



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

Pew Perspectives

The consultant we contacted with regard to the sanctuary arrangement asked us to read the book *Repitching the Tent* by Richard Giles before we engage him further. This was excellent advice! A link to the "Crick" Notes version is below. This is all well and good, but concerns brought up at the town meeting need to be addressed now.

One concern, sightlines, has been covered by moving the organ console. Assistance is required on September 1st in order to make changes in the pew arrangement in order to address other concerns. Namely, we will move the pews that are currently in parallel in the front to the organ side of the church in an angled pattern and arrange chairs in a way that enhances front views and concert needs. *Please understand that this a next step, not a final one.* In all we are doing, we are keeping your desire for unity and community in mind.
~Amma Cricket

Please use this link to read the notes on *Repitching the Tent*.

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Don't forget:

The Backpack packing party & supper is tomorrow Wednesday, August 14, at 6:30pm.

This Sunday!

In addition to the Taize ensemble, we welcome the "Assumption Choir" directed by Silvia Maza. The group is made up of Redeemer members and other friends from around God's vineyard.

They will be singing two selections in honor of the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, which is August 15th.

Collect for Sunday:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

AA Meeting, 8:30pm

Saturday, August 17

Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, August 18

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am

Purl-y Gates knitting circle, 9:15am

Holy Eucharist with Healing and Child Care, 10:30am

Coffee Hour by Bert Spencer, 11:30am

Monday, August 19, Office closed

AA Meeting, Noon

Contemplative Weeding, 6:00pm

SPECIAL Labyrinth Walks with music, 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 20

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm

MS Group, 6:30pm

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 21

Morning Prayer, 9:00am

AA Meeting, Noon

Coming Up at Redeemer

Backpack Packing Party with Food is Tomorrow! 6:30pm

Join Susan Fitzgerald for CONTEMPLATIVE WEEDING* every Monday evening from 6 to 7 and Patricia Snowden for the Labyrinth Walks from 7 to 8.

*You don't have to be contemplative...Susan needs your help weeding!

Labyrinth Walk with Music

Enjoy the gentle tones of Celtic harp and cello while rounding Redeemer's Labyrinth Walk on Monday August 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Donnette Rimmer will be playing her harp and violin in sets of old Scottish tunes with Lisa MacBain on cello. This will be a first Labyrinth Walk playing together for Donnette and Lisa and it is not to be missed!



Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays are 'on vacation' until September. Please join us at 9:00am for Morning Prayer.

A Gathering for Parents of Children and Youth - Sunday, August 25

Parents of Children of all ages, please come and get to know each other better! Amma Cricket would like to talk with all of you about ministries with and for your kiddos. Sunday School teachers have been invited so that you may ask them questions about this year. We have some extra fun planned for the month of October! Yaa Addison, our P.R.A.Y. coordinator, will be with us also.

If you aren't able to attend, please e-mail Amma Cricket (rector@redeemberbethesda.org) and she will fill you in.

Worship Assistants

Sunday is Healing Sunday with Taizé Music. The Ministers for this Sunday are: Marylin Raisch, Chrissy de Fontenay, Linda Lear and Thad Arrington. Starting September 8th we go back to regularly scheduled Worship Assistants. The September schedule is in the August [Redeemer Spirit](#) and the schedule for each week will appear here. The bulletin also has the current and following week's schedule. For more information contact [Bob Yates](#).

Outreach Requests

Please bring "walking food," and toiletry items to church and leave them in the marked box in the Parish Hall. Karen Stewart will deliver them to the Samaritan Ministry office where she volunteers. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Manna Food Pantry needs donations of protein-based foods, canned goods, and cereal. These items should be placed in the baskets in the narthex.

Bethesda Cares needs toiletry items, especially disposable razors, and thermos-type containers. These items should be placed in the box in the Parish Hall marked Bethesda Cares.

Christian Formation for Adults

Redeemer's Adult Forum this fall is for anyone interested in deepening their walk into scripture or their thinking about topical issues related to our faith. Over 12 weeks, we will focus on the gospel of Luke, interspersed with three forums for conversation about topics of interest in our world today. Adult Forum happens 9:15-10:15 Sunday mornings. We are programmed from September 8th to November 24. Advent programs will be announced at a later time.

The first Sunday of each month will feature an individual topic of interest. September 8th will be a discussion led by Heather Tomlinson related to the experiences of refugees in a transit country. October 6th will be all about the history of Redeemer led by Melinda Nelson. November 3rd we will turn to a discussion relating to the LGBTQIA community in a Christian environment.

The bible study sessions will focus on the Gospel of Luke, aligning with the season's Sunday Gospels. The Focus Bible Study Series is the perfect guide for in-depth scripture study. Each book in the series includes informative commentary, thought-provoking study questions and experiential group activities that encourage a deeper understanding of scripture. The journal format has lots of space for writing and encourages personal reflection and spiritual growth. The book offers a wealth of ideas to promote prayer and journal meditations that build faith and understanding of the scriptures.

The books cost \$15.00 each and we have 10 copies in the office. We can get more if needed and we recommend that each participant have their own copy and add their own notes. This will entail reading about 15 pages each week.

Contact Heather Tomlinson at hbt47@yahoo.com or Bob Yates at bob@bobyates.net or speak to one of them on a Sunday.

Redeemer Book Group

The next book we will be reading is *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. The book is a captivating historical novel which illuminates a fascinating American moment and the world of invention populated by the likes of Edison, Westinghouse and Tesla. The book will be discussed at 3 pm on Sunday October 13 at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. For more information, contact Huda at 301 656 2087 or at hqkraske@aol.com. After *The Last Days of Night*, we will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

Purl-y Gates Ministry

Bring your needlecraft project to church! Knitters, crocheters, needlepointers - all are welcome. Want to learn how? We can teach you! We'll work on prayer shawls and other projects for persons in need. Come at 9:15am for stitching and fellowship.

Save the Dates! A Whole Month of Activities! *Leap of Faith*

October is the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the new sanctuary.

We will celebrate the laying of the foundation stone in 1999 with a month of activities.

Saturday, October 5 - an Evening at the Opera

with recent graduates of Curtis School of Music, Philadelphia

Sunday, October 6 - Adult Forum "Leaps of Faith"

Sunday, October 6 - Vivaldi *Gloria*, violin and oboe concertos

A Choral event similar to last November's Duruflé *Requiem*, with a combined chorus of Redeemer Choir and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Choir taking center stage, complete with the BaRock Baroque Orchestra.

Saturday, October 12 - Dinner, Karaoke, & Auction

Sunday, October 13 - Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 18-Saturday, October 19 - Youth Lock-in

Sunday, October 20 - Youth Take-over Sunday & Compline (evening)

Sunday, October 27 - Leaping into the Future

Commemoration of all Faithful Departed: All Souls' Day, Saturday, November 2, 2019

With thanks to Friends of Music at Redeemer for providing the funding for John Rutter's *Requiem*, accompanied by instruments.

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Go to www.MusicAtRedeemer.org for more information and tickets.

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