



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!**

This Sunday the choir will be reminiscing about their pilgrimage to Bristol. Please join us at 9:15am.

### **Pastoral emergencies!**

Cricket will be away from September 8th to the 13th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Rev'd Jeffrey MacKnight at 301-229-2960.

### **Coffee Hour!**

The September sign-up sheet is on the board. Please consider taking a Sunday!

### **Flowers on the altar!**

Memorials, dedications, anniversaries, special events in your life, or that of others can be remembered by dedicating the flowers each week. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Suggested donation is \$70.

### **September 8th is a Saturday Concert at 5:00pm, with Tatiana Chulochnikova: Baroque, Classical, and Electric Violin!**

Get your tickets online at [musicatredeemer.org](http://musicatredeemer.org) or arrive a little early with cash, check or credit card.

### **Bannockburn Newsletter available in a new format**

The neighborhood newsletter has made a significant transformation. It includes more information and features a column by our rector! To access the newsletter, log on to your Nextdoor account.

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Readings for Sunday:**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

*Serving: Sunday, September 9*



**Sunday**, September 9  
Holy Eucharist, 8:00am  
Child Care, 9:15am  
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

**Monday**, September 10, Office closed  
AA Meeting, Noon

**Tuesday**, September 11  
Staff Meeting, 1:00pm  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

**Wednesday**, September 12  
Morning Prayer, 9:00am  
Education for Ministry, 9:30am  
AA Meeting, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, Noon  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm  
Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, 7:30pm at St Dunstan's

**Looking ahead:**

Welcome Back Sunday, September 16  
"Bristol Evensong", September 16 at 5:00pm  
P.R.A.Y. Kickoff at St. Dunstan's, September 19  
Diaconal Ordination (Anne Derse), September 22  
Kid's Takeover Sunday, September 23  
Bethesda Cares Dinner, September 23  
Redeemer Book Group, September 23  
Family dinner and game night, September 29  
Embodied Truth Series, Tuesday evenings starting October 2

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**Coming Up at Redeemer**

**Redeemer Book Group**

The book group is now reading *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. This is a remarkable and brilliant book narrated by a double agent and takes place in the US and Vietnam. It is a disturbing, fascinating and darkly comical book which starts with the fall of Saigon. The author teaches English and American Studies at the University of Southern California. The book will be discussed September 23 at 3:00 pm at the home of Ron and Sally Pugsley, 8108 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. For more information, contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com). The book to be read next is the *Soul of America* by Jon Meecham.

**Bethesda Cares Dinner, Sunday, September 23**

Please sign up to contribute a dish to Redeemer's meal this month for our hungry neighbors. Entrees, side dishes, bread, drinks, and fruit are needed to provide a good meal. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact Marie France

(tweedfrance@gmail.com or 301.320.1534).

**Special request:**

Volunteers are needed to deliver the meal to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in downtown Bethesda, Sunday, September 23, at about 4 pm.

**Family Dinner and Game Night**

**September 29, 2018 5:00 - 8:30 pm**

Bring a dish to share and a game to play. Please be sure the games are family-friendly please. Scrabble, Monopoly, cards, chess, checkers - they're all good. Twister and Cards Against Humanity - not so much. Want to help? Contact Cricket at rector@redeemberbethesda.org.

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**EMBODIED TRUTH: The Moral Teachings of Jesus**

**A joint offering of Church of the Redeemer and St. Dunstan's Church**

Five Tuesday evenings in October, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan's, starting 10/2

People are making terrible claims for Christianity these days, suggesting that Jesus hates gays, loves guns, favors America, or wants you to be rich. What did Jesus actually say? We'll examine the Gospel records and discuss Jesus' true moral compass in five discussions.

While lies and selfishness are problems in every era, we face particular assaults on moral values today. Jesus not only speaks truth, he embodies truth in his words, his actions, and his willingness to give himself up even to death. We'll explore together what Jesus' teaching and his behavior tell us about:

- Truth and lies
- Wealth and materialism
- Racial bigotry
- Respect for human life (including abortion, capital punishment, and death with dignity)
- Oppression of human beings (women, LBGTQIA, poor people, others)
- Poverty
- Sexual ethics
- Nationalism and immigration
- Democracy and authoritarianism
- Economic Exploitation/wage slavery
- Nonviolence and pacifism

I will present a view of Jesus based in scripture, with ample time for discussion and debate. Jesus addresses some issues more clearly than others, and we'll be honest about that. I hope this will be a fulsome discussion involving both our parishes on these pressing issues. - **Rev'd Jeff MacKnight**

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## Coffee Hour - New Procedure

Our 'catch as catch can' way of scheduling coffee hour volunteers puts strain and stress on the coordinator and the staff. To ease the stress and strain, please identify yourself to Bob Yates or Cricket Park as being willing to host coffee hour at least once every six weeks or so. Actually, the more volunteer families we get, the less often people need to host!

We'll then put together a coffee hour schedule just as we schedule other ministries. Susan Fitzgerald is working on a 'how-to' menu and will post that in mid-September. If the cost of hosting is holding you back, please know that there is money in the budget to help reimburse you.

At this time, we need a volunteer for this Sunday, and for October. Don't forget the potluck on September 16th after the 10:30 am service!

Thank you for helping our ministry of hospitality.

## Discernment in Spiritual Life- What's That?

With a call to form some small groups to build community, might this be a time to revive or re-imagine this practice? We could try virtual meetings to supplement quarterly face-to-face sharing, but ultimately, even the mode will be discerned by the group. Meetings would preferably not be at the 9:15 hour and would start mid-October.

If you are interested or expressed interest last spring and still want to explore this, please contact Marylin Raisch, raischm@gmail.com or 202-340-6894.

## Music at Redeemer - New website

Music at Redeemer tickets are now available online at [musicatredeemer.org](http://musicatredeemer.org) and on sale at Eventbrite. Arrive early to buy in person.

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