



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

### Dear Redeemer Friends,

How many of you tuned into The Five on April 22nd? If not, you should. You will hear Cricket reciting from the Baptismal service while the flood waters are flowing through the parish hall. Yes, it's scary. Yes, it's a cause for anxiety. Yes, it is overwhelming. But what if we change our perspective?

*We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.*

Close your eyes and listen to the water flowing - try to forget what is being destroyed and think about what opportunities we have been given. It is true that some things are going to have to be replaced but we are going to be able to let go of material things that have been taking up space in our parish hall. We are going to be able to address some structural issues. We are going to have new flooring. We are going to have a re-painted and freshened meeting space. We will have an updated electrical panel. We will have a new, more functional HVAC. We will have new lower cabinets in the kitchen and office.

Now for the specifics. A rusty bolt that was holding sprinkler pipes together rusted through, the pipes separated and the water poured in completely submerging the basement and flooding the parish hall. Paul Davis, the remediation company that did work on the rectory, was called in on Saturday. They called our insurance company and received an okay to set up a generator and fans. On April 21st the plumber came in and restored water to the kitchen and restrooms. On April 22nd the insurance adjuster made his first visit and helped us develop a game plan. On April 24th we welcomed a representative from the sprinkler company as well as an electrician. The insurance adjuster will return and the inventory will begin. If you drive by Redeemer you are likely to see the lawn covered. Do not be dismayed - this is going to be a long, thorough process.

No one knows how much it is going to ultimately cost, how much insurance is going to cover, or how long the restoration will take. Fortunately, one of the very few silver linings of COVID is that we have the time.

At this moment there is nothing you can do on the premises. Paul Davis has people working in the basement wearing hazmat suits. It is not someplace you want to be, no



Southard, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Jimmy Tinto, Lois Vuolo, David, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, and the Knollwood Retirement Community.

***Please let us know if you wish to remain on the list, or wish for us to keep the name of a loved one on the list. Thank you.***

**For those who have died:** Maurice F. Yehl, grandfather to Tim Yehl.

**In thanksgiving for birthdays:** Cricket Park, David Hoogerheide, Tom McNaugher

**In thanksgiving for anniversaries:** Bill & Lisa MacBain, Kevin & Heather Tomlinson, Tim & Katherine Yehl

**For safety while at work:** Sujie Kim, Ryan Fischer, Emily, Amy, Tyler Packard-Winkler, Kyrie, and all medical personnel, first responders, delivery drivers, and grocery store workers.

**For safety while away:** Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kailah McAntony; and Noelle Veltze and family

**For all** who have lost employment, who are hungry, who are anxious, and who may be in danger at home.

You are invited to pray for these individuals and others on Friday at noon.

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/95709989884>

## **Parish Calendar**

NOTE: Due to issues with Zoom, some of our meetings have been changed to Google Meet. Phone connections are available on the website calendar:

<https://www.redeemberthesda.org/parish-life/events/>

### **Wednesday, April 29**

Lectionary Bible Study, Noon (see readings above)

<https://zoom.us/j/99980763656?pwd=cWY5QTIQZkVrRFZjWHhoY2krVIBuQT09>

### **Thursday, April 30**

*Collar & Coffee Online, 10am*

<https://zoom.us/j/835745502>

*Spirituality Group at Noon*

<meet.google.com/gok-mdos-tpr>

### **Friday, May 1**

Intercessory Prayers, Noon

<meet.google.com/npj-nzj-vus>

Prayers of intercession for the world, the church, and parish family

### **Saturday, May 2**

Office closed

### **Sunday, May 3**

Holy Eucharist, 11:15am

National Cathedral Livestream

[www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org)

TheFive, 5:00pm  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

### **Monday, May 4**

Office closed

### **Tuesday, May 5**

Noonday Prayers, Noon

[meet.google.com/fen-ebkt-fku](https://meet.google.com/fen-ebkt-fku)

The noon service from the Book of Common Prayer 1979, page 103

Staff Meeting, 1:30pm

### **Wednesday, May 6**

Lectionary Bible Study, Noon

<https://zoom.us/j/99980763656?pwd=cWY5QTIQZkVrRFZjWHhoY2krVlBuQT09>

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

## **Thank you for supporting Music at Redeemer!**

Redeemer hosted its first virtual concert featuring resident orchestra KASSIA Music on April 25th. The reviews were great! Over 400 people joined the livestream. We received many generous donations during the concert as well. Bravo!

## **Blood Drive returns to Redeemer**

We were forced to cancel our March 17th blood drive, but we have rescheduled it for June 30th. (If we are back in the building.) There was a crisis, but the combination of donor passion and the lack of elective surgery mitigated the crisis, or at least postponed it. We expect that by the end of June, there will be significant shortages and have requested the Red Cross to schedule our drive. We will distribute more information as we get closer to the drive, but be sure that this will create a wonderful spirit both for patients and donors!



## **Manna Food Center Ministry**

Manna Food Center has requested that monetary contributions are their priority at this time. Please go to [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org) to help.

## **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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**Please be careful!**

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