



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

THE FLOOD UPDATE

This past week has seen an uptick in activity at Redeemer - all of it centered around electricity. Direct Current, our electrical contractor, has been in the basement installing the new electrical panels. We are expecting the inspection of these panels to happen this next week. We need the electricity in order to fully inspect both our HVAC system and our elevator. Were they damaged or not? We can't tell at this moment. Tomorrow we will have a representative from Arbon, the outdoor sprinkler company, coming to replace the control box that was damaged. We will then be able to get the sprinklers functioning and watering of the gardens will begin - although with the weather forecast for next week I'm not sure we will need to turn them on any time soon.

Until next week's update - just keep swimming.

Jo Barclay-Beard, Junior Warden

The Blood Drive has moved to St. Dunstan's

Thanks to Rector Patty Alexander, the Blood Drive shall go on! The drive is June 30th from 11:00am to 5:00pm. All signups will be by email to bob@bobyates.net. Because of the virus restrictions there will not be any walk-ins, all donors must have a time and arrive only at that time. There are many steps that insure the safety of the staff, volunteers and you the donors. So, pick a time and send an email. St. Dunstan's is at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Westbard Ave.



NOTE: The Red Cross has started testing for the Covid-19 antibodies for all donors. This is not to determine if you have the virus, but instead if you have the antibodies that could save someone else, and may be important to you!

Dominique Rychlik brought her wonderful signs to our church yard. Drive by and check them out. Thanks Dominique!

Thank you for keeping your pledges current!
<https://www.redeemberbethesda.org/stewardship-giving/online-payments/>



Worship

Collect for Sunday:

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Worship Update:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84072084530?
pwd=MThqZnQxNXhYcGJ3T1dYMHFzamhVUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84072084530?pwd=MThqZnQxNXhYcGJ3T1dYMHFzamhVUT09)

Or, go to zoom.com and enter: Meeting ID: 840 7208 4530 Password: 037775

Or join by phone:

301-715-8592

You can always access the Zoom link and password by going to the Redeemer Calendar Page.

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

Once you are in the meeting, PLEASE mute yourself. If you do not, the host(s) will do it for you. We know it's weird. Limiting the number of microphones open makes the sound better and eliminates feedback - which is really annoying. Be aware that we are recording the meeting. If you make any noise (including touching your phone) you will fill the screens on the recording. If you do not want your picture recorded, please stop your video. If you have a problem CALL BOB! 240-205-5783.

The Washington National Cathedral Sunday Service is at 11:15am.

Go to www.cathedral.org

Prayers of the People: Each week, we invite you to express your petitions of thanks, praise, and requests. First, write them as prayers consisting of a few succinct sentences (between 1 and 3) and then read them aloud in a phone message sent to **301-664-4237**. They will be recorded there. The number is, in effect, an answering machine. The recordings will be a part of the prayers of the people on Sunday. You do not have to identify yourself!



■PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Frank Anderson, Kim Barrett, Grace Beard, Mary Helen Carlson, Chrissy de Fontenay, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Susan Forsyth, Kiki Garo, Natalie S. Graham, Tom & Margaret Greene, Judy James, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Sujie Kim, Kelsie Kimberlin, Anna Kraske & Joel Scotkin & family, Clarice Leslie, Howard London, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Nicholas

Platt, Mary Potter, Charles Raisch, Jean & David Riggs, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Patricia Snowden, Anne Southard, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Paul Tracy, Lois Vuolo, David, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, Eleanor, Paul & Dora, 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.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Dean Cinkala, Olivier Jeanne, Zane Rathwick, Wondimu Deyasso, Jane Raisch

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 meet.google.com/npy-nzij-vus

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, June 16

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm
Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Wednesday, June 17

Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

Thursday, June 18

Collar & Coffee and Evening Prayer are cancelled for this week

Friday, June 19

Prayers of intercession for the world, the church, and parish family on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 824 7651 8630 Password: 318799

Saturday, June 20

Sunday, June 21

Sunday School - Intermediates 9:30am, MS/HS, 10:30am

Contact Steve Gibson and Mary K Young for log-in information

Sunday School - Godly Stories with Amma Cricket, 10:30am

meet.google.com/afs-pjxh-xur

Holy Eucharist, 11:15am

National Cathedral Livestream

www.cathedral.org

Zoom Coffee Hour at 4:30pm followed by TheFIVE, with more time to mingle after the service

Meeting ID: 840 7208 4530

Password: 037775

TheFive, posted in the evening as close to 5:00pm as the upload allows

www.redeemberbethesda.org

Monday, June 22

Office closed

Tuesday, June 23

Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10am

Meeting ID: 872 8300 6615 Password: 596454

Staff Meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Wednesday, June 24

Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

The Building is Closed; the Church has been deployed!

We won't let COVID-19 stop us from doing good and sharing what we have:

Bethesda Cares

Bethesda Cares thanks Redeemer for the dinner and take-away snacks prepared

for the hungry and homeless on Sunday, May 24, as part of our outreach partnership. Because of the pandemic, the meal and snacks were distributed outdoors by Bethesda Cares' meal coordinator Dan Keen. The following Redeemer parishioners provided food, beverages, and a monetary donation: the Jennings / Mershon Family; Mary Helen Carlson; Marie Caulfield; Marie and Steve France; Meredith Griggs; Mary K Young; and Helen Zitomer. Redeemer is next scheduled to provide a meal and snacks on Sunday, July 26.

If you would like to contribute to the meal, whether with food or a financial donation, please contact Marie France (tweedfrance@gmail.com or 301.320.1534).

Manna Food Center Ministry

Manna Food Center has requested that monetary contributions are their priority at this time. Please go to www.mannafood.org to help. If you would also like to offer nonperishable items, please place them in the plastic bin at the church entrance near the labyrinth. Redeemer is collaborating with St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church, the Islamic Community Center of Potomac, and St. James Episcopal Church, to help Manna Food Center supply food items to the local community in need.

(When you drop off food, feel free to take one of the Forward Day-by-Day devotionals that are on top of the bin.)

Redeemer Book Group

Last year, our Book Group read the book "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. It is the author's memoir in which he tells the tale of Walter McMillan, who was arrested in 1987 for a murder he did not commit and sentenced to die in the electric chair. Mr. McMillan fell victim to a racist and incompetent legal system in Alabama, which Mr. Stevenson, a Harvard educated lawyer of color, challenged. During the month of June, Warner Bros. is offering free rentals of this stunning legal drama "Just Mercy" streaming on various platforms. This film shows one aspect of racial injustices that plague our society. It is highly recommended.

Think about it - by Bob Yates

On Monday the Christian Contemplative Group which now meets on-line but used to meet in St Luke's Chapel, immediately went from the words of Jesus "His followers asked him 'Do you want us to fast? How should we pray? Should we give to charity? What diet should we observe?'" to: "Jesus said, 'Do not lie, and do not do what you hate, because all things are disclosed before heaven'".

It became obvious early that this was directed at us right now today. That we are living a lie! We all have some work to do! Some, not all had experienced this sermon and were profoundly moved by it. The words of the prophet Amos are present today, and it is alarming! I would recommend a listen.

[Service at the Cathedral](#)

This link is the 11:15am service at the Washington National Cathedral last Sunday and includes the amazing sermon by The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. The sermon starts at about 49 minutes into the service and runs for about 45 minutes. The preceding musical selection is well worth viewing also.

This is Huda Kraske's comment This preacher was fabulous. I have never heard him before. What he said was the tolerance of the country for death: the genocide

against the native Indian tribes, treatment and death of the slaves, the disparity in the provision of health, education and living conditions of the blacks in this country, deaths in Vietnam, deaths in Iraq on false accusations, etc. etc. etc. Just saw on 60 minutes the story of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the killing of about 300 blacks whose bodies were dumped in unidentified mass graves. And of course, now deaths of native Americans and blacks because of the COVID 19 and police shootings. Basically, he talked of things our genteel existence does not want to talk about. He tied his talk to Amos whose message was: let justice flow like a river. Basically, there has been an absence of justice in America.

This is Marylin Raisch's comment As Huda was saying this was a knockout speech; hard to say which of MLK's speeches it most parallels, but maybe the Memphis Mountaintop speech except for the association of that particular speech with the eerie, or inspired/prophetic, words that he might not make it to the Promised Land with his audience and then was assassinated less than 24 hours later. But other than that fact, as I've looked back on the text, he did what Barber did- and I follow Barber and the Poor People's Campaign with a lot of email alerts. I love his concept of the Beloved Community- he looked at history. So King went over human and salvation history: "Something is happening in Memphis," King said. "Something is happening in our world" (King, "[I've Been](#)," 207). Surveying great times in history, including Egypt, the Roman Empire, the Renaissance, and the Civil War, King said he would "be happy" if God allowed him "to live just a few years in the second half of the twentieth century" (King, "[I've Been](#)," 209). (Citations are from the King Institute, Stanford.edu n)

Now, yesterday William Barber did something similar but in great depth: he went over the history of accepting death, always accepting it, in our American history, we allowed native peoples, women, the poor, the ill and disabled, and went into detail, real detail, on specific historic instances not often mentioned, of course: US Army's Col. Chivington's Sand Creek Massacre in 1864 of Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians on treaty territory. A couple of officers refused but most just killed innocent people in their home camps. But he went deeper into the "well-regulated militia" idea that seems so useful in opposing an individual right to carry weapons for those of us who want sane gun control. Even that, was allowed in the constitution to defend white slave owners against feared uprisings. It was just more acceptance of death and violence from the inception of the country. Policing and the Fugitive Slave laws, blaming outbreaks on hated groups in prior pandemics, he covered it all, on and on up to the present.

This is what I heard. Take-away slogan: "Accepting Death is Not an Option Anymore"

Marylin

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!

Below 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.

**No one from Redeemer will ever ask you to buy gift cards or send money.
Please be careful!**

e-mail addresses:

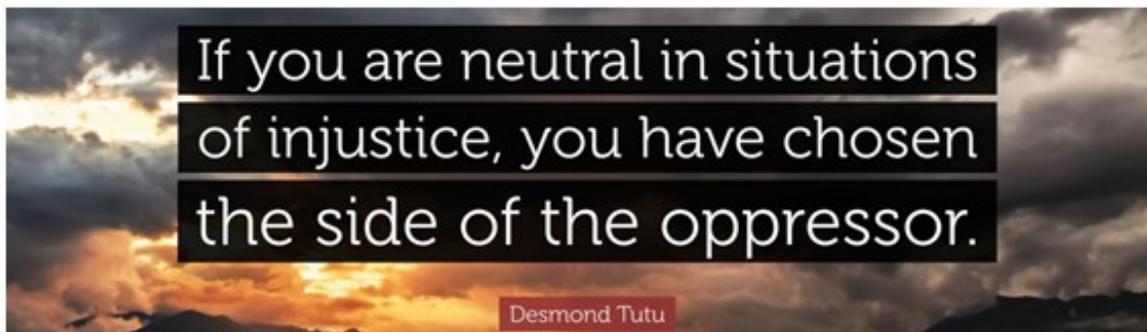
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