



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

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Wednesday, November 30, 2016 - Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Parish Announcements

Pledge Update - Almost there!!

We've received 88 pledges, including 13 new pledges, for \$392,255! That's 82% of our goal! If you haven't returned your pledge card, please do so. We have \$73K outstanding, based on last year's pledging statistics. The vestry will finalize and approve a budget on December 14th according to the pledges we have in hand. It is imperative that we have everyone's commitment to Redeemer by that date. Place your pledge card in the offering plate, e-mail it to accounting@redeemberbethesda.org, or complete a form online. (You'll receive a funky e-mail if you pledge on-line. We haven't figured out how to change that yet!) All pledges, no matter the amount, are valuable. Please make your commitment to Redeemer today.

December Spirit is on our Website!

<http://www.redeemberbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Redeemer-Spirit-December-2016.pdf>

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 Music Program.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS, DECEMBER 4, 6.00 P.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.

Adult Forum - The Redemption of Scrooge A 4-Sunday event featuring Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. If Scrooge is redeemable, so are we! Last week we pondered "Bah Humbug". This week it's the Ghost of Christmas Past. Books are available in the office (\$10). Don't worry if you missed the first class - you can join anytime.

Scarves and Hats for Street Church

This Sunday

December 4, 2016

Advent II

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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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. Please place them in the plastic bin in the parish hall no later than December 11.

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.

Advent Quiet Day, December 10,

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

When we have too much to do, we need to take time to pray and re-center. Set aside time for quiet contemplation on December 10th as we pray, meditate, reflect, and celebrate Holy Eucharist in anticipation of the birth of Christ.

Please RSVP to Patricia Snowden or Cricket Park.

Contemplative Mondays Makes a Shift

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. Because January 2nd is a Monday and a holiday, all of these will shift one week later. 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.

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.

SMILE! and help Redeemer

Go to 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:

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Prayer Requests

■ Prayer Requests

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, Susan Moore, Hal Palmer, Mary Potter, Jack Rabner, Charlotte Ripa, Tom Rogers, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne

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Southard, Ann Taylor, Karen Stewart, Rees Evans, Patricia Snowden, James Young, Bernie, Katherine, Jay, Mollie, Quinn, Logan, Hyla, Nico, and Evan.

For the repose of the souls of: Kyle Frank (Lisa MacBain's sister) and Paul Kessner (Larry Kessner's father)

For those who are traveling: Chrissy deFontenay, the Court family, Bill and Lisa MacBain, and all who travel for the holidays or work

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: Theo Apkinar, Diana Daley, Tyler Packard-Winkler

This Week's Calendar

■ **Parish Calendar**

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

Balkan Dancers, 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 2

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon
AA Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

Yoga, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 4 - Advent II

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m.
Nursery Care, 9:15 a.m.
Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
Advent Lessons & Carols, 6:00pm

Monday, December 5 - Church Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon
Taize, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

Vocal Lessons, 10:00 a.m.
Education for Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

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, 9:00 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, December 4 - Advent 2

Altar Guild: Tami McMinn, Cathy Baker, Ann Taylor

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Kukula Glastris, TBD

Crucifer: Cara Price

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors: Susan Grigsby (8:00); Peggy Tucker, Bob Yates (10:30)

Intercessor: TBD

Chalice: Marie France (8:00); Patricia Snowden, Judy James, Peggy Tucker, Bill MacBain (10:30)

Greeters: Brooke Anthony, Mary K Young

Counters: Deborah Babcock-Daley, Cathy Arrington

December Coffee Hour Team: Chrissy deFontenay, Susan Grigsby, Frances Sharon, Lois Burleigh

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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