



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

Pledge Update: As of 12/10 total pledge is \$394,714. 84 pledges, 87%, balance \$57,286. If you have not sent in your pledge, you can mail it or send it to us online - [click here](#). Thanks to all who have committed themselves to supporting Redeemer. The vestry meets on **December 19th** and will finalize the budget at that time. As Mary Packard-Winkler stated on Sunday, it's great to have 87% in hand. But, it's not great if we have to cut 13% of our programming. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please do by December 16th.

Christmas Pageant is Saturday at St Dunstan's! And a chili cookoff to follow!

A joint effort, this year's pageant will feature children from both parishes acting out the Christmas Story. Come and watch at 5:00pm, or if you are a kid, come and participate at 4:00pm. See below for more information.

Annual Wreath Decorating Workshop*

Saturday, December 15th 1-4 pm

*Because of the Boxwood blight, we are only decorating wreaths this year, not making them- please email or call me if you are interested in attending (so that I have enough supplies):

Susan Fitzgerald

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Adult Forum on Sunday - 9:15am

This Sunday, Cricket discusses the Church Calendar!

Christmas Flower Donations: Envelopes are available in the narthex and in the pews.

The Collect for the Day:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- **Zephaniah 3:14-20**
- **Philippians 4:4-7**
- **Luke 3:7-18**
- **Canticle 9**

Serving: Sunday, December 16

8:00 Service:

Lector: Susan Grigsby

Chalice: Tami McMinn

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Bill MacBain, Mary K Young

Crucifer: Youth Choir

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors: Patricia Snowden, Jo Barclay-Beard

Intercessor: John Nelson

Chalice: TBD, Peggy Tucker, Justin Hess

Healing Ministers: Toni Strother, Thad Arrington, Chrissy de Fontenay, Ann Taylor

Counters: Jane Dealy, Ben Mins

Coffee Hour: Barbara Alterowitz & Judy James



Prayer Requests

For healing:

Rick Abramson, Frank Anderson, Claudia Bocock,

Ken Clark, Allison Chow, Clark Downs, Joan

Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lou Garo,

Lucien Garo, Jr., Eileen Hubbard, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Gary Lorenz, Clarice

Leslie, Jody Marten, Evelyn Paparelli, Mary Potter, Marilyn Raisch, Rich Randa, Meagan Richardson, Charlotte Ripa, Carolyn Ross, Bill Ryon, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Patricia Snowden, Karen Stewart, Bruce Suffield, Ann Taylor, Jimmy Tinto, Hannah Tubbergen, Lois Vuolo, Edward, Greg, Jerry, Jim, Katie, Leslie, Mollie, Logan, Eileen and Jay.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Susan Cinkala, Jorge Guzman, Ayesha Court, Lily McGurrin, Charley Gibson, Marilyn Raisch

For those who are traveling, especially Françoise Mukamana

Please sign up to dedicate the flowers in memory or in honor of a person or event starting again in January.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 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

Thursday, December 13

"Out of the Office" Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am

Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday, December 14

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 6:30 pm

AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, December 15

Yoga, 9:30am

Christmas Family Sing Along & Pageant, 5:00pm at St. Dunstan's

Sunday, December 16

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am

Child Care, 9:15am

Adult Forum, 9:15pm

Holy Eucharist with Healing Service and Taizé

Sunday School, 10:30am

Monday, December 17, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, December 18

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm

MS Group, 6:30pm

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 19

Morning Prayer, 9:00am

Education for Ministry, 9:30am

AA Meeting, Noon

Holy Eucharist, Noon

Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm

Wednesday Youth Night, 6:00pm at St. Dunstan's

Vestry meeting, 6:30pm

Looking ahead:

Christmas Pageant, December 15 at St. Dunstan's

Blue Christmas service, December 24 at noon

Christmas Eve, Family Service at 5:00pm

Christmas Eve, Choral Prelude at 10:00pm with Service at 10:30pm

Coming Up at Redeemer

Christmas Family Sing Along & Pageant

Saturday, December 15 - 5:00pm at St. Dunstan's

This fun evening includes a traditional Christmas Pageant, an opportunity to sing carols, visit with Santa Claus, and enjoy a great Chili Supper. Redeemer and St. Dunstan's are

combining efforts this year to put on a great evening for all ages.

All are welcome to participate in the pageant - we need narrators, lead characters, a bunch of angels, sheep, shepherds, and animals of all kinds, and of course help from adults. Youth are being asked to take the lead as usual as narrators and lead characters. Narrators and lead characters will be asked to arrive at 3:00pm for a rehearsal. Younger participants are asked to arrive by 4:00pm to get into costumes.

There will also be a chili dinner to end our evening and we encourage entries for the "best chili cook-off" - white, veggie, Texas, etc. - all varieties are accepted.

Watch for various sign-up emails to offer your talents for the pageant or the chili cook-off. And the judges for the chili cook-off are:

Originally from Birmingham, AL, Blake Waruszewski is a 28-years-old resident of Falls Church, VA. He is currently on active duty in the military, working as a private chef with 7 years' time in service.

Paul Austin is a cancer research scientist but most folks know him best for his baking career. He worked in a couple of the best bakeries in DC and cooked for the best church in Bethesda. Someone whose cakes were featured in Buzzfeed's "23 Bakeries Around The World You Need To Eat At Before You Die" once told him that his cakes are better than hers. We like to pretend that's true.

[Pageant and Chili signup](#)

From Deacon Sue:

I have accepted the invitation of Bishop Mariann Budde to join her staff on a full-time basis, as the program on the diaconate has grown beyond a half time position. That growth and other changes on the staff have led to this increase in my role as Archdeacon of the Diocese. This will take effect on January 1, 2019.

Over the last two years I have come to know the Redeemer youth and congregation; and it has been a pleasure to serve as the coordinator for the Potomac River Anglican Youth collaboration. I have enjoyed spending my Wednesday afternoons with the youth choir chatting about school, life, and all that is happening in their lives. I am excited for the possibilities that have begun with combining the youth night program between Redeemer and St. Dunstan's. Many of the youth from our congregations already know each other well in schools and other programs. Our evenings together this fall have great potential for development of a strong faith community; one which can provide friendship, support, and deep relationships in Christ. While I will miss this community of faith and my time with the youth, I know that this is the correct path for my vocation and life. Redeemer will always be a part of my journey of faith.

Sue's last worship day with us was last Sunday, but she will continue doing youth programming until December 31st.

In lieu of a "purse," Sue requests that donations be made to Redeemer to fund the purchase of furniture for the youth room. If you wish to donate toward this going-away gift, please make checks payable to Redeemer or donate on-line. Be sure to note that the donation is for Youth.

**PRAY Youth Group Redeemer & St. Dunstan's Youth
1st and 3rd Wednesday * 5th through 12th graders**

**December 5 @ Redeemer | December 19 @ St. Dunstan's
Dinner and Program starts at 6:00pm.**



Join us this month for as we look at the birth narratives in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. We'll compare these stories to what the current culture shares about the birth of Jesus.

Simple meal and fellowship offered to all before Youth Groups from St. Dunstan's and Redeemer's joint youth programs meet. Youth Group is for 5th through 12th grades and meets after dinner from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Friends of youth are always welcome at dinner and youth group. PLEASE sign up by Monday, December 17th so that the appropriate amount of food is prepared!

****Beginning in January, Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.***

Caroling & Secret Santa at the Oasis

Sunday, December 16

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cost: Secret Santa gift under \$10

Youth will Christmas Carol for the residents of the Oasis at Sibley Hospital. This memory care unit's residents suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's. Singing familiar carols can be a great gift as music is one of simple ways that memories return.

Parents are asked to drop off at 2:00 p.m. and pick up youth at 4:00 p.m. at the center. An adult leader will be in the entrance way to meet youth.

We'll have a Secret Santa exchange and enjoy some refreshments after we sing. Please keep the cost of these gifts under \$10. Youth are encouraged to wear exciting Christmas attire - hats, sweaters, etc. Sign up so that we can adequately prepare for snacks. Friends are always welcome to join our events.

Coffee Hour

There is a sign-up sheet on the board and we invite you to take a Sunday. If the cost of hosting is holding you back, please know that there is money in the budget to help reimburse you. Thank you for helping our ministry of hospitality.

At this time, we need volunteers for January.

Bethesda Cares - Collecting Warmth

Bethesda Cares is our local support center for homeless adults in our town. We are asking for donations of new or clean, lightly used clothing for both men and women as follows: Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, jackets, sweatshirts, and blankets are always welcome.

We have a tote beside the piano in the Parish Hall where donations can be dropped off.

Church volunteers will take them to the Bethesda Cares center in downtown Bethesda.

I need 2 more volunteers to help to deliver these throughout the winter season. Look for THE GMING TREE on the stage in the Parish Hall!

Marie France twweedfrance@gmail.com

Be sure to get a seat for the Music at Redeemer events in February and March:

Saturday, February 2, at 5pm - EYA: St. Brigid, the Second Patron Saint of Ireland

Saturday, February 9, at 7pm - The Whiffenpoofs in Concert

Saturday, March 2, at 7pm - Erik and Chuyoung Suter, Rachmaninoff & Grieg Piano Concertos

Tickets for these concerts are available at Eventbrite, which is accessible through the musicatredeemer.org website.

Episcopal Relief and Development's annual Gifts for Life catalog is available on their website. Go to episcopalrelief.org and discover how you can make an impact on a family somewhere in the developing world. You can purchase mosquito nets or flocks of chickens. Or, you can send a child to school or pay for a mother's micro-loan to start a business. **Until December 31st, a matching grant will double your gift.** You can order cards to go with your gift so that the receiver will know how it helps the world.

Redeemer Book Group

The book we are reading is "*A Gentleman in Moscow*" by Amor Towles. When in 1922, the thirty-year old Count Rostov is deemed unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, he is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. The book will be discussed on January 13 at 3:00pm at the house of Ann Hartman, 107 Hesketh Street, Bethesda, Md. 20815. For questions, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com.

The books we will be reading afterward are: "*The Killers of the Flower Moon*" by David Grann and "*Pale Blue Ink in a Lady's Hand*" by Franz Werfel. For more information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com or 301-656-2087.

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