



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

Strawberry Festival Update from Michael Mershon!

The annual Strawberry Festival is fast approaching! On Saturday, June 8th, Redeemer will once again welcome our neighbors for fun, fellowship, and shortcake. Please consider how you can help make this year's festival another rousing success. Take some time today to eyeball your books, collectibles and gently used clothing and think about what can be donated for resale (but please don't bring anything to the church until the calendar turns to June 2!)

Consider whether you can join us on Friday, June 7th for early morning picking at Butler's Orchard, midday hulling at the Clara Barton Community Center, or an afternoon shopping run to Costco. Plan to bake something for the bake sale. And if you have other fun strawberry-themed ideas for the festival, please let Michael Mershon know! E-mail him at jenningsmershon@gmail.com

Memorial Day Ministry - Adult Forum on May 26th at 9:15am!

Please join Denny Shaw and David Riggs as they provide our Forum on Sunday. This Memorial Day Weekend Forum gives us an opportunity to talk about those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country as well as how we might minister to those in our midst who are veterans of the armed services.

This week we also will honor all veterans by announcing the names of some individuals who have died in uniform during the past year. During the service, parish members will read the name of one deceased veteran from an index card that notes the person's full name and rank, hometown, and date of birth. The names will be read in unison. This unique feature of the service began about ten years ago when a few members of the parish, who also grew up as "military brats", decided to re-enact the spirit of this holiday, as they remembered it from their boyhood. This year, the names are all from the casualty lists of this century, in which more than 7,000 American troops have died in the Middle East.

The Collect for Sunday:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- Acts 16:9-15
- Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Wednesday, May 22

Morning Prayer, 9:00am
Education for Ministry, 9:30am
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30pm

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, May 26

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am
Memorial Day Forum, 9:15am
Child Care, 9:15am
Holy Eucharist with Baptisms & Sunday School, 10:30am
Bethesda Cares Dinner, 4:00pm

Monday, May 27, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, May 28

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

Wednesday, May 29

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

Looking ahead:

May 31, Brian Giebler, Tenor and Geoffrey Silver, Countertenor
June 8, Strawberry Festival
June 9, Pentecost
June 15, Newcomer Lunch

Bethesda Cares Dinner on May 26th - bring supper to our neighbors

Everything seems to be covered! Thanks to all! Marie France at tweedfrance@gmail.com.

Newcomer Lunch on June 15 at 12:30pm. Join Chief Spiritual Officer Cricket Park for lunch and conversation about the parish and opportunities for you to be in ministry at Redeemer.

With Gratitude for our Muslim Friends! On Sunday Huda wrote for all of us:

Dear Mohamed: Just a little note to thank you for your invitation to attend Iftar on May 16. Jochen and I and all the guests from our church feel grateful for your warmth and generosity and for the wonderful evening you gave us both spiritually and physically with the marvelous food. I especially felt emotional when I heard the Azan since it recreated childhood memories of my early years growing up in Jordan and Palestine. Jochen and I felt at home surrounded by many friends from the World Bank such as yourself and Saeed and Nina Rana, with whom I traveled extensively in Yemen. We also enjoyed sitting next to Sultan who explained many things to us and introduced us to other prominent members of your congregation. I was also thrilled to see so many women who made the whole event possible. I am sorry that our rector Cricket Park was not with us since she was out of town. Please convey to everybody our many thanks for the wonderful evening we had with you, lit by the Ramadan moon.

Regards --- Huda & Jochen

and the response:

It gave us much pleasure to host all of you. And Huda, you always add a lot of color with your energy and grace! Please feel free to join us for our Iftars which ICCP continues to host Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and on Memorial day till end of Ramadan. Besides all the camaraderie, it was also a fun event thanks to all our guests.

With blessings, as always

Mohamed

Water Ministry Summer Volunteers Needed at St. Columba's

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.

Redeemer Book Group

The book we are reading is *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. The book narrates the steps taken to build the legendary World Fair in Chicago, circa 1893, thereby securing America's place in the world. At the same time, it details the actions of the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death. The book will be discussed at 3:00 pm on Sunday June 23, at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske (phone number 301 656 2087 or email: hqkraske@aol.com).

After that, we will be reading *March* by Geraldine Brooks.



Interested in Summer Volunteering?

Are you looking to make a positive impact on your local community this summer? Housing Up would love to have you become a volunteer.

We have a number of ways to get involved!

Ongoing opportunities:

Weekly

1 on 1 tutoring & ESL

Job search training

Group conversation leaders

Field trip chaperons

Monthly

Food & toiletries donations

Prepare and share a dinner

Guest speaking/story telling

Upcoming

"Our Wide World" summer camp counselors

Walter Reed administrative interns

Adopt-an-apartment - Walter Reed Campus

Have experience teaching a skill or leading an activity that you want to share with our clients? Let us know!

Sincerely,

Dillon

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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.



Carousel Hours of Operation

MAY - JUNE

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10am to 2pm

Saturday & Sunday
11am to 5pm

This year, the carousel will have a shortened season due to major repairs that will begin in July. It will close at the end of June and re-open, as it does each year, the following spring.



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