



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

### **Bethesda Cares and Redeemer!**

Here is a thank you note to those who provided dinner through Redeemer's Outreach partnership with Bethesda Cares in July. We literally couldn't continue without individuals stepping up.

Redeemer parishioners provided a delicious and hearty meal for the hungry and homeless in our community on a stormy Sunday in late July. Many thanks go out to Bramman Avery and Mary K Young, Mary Helen Carlson, Marie France, Susan Grigsby, Ben Ivins, Judy James, the Jennings-Mershon Family, Melinda Nelson, Cricket Park, Denny Shaw, and Helen Zitomer.

Redeemer will next provide dinner on Sunday, September 23. Please consider participating in our Outreach Program.

### **Thanks! Marie France**

[and thanks to Marie for making this work!]

### **The Collect for the Day:**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Readings for Sunday:**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-13

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

*The Rector will be away from August 6 to 13. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call David Schlafer at 301-493-4261.*

*Serving: not scheduled in the summer*

**Note:** During the summer, sign up on the board in the narthex. You may sign up to read the week before, and you will get the readings by email, but all other positions are assigned on-the-spot. We encourage people, especially young people, to experiment



AA Meeting, 7:30pm

**Wednesday, August 8**

Morning Prayer, 9:00am

AA Meeting, Noon

Holy Eucharist, Noon

**Looking ahead:**

Parish Choir in Bristol, U.K., August 5 - 13

Backpack Packing Party, August 5

Youth Choir Rehearsal, September 5

Adult Choir Rehearsal, September 6

First FOMAR Concert, September 8

Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, September 12

Education for Ministry, September 12

Welcome Back Sunday, September 16

"Bristol Evensong", September 16 at 5:00pm

P.R.A.Y. Kickoff at St. Dunstan's, September 19

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**Coming Up at Redeemer**

**Music at Redeemer - New Format**

Geoffrey's been busy building next season's concert series, and Music at Redeemer events are now on-line at [musicatredeemer.org](http://musicatredeemer.org) and on sale at Eventbrite.

The biggest changes for us all this season are that 1) we won't always have events on Sundays, 2) receptions may be before rather than after, and 3) we are going to charge for tickets rather than have a free-will offering.

Sharing the underwriting burden with a paying audience, with the net thrown wider by the enormous Eventbrite, makes sense for us. It expands our reach to places we wouldn't normally be able to go. It will help us take our ministry of sharing the best music in this beautiful space to even more people and on a more sure financial footing. The two liturgies on the series will, of course, remain free of charge. You will be receiving emails over the course of the next few weeks, please read them, and do everything you can to encourage your friends and neighbors to attend.

The first concert occurs the weekend after Labor Day, on Saturday (not Sunday), September 8 at 5 p.m.

**From Amma Cricket to Parents of young people 5th grade and above:**

Over the past two years, Deacon Sue and the clergy of Redeemer, St. Dunstan's, and St. Patrick's have planted the seeds for a long-term cooperative effort called the Potomac River Anglican Youth (P.R.A.Y.). In our review of this program we realize that in order for this collaboration to work, our young people need to meet together a minimum of twice a

month. *For this to happen, parents of said youth must commit to get them to the meetings!*

Beginning in the fall (September 19th), P.R.A.Y. will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The meetings on the 1st Wednesdays will be here at Redeemer; the 3rd Wednesday meetings will be at St. Dunstan's. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the program will run from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

If everyone who participated in a P.R.A.Y. event last year came regularly to meetings, we would have a group of 15-20 youth. If we have enough high school students (minimum of 5), Sue will have a program for them specifically. Young people need a cadre of their peers who will support each other as Christians as they negotiate their world. Please mark your calendars now and support your children's faith journey. And, please e-mail [rector@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemberbethesda.org) to let Cricket and Sue know that you are making the commitment.

### **Photo Directory Update**

The directory photos are posted on the Membership board. The proof has been corrected and sent back to Lifetouch. When they are delivered, each family who had a picture taken will receive a directory.

### **"Out of the Office" Office!**

Cricket will hold office hours at Sangamore this week, but not next week.

### **Redeemer Book Group**

The next book being read by the Book Group is *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. It is a magnificent feat of storytelling of love and betrayal, a novel of historical and political importance. The narrator, a communist double agent, is a man of two minds. The story is a layered immigrant tale told in the wry confessional voice of a man of two minds and two countries, Vietnam and the United States. The book will be discussed sometime in September. Date and Venue will be confirmed soon.

In the meantime, the book group will get together to see the movie *Cluny Brown*, which it has recently read. Date to be decided. If you are interested in seeing the movie, please let Huda Kraske ([hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com)) know.

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