



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

Christmas Eve:

Noon - Blue Christmas

4pm - Family Service with Christmas Pageant

10pm - Carol Prelude

10:30pm - Festive Sung Eucharist

December 29/Christmas I - One Service Only at 10:30am

Pledge Update:

84 pledges, \$408,349 88% of goal amount remaining to goal, \$57,071

Friends: Because we still have nearly \$60K to raise to reach our desired goal, the Vestry has chosen to delay approving the budget until their January meeting. We've done well to raise over \$400,000 in six weeks. We need your help today to make our goal. We have been good stewards and kept expenses to the point that the deficit budget we passed last year has been whittled down by 50%. If we have a rousing Christmas offering, we may break even!

It requires approximately \$10,000 per week to provide the sacred space that is Redeemer for the ministries that impact people's lives and our communities. Passing deficit budgets is not a viable means of moving forward. Redeemer requires our commitment. So does our relationship with God. It is our bounden duty as Christians engaged in an intentional community to support that community with our time, talent, and treasure. Please take a moment, if you have not already pledged, to go to Redeemer's website and complete the [pledge form](#). If you have pledged, but could add to that pledge, know that your gift is much appreciated.

If the Vestry is required to cut expenses, the only available place to do so is attached to human faces. That is not something we should have to do. As a community, we have the ability to get where we need to be fiscally. We need the will, and the faith, to do so. Thank you. ~Amma Cricket

Collect for Sunday:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
- John 1:1-18
- Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

Serving on Sunday

Worship Assistants

December 29, 2019

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Mary Helen Carlson, Meredith Griggs

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors: Jenny Nachbar, Pat Fitzgerald

Intercessor: Tom McNaugher

Chalice: Peggy Tucker, Steve France, Michael Hart

Counters: Mary K Young, Clark Downs

Coffee Hour: Potluck! Everyone bring a little something.

■PRAYER REQUESTS



For healing: Frank Anderson, Joanne Biggar, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Kiki Garo, Lucien Garo, Jr., Tom & Margaret Greene, Eileen & Robert Hubbard, Dana Hurley, Olivier Jeanne, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Alison Levine, Gary Lorenz, Clarice Leslie, Susan Moore, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Marie Pessolano, Mary Potter, Charles

Raisch, Teresa Raj, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Anne Southard, Patricia Snowden, Bert Spencer, Mimi Stibinger, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Jimmy Tinto, Michele Underwood, Lois Vuolo, Matthew Yard, Jerry, Eileen, David and Gus

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Clara Tomlinson, Finley Tomlinson, Nico Judge, Evan Judge, Sam Nickerson, Julia Rychlik

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kailah McAntony;

Altar Flowers: The 2020 Flower Calendar is on the Sign-Up bulletin board. Suggested amount for weekly flowers is \$75. Please sign up in the parish hall or e-mail office@redeemberbethesda.org.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, December 25

Office closed

NO Services

AA Meeting, Noon

Thursday, December 26

Office closed
NO Collar & Coffee Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am
Balkan Dancers, 7:30pm

Friday, December 27

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

Saturday, December 28

Yoga, 9:30am

Sunday, December 29

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am one service only

Monday, December 30,

Office closed
AA Meeting, Noon

Tuesday, December 31

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm
AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 1

AA Meeting, Noon
No Service at Noon

Many thanks to everyone who make possible our services on Christmas Eve!

Annual Meeting - ONE Service on January 12th

In order that everyone is available to vote on the revised bylaws, we will have only one service this morning at 10:30am. Please mark your calendar so that you remember. The first part of the Annual Meeting will take place during the service. Amma Cricket opens the meeting, delivers her address, and calls for the motion to approve the bylaws revision after the Gospel is read. After the bylaws vote, she will recess the meeting until after the service is finished. We'll take up the rest of the agenda in the Parish Hall at coffee hour. Thank you for your cooperation and attendance.

Eve of the Epiphany and a visit from our Muslim friends at ICCP in Potomac!

We have been there for Iftar and other occasions and now we're inviting them to our place. We have invited them to come to Redeemer at 4:00pm on Sunday, January 5th for food, fellowship, and prayer. We had a meeting on Sunday and have a good handle on the food. There are still lots of opportunities to be included, either with the food or other possibilities. If you want to be involved, see Bob Yates. See the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you will be at the event!

Susan & Pat Fitzgerald have agreed to be our 2020 Strawberry

Festival Chairpersons. Thank you so much! They will need your time and talent in the spring.

Foyer Dinners Are Back!

Huda Kraske and Mary Helen Carlson have agreed to revive the Foyer dinner gatherings. Foyer dinners are groups of 6-8 people who meet at a member's house to get to know each other and have a good time. The host family provides the main meal (could be pizza!) and others bring appetizers, veggies, salads, desserts, and/or drinks. The same group meets no more than three times over 4-5 months. Then, these groups dissolve and new ones form. Keep the evening simple and fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please sign up by January 12, 2020. For more information, contact [Huda Kraske](#) or [Mary Helen Carlson](#).

Redeemer Book Group

After such a serious book as *Just Mercy*, we will be reading a light book: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. If you are in the mood to laugh and cry and cheer, read this book, events of which take place in the aftermath of the Civil War. This is a stunning story of an old man, Captain Kidd, and a lost young girl who had been kidnapped by an Indian tribe. Captain Kidd is returning her to her relatives who lived outside San Antonio, Texas. The book will be discussed at 2:00 pm on January 26, 2020 at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. All are welcome. Our next book will be *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham

Outreach Ministries:

Manna Food Pantry

welcomes your donations of protein-based foods, canned goods, and cereal. These items should be placed in the baskets in the Narthex.

Bethesda Cares

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

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2019-2020

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

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