



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

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.) If, even at the last minute, you can see a way to join us, just send an email to bob@bobyates.net, or just come!

From the Rector: I'd like to thank everyone who has responded to both the sanctuary redesign. The vestry and I appreciate ALL comments, positive and negative. The staff continues to pray and think about the use of the space and seating. This is a process of discernment. We are learning as we go. As I said on Sunday, we try - we fail - we learn - we try again. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide us. This summer brings new attendance patterns and new observations. I invite you to enter actively into the discernment by sitting in different places. Let us know what you observe. In August, we'll convene a gathering to talk about our experiences and discern how to move forward. Keep communicating! ~Cricket

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 12, 2019

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8:00 Service:

Lector: Sally Pugsley

Chalice: Marie France

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Richard Tyler, Madeleine Tyler

Crucifer: Youth Choir

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors: Lou Garo, Patricia Snowden
Intercessor: Meredith Griggs
Chalice: Ben Ivins, Patricia Snowden, Justin Hess
Counters: Jane Dealy, Cathy Arrington
Coffee Hour: Bert Spencer

Sunday's attendance: 114 (previous Sunday was Easter)



Prayer Requests

For healing:

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

and Anabel

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kialah McAntony; Jim & Mary Packard-Winkler

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Jessica Huey, Jane Beightol, Stefanie Greene

For those preparing for baptism: James Wang, Arthur Hoogerheide, and River Amouri

Amma Cricket is out of the office Tuesday, May 7, through Thursday, May 9, for a diocesan clergy conference. She is taking vacation time the week of May 13. This week, please contact the Rev'd David Schlafer for pastoral emergencies. An alternative contact number will be available soon for next week.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, May 12

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

Monday, May 13, Office closed
AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, May 14
Staff Meeting, 1:30pm
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 15
Morning Prayer, 9:00am
Education for Ministry, 9:30am
AA Meeting, Noon
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 16
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday, May 17
AA Meditation Meeting, Noon
AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, May 18
Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, May 19
Holy Eucharist, 8:00am
Child Care, 9:15am
Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 10:30am

Looking ahead:

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

Redeemer Book Group - This Sunday

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 - OOP'S, that's today. I will send an email! Right Now! 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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