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Weekly Edition

Only one more week 'til Christmas.



2021 Pledge Campaign Update

58 pledges, \$347,576.51 73% of goal
\$128,923.49 remaining to meet goal

Your vestry will meet January 13 to make decisions regarding the budget, if we don't meet the pledging goal. If you haven't sent your pledge for 2021 today, please do so today. Send an e-mail to Margaret Church accounting@redeemberbethesda.org. Your e-mail will be your pledge card.

Waiting, Waiting, Waiting

"I'm waiting," Dr. Walter Boumann said in his final sermon to us at Trinity/Bexley Hall. "Uncle Walter," as we called him, been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. I felt like I was already at his funeral. It was so sad. And then, with a twinkle in his eye, he said, "But I no longer need to floss!" He was so full of hope and faith, assuring all of us that he had no regrets and that he looked forward to the New Jerusalem.

This week, we saw hope being delivered on planes and trucks and in syringes. It's not the end - we still wait for that. It is a beacon of hope. My prayer is that the same roll-out of vaccines is happening in places like Africa and India and areas of the United States that are suffering more than they should.

Today we have one week to wait for Christmas. We're really busy at church and I'm sure you are at home as well. Try not to let the activities keep you from your prayers. Advent calls us to expect hope in the most unusual ways. We need to be alert to the possibility of surprise.

As of Saturday we've logged 185 miles on our Bethlehem walk. I think we will make it to Pennsylvania! Don't stop though...let's see how far up north we can get. Keep up those exercises.

Christmas at Redeemer comes in two packages in 2020. We are recording a "Blue Christmas Service of Healing." This service will be uploaded to YouTube and available to you as soon as Geoffrey gets it all put together. You may watch it whenever you like. Even more than once if necessary! Christmas Eve will be a live broadcast on Zoom at 10:30pm. There will be music!

The Sunday after Christmas (December 27) features Christmas Lessons & Carols from the entire South Montgomery Deanery. Each of the six parishes has been invited to share a hymn, a reading, and a collect. As the dean, I'll be officiating. This will be prerecorded and a link will be shared with all the deanery churches. I hope you'll enjoy this collaborative effort. This will be the only service on that Sunday.

Invite someone to come to church for Christmas. I look forward to seeing you in your "little Zoom boxes".

Faithfully,
Amma Cricket

Join Christians in the Holy Land and around the United States LIVE via the internet as we worship at Bethlehem Christmas Lutheran Church and the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

- Please invite your family, friends and colleagues to participate -

Fourteenth Annual Bethlehem Prayer Service
Saturday, December 19, 2020
10:00 AM EST

Join in for a wonderful Christmas experience!

In Bethlehem, Palestinian Christians continue to bear witness to their faith this Christmas, as they have done for generations. Once again, let us join our voices with theirs in seeking and offering hope for a better future.

Invite your friends and fellow parishioners to join us online at www.youtube.com/episcopalpa.

We encourage you to pass this link along to others in your community

For additional information about the service, or about the Washington Episcopal Holy Land

Committee (formerly the Companion Diocese Committee), *contact us at edowjerusalemevents@gmail.com*

Log on to Sunday Services

The easiest way to connect to Adult Forum, Coffee Hour, or one of the two worship services on Sundays is to go to the Redeemer *website*. Under the picture of the stained glass is a group of buttons with links. Click on the link that says "Zoom button for Worship...". That's all it takes. We are using the same Zoom link for all Sunday activities.

Be ready to come to church! Sign the Covenant Today

Whether we meet outside or inside, we need your covenant to help keep us all safe. Go to the waiver/covenant by clicking here:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5f884aed3443f/web/>

Calendar/Upcoming Digital Events:

Links are provided in italics.

Sunday, December 20, Advent IV

Parents should contact *Steve Gibson* or *Mary Kay Young* for Sunday School Zoom links.

Parents will receive e-mail from the teachers when classes are meeting.

CLICK HERE for all Sunday Zoom events. OR, go to www.redeemberbethesda.org

9:00am - Adult Forum: Part Four of Jana Riess' *Flunking Sainthood*

10:00am - Morning Worship/Family Service

4:00pm Tech Check-In

5:00pm Evening Worship: TheFIVE

www.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 81643035778

Please be patient while the hosts admit each person from the waiting room.

Phone only: [301 715 8592](tel:3017158592)

6:00pm Digital Coffee Hour

Monday, December 21 - Staff Sabbath Day

Please refrain from contacting the staff and their families on Mondays through any means unless it is an emergency.

10:00am, Prayers of the People on Conference Call (508) 924-1769

8:00pm, ***Compline on Zoom***

Tuesday, December 22

10:00am, Prayers of the People on Conference Call (508) 924-1769

1:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm, *Knit-Along*

8:00pm, *Compline on Zoom*

Wednesday, December 23

10:00am, Prayers of the People on Conference Call (508) 924-1769

Noon, *Lectionary Bible Study*

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288

Password: 173917

Phone only: [301 715 8592](tel:3017158592)

8:00pm, *Compline on Zoom*

Thursday, December 24

10:30pm - Christmas Eve Service Live on Zoom

Link at www.redeemberbethesda.org. (Same as Sunday above.)

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

The office is closed from December 25 through January 1. There will be no morning prayers or compline services this week. Please be safe and enjoy your holiday.

Saturday, December 26

Maintain your pledge [HERE](#).

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