



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

Thanks to all of you I had a wonderful birthday! My Facebook fundraiser for Episcopal Relief and Development netted just over \$2000! That's \$500 over my goal!! Big thanks to Susan and Marie and Carolyn and Geoffrey and everyone who did their part to make the party so festive and fun. I hear that 60 is the new 40 - we'll see! Blessings - Cricket+

RSVP today! The Islamic holy month of Ramadan and fasting start on May 6th this year. We are invited to share an Iftaar (break of fast) and dinner on Thursday, May 16, 2019. (See more information below.) Sign up in the Parish Hall or send an email to bob@bobyates.net.

"Collar and Coffee" resumes this week.

Amma Cricket will resume her out-of-the-office office hours on April 25. Join her in the public space next to Safeway in the Sangamore Shopping Center. You can grab a beverage at Praline, Subway, or Starbucks.

The Collect for Sunday:

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19
- Psalm 30

Serving: *Sunday, May 5, 2019*

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8:00 Service:

Lector: Susan Grigsby

Chalice: Tami McMin

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Meredith Griggs, Michael Mershon

Crucifer: Youth Choir

Acolyte: Thad Arrington

Lectors: Carolyn Kimberlin, Tom McNaugher

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

Monday, May 6, Office closed
AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, May 7
MS Group, 6:30pm
AA Meeting, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8
Morning Prayer, 9:00am
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm

Looking ahead:

May 11, Carmina & Illuminare
May 12, Book Group meets
May 16, Iftaar at Potomac Islamic Center
May 26, Bethesda Cares Dinner
May 27, Memorial Day
May 31, Brian Giebler, Tenor
June 8, Strawberry Festival
June 9, Pentecost

Coming Up at Redeemer

Water Ministry at St Columba's

Summer Volunteers Needed: A great opportunity to serve our community for those 18 years and older.

Redeemer is partnering with St Columba's to offer lunch, laundry and showers to adults in need year round, which we call the Water Ministry. Our summer Water Ministry starts June 3 and runs through August 2. We are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and need five volunteers each day to assist our guests with showers and laundry, prepare simple lunches, set up for our guests and clean up afterwards. Our hours are from 10:00am and finish around 1:30pm, once our guests have gone. We welcome volunteers who can come weekly, monthly or every now and then. We will provide an orientation.

This is a wonderful chance to make a difference and help those truly in need. If interested in volunteering, please contact our parishioner Karen Stewart at Karenstewart0405@gmail.com
We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Health Ministry 101 - Adult Forum on May 19th!

What is health ministry? Who makes up this ministry? Who does the ministry serve? Health ministries is an umbrella term that embraces parish nursing, health promotion, congregational health, and other health-related activities which take place at churches for congregational members and the community served by the congregation (taken from Parish Nursing: A

Handbook for the New Millennium). To learn more about health ministry and what it looks like on a practical level, please join us for adult forum on May 19th. No experience in healthcare or related fields is required-all are welcome! Any questions please contact office@redeemberbethesda.org.

Anna Roberts

Discernment Group at Redeemer: Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Just a reminder that a group is gathering to practice deep listening and to share the experience of this practice with one another or just in silence together. A small number of interested parishioners met this fall and agreed to meet on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15pm in the adult classroom. There is silent reflection and voluntary sharing of the experience of a daily review. No experience of this practice is necessary, and any curiosity about spiritual discernment of one's path in life may be brought to this simple gathering. We meet for about 45 minutes. We will start reading through the booklet by Lois Lindbloom called "Is That You, God? Cultivating Discernment as a Way of Life" (2007). Marilyn has several copies available; they are free. So have a coffee after the 10:30 am service and then meet us for a quiet time.

Celebrate Easter by exploring this contemplative practice. Join us whenever you can; you need not have met with us previously.

Youth Group Redeemer & St. Dunstan's Youth - Final session May 1!

5th through 12th graders

Wednesday May 1 @ 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!

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Olive Oil Ministry (OOM) is sponsoring a 10-day Young Adult Pilgrimage (ages 18 - 35) to Palestine-Israel for members of the Ministry's 23 partner congregations. Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, Washington is organizing the October-November trip in conjunction with Churches for Middle East Peace. The trip combines guided visits to important holy sites in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, learning and hearing first-hand the contemporary, multi-narrative story of the people of the Holy Land, and 3 days of volunteer work and residence at Tent of Nations, a Palestinian Christian family-owned farm near Bethlehem supported by the OOM. The Ministry is offering a limited number of \$1,000 scholarships.

There will be an information sessions for interested persons:

Sunday May 5 - at St. Albans Episcopal Church, Washington, DC in the Library at 12:30 PM

Please see <http://www.westmorelanducc.org/2019-pilgrimage> for trip details and application materials. Contact Robert Mertz (ramertz@gmail.com or 301-229-0973) for updates and questions.

Redeemer Book Group

The book we are 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. Next, we will be reading *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen followed by *March* by author Geraldine Brooks.

Peace and Greetings from the Islamic Center in Potomac!

Perhaps you know that the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and fasting start on May 6th this year. In keeping with the spirit of Ramadan, ICCP would like to invite you and your congregants to share an Iftaar (break of fast) and dinner with us. The program of the evening follows:

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Venue: Islamic Community Center of Potomac, 10601 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

6:30-7:00pm Arrival and Registration

7:00-7:30pm Welcome and Brief Comments by faith leaders

7:30-8:00pm - Q&A

8:00-8:15pm - Iftaar (break of fast)

8:15-8:25pm - Maghrib Prayer led by the ICCP Imam

8:30-9:45pm - Dinner and socializing at the Barn - the formal close of the program

10:00-11:15 pm- Isha prayer followed by Tarawih prayer - guests may optionally observe

RSVP: By 5/7/19 - to Bob Yates bob@bobyates.net

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting ('Saum'). It lasts 29-30 days based on the lunar calendar. The start of Ramadan can change each year since the Lunar calendar is shorter than the Gregorian calendar by 10-11 days. Muslims are expected to abstain from all food and drinks, and conjugal relationships while observing fasts from dawn to dusk during Ramadan. But they can enjoy all meals and activities after 'iftaar' or break of fast at dusk. The following are exempt from fasting: children, the sick, the elderly, and women who are either pregnant or on their period.

Observance of fasting is regarded as one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Scholars believe that the Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during this month, making it particularly holy. The annual event is meant to help those observe to focus on prayer, purification, and charitable acts. Muslims believe that the physical ritual allows them to understand the suffering of others as well as increasing their closeness to God.

Ramadan in 2019 starts on May 6 and ends on June 3. The Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan fasting) celebration will be on June 4, which is the start of Shawwal, the next month in the Islamic calendar.

This is a wonderful event and invitation from our Muslim friends. You are encouraged to attend.

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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