



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

### **From the Hearth**

"That we all may be one."

This familiar phrase from Form III of the Prayers of the People takes new meaning for Redeemer this month. In order to unify the congregation physically, pews and chairs will be reconfigured. This change, unanimously endorsed by the vestry, encourages us to sit more closely together. We'll be able to better see each other. The new configuration also promises to enhance the sound quality for readers, preachers, and choristers. Sound quality matters because one of our important tools for growth is our service recordings, which we post each week on our website.

Moving things around may make people uncomfortable initially. I understand that. I'm confident that we'll enjoy the worship experience that this new arrangement will bring. I'm really quite excited about the potential this has for the future!

Inspired by Susan Fitzgerald's "Cleaning Closets" theme, Geoffrey and I have already made a few changes. You'll notice a less cluttered narthex and St. Luke's Chapel is more open and inviting. (No furniture was jettisoned. It's all been relocated.) It will be more so once the organ console is relocated. I'm also looking forward to how much more we'll be able to enjoy the choir with them among us.

The big moving day is April 7th after Sunday's services are finished. Geoffrey is making a step-by-step plan so that it will be orderly. *We'll need strong folks to maneuver the oak pews into their new places.* I hope you will plan to stay and help.

I know you have questions and Geoffrey, the Vestry, and I look forward to taking them. Please join us in the sanctuary after we've grabbed something to eat and we'll have a conversation.

~Amma Cricket

### **Bethesda Cares Outreach Dinner Program.**

In March, two Redeemer families have stepped forward to prepare and deliver dinner as part of our outreach program through Bethesda Cares. They are Anne DeFontenay and David Hotes with Tony and Kim Penn. The generosity of these two families and their time and effort is deeply appreciated.

Redeemer will next provide Bethesda Cares dinner on Sunday, May 26. Please consider providing a dish. The participation of many over the long haul makes it possible for our church to support the hungry and homeless in our community. For more information, contact Marie France at [tweedfrance@gmail.com](mailto:tweedfrance@gmail.com).

### **Thank you to everyone who contributed clothing and other items for the Bethesda Cares work with homeless folk in our local area.**

The needs are ongoing, so if you have other contributions to make you can do that directly to the office on Fairmont St. or we shall be happy to deliver contributions for you.

## The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Readings for Sunday

- Joshua 5:9-12
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- Psalm 32

## Serving: *Sunday, March 31, 2019*

### March 31, 2019

#### 8:00 Service:

Lector: Susan Grigsby

Chalice: Marie France

#### 10:30 Service:

Ushers: Mary K Young, Mary Helen Carlson, TBD

Crucifer: Youth Choir

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors: Karen Stewart, Clark Downs

Intercessor: Choir

Chalice: Justin Hess, Patricia Snowden, Judy James

Counters: Deborah Babcock-Daley, Clark Downs

Coffee Hour: Patricia Snowden

**Last Sunday's attendance: 127 (previous Sunday - 134)**



### Prayer Requests

#### For healing:

Frank Anderson, Claudia Boccock, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lou Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Eileen & Robert Hubbard, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Gary Lorenz, Clarice Leslie, Mary Potter, Marilyn Rossie, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Patricia Snowden, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Jimmy Tinto, Lois Vuolo, Jerry, and Eileen

**In thanksgiving for birthdays:** Nathan Price, Caroline Sherrard, Loa Jane Tomasson, Olivia Tomasson, Scott Williams, Mildred Devereux, Karina Kimberlin

**There are no flowers on the altar in Lent. Donations for Easter Flowers are welcome between now and Palm Sunday.**

### Parish Calendar

#### Wednesday, March 27

Morning Prayer, 9:00am

Education for Ministry, 9:30am

AA Meeting, Noon  
Holy Eucharist, Noon  
Ministry with Larmax Homes, 2:00pm  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm  
Youth Group, 6:00pm at St. Dunstan's  
Glen Echo Singers Rehearsal, 7:30pm (at St. Dunstan's)

**Thursday, March 28**

Collar & Coffee Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am  
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

**Friday, March 29**

**Men's Retreat - 3:00pm**

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

**Saturday, March 30**

**Men's Retreat**

Yoga, 9:30am

**Sunday, March 31**

**Men's Retreat**

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am  
Child Care, 9:15am  
Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 10:30am

**Monday, April 1, Office closed**

AA Meeting, Noon

**Tuesday, April 2**

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm  
MS Group, 6:30pm  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

**Wednesday, April 3**

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

**Looking ahead:**

Sanctuary in Motion! April 7th after services  
Holy Week Services, April 15-20 at 7:30pm  
Good Friday St John Passion, April 19 @ Bradley Hills Presbyterian  
Easter Sunday, April 21

**Holy Week/April 22-27:** Monday is Holy Eucharist & Healing. Tuesday is Reflections on the Solemn Collects of Good Friday. Wednesday is Evening Prayer. Thursday is Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing. Friday is Good Friday with Stations of the Cross at 12noon. Friday evening the Redeemer Choir will perform the St John's Passion at Bradley Hills Presbyterian. Saturday is the Great Vigil of Easter. All are at 7:30pm.

### **Worship Assistants for Holy Week**

Lectors on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; Chalicer on Monday, Thursday and Saturday; Passion Readers on Palm Sunday. Bob Yates has the schedule and will add your name!

### **Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington Maryland Partner Parishes**

#### **INVITE YOU to Community Walk for the Homeless in our midst**

Saturday, April 6 - 10am - noon

Where: Beginning at Ascension Episcopal Church, Silver Spring and ending at Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring. Strollers, pets, ALL are welcome!

Register online: [www.samaritanministry.org](http://www.samaritanministry.org)

This is a FREE Event!

Together we CAN eradicate homelessness!

For more info contact Ann Moczydlowski at [annlhmc@gmail.com](mailto:annlhmc@gmail.com)

### **Redeemer Book Group**

Last Sunday the discussion had eleven participants! The next book we will be reading is *The Land Breakers* by John Ehle. Set deep in the Appalachian wilderness of North Carolina between the years of 1779 and 1784, *The Land Breakers* is a saga of the violence encountered by settlers in an unsettled country that is sometimes paradise and sometimes hell. The book will be discussed at 3 pm on May 12 at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske. For further information, contact Huda Kraske at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com). Next, we will be reading *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen followed by *March* by author Geraldine Brooks.

### **Help Support Habitat for Humanity! Build a house!**

Dominique Rychlik is a part of a Women's Build and is looking for more to join her. You can join her team. If we have 10 Women who are interested, Redeemer can field its own team! Each team member is responsible for raising \$350 toward the project. Contact Dominique directly if you want to help. [rychliks@gmail.com](mailto:rychliks@gmail.com)

### **Let's Ring in the Alleluias!**

A bell fanfare for Easter Vigil is being prepared. More ringers are welcome! You do not need to have experience. This is a wonderful way to make music if singing isn't your forte. Youth are welcome also! We practice on Thursdays at 6 until 7pm in the sanctuary.

Any interested ringers please contact Silvia Maza at [silviamaza357@gmail.com](mailto:silviamaza357@gmail.com) or phone me at (301) 523-0563 and leave a message with your name and contact information.

### **Film Series**

The 5th Annual Voices From the Holy Land 2019 Film Series seeks to provide a voice to the people living in the Holy Land, and to prompt conversation, by presenting informative and compelling documentary films by Israeli, Palestinian, American, and European filmmakers. For more information about this series at the Washington National Cathedral, visit [www.voicesfromtheholylan.org](http://www.voicesfromtheholylan.org), or [Facebook.com/voicesholylan](https://www.facebook.com/voicesholylan).

For more information about VFHL's work or this film series, contact Holy Land Committee co-conveners Nancy Adams at [njadams1@verizon.net](mailto:njadams1@verizon.net) or Kirk Campbell at [kirkcruachan@yahoo.com](mailto:kirkcruachan@yahoo.com)

### **Will you be our representative in Operation Good Soil?**

*'Listen!' Jesus said. "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. . . Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And Jesus said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'" Mark 4:1-9*

In the Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW), we are undertaking the work of becoming good soil. We know that the most transformative work requires intentional planning and strategic effort. To that end, we are embarking on a diocesan-wide strategic planning process that we hope will allow us to take stock together of where we are now -- our strengths and our challenges, where we see fruitfulness in our ministries and where we struggle -- and then commit to a mutually discerned vision of God's preferred future for our diocese. Our planning will be most effective if it includes the views of the full range of our community and takes into account the distinctive contexts of each geographic region, building upon work our leadership has already begun to cultivate in collaboration among our constituencies.

**Youth Group Redeemer & St. Dunstan's Youth**  
**2nd and 4th Wednesday 5th through 12th graders**  
**Wednesday April 10 @ Redeemer**  
**Dinner and Program starts at 6:00pm.**

Simple meal and fellowship offered to all before youth programs meet. Youth Group is for 5th through 12th grades. Friends of youth are always welcome at dinner and youth group. PLEASE RSVP to Amma Cricket so that the appropriate amount of food is prepared!

**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.

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