



This Week at Redeemer

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Collect for Sunday July 25:

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.*

- **2 Kings 4:42-44**
- **Psalm 145:10-19**
- **Ephesians 3:14-21**
- **John 6:1-21**

Vacation Bible School Registration Form August 23-25, 2021, 9am-12pm

This is a half-day camp meeting at St. Dunstan's Church, 5450 Massachusetts Ave, Bethesda. Please scan and email this form to Events@stdunstansbethesda.org by Friday, August 20th (the sooner the better). We look forward to seeing you at VBS!

The cost of VBS is \$15 per family, which can be paid via the Eventbrite link on the homepage of the St. Dunstan's website. You may also mail a check payable to St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church before the first day of camp. Please let us know if the fee presents a challenge for your family.

Parent #1 Info:

Name: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

Parent #2 Info:

Name: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

Other Authorized Pickup Person/Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Waiver of Liability for Off-Site Activity

I understand that on Wednesday, August 25 (or August 24 if there is rain forecasted), the children enrolled in VBS will be participating in a stream cleanup service project off-site, about 5 minutes' walk along the Capital Crescent Trail from St. Dunstan's Church. I acknowledge that I have the opportunity to accompany my child(ren) for this activity if I so choose, and I hereby release all those involved in the provision of VBS, including St. Dunstan's, its partner churches, their employees, officers, agents, and volunteers ("Redeemer"), from any and all liability arising out of or relating to my child(ren)'s participation in this activity, including any loss, damage, injury. I understand that I am waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the acts or omissions of the Redeemer.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Questions:

May we post VBS pictures that include your children on our Facebook page and/or website? Yes No
We are hoping to have as many parent chaperones as possible for our field trip on Wednesday (or Thursday if rain). Will you or another caretaker be available to join us? Yes No Not Sure

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL in August! Redeemer teams up with St. Dunstan's and the Westmoreland Community Church to offer 3 half-days for children from August 23-25. The VBS is being held in-person at St. Dunstan's. Children will explore the wonders of creation - including a morning making the trail next to the church a cleaner place. Kids from Pre-K to rising 5th-graders are invited. The price is right: \$15/ family. Adult volunteers are welcome for one, two, or all three days. You can use the registration form here to sign up. The registration will be available soon through Eventbrite at

<http://www.stdunstansbethesda.org>.

In-Person Worship In The Morning!!

We will celebrate God's love for us in the Parish Hall until the renovation is complete. Please use this link: **sign up for July 25** to make your reservation. There is a maximum of 50 people in the parish hall. There will be an RSVP form for every Sunday for the purposes of contact tracing. In order to protect the most vulnerable among us, please wear a mask.

Here are the links for July:

[Sign up for July 25](#)

[Sign up for August 1](#)

The Backpack Drive is Back!

With the return to in-person learning at most schools we are ready to launch our backpack and school supply drive for the 2021-2022 school year! Last year our parish did an excellent job of raising funds to purchase tablets for distance learning— but it wasn't quite the same and we couldn't have our usual backpack stuffing party. We're focusing on 3rd-5th graders this year with the wonderful people from Housing Up. We've calculated that with bulk discounts, if we can raise \$2,000 we will be able to purchase 100 fully-loaded backpacks to help students in need start the school year off right! Please help us reach our goal.

Cynthia Fischer is collecting money for the drive this year at church on Sunday July 25, but you can also donate on Redeemer's **website**, just note 'Backpacks' somewhere in the online form when you do. Cynthia will be ordering supplies the week of July 25 so that they will be here in time for the stuffing party. The backpack stuffing party will be some time on Sunday August 8. This is a fun event for the whole family where we load up the backpacks with the school supplies and enjoy some treats and fellowship. Please mark it in your calendar and join in the fun!

Bethesda Cares - July 25

Redeemer is scheduled to prepare and deliver dinner for 30 homeless and hungry people on Sunday, July 25 at 3:45PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, 7500 Pearl Street, Bethesda, MD 20814. In order to do that, we need your help! Please sign up on this sheet https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uq9bL4f5FsibxA_XliTorHi6X_HaavpGcTbPrUYI5NM/edit?usp=sharing to bring one or more dishes, snacks or drinks. Thank you for your generosity. **This is the link.**
Sam Penn and Nico Hotes

Deadline for the August Redeemer Spirit is today.

Redeemer Spirit and TWAR copies are available on the Redeemer Website:
www.redeemberbethesda.org.

Morning Prayers of the People are back: Call number: 602-580-9323 and enter the code: 19585450#

Opportunities to Be in Communion

Now that we are back together in-person, we have many opportunities for you to serve the parish on Sunday morning, and many hands make light work. Some of you will know what "altar servers, readers, ushers, and counters" do, and may have previously run in the opposite direction! But others among you may not. Feel free to ask any member of staff (Cricket, David, Adrienne, Bob or Geoffrey) for further information. If you like to read out loud, reading from the lectern may be a good fit for you, and is a popular ministry for many people. If you are good with balancing your checkbook, counting may be your thing, and a way to get to know a fellow counter in a shared sense of purpose. In addition, Jefferson Arrington is our head usher. Ushers ensure that everyone feels welcome and the morning goes smoothly. Ushering is a wonderful way of getting to know names and faces. Chrissy de Fontenay needs coffee volunteers. You get the picture! **You do not have to have previous experience:** Christ's body needs our hands and feet to do His work, and all are welcome. Send an email with how you would like to minister to **Bob Yates**.

Manna Food Pantry

Chrissy deFontenay and Ben Ivins take items to Manna Food Center every week. There are many hungry folks in our county - even in Bethesda!

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the basket at the altar. To take FOOD from our own pantry, transport IT to the church and place IT in the basket--in addition to writing a check to Manna--is a tangible act of taking from OUR excess, and uniting ourselves in solidarity with those who do not have enough. This is a spiritual practice that keeps our baptismal promise weekly before us in action, not just in word.

Redeemer Book Group

The book we are reading is *"For Whom the Bell Tolls"* by Ernest Hemingway, based on his stay in Spain from 1937 to cover the civil war. The story tells of loyalty and courage, love and defeat and the tragic death of an ideal. A young American is attached to an antifascist guerilla in the mountains of Spain, fighting Franco's army. This is one of the best war novels ever written. Discussion of the book will take place IN PERSON at 3:00 pm on August 8 at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815 (phone: 301 656 2087). All are welcome.

More information will follow! For more information, please contact Bob Dresser robert.dresser@gmail.com or Huda Kraske hqkraske@aol.com.

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Lynne Barnes, Dee Beilstein, Paula Clark, Cat Collins, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Lucy Escoffier, Mary Fogwell, Susan Forsyth, Pat Foster, Kiki Garo, Tom & Margaret Greene, Karen Hansen, Randy Henderson, Judy James, Peter & Beate Kendall, Huda Kraske, Clarice Leslie, Howard London, Leslie McGlothlin, Mary Dolores Meador, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Miguel Orquiz, Cricket Park, Nancy Phelan, Nicholas Platt, Mary Potter, Charles Raisch, Jean Riggs, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Amy Scher, Patricia Snowden, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Mary Ellen & Bill Switzer, Ann Taylor, Peter Turner, Kim Turska, Lois Vuolo, Ariana, "T", David, Evie, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, Eleanor, Paul & Dora, and Dawn & Mike, John & Ann, Mila & Sara.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Tami McMinn, Neda Shirzad, Clark Downs, Michael Mershon, Ben Ivins, Adam Tucker, Nicholas Rychlik,

And the Anniversaries of Ellen Jimerson and Charles Oliver

For the repose of the soul of Francine Kabega, mother of Francoise Mukamara.

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

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; 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 live and work in retirement centers, assistive living centers, and nursing homes.

For all first responders.

For all who work for justice.

Parish Calendar

Redeemer staff are available by appointment. Regular office hours are pending the completion of renovations.

Wednesday, July 21

Staff meeting at 10:30am, in person

Informal Study of upcoming Sunday's scriptures at Noon

<https://bit.ly/3ySI5Rx>

Vestry Meeting at 6:30pm, on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6430123944>

Thursday, July 22

Collar & Coffee, 9:30am, Starbucks on Sangamore Rd. Join Cricket for a beverage and conversation.

Friday, July 23

Saturday, July 24

Sunday, July 25

Hybrid church events at www.redeemberthesda.org.

10:30am Holy Eucharist, in-person and online

[sign up here](#)

Monday, July 26

Tuesday, July 27

Staff Meeting at 1:00pm, in person

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?pwd=QnNmRUhiVllRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09)

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Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Wednesday, July 28

Informal Study of upcoming Sunday's scriptures at Noon

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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 to send anyone money. THIS INCLUDES FELLOW PARISHIONERS.
Please be careful and if you encounter it report the scam to the FBI:
www.fbi.gov

e-mail addresses:

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