Social Justice**

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays:** Ellen Paulsen, Davis O'Brien, Alicia Jennings, Jo Campa, Caroline Gibson

## This Week's Calendar

### ■ Parish Calendar

#### Wednesday, November 23

Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.

AA Meeting, Noon

NO Holy Eucharist (come on Thursday!)

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving

Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, November 25

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 26

Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, November 27 - Advent I

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.

Nursery Care, 9:15 a.m.

Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

#### Monday, November 28 -Church Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Welcoming Prayer, 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 29

Vocal Lessons, 10:00 a.m.

Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**Looking ahead:**

Advent I, November 27

Alternative Christmas Sale, December 4 & 11, after services

Advent Wreath-making, December 4, 11:45 a.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols, December 4, 6 p.m.

Advent Quiet Day, December 10, 9:30 a.m.

"Blue Christmas" service, December 21, Noon

Christmas Eve services, December 24, 5 pm & 10:30 pm

Christmas Day service, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

## Scheduled Liturgical Leadership

### ■ Liturgical Assistants

#### Sunday, November 27 - Advent I

Altar Guild: Diana Dial, Helen Zitomer, Judy James

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Rick Tyler, Mary K Young

Crucifer: Sam Nickerson

Acolyte: Kukula Glastris

Lectors: Marie France (8:00); Nathan Price, Beth Warner (10:30)

Intercessor: TBD

Chalice: Tami McMinn (8:00); Patricia Snowden, Michael Hart, Jenny

Nachbar, Justin Hess (10:30)

Greeters: Melinda Nelson, TBD

Counters: Ben Ivins, Melinda Nelson

Coffee Hour Team: Patricia Snowden, Bert Spencer

Sign-up sheets for Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers (for 2017) are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**Please volunteer for these ministries of hospitality. Thank you!**

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