



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

Redeemer to Provide Bethesda Cares Sunday Dinner on July 26

Bethesda Cares Dinner. On Sunday, July 26, Redeemer will provide an outdoor dinner and take-away snacks in downtown Bethesda as part of our outreach partnership with Bethesda Cares. Parishioners have stepped forward to provide everything we need to serve about 30 homeless and hungry people. However, the opportunity to help is still available to share. Bottled water, peanut butter sandwiches, cookies, and brownies are welcome. **Contact Marie France** (tweedfrance@gmail.com or 301.320.1534).

"Backpack Project" Goes Virtual

Contributions for the annual backpack drive kick off this Sunday July 26! As you can imagine, it will look a bit different this year. Since most kids will be learning virtually at least part-time this fall, this year the focus is more on buying tablets instead of backpacks, and a little bit of traditional school supplies. Fortunately, we can buy tablets on Amazon for \$50 each, which is about the same cost as one stuffed backpack! Please mail checks to Redeemer with "Backpacks" in the memo line, or donate at www.redeemberbethesda.org under "Support," or "Donate" noting "Backpacks" in the memo line. Deadline to **receive** donations is August 9th.

As you probably know, online learning highlights income inequality and the lack of internet access. For example, many students have resorted to doing their school work on a parent's cell phone which does not have all the functionality needed to keep up with everything. The families who benefit from Housing Up's services are in transition from homelessness to permanent homes, with the ultimate goal of independence. These tablets will help them get there. As a teacher and parent myself, I can say how fortunate we are to have the option to learn and just see our classmates' faces online. No, it is never the same as the in-person school experience, but there are special advantages online. For example, many of our more introverted students are more comfortable participating asynchronously when they're not on the spot. And consider that these tablets also keep our teachers working, earning income for their families at a time when not every worker is able to do so.

We will be sending the tablets and supplies we buy directly to Housing Up, to make it contactless. So, sadly no backpack-stuffing party this year but we can still make a huge difference in these families' lives!

Contact Cynthia Fischer at fischer.cynthia@gmail.com.

Redeemer Book Group

The next book we will be reading over the next 7 weeks is *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. Time and Link to the meeting will be determined at a later date.
Contact Huda at hqkraske@aol.com

[Thank you for keeping your pledges current!](https://www.redeemberbethesda.org/stewardship-giving/online-payments/)
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Worship

Collect for Sunday:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

TheFIVE

Time: July 26, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643035778>

Meeting ID: 816 4303 5778

Telephone: +13017158592 81643035778# US (Germantown)

Please arrive early, between 4 - 4:30pm so that you can be sure that you are connected with video and audio. There will be an emcee available to give you a 'tour' of Zoom.

The Coffee Hour starts at 4:30pm with TheFIVE on the same channel at 5:00pm.

Zoom requires us to use waiting room if we don't require a password.

When you log in, you'll be admitted to the service by a host.

**The Washington National Cathedral Sunday Service is at 11:15am.
Go to www.cathedral.org.**

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

*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*

Zoom Coffee Hour at 4:30pm followed by TheFIVE. with more time to mingle after the service
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643035778>

Monday, July 27

Office closed

Tuesday, July 28

Staff Meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm

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

Wednesday, July 29

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 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. THIS INCLUDES FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

Please be careful and report the scam to the FBI: www.fbi.gov

e-mail addresses:

Cricket: rector@redeemberbethesda.org
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General Mailbox: office@redeemberbethesda.org
Margaret: accounting@redeemberbethesda.org
Bob: bob@redeemberbethesda.org



If you are neutral in situations
of injustice, you have chosen
the side of the oppressor.

Desmond Tutu

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