



# THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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## NOTES FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased that the Stewardship Committee is announcing the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign in their article in this newsletter. Soon you will be seeing those words in many places at Redeemer. A wonderful choice – they lead us to wonder why they were chosen. They're not the kind of title we're used to seeing. I was interested to discover that the phrase is also the title of the blog by The Rev'd Scott Gunn. Gunn is the President of *Forward Movement*, the organization that publishes *Forward Day by Day*, and leaflets about the Episcopal Church (you can find some in the Narthex and the Parish Hall, as well as on-line). Gunn writes of his choice: *I think it captures our purpose as Christians – to praise God without ceasing. The Christian life is not an exercise for Sundays, it is rather something in which we seek to immerse ourselves at all times, and in all places.* Be sure to see the Stewardship Committee's article on p. 7. They are offering a treasure trove that will immerse you in the breadth of this Christian life lived in and beyond this parish.

The theme holds our imagination. The words evoke our purpose as Christians, as they describe the use of the buildings and the many people from within and beyond the parish that we welcome every day, every week. I wish I could be with you as each aspect of the plans for this Fall unfold before you. Thank you so much to co-chairs Katie Nickerson and Michael Mershon and committee members Cathy Baker, Ayesha Court, Tom McNaugher, John Nickum and Dongbo Wang. It has been a pleasure to work with them and I leave filled with their creative ideas.

This year you have the true gift of being able to offer your support to the life that you are part of here at Redeemer. In the Gospel of Matthew we hear of the man who sold everything to gain the pearl of great value (MT 13:45). The pearl wouldn't clothe him, or feed him, or offer him shelter. Yet it was the focus of his life. During this time we are asked to consider the pearl of our lives. What is it for which we would give everything? What does the use of all God gives us demonstrate that we most value?

Here at The Church of the Redeemer we seem to be on a different track from much of The Episcopal Church as we continue to experience growth in numbers of parishioners. However, in order for that track to be real at its core, every person who worships here needs to be responsible for the financial ability of the parish to offer worship, formation, and

community at the level you value. It is my hope and prayer that you will respond and fully fund the 2015 budget by the end of the year. It will take a stretch as our costs continue to rise. The future is in your capable hands.

The future is also in your hands and that of the Vestry and staff as we go forward from this time. October 7 will be my last day in the office and as your Interim Rector. Thank you so much for my celebration on the 28th. Thank you to Cathy Arrington, Peter Carlson, John Nickum and Steve Gibson, with whom I have spent hours considering the future of the parish and to the staff who bring many fine gifts to their ministries. The good-byes will continue over the next several days. I am touched by your appreciation and good wishes.

This has been a time of growth and change at many levels. We have committees enabling parishioners to work with the new rector to chart the future course of the parish in the areas of Adult Formation, Buildings, Finance, Grounds, Hospitality, Mission/Outreach, and Stewardship. At the last Vestry meeting a new Staffing and Operations Committee was formed, responding to needs identified by the Vestry to reflect our present size and organizational structure. Perhaps the most significant change is that Vestry members no longer chair committees, but connect them with the ministry of the Vestry, freeing the Vestry to consider widened ministry, vision and goals. Already this adjustment is bearing significant fruit in God's service.

I especially commend to you the work of the Mission/Outreach Committee as you will be hearing more from them about hands-on efforts where you can actively support those in need in this area, the ministry of the Finance Committee to regularize the funding of the ministries of the parish, and the on-going efforts of the Buildings and Grounds Committees whose impact is all around you. So many of you give sacrificially to Redeemer at so many different levels! I look forward with all of you to news of the call of your next rector and the ministry that you will share.

I want to thank you personally for all you offer the parish, its past, its present, and above all its future. I have been deeply honored to be let into your lives as pastor and priest, and look forward to news of all that unfolds in future months and years. I will carry you in my prayer and in my heart.

In Christ's love,

Ann+

The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell, *Interim Rector*

## WORSHIP

### TAIZÉ SERVICE & HEALING RITE TO RESUME

The Church of the Redeemer's monthly service in the style of Taizé will resume on Monday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Nave. The Taizé Service takes place on the first Monday of each month, October – June, and every Monday during the season of Lent.

*What is Taizé?* Founded in 1940 in a small village in eastern France, Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community of men whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life together. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage and to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

*What is a Taizé Service?* It is an informal, contemplative liturgy with scripture, icons, incense, silence, and chant-like music, accompanied by piano, guitar, and other instruments. At Redeemer, the Healing Rite – prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit for yourself or someone you love – is offered at the conclusion of the service.

During a Taizé Service, worshippers are invited to sit, stand, or kneel wherever they are most comfortable. There are typically cushions at the front of the church for those who would like to sit on the floor. During the sung portions of the service, participants are invited to sing the melody, harmonize, hum, or simply listen.

Those who wish to avail themselves of the Healing Rite are invited to come to the side chapel at the conclusion of the service. They may make their request known to the priest or other healing minister, or simply stand or kneel in silence. The healing minister will then lay hands on the head of the individual and offer prayers, silently or aloud. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Those who do not wish to receive prayers for healing are welcome to leave or to remain in the church for silent prayer.

We extend a special invitation to those who have never experienced the quiet beauty of Taizé at The Church of the Redeemer.

### THE BISHOP IS COMING!

On Sunday, October 26, The Right Rev'd Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, will make her second official visitation to The Church of the Redeemer. Bishop Mariann will preside and preach at both the 8:00 and 10:30 liturgies. At the 10:30 Eucharist, there will be special music, including the exuberant choral anthem *Let the people praise thee, O God*, written by Welsh composer William Mathias (1892-1934) for the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The Bishop will speak at the 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum and at a special gathering following Coffee Hour (approximately 12:30

p.m.). We hope all parishioners will join us for worship and fellowship as we welcome our Bishop!



### ABOUT THE BISHOP

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde is the spiritual leader of 40,500 Episcopalians in 89 congregations and 20 Episcopal schools in the District of Columbia and four Maryland counties: Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, and St. Mary's. She also serves as the Chair and President of the Protestant Episcopal

Cathedral Foundation, which oversees the ministries of the Washington National Cathedral and three Cathedral schools.

A passionate believer in the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Budde is committed to the revitalization and growth of congregations and core ministries of the diocese, building their capacity to serve Christ's reconciling mission in the world. Her priority is to develop and strengthen collaborative models of ministry that can meet the needs of a changing world with flexibility, endurance, and grounded faith.

Bishop Budde was consecrated as the ninth bishop of Washington in November 2011. Prior to her election, she served for 18 years as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis. She earned a B.A. in history at the University of Rochester, N.Y, graduating magna cum laude. She earned both her Masters in Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary. Her sermons have been published in several books and journals and she is the author of *Gathering the Fragments: Preaching as Spiritual Practice*, published in 2007.

### SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

We invite you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for worship on Sunday, November 2, The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, more commonly known as All Souls' Day. At 5:00 p.m., the Adult Choir and soloists, under the direction of Dr. Martin Neary, former Organist & Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, London, will offer a liturgical rendering of Gabriel Fauré's sublime setting of the Requiem Mass with chamber ensemble. The service, offered in memory of deceased members and friends of the parish, will include a sermon by The Right Rev'd Edwin (Ted) Gulick, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, and a reading of the parish necrology, a listing of parishioners and parishioners' loved ones who have died in the past year. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

# MUSIC

## MUSIC AT REDEEMER SERIES 2014-15

The tenth anniversary season of the *Music at Redeemer Series* will begin in just a few short weeks. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the following upcoming events:

*Sunday, October 19, at 5:00 p.m.*

### **Inscape Chamber Orchestra: *Symbol & Myth***

Redeemer's award-winning Ensemble-in-residence will explore repertoire inspired by symbolist poetry, particularly the work of Stéphane Mallarmé. The program will feature Claude Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* and Paul Hindemith's *Hérodiade*, as well as works by Arthur Honegger and Nathan Lincoln-DeCusatis. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

*Sunday, November 2, at 5:00 p.m.*

### **Solemn Requiem Mass for the Feast of All Souls**

Dr. Martin Neary, former Organist & Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, London, will lead Redeemer's Adult Choir in a liturgical performance of Gabriel Fauré's sublime setting of the Requiem Mass, with chamber ensemble. The Right Rev'd Edwin (Ted) Gulick, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, will serve as preacher. The service will include a reading of the parish necrology. Reception to follow.

*Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m.*

### **A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent**

Modeled after the famed service held each year at King's College, Cambridge, this festive liturgy, sung by Redeemer's Adult and Youth Choirs (Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, guest conductor), will include works by Benjamin Britten, Richard Lloyd, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Stanford Scriven. Reception to follow.

*Wednesday, December 24, at 10:30 p.m.*

### **Festal Eucharist of the Nativity**

An extended, candlelit prelude of organ voluntaries, choral anthems, and congregational carols will begin at 10:00 p.m. Music will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Harold Darke, John Rutter, John Tavener, Tomás Luis de Victoria, and David Willcocks. Arrive early to ensure seating.

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT REDEEMER

The 2014-15 music brochure, along with a *Friends of Music* contribution card, will be mailed to over 1000 households, including all parishioners, in early October. Musical programming at The Church of the Redeemer is underwritten, in large part, by the generosity of the *Friends of Music at Redeemer*. Please consider making a contribution to

this musical ministry, benefiting both the parish and the wider community. Gifts can be made in memory/honor/celebration of... or in thanksgiving for.... All gifts are tax-deductible. Questions? Contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music: [music.redeemer@verizon.net](mailto:music.redeemer@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770.

## ADULT CHOIR: NEW SINGERS WELCOME!

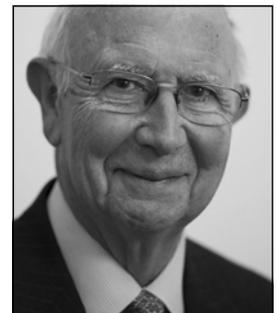
A volunteer ensemble augmented by a core of professional singers, the Adult Choir provides musical leadership for the 10:30 Eucharist each Sunday and for special liturgies throughout the year. With a focus on the music of the English Cathedral tradition, the repertoire of the Adult Choir spans many centuries. The 2014-15 choral season continues with rehearsal on Thursday evenings, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. New members are welcome! All singers must possess a pleasing tone quality and the ability to match pitch and blend. Highlights of the season include a Solemn Requiem Mass (Dr. Martin Neary, guest conductor), the annual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent (Dr. Benjamin Hutchens, guest conductor), and participation in the May 17 Gala Concert. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music.

## YOUTH CHOIR: CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

The Youth Choir joins the Adult Choir in providing musical leadership for the 10:30 Eucharist each Sunday and for special liturgies throughout the year. Although there is no minimum age requirement, all choristers must be able to read. Youth Choir rehearsal takes place on Wednesday afternoons, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. New members are welcome! Although there is no minimum age requirement, all choristers must be able to read. The Youth Choir is a wonderful – and FREE – opportunity for high quality music education right here at Redeemer. For more information, visit the music page of the parish website or contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music.



The Right Rev'd  
Edwin (Ted) Gulick



Dr. Martin Neary

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### Upcoming Adult Forums

The Adult Forum takes place each Sunday morning, at 9:15. The schedule of October forums is:

*Sunday, October 5*

*A Blessing or a Curse: Zionism's Biblical Dilemma*

Parishioner Steve France's essay, *Not Like the Nations*, was included in the recent-published collection of essays, *Zionism Through Christian Lenses: Ecumenical Perspectives on the Promised Land*. Steve will make presentation based on his essay. A discussion, moderated by The Rev'd Dr. David Schlafer, will follow.

*Sunday, October 12*

*The News Behind the News*

Parishioner Peter Kendall, who spent many years working at CBS News, will describe how news gathering has evolved over the years – from newspapers and radio to television and the internet. This is the first session in an ongoing series designed to highlight the personal and professional experiences of Redeemer parishioners.

*Sunday, October 19*

*The 2015 Stewardship Campaign*

Parishioners Katie Nickerson and Michael Mershon, co-chairs of the 2015 Stewardship Campaign, will lead discussion about the importance of stewardship/pledging in the management of the affairs of the parish.

*Sunday, October 26*

*A Conversation with the Bishop of Washington*

As part of her official visitation to The Church of the Redeemer, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, will lead the usual 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum, as well as a special gathering following Coffee Hour (approximately 12:15 p.m.).

### Book Study Group

A joint adult book study group with the Misa Alegria congregation of St. Stephen & the Incarnation Church is being planned. See p. 5 for more information.

The Adult Formation Committee

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

### An Afternoon of Kayaking!

WHO: Redeemer youth in middle and high school, plus drivers/chaperones

WHAT: A picnic lunch followed by several hours of kayaking

WHEN: October 11, 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville, MD ([www.bayrestoration.org/](http://www.bayrestoration.org/))

COST: About \$15

RSVP: The Rev'd Robin Razzino:  
[revrobinrazzino@verizon.net](mailto:revrobinrazzino@verizon.net)

### Church School News

Parishioner Jefferson Arrington will teach the High School class in October. Parishioners Amy Yount and Jenny Nachbar will continue to teach the Middle School Class. Their focus will be issues associated with the refugee crisis at the border. Parishioner Steve Gibson will continue to teach the Intermediate Class, focusing on the Prophets. There is a Godly Play training session on Saturday, October 4. Six Redeemer parishioners are planning to attend!

### Joy, Sacrifice, and Diapers:

#### Seeing God through the Lens of Parenthood

We have a new opportunity for faith formation at Redeemer! You may have read about it in last month's issue of *The Redeemer Spirit*, but here is a synopsis: Some of us are gathering in person and online to discuss God and our faith through the lens of parenthood. The intended audience is folks who have children still at home. However, there is certainly value for all parents to join the discussion – even if your children have left the nest (years ago)! Please join us. We will meet in person for coffee and conversation on Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 a.m., at the church. If you can't come to that meeting, you can participate in the discussion online at [www.redeemerpaparents.weebly.com](http://www.redeemerpaparents.weebly.com).

Our first topic will be "Creation: How do we participate as parents in the creativity of the Creator God?" I will post quotes, poems, stories, etc., about a week before we meet to help us think through each topic. I will also summarize discussions following the in-person meetings to post for those who can't meet in person. You can read more about the other topics we will discuss (Incarnation, Love, Power, Sacrifice, Humility, Sin, Prayer, Worship, Play) on the website. I look forward to your comments, input, and active participation.

The Rev'd Robin Razzino, Associate Rector

## MISSION

### JOINT BOOK GROUP WITH MISA ALEGRIA

This Fall, Redeemer parishioners and members of Misa Alegria, the Spanish-speaking congregation at St. Stephen & the Incarnation Episcopal Church, Washington, DC, will form a joint book group to read and discuss *Enrique's Journey* ([www.enriquesjourney.com](http://www.enriquesjourney.com)), the true story of a Honduran boy who traveled alone across the border in search of his mother. Published in 2006, this gripping tale continues to resonate against the backdrop of the current border crisis.

The Rev'd Sarabeth Goodwin, founder and vicar of Misa Alegria, and now also Interim Latino Missioner for the Diocese of Washington, affirmed her support for the joint book group when she visited Redeemer on the evening of Tuesday, September 9. Redeemer has supported Misa Alegria financially since its inception, enabling the congregation to build and enjoy a vibrant music program. Children from Misa Alegria have attended Redeemer's Summer Music Camp, furthering the bond between the two congregations. It is hoped that additional events might be organized once or twice a year to bring together the children of the two parishes to enjoy music and creative arts.

The six-week series, to be hosted in turn by each congregation, is an opportunity to get to know one another and respond to the Bishop of Washington's call to parishes to partner for vitality and to spread the Good News. The book is available in Spanish and English. The discussion will take place in a mix of English and Spanish, with bilingual participants to keep the conversation going without getting lost in translation. Details and dates to follow. During Sarabeth's visit there was discussion about the flow of refugees across the southern US border, a problem that is not new. Parishioner Dongbo Wang reported on his recent visit to a border station in Texas. How we and other churches in the area might help with this crisis will be the subject of a future newsletter article.

The Mission/Outreach Committee

### 9/11 UNITY WALK

Many thanks to the Redeemer parishioners who came to the ninth annual 9/11 Unity Walk on Sunday, September 21. We were thrilled to see so many young people participating – following in the footsteps of those who have come before! The Capital Area Interfaith Friends (CAIF) youth staffed a table at the Expo, carried the Unity Walk banner, and spoke at the Gandhi Memorial. In addition, youth from the Sikh Kid2Kid, Make Space (a Muslim service organization), the President's Campus Challenge, The Church of Latter Day Saints Day to Serve, and several groups from local schools volunteered, sang, and did much more to make this a

powerful experience. Through walking, eating, doing service, and learning, we all came to know one another, our many different faiths, and creeds better. The Unity Walk board is grateful to Redeemer for its sponsorship of the Walk!



The Walk's purpose and experience is best captured in remarks delivered by two of the CAIF youth who spoke at the event:

*Whenever any tragedy occurs anywhere in the world, we see people coming together to raise awareness and to provide support. With an action, comes a reaction, and with tragedy, comes service. This idea of reciprocation, of yin and yang, shows that it is our job to serve others in need. Service is a miraculous thing. Our youth group, CAIF, Capital Area Interfaith Friends, is a prime example of this. We're working to establish dialogue and active service, and we've been to so many places, there is no doubt we've made an impact.*

*Walking is symbolic action because we see ourselves arriving at the destination of peace at the end. The real world walk to peace is a much larger one, a walk that will need the participation of every citizen of every race and religion in the world. ... I encourage all of you to search for a service that you can weave into your own lifestyle; a service that suits your strengths, and to engage in something you genuinely enjoy. This way, service can be the rewarding action it should be.*

Dominique & Mike Rychlik, Walk Coordinators

### MANNA FOOD CENTER

The Mission/Outreach Committee, with approval from the Vestry, has made a grant of \$1,000 to the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg. Redeemer parishioners support Manna on an ongoing basis by contributing non-perishable food items. Drop-off baskets are in the Narthex. Please put Manna on your grocery list and bring your contributions to church on Sundays.

## PARISH LIFE



### HOSPITALITY

**Coffee Hour: Time to Team up!**  
Beginning in November, the Hospitality Committee and the Vestry would like to try a new system for hosting Coffee Hour. Rather than one or two people signing up for each individual

Sunday, parishioners are invited to sign up in teams of four to six people for a month at a time. Teams could be made up of individuals choosing to work together or a particular church group could sign-up for a month, such as the Altar Guild, the Adult and/or Youth Choir, the Outreach, Adult Formation or Finance committee, the Vestry, etc.

Each team can decide to host Coffee Hour in their own fashion: simple or more elaborate, homemade foods or store-bought, healthy or indulgent, etc. While creativity is welcome, simplicity is also great. Teams can divide the month up or decide that all members will contribute each week together – whatever works best for the team. Each team can, of course, sign up for more than one month.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted: group together with friends to create a team, or put your name alongside a given month and see who else can commit to that same time period. If you wish to host Coffee Hour on your own for a particular occasion or because you like to do it, just contact the team for the date you wish to host.

The coffee and tables will continue to be set up for you on Friday by our cleaning service. The team will be responsible for clean up at the end of Coffee Hour.

This is a wonderful way to participate in a Redeemer ministry without too large a commitment through the sharing of the work. Questions? Please contact Karen Stewart: karenstewart@westat.com or 301-652-8470.

Karen Stewart, *Hospitality Coordinator*

### PERSONAL NOTES

**We offer our congratulations to:** Debbie Davenport on the birth of her grandson, Theodore.

**We offer our condolences to:** Dawn Fairbanks on the death of her friend, Brian Webb; John Barnes on the death of his friend, Teresa Martin; Jo Barclay-Beard on the death of her step-mother, Marge Barclay; and Colleen Katz on the death of her mother, Grace Bane. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

#### **We wish a happy birthday to those born in October:**

Philip D'Ambrosio	Anthony Noya
Barbara Alterowitz	John Barnes
Patricia Snowden	Alejo Guzman-Vogele
Sarah Burns	Peter Kendall
Kiki Garo	Christopher Imbrie
Alison Boland	Betsy Heavey
Alexander Akpinar	Melinda Nelson
Jeannette Rockwell	Peggy Tucker
David Schlafer	Huda Kraske
Emerie Gaines	Natalie Crichton
Debbie Babcock-Daley	John Nelson
Gary Lorenz	Katie Wolf-Rodda
Ann Broomell	

#### **We wish a happy anniversary to:**

Cathy Baker & Greg Sherrard  
Brian & Robin Razzino



## 2015 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



### GET READY FOR STEWARDSHIP 2015!

Your Stewardship Committee is looking forward to kicking off the 2015 Stewardship Campaign on **Celebration Sunday, October 19**. We hope to see everyone at the Pot-luck Luncheon that day to enjoy good food and fellowship, and to begin our conversation about what Stewardship means at The Church of the Redeemer.

This year's Stewardship theme, "*Seven whole days, not one in seven...*", from the hymn *King of Glory, King of Peace* (adapted from the poem by George Herbert) is not a typical stewardship theme. But here's what it means to us: The Church of the Redeemer is a busy place, seven whole days a week, not just Sundays!

Sunday is, of course, a beautiful day here. Sunday is when the Eucharist, the choirs, the altar flowers, the Church School classes, the Peace, the prayers, the readings, and the sermon all come together to create a peaceful yet powerful day of worship, renewal, and gratitude. None of that happens on its own. Sunday is only a part of our story. All week long Redeemer is humming – the staff is working, the choirs rehearsing, the committees meeting, and the clergy leading weekday services (Morning Prayer and noon Eucharist on Wednesdays, once a month Taizé on Monday evenings).

During the week Redeemer serves as a quiet refuge for many other groups who find it a welcoming place, not only for worship, but also as a sanctuary. On Tuesdays, the Education for Ministry class and a MS support group meet in the evening, Thursday and Friday mornings there is music and movement class for small children and parents, Thursday evening a Balkan Dance group, every day of the week there are violin, voice and piano lessons, and on Saturday mornings there is Yoga class. Alcoholics Anonymous finds strength and gratitude in our space five times a week. This summer, Director of Music Tom Smith and his colleagues conducted the 8th annual Summer Music Camp that included musical instruction, as well as art, games, and outdoor activities for many of our youth members and children from the community and Misa Alegria. Many of our neighbors often walk the labyrinth, enjoying the calm, beautiful space we are so blessed to have here.

Every day of the week, The Church of the Redeemer is a wonderful place to be. Stewardship is about making sure we have the resources to keep it that way.

You will be hearing a lot about our theme, *Seven whole days, not one in seven*, as we walk our own labyrinth path of the Stewardship Campaign together over the next several weeks. We will begin with the **Celebration Kick-Off Potluck on**

**October 19** and end the campaign on **Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23**, when we will celebrate all the pledges received with a festive *Giving Thanks* Coffee Hour hosted by the Stewardship Committee.

Along the way, we will meditate and think about what The Church of the Redeemer means to us as a parish, and to each of us as individuals:

- We will have small gatherings of parishioners where we will talk about stewardship and the role the Church of the Redeemer in our lives.
- We will have stewardship activities and education for the kids.

The goal of stewardship, of course, is to offer our time, talent and treasure to our Church. We will be focusing on treasure over the next two months. But more broadly, we would like this campaign to be about celebrating what we have at The Church of the Redeemer. This includes all that is listed above and each other, *seven whole days a week, not (just) one in seven*. We are looking forward to a successful campaign.

Stewardship 2015 is coming; get ready for it!

Katie Nickerson & Michael Mershon  
2015 Stewardship Co-Chairs

*Stewardship Committee Members:* Tom McNaugher, Cathy Baker, John Nickum, Dongbo Wang, Ayesha Court, Robin Razzino and Ann Broomell.

### 2015 STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

- *Sunday, October 19/Celebration Kick-Off Luncheon:* All are invited to the luncheon following the 10:30 Eucharist – please bring a dish to share! This is a time of fellowship, as we begin our discussion about "*Seven whole days, not one in seven*." Stewardship packets and pledge cards will be distributed. There will be an art activity for the kids to teach them about stewardship and include them in the broader discussion of what stewardship means. We invite you to consider making your 2015 pledge during the first week of the campaign. Ideally, our schedule for pledges is:
- *Sunday, October 26:* By this date, we hope to have in hand 50% of pledges for 2015.
- *Sunday, November 9:* By this date, we hope to have in hand 75% of pledges for 2015.
- *Sunday, November 23/Pledge Sunday:* At this time, we hope to have in hand 95% (maybe even 100%) of pledges for 2015.

Yes, we are aiming for full participation this year! Even if it's a small amount at the beginning, all pledges are appreciated and needed.

## STEWARDSHIP: FINANCE & BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the *Refreshing Redeemer* campaign. As a result of your generosity, we will be able to cover any 2014 budget deficit and have a substantial amount remaining to put toward a Building Reserve. The split between 2014 deficit coverage and Building Reserve funding will be made at the end of the year, after we know the amount of actual 2014 income and expense.

At the moment it is difficult to predict the amount of any 2014 deficit that will need to be covered out of the *Refreshing Redeemer* funds. As of August 31, expenses are generally in line with budget. Salary and related expenses will come in below budget in October, November, and December with the departure of the Interim Rector. On the other hand, pledge income through the end of August is significantly behind budget and also behind the level of pledge income as of August 31 last year. I am optimistic that pledge payments will pick up now that the summer is over, but I ask that parishioners stay mindful of the status of their pledge payments, with a view to fulfilling their pledge before the end of the year.

Again, thanks to all for your financial support of Redeemer, whether through pledging, *Refreshing Redeemer*, or both. As they say, we couldn't do it without you.

If you are interested in financial statement numbers, please let me know by phone or email: 301-229-1168 or gibliu@verizon.net. I will be happy to provide you with financial details and answer any questions you might have.

Steve Gibson, *Treasurer*



### FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: *Refreshing Redeemer*

We extend sincere thanks to those who have contributed to *Refreshing Redeemer*, a campaign to raise funds to cover the shortfall in the 2014 budget and to build-up reserves for major maintenance work required on the parish buildings. A total of \$88,567 was raised towards a goal of \$175,000. It is requested that all contributions be paid in full by year's end.

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

#### Maintenance Projects

Thanks to those who generously contributed to the *Refreshing Redeemer* campaign, we are able to commence with some of the necessary maintenance work on the buildings and grounds. The first two jobs to be funded by the campaign will begin very shortly. The exterior of the church building will be repainted. The work will include repair of rot/water damage and refinishing of the railings and the cross on the outside of the building on the Dunrobbin side. Parishioner Josh Hildreth is assisting with the choices of paint colors, and parishioner John Nickum is overseeing the work with the painting contractor, chosen after review of bids from three different companies.

At the same time, a thorough clean-up and landscaping revision will commence at the Rectory. Bids are now being sought from three landscaping contractors. Junior Warden Peter Carlson and parishioner Susan Grigsby are coordinating this process.

Both of these projects will reflect the commitment of the parish to exercising good stewardship with regard to our buildings and grounds for the benefit of ourselves, our neighbors and all who visit here.

#### Fall Garden Clean-up: *Please mark your calendars!*

The Fall Garden Clean-up will take place on Sunday, November 9, starting at 12:15 p.m. We need all the help we can get – there will be tasks for all ages and no gardening skills are required. If you can do any amount of time it will be appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. If you have useful garden tools and garden gloves, please bring them with you.

Peter Carlson, *Chair, Grounds Committee*

John Nickum, *Chair, Buildings Committee*

# VESTRY NEWS & PARISH INFORMATION

## NOTES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Redeemer Parish,

With grace and peace we move forward through our transition to a new clergy leadership. The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell has guided us through the past eleven months of our interim period. We thank her for the time she spent with us and her leadership as she helped us find our way through this challenging period of change. I am confident that the vestry, staff, and clergy will provide structure and support as we continue to navigate our way toward welcoming our next rector.

Our success in this portion of our transition is due to the wonderful Redeemer community of faith. The entire congregation has shown compassion, love, support, patience, understanding, and grace. We have shown ourselves to be very good companions on the way. We are blessed by listening to each other and sharing our joys and concerns with discerning hearts.

I am reminded of the parish meetings arranged by the Search Committee, where we gathered to talk about our hopes and dreams for the future. I look forward to the house gatherings being arranged by the Stewardship Committee for October and November. My sense is that Redeemer people like to get together to talk with and listen to each other. It is more fun when we play together.

This summer, I sat in the back pew during the 10:30 Eucharist. This is a different place for me to sit. As a member of the choir, I am usually up front with my choir friends. From my back row seat I also felt the Redeemer spirit, as people greeted each other with warm smiles and friendly handshakes, and reached out to visitors and embraced new members.

I know this Redeemer spirit will sustain us as we complete the work of our transition to new clergy leadership, and prepare to meet our next rector. In the words of the Night Prayer from the New Zealand prayer book, "... let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities."

I am grateful for all of you.

Cathy Arrington, *Senior Warden*

## VESTRY MEETING NOTES

The Vestry gathered for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 17.

- The Rev'd Robin Razzino is exploring doing a "hybrid" faith formation series, *Faith Formation for Parents*, that will include gatherings over coffee on weekdays and an online portal for conversation. The focus will be on how the experience of parenting affects our understanding and our relationship with God. Robin hopes to launch the series in late September. *See p. 4*
- The Rev'd Robin Razzino and Administrative Assistant Angela Beckman will attend a seminar on *Digital Media for Ministry, Training and Inspiration for Success*, at Virginia Theological Seminary on September 19.
- The International Wall of Design, a painting company, will be contracted with for the repainting of the exterior of the church building.
- The Grounds Committee will initiate work to clean up the Rectory grounds.
- A resolution was passed to establish a separate bank account for the *Refreshing Redeemer* campaign funds. As of September 17, a total of \$85,397 has been contributed to the campaign.
- The Vestry approved the Mission/Outreach Committee's recommendation to give \$1,000 in outreach funds to the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg.
- Vestry members identified the need for operating procedures and revised job position descriptions to reflect lay responsibilities. A committee of the Vestry will undertake this effort.

The Rev'd Ann Broomell, *Interim Rector*

## SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE

The work of the Rector Search Committee has moved into a primarily confidential stage. However, as announced recently, committee members are about to begin visiting the parishes of the applicants they are considering. Questions? Please contact any member of the committee:

Jo Barclay-Beard  
Jane Dealy  
Charlie Hundley  
Nathan Price  
Peggy Tucker

Mary Helen Carlson  
Josh Hildreth  
Joelle Morris  
Mike Rychlik

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## Wednesday, October 1

*Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530*

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, October 2

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 3 (Parish Office closed)

*George Kennedy Allen Bell, Bishop of Chichester, and Ecumenist, 1958;*

*John Raleigh Mott, Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955*

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

## Saturday, October 4

*Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226*

## Sunday, October 5

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

## Monday, October 6

*William Tyndale, 1536, and Miles Coverdale, 1568, Translators of the Bible*

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

## Tuesday, October 7

*Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787*

*The Rev'd Dr. Ann Broomell's last day at Redeemer*

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

## Wednesday, October 8

*William Dwight Portyer Bliss, Priest, 1926, and Richard Theodore Ely, Economist, 1943*

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

## Thursday, October 9

*Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, Medical Missionary, 1940*

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 10 (Parish Office closed)

*Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954*

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

## Saturday, October 11

*Philip, Deacon and Evangelist*

## Sunday, October 12

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 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, October 13 (Parish Office Closed)

*Columbus' Day*

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

## Tuesday, October 14

*Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1906*

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

## Wednesday, October 15

*Teresa of Avila, Nun 1582*

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

## Thursday, October 16

*Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops and Martyrs, 1555*

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 17 (Parish Office closed)

*Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c. 115*

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

## Saturday, October 18

*Saint Luke the Evangelist*

## Sunday, October 19

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Stewardship Sunday*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 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. Stewardship Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert
- 6:30 p.m. Reception

## Monday, October 20

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

## Tuesday, October 21

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

**Wednesday, October 22**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 23**

*Saint James of Jerusalem,  
 Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62*  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 24 (Parish Office closed)**

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

**Saturday, October 25****Sunday, October 26**

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Visitation by the Right Rev'd  
 Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum with Bishop Budde  
 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  
 12:30 p.m. Special Forum with Bishop Budde

**Monday, October 27**

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

**Tuesday, October 28**

*Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles*  
 11:00 a.m. Street Church at The Church of the Epiphany, DC  
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Wednesday, October 29**

*James Hannington and his Companions, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial  
 Africa, Martyrs, 1885*

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 30**

*John Wyclif, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384*  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 31 (Parish Office closed)**

*Paul Shinji Sasaki, Bishop of Mid-Japan, and of Tokyo, 1946, and Philip  
 Lindel Tsen, Bishop of Honan, China, 1954*

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

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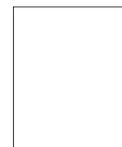
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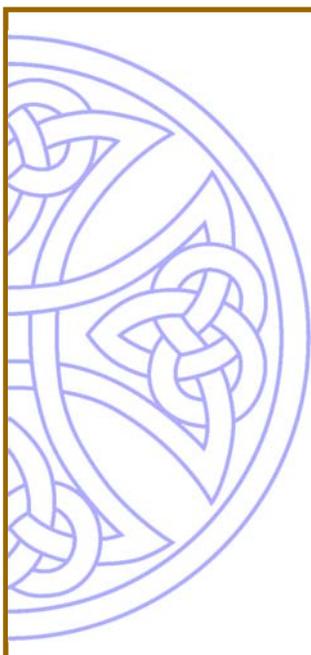
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