

Redeemer  
Bethesda

## This Week at Redeemer

### **Backpack Project Donations Help 70 Kids!**

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the backpack drive this year! Together, we raised \$3,729. In a pretty bizarre year, when we expected donations to be down, to have raised a little over \$500 more than last year is quite remarkable! It is a testament to the way our Redeemer community has somehow managed to remain connected despite not seeing each other face-to-face every Sunday morning. Because our donations were so high, Housing Up was able to find an even better deal on the tablets. By buying in bulk from Staples.com, instead of \$50 per tablet, they secured a \$42 per tablet rate that included a keyboard and a case for free with each tablet. This will make a huge difference in the lives of these families already grappling with the challenges of school closures and a global pandemic. Thank you again! Hopefully next year we can get back to traditional school supplies and backpacks, and our fun backpack stuffing party!

**Cynthia Fisher**

### **Sacred Ground - A Course in Understanding Race in Our Lives**

Sacred Ground is a dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. This 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum that focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. We'll meet from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, every Thursday beginning September 10th.

There is no fee to participate in this course. There is homework, and each person is expected to attend our gatherings and participate in a small group. If you don't already have them, please purchase the books *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking Up White, And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. In addition to these core books, there are videos and articles to read for each session. Email [rector@redeemerbethesda.org](mailto:rector@redeemerbethesda.org) to enroll. There is a limit of 25 people for this class. A waiting list will be compiled and another facilitator engaged or another series scheduled. The course will be opened to the public on August 23rd.

### **Bethesda Cares Dinner**

Redeemer seeks a new coordinator. Every other month, this person contacts regular participants, writes reminders for *Redeemer Spirit* and *This Week at Redeemer*, and arranges the delivery of the food to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. *This would be a wonderful ministry for a family or shared with a couple of families.* If you would like to coordinate our Bethesda Cares Sunday Dinner Outreach, please contact Marie France ([tweedfrance@gmail.com](mailto:tweedfrance@gmail.com)).

## Redeemer Book Group

We are reading *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. The novel takes place in Lorain, Ohio, Morrison's hometown. Published 50 years ago, Morrison's debut novel follows the story of a young girl - growing up in the years following the Great Depression - who is convinced that her blackness makes her ugly and worthless. If only she had blue eyes, she thinks, her life would be different. Morrison, who died last August, was the first African-American woman to win a Nobel Prize for literature. The book will be discussed in a Zoom meeting on August 23 at 2:00pm.

Contact Huda at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com)

The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88265752899>

## Worship Schedule for the next few weeks:

Amma Cricket is taking time off from August 24th to September 6th. Thankfully, our diocese and sister parish, St. Dunstan's, are helping us out these two weeks. We will do service as usual on August 23rd at 5:00pm.

On August 30th, please worship with the rest of the Diocese of Washington at 11:15pm ([www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org)) with Bishop Budde. We'll worship with St. Dunstan's on September 6th at 10:00am on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82640272649>). TheFIVE from Redeemer will resume on Zoom after these two weeks off, on September 13th.

For pastoral emergencies between August 24 and September 6, please contact the **Rev. Patty Alexander at 914.882.4221**. For building concerns at this time, please contact Junior Warden Jo Barclay-Beard. For other concerns, please contact the appropriate staff member or Senior Warden Marie Caulfield.

## Goodbye Silver Maple!

The vestry approved the removal of the large silver maple in the backyard of the rectory. Adirondack Tree Company will be at Redeemer on Monday, August 24th, around 7:30 in the morning to cut it down. If you're interested in watching the arborist choreography head on over and sit on the lawn. I would advise bringing ear plugs since the wood chipper tends to be quite loud and they will also be grinding out the stump.

**Jo Barclay-Beard, Junior Warden**

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Thank you for keeping your pledges current!

<https://www.redeemberbethesda.org/stewardship-giving/online-payments/>





Cricket

**In thanksgiving for anniversaries:** Tom & Leslie McNaugher, Brenda Lew & Tilla McAntony, Bramman & Mary K Young, Ann & John Harbeson

**For safety while at work:** Sujie Kim, Ryan Fischer, Emily, Amy, Tyler Packard-Winkler, 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 are seeking employment, who are hungry, who are anxious, and who may be in danger at home.

**For all** who work for justice.

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## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, August 18

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom ([www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)) at 4:30pm  
Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

### Wednesday, August 19

[Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon](#)  
Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

Vestry Meeting on Zoom at 6:30pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83066797970>

### Thursday, August 20

Collar & Coffee at 10:00am  
[meet.google.com/kkg-unet-zjr](https://meet.google.com/kkg-unet-zjr)

### Friday, August 21

Deadline for *This Week at Redeemer*

### Saturday, August 22

### Sunday, August 23

*Sunday School - Intermediates 9:30am,*  
*Contact Steve Gibson and Mary K Young for log-in information*

*Holy Eucharist, 11:15am*  
National Cathedral Livestream  
[www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org)

*Zoom Coffee Hour at 4:30pm followed by TheFIVE.*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643035778>

### Monday, August 24

Office closed

**Tuesday, August 25**

Staff Meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm

**NO** Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

**Wednesday, August 26**

**NO** Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

## **E-mail Security**

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 e-mail you to ask for gift cards or send money. THIS INCLUDES FELLOW PARISHIONERS.**

**Please be careful and report the scam to the FBI: [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)**

### **e-mail addresses:**

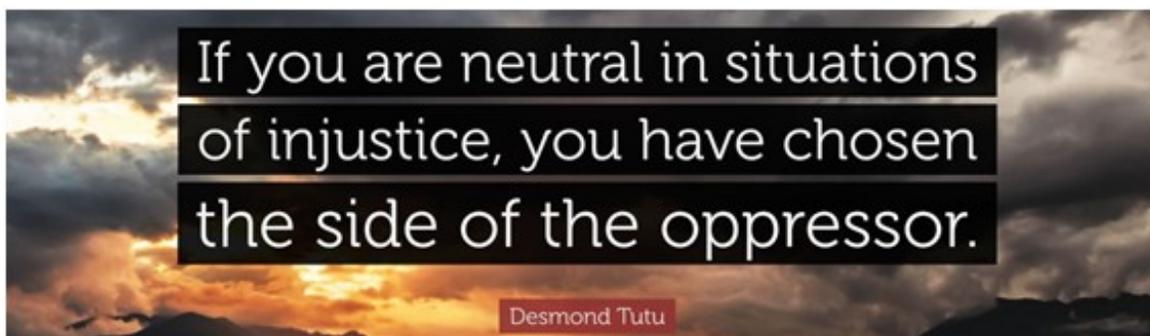
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