



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

### **Advent Lessons and Carols** by Candlelight on Sunday at 5:00pm!

#### **Momma/Poppa Sheep?**

The Christmas Pageant will be with St. Dunstan's this year. We need a "Momma" and/or "Poppa" sheep to coordinate our side of the event. Could you help the kids find a costume and work with Deacon Sue? The pageant is December 15th at 5pm. A chili supper follows in the St. Dunstan's parish hall.

#### **St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus**

The collection at this Sunday's **Advent Lessons and Carols** will be donated to the collection spearheaded by St. John's Norwood to purchase an ambulance for St. Luke's Hospital on the West Bank. If you would like to contribute but will not be attending Lessons and Carols you may contribute by putting your donation in the collection plate Sunday morning and marking it 'ambulance' either on the envelope for cash or on the memo line for a check.

**Pledge Update:** As of December 4th, we have met 86% of our \$452,000 goal. We received 77 pledges for \$386,939. 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. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please do by December 16th. The vestry meets on December 19th and will finalize the budget at that time.

#### **Adult Forum on Sunday - 9:15am**

This Sunday is Mary Packard-Winkler discussing "Cultivating our better angels to bridge the political divide."

**5th annual Wreath Making workshop** (the door variety) Come to a wreath-making workshop Saturday, December 15th at 1 pm You can either make a wreath with a wreath form and greens OR decorate a wreath you bring with you with fruits, nuts, and other colorful objects! \$20 per wreath

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Readings for Sunday:**

- **Baruch 5:1-9**
- **Canticle 16**
- **Philippians 1:3-11**

## Serving: *Sunday, December 9*

### **8:00 Service:**

Lector: Marie France

Chalice: Susan Grigsby

### **10:30 Service:**

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Richard Tyler, Madeleine Tyler

Crucifer: Youth Choir

Acolyte: Olivia Tyler

Lectors: Clark Downs, Jenny Nachbar

Intercessor: Karen Stewart

Chalice: Jenny Nachbar, TBD, Justin Hess

Counters: Jane Dealy, Ben Ivins

Coffee Hour: Karen Stewart & Catherine Sands



### **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:** Caroline Gibson, Diana Daley

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 5**

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

Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, 7:30pm at St Dunstan's

#### **Thursday, December 6**

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

Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm away

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

**Friday, December 7**

AA Meditation Meeting, Noon

AA Meeting, 6:30 pm

AA Meeting, 8:30pm

**Saturday, December 8**

Yoga, 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Piano Recital, 1:00 - 3:00pm

**Sunday, December 9**

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am

Adult Forum, 9:15am

Child Care, 9:15am

Olive Oil Ministry - bring your checkbooks!

Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 10:30am

Advent Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, 5:00pm

**Monday, December 10, Office closed**

AA Meeting, Noon

**Tuesday, December 11**

Staff Lunch Meeting, 1:30pm

MS Group, 6:30pm

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

**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

**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

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**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. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4eadad2ba5f58-christmas>

### [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 will be December 9th. 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 3rd and 17th so that the appropriate amount of food is prepared!

**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 GIVING TREE as we get closer to Christmas!

**Barbara Thackray** [thackraybm@aol.com](mailto:thackraybm@aol.com)

**The Choir** is still riding high on the success of the Duruflé Requiem service and the incredible standing-room audience. Thank you to everyone who made this service possible. Believe it or not, the season isn't half over yet! Please mark your calendars for Advent Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, December 9th at 5pm. Don't forget to invite your friends. Word of mouth is the best promotion: it's personal and free! Because it is a liturgy, the lessons and carols service is open to all. A free-will offering will be taken.

**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](http://musicatredeemer.org) website.

**Episcopal Relief and Development's annual Gifts for Life** catalog is available on their website. Go to [episcopalrelief.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com) or 301-656-2087.

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