



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 12/18 total pledge is \$410,289. 87 pledges, 91%, balance \$41,711. 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 financially. The vestry meets **TOMORROW** and would like to finalize the budget at that time.

ATTENTION: Be on the lookout: The Holy Family and their entourage has gone on walkabout, presumably for spa services to spruce themselves up for their big weekend. If you have seen them, please remind them they need to come home immediately. (Okay, Amma Cricket's been watching too many NCIS reruns. But, we really need the return of the creche figures if you took them to do repairs. Thanks!)

Christmas Service Schedule:

Sunday, December 23 - 8:00am and 10:30am Advent 4

**Monday, December 24 - Noon (Blue), 5:00pm (Family) and
10:30pm (Festive) with Music Prelude at 10:00pm**

There will not be a forum this Sunday or next.

We will start again on January 6th. Please join us for these interesting and informative discussions. Your opinions will add to and stimulate the conversation!

Adult Forum during Epiphany: January 6 - February 23, 2019

Join Bishop Mariann (via video podcast) on an 8-week journey through the "Way of Love" series as she reflects on each of this rule of life's seven facets: Turn, Bless, Pray, Worship, Rest, Learn, and Go. We hope in listening, you will experience Jesus in a new and refreshing way. The rector will facilitate conversation after the group listens to the videos each week. This course is commended to us by Bp. Budde and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Take time in Epiphany to discover how Christ is present in your life and ministry.

Christmas Flower Donations: Please make your donations through our website no later than noon on Wednesday, Dec 19!

The Collect for the Day:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- ○ **Micah 5:2-5a**
- **Hebrews 10:5-10**

Marilyn Randa, 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: Marilyn Raisch, Mary K Young, Lisa MacBain, Amy Yount, Jochen Kraske

For those who are traveling: Francoise Mukamana; Brenda, Tilla & Kailah McAnthony

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 19

Morning Prayer, 9:00am
Education for Ministry, 9:30am
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm
Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm
Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, December 20

"Out of the Office" Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday, December 21

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon
AA Meeting, 6:30pm
AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, December 22

Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, December 23

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am
Child Care, 9:15am
NO Adult Forum, 9:15pm
Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 10:30am
Decorating for Christmas Eve after 10:30am service

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

"Blue Christmas" Holy Eucharist, Noon
Family Christmas Eve service, 5:00pm
Choral Christmas service, 10:15pm

Tuesday, December 25

Office Closed
Christmas Services available at the National Cathedral at 11:15am
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 26

Office Closed

Looking ahead:

December 30, ALL Services at St. Dunstan's
Choir rehearsals will resume on January 9 & 10

Coming Up at Redeemer

Dear Friends,

Steve and I are traveling to Ohio after Christmas to spend time with our son and his wife (and our grand-dogs). We hope to return on December 29th. Winter travel is tricky - a snowstorm may delay us. Rev. David Schlafer is also traveling that week and will not be available on the 30th. The good news is that the Rev. Jeffrey MacKnight is staying in town! He'll be available for pastoral emergencies during the week. In order that you can receive Holy Eucharist on the 30th, Jeff has invited Redeemer to join with them that morning. They have two services: a family-oriented service at 9:00 am and a traditional service at 10:45 am. Redeemer will host the St. Dunstan's family after the first of the year. I'm thankful that we are able to cooperate in this way. Merry Christmas! ~Amma Cricket

**PRAY Youth Group Redeemer & St. Dunstan's Youth
2nd and 4th Wednesday* 5th through 12th graders
January 9 @ Redeemer | January 23 @ St. Dunstan's
Dinner and Program starts at 6:00pm.**



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, January 7 or 21 so that the appropriate amount of food is prepared!

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

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 GIVING TREE on the stage in the Parish Hall!

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**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.

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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