



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

January 5, The Eve of the Epiphany - ICCP visit to Redeemer

It looks like we will have 20 people from Redeemer and 10 from ICCP. If you are planning on bringing food, be sure that it will be something close to Kosher and for 40 people. If you have any questions, please call Huda at 301-656-2087.

Plan to arrive at 4:00pm and we will serve the dinner at 4:30pm. Cricket is planning to lead a discussion around Epiphany, the Wise Men, Herod and the flight to Egypt. This will start right after dinner and conclude with a Music and Taize Service in the Nave.

As we have seen before, they will have questions for us and we will be curious about some of their practices, but we are coming together as friends and will create a space of love with all of us.

Collect for Sunday:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
- Matthew 2:1-23
- Psalm 84

Your Vestry Candidates for the class of 2023

Jo Barclay-Beard

Hi, my name is Jo Barclay-Beard. I and my husband, Brian, have been attending Redeemer and singing in the choir since 1999. Along with singing I mentored the EfM program for 11 years. Additionally, I am a lay reader, something I enjoy immensely, and have served on the vestry many years ago and been a lay eucharistic minister. Redeemer is more than "church" to me; it is my extended family. I try to live by St. Theresa of Avila's words about Christ having no hands on earth but ours. I hate writing bios, even short bios, as I much prefer to remain in the background and just go about my business quietly. I have agreed to become your junior warden because even though this is God's house it is also our home and we need to be able to welcome visitors to a beautiful space - a space that remains in the background to the warmth and welcome of our congregation.

Tim Yehl

I am honored to be considered for a position on the Vestry. Redeemer welcomed our family on our very first day of Sunday Mass. At its core, Redeemer is a place of community, fellowship



and service. It offers opportunities for centering and reflection for the adults and avenues of safe learning for our children as they begin to take on their faith journeys. Redeemer also has wonderful cultural offerings with its Music at Redeemer program, guest lecturers, book discussions, pancake supper and even karaoke night. Redeemer is a place with something for everyone.

However, these things don't happen on their own. I took note of Cricket's challenge during one of her sermons about our stake in the future of Redeemer and that message grew with me even more as we discussed serving on the Vestry. I see great potential for this parish in the next decade and if I am elected to serve will do all I can to help Cricket and Redeemer grow its message and its membership. Thank you for your consideration, support and prayers.

Final Candidate for Vestry is To Be Determined

Candidates for Convention 2021 & 2022

Cathy Arrington, for a two-year term

Toyin Rose, for a two-year term

Bill MacBain, alternate for a two-year term

Judy James, alternate for a two-year term

Pledge Update:

88 pledges, \$421,559 90.58% of goal amount needed, \$43,861

Friends:

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. 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.

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

Serving on Sunday

Worship Assistants

January 5, 2020

8:00 Service:

Lector: Dean Cinkala

Chalice: Susan Grigsby

10:30 Service:

Ushers: Jefferson Arrington, Tim Yehl

Acolyte: Helen Zitomer

Lectors: Chris Austin

Intercessor: Clark Downs

Chalice: Judy James, Chrissy de Fontenay, Ben Ivins

Counters: Ben Ivins, Cathy Arrington

Coffee Hour: Pat Fitzgerald

Wednesday, January 8

AA Meeting, Noon

Holy Eucharist, Noon

Annual Meeting - ONE Service on January 12th

In order for everyone eligible to be 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 invited members of the Islamic Community Center of Potomac to come to Redeemer at 4:00pm on Sunday, January 5th for food, fellowship, and prayer. It's a privilege to reciprocate the hospitality their community has shown to us over the years by inviting us to their Iftar meals in Ramadan. 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.

e-mail issues

Many parishes including Redeemer have experienced parish leaders and parishioners receiving emails from a personal email account created by a scammer who is impersonating the rector or a leader at the parish. DO NOT respond to them. Please be careful and delete it if you are the one getting them!

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These are the email addresses used by the staff. Please be sure to check the sender's address if you receive an email that sounds suspicious.

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