



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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WHAT'S AT REDEEMER TODAY

Summertime Schedule

- While activities do slow down at Redeemer during the summer months, there are a few things to mark on your calendar.
- Come early or stay late after services on Sunday and spend some quality time knitting at the Purl-y Gates. Work on a scarf or prayer shawl for someone who needs a Redeemer hug. Don't know how? We'll teach you!
- The midweek, noon service of Holy Eucharist takes a sabbath in July and August. We gather at 9am for Morning Prayer on Wednesdays.
- During the first weeks of August, Lucy Court takes the lead to raise funds and coordinate our annual backpack drive for Housing Up. Watch the Sunday bulletins and This Week at Redeemer for more information.
- Homecoming Sunday happens September 15th. Think about inviting someone who doesn't come to church that week. The choirs and Sunday School begin on September 8th.

Looking Ahead:

July 4, Independence Day
July 15, Labyrinth Walks begin
July 7, 14, 21, and 28—We are here all summer!
September 15, Homecoming Sunday

Summer Worship changes:

Labyrinth Walks begin on Monday, July 15th at 7:00pm. Please join us for a quiet, contemplative experience this summer. For more information, please see Patricia Snowden. To participate musically, please see Lisa MacBain.

Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays will be 'on vacation' until September. Please join us at 9:00am for Morning Prayer.

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JOIN SUSAN FITZGERALD EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 6 TO 7
FOR CONTEMPLATIVE WEEDING!

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends,

June was a big month at Redeemer: we embraced our longstanding tradition of opening our doors to the community with our annual Strawberry Festival, and we met as a body to discuss the rearrangement of the pews. As we roll into July, we carry the bounce of that well-attended Strawberry Festival and a way forward for our church pew arrangement.

First, the Strawberry Festival: a big thanks to Michael Mershon who shepherded his team of pickers, hullers, kitchen folk, grill cooks, vendors of collectibles, boutique, books, the bake sale, and the new strawberry lemonade stand, those working at the moonbounce, games, and kids activities, and the often-overlooked folks—the set-up and clean-up crews. This festival is a lot of work, over days and weeks, even with the many willing hands.

We are starting to talk about our 20th anniversary of the expansion of our building: every weekend in October there will be a celebration of some kind (see the particulars elsewhere in the newsletter).

Thanks to all of you who came to the listening session about the church pews and seating. It was a productive meeting and a respectful one. Cricket asked that everyone be heard, and anyone who raised a hand was given the floor. Others participated by adding comments to the survey. Since that meeting, we have contacted two people from the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space as well as a diocesan canon with interior design skills. We will be soliciting written recommendations and options from these folks, which the vestry will evaluate. We will keep you posted on any developments.

Praying for peace,

Susan Graham Fitzgerald
Senior Warden



Youth Matters

Yaa Addison begins August 1st working with the P.R.A.Y. (Potomac River Anglican Youth) portion of our youth ministries. She works as a receptionist at St. Andrew's School and participated in P.R.A.Y. during our first year in the cooperative. Yaa will be spending time with the youth at Redeemer, St. Dunstan's, and St. Patrick's in order to plan and execute the monthly activity for the group. Please be sure to let her know what activities youth are interested in so we can put them on the schedule.



Redeemer youth and their families made a pilgrimage to the U.S. Holocaust Museum and Memorial at the end of June. For most, it was their first visit. The pictures and the stories were troubling, as they should have been. It's hard to come to grips with just how badly human beings can treat each other. For many of the adults, comparing today's global political climate with that of World War II was difficult as well. All proclaimed the trip worth their Saturday afternoon.



FROM THE HEARTH

“life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”

Steve and I are taking a well-deserved vacation this month. While we’re away, please contact Rev’d David Schlafer for pastoral emergencies (301-493-4261) and Susan Fitzgerald for any other church matters (301-229-3430). I’m confident the staff can help you with day-to-day requests. Remember – no bleeding, no dying, no fires. I will not ask anyone for gift cards. I will not be taking phone calls and will refrain from e-mail. It’s important to take this Sabbath time.



My challenge is that my creative juices begin flowing when I take time off and I end up writing things down so I don’t lose them! I’ll try to channel that energy into relaxing! Annie LaMott said that almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few moments – even you.

Please take time to unplug. This may not be the year for a big vacation, but you can do little things. We’re so fortunate to have two national park areas so close to us. Go take a walk. Pack a picnic lunch and head out for a daytrip. The best thing is to spend uninterrupted time with people you love. So, have a great Fourth. Be good. I’ll be back soon!

Faithfully,

Amma Cricket

Labyrinth Walks

on Mondays at 7:00pm beginning
July 15th.

Come for a few minutes of peace,
or an hour!



MUSIC NEWS

First of all I want to thank everyone, both choir and congregation, and my friend and colleague Chuyoung Suter, for a really successful year of music-making.

Thank you all for engaging fully with the choir stall pew layout, and in particular for your contributions to the survey and town hall. My personal take away from this whole experience is how strong Redeemer is, and how supported is its music, so, thank you! What impressed me the most during this process were the comments from both choir and congregation in terms of participation, communication and feeling connected during services ('connected' in deeper ways that we often don't often use that word for...). It was powerful hearing testimony about blocked sightlines-both from the choir from before-and from the congregation now-and how this impacts an individual's worship experience and feeling of participation and community. I have spent several weeks pondering this, and (besides the larger furniture question, which is Cricket and Vestry's bailiwick) believe that we can do some things to tweak the music that will help support the whole community.

New Congregational First Sunday

In the same way that we have musically re-defined *third* sunday this past year, this season we will redefine *first* sunday. Based on the feedback from the survey, my impression is that there is a hankering for the choir to be more involved in general, to have an opportunity to worship rather than work, to be able to participate in adult forum. Many have also appreciated the opportunity to sit front and center with everyone else. So, on the first sunday of the month, there will be no formal robed choir, and choir members will sit throughout the congregation. Choristers will walk up to the step to sing at the offertory, and then walk back again; we will sing a congregational psalm; and there will be communion hymns. This musical change opens up other opportunities for connection. It means that our singers will have more time and energy to connect and engage with our community; they will not have to rehearse prior to the service, nor rush to put on robes, nor process, and all will be able to attend adult forum together.

'Director of Music Ministries'

The more eagle eyed of you may have noticed a change in my job title. The artist previously known as 'music director,' my new title reflects what is happening with the spirit in our community, and the direction I would like us to go. Over the past year, we have all benefited from the extraordinary ministry of Lisa McBain, and her beautiful cello (and tamborine) playing. What you may not know, is that she has also been choosing and organizing rehearsals for the Taizé chants that have worked so well with our readings. Another person who deserves special mention is Silvia Maza, who, totally unprompted, has resurrected the bell choir which had lain dormant for years. Silvia has chosen, rehearsed, written and arranged music for worship. Anyone who has attempted to herd cats will know the determination and passion that both Lisa and Silvia have. A third person who deserves special thanks for stepping forward and supporting me and music, is Geoffrey Platt, who as our founding chair of the music committee brings a wealth of knowledge to the Music at Redeemer concert series which forms the backbone of our non-liturgical arts community engagement. Geoffrey P. has a strong background in advising non-profits, and I deeply appreciate his expertise and working with him and everyone who is volunteering on the committee. So, as I thank these three people (as well as all the others who donate time, money, expertise and support-you know who you are!), I hope that you can understand why I felt my title ought to change as well, to reflect the ministries and energies that others are bringing to Redeemer. I am also thankful to Cricket who has recognized that I needed to go full-time in order to be able to go 'all in' in this expensive part of the world. We will engage an organist for large occasions, but otherwise, I will be learning the many beautiful sounds and colors of our instrument, and accompanying services.



Geoffrey Silver

Director of Music Ministries

PARISH NEWS

Catechism Corner

Q: Is the Fourth of July a religious holiday?

A: It depends on who you ask! If you ask an Episcopalian, the answer is yes!

Proper Psalms, Lessons, and Prayers were first appointed for this national observance in the Proposed Prayer Book of 1786. They were deleted, however, by the General Convention of 1789, primarily as a result of the intervention of Bishop William White. Though himself a supporter of the American Revolution, he felt that the required observance was inappropriate, since the majority of the Church's clergy had, in fact, been loyal to the British crown. Writing about the Convention which had called for the observance of the day throughout "this Church, on the fourth of July, for ever," White said, "The members of the convention seem to have thought themselves so established in their station of ecclesiastical legislators, that they might expect of the many clergy who had been averse to the American revolution the adoption of this service; although, by the use of it, they must make an implied acknowledgment of their error, in an address to Almighty God. . . . The greater stress is laid on this matter because of the notorious fact, that the majority of the clergy could not have used the service, without subjecting themselves to ridicule and censure. For the author's part, having no hindrance of this sort, he contented himself with having opposed the measure, and kept the day from respect to the requisition of the convention; but could never hear of its being kept, in above two or three places beside Philadelphia." It was not until the revision of 1928 that provision was again made for the liturgical observance of the day.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 145

Lessons: Deuteronomy 10:17-21 or 145:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-16; Matthew 5:43-48

(pg. 302-3, *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2006)

Redeemer Book Club

We are reading *March*, a novel by Geraldine Brooks, inspired by the 19th century classic "Little Women". The story draws a close-up and graphic description of the horrors of the civil war and the disruption it brings to a particular family. It is beautifully written and provides a rich agenda for discussion which will take place on August 11 at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815 (Phone: 301 656 2087).

After *March*, we will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

Come to the Purl-y Gates!!

Ladies and Gentlemen who wish to knit, crochet, or otherwise occupy some time with a craft are invited to do so at 9 am each Sunday morning in the Parish Hall. Work on prayer shawls and visit with each other. This is a great time to start working on cold weather projects like hats and scarves for Bethesda Cares and Street Church. Those projects are great for beginning stitchers - so come and learn.

(Don't forget that there are projects in the narthex if you want to work on something during services. The preachers don't mind - research says that you retain more information if you keep your hands busy while you listen!)



FROM THE BISHOP

MUSIC

Let the Children Come

Like many, I am trying to better understand and respond to reports of how unaccompanied children or those separated from their parents are being treated in US custody at the southern border and in detention centers across the country. Add to that the staggering number of people fleeing their countries and seeking refuge here, and the specter of mass deportation of those whose asylum requests have been denied, and the word "crisis" hardly begins to describe what we're facing as a nation.

In times like these, I am grateful for the bonds that unite us across Episcopal Church and the ways we can work together to alleviate suffering and stand for justice. I draw strength and inspiration from the example of others.

Last week Bishop David Reed of the Diocese of West Texas, which shares 500 border miles with Mexico, wrote to the people of his diocese:

As the immigration crisis continues to roil and divide our beloved country, we find our souls as stressed as our legal and political systems.

Read more online at www.edow.org

Work

Jesus says: "I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you." The yoke is an object of work, keeping two animals together to share strength. Jesus is saying: Work with me. Learn from me. Here is real rest: walking, working, living in rhythm with Jesus.

-Br. Luke Ditewig

Music at Redeemer 2019-2020 Season

September 21 Baroque & Neo-Baroque **KASSIA MUSIC**

October 5 An Evening at the Opera **Alize Rozsnyai & Friends**

October 6 Vivaldi Gloria **Combined Choirs**

November 2 Rutter Requiem with harp **Redeemer Choirs**

November 16 Classical & Neo-Classical **KASSIA MUSIC**

December 8 Advent Lessons & Carols **Redeemer Choirs**

December 14 A Charlie Brown Family Christmas-movie and jazz **Eric Byrd Trio**

January 18 Organ Showcase **Isabelle Demers**

February 1 Beethoven 250 **Heimat Quartet**

February 15 Romantic & Neo-Romantic **KASSIA MUSIC**

March 21 Chamber Music Day **KASSIA MUSIC**

March 21 Bach Cello Suites **Juliana Soltis**

April 4 Mozart Requiem at BHPC **Combined Choirs**

April 25 20th Century/Contemporary **KASSIA MUSIC**

May 16 17th C. Women in Transformation **Vivi Cantando**

www.MusicAtRedeemer.org

AT REDEEMER

Leap of Faith – Celebrating 20 Years In Our Expanded Church

Redeemer celebrates the milestone anniversary of the church expansion with a number of activities in the month of October. There is something for everyone! Co-chairs of the Anniversary Celebration Melinda Nelson and Silvia Maza look forward to working with lots of you on these projects.

October 5 (Saturday) – An Evening at the Opera

Devised by Alize Rozsnyai, a coloratura soprano and actor (“displaying profound imagination and control” *Philadelphia Enquirer*), this fun event features a quartet of recent graduates from Curtis Institute of Music and some of their favorite moments in opera.

October 6 (Sunday) – Vivaldi Gloria

Service of Celebration with the combined chorus of Redeemer and Bradley Hills Presbyterian choirs, featuring early instrument ensemble BaRock.

October 12 (Saturday) – Dinner, Karaoke, & Auction

An event for all ages! Share a meal with your church family. Showcase your talent (or lack thereof) with or without the karaoke machine. Bid on some fun baskets or collector’s items during the show.

October 13 (Sunday) – Pet Blessing

We’re moving St. Francis’ commemoration one week forward. Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends for a blessing.

October 18-19 (Friday-Saturday) – Youth Lock-in

Bring a friend and spend the night at Redeemer! We’ll have games, movies, and a midnight church service for youth 5th grade and up. Bring your sleeping bag!

October 20 (Sunday) – Youth Take-over Sunday

Our young people will be our leaders this day by reading, ushering, singing, and presenting a sermon. Don’t miss it!

October 20 (Sunday) – Compline

Complete your weekend with the serenity of nighttime prayer.

October 27 (Sunday) – Taking a Leap into the Future

How do we ensure that Redeemer will be an asset to our neighbors for the next 20 years? A conversation on the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

We need your talents to make this month a success. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Worship Assistants are not assigned in the summer. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex where you can add your name to an open position, and serve the next week.

Give a new ministry a try!
On-the-job training provided.

Parish Calendar

<p>Monday, July 1 All day Church Office Closed 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 9 1:30 – 2:30pm Staff Meeting and Proofing 7:30 – 8:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, July 25 Saint James the Apostle 10am – 12pm Collar & Coffee Safeway, 4701 Sangamore Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816, USA (outside) 6:30 – 9:30pm Balkan Dancers</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 2 1:30 – 2:30pm Staff Meeting and Proofing 7:30 – 8:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 10 9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, July 18 10am – 12pm Collar & Coffee Safeway, 4701 Sangamore Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816, USA (outside) 6:30 – 9:30pm Balkan Dancers</p>	<p>Friday, July 26 The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10am – 12pm Music Together 12 – 1pm AA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 8:30 – 9:30pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 3 9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, July 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540 6:30 – 9:30pm Balkan Dancers</p>	<p>Friday, July 19 Macrina, 379 10am – 12pm Music Together 12 – 1pm AA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 8:30 – 9:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Saturday, July 27 William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909 9:30 – 11:30am Yoga</p>
<p>Thursday, July 4 Independence Day 6:30 – 9:30pm Balkan Dancers</p>	<p>Friday, July 12 10am – 12pm Music Together 12 – 1pm AA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 8:30 – 9:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Saturday, July 20 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriett Ross Tubman 9:30 – 11:30am Yoga</p>	<p>Sunday, July 28 Ordinary Time, Proper 12 8 – 9am Holy Eucharist 10:30 – 11:45am Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>Friday, July 5 10am – 12pm Music Together 12 – 1pm AA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 8:30 – 9:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Saturday, July 13 11am – 1pm Adele Owen funeral</p>	<p>Sunday, July 21 Ordinary Time, Proper 11 8 – 9am Holy Eucharist 10:30 – 11:45am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday, July 29 Church Office Closed Mary and Martha of Bethany 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>Saturday, July 6 9:30 – 11:30am Yoga</p>	<p>Sunday, July 14 Ordinary Time, Proper 10 8 – 9am Holy Eucharist 10:30 – 11:45am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday, July 22 Church Office Closed Saint Mary Magdalene 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 30 William Wilberforce, 1833 1:30 – 2:30pm Staff Meeting and Proofing 7:30 – 8:30pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>Sunday, July 7 Ordinary Time, Proper 9 8 – 9am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday, July 15 Church Office Closed 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 23 1:30 – 2:30pm Staff Meeting and Proofing 7:30 – 8:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 31 Ignatius of Loyola, 1556 9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>Sunday, July 7 10:30 – 11:45am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 16 1:30 – 2:30pm Staff Meeting and Proofing 7:30 – 8:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 24 Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471 9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	
<p>Monday, July 8 All day Church Office Closed 12 – 1pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 17 William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836 9 – 9:30am Morning Prayer</p>		

OUTREACH

Samaritan Ministry Requests

Please bring “walking food,” and toiletry items to church and leave them in the marked box in the Parish Hall. Karen

Stewart will deliver them to the Samaritan Ministry office where she volunteers.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Pilgrimage to the Arizona Border: Ver, Pesar, Actuar (See, Think, Act)

Join the team from Diocese of Washington and the Cathedral Sanctuary Committee on a learning pilgrimage to the Arizona border. As a BorderLinks participant you will learn from people directly affected by current economic and immigration policies. Meet with humanitarian aid organizations and immigration rights advocates, walk desert trails, witness court proceedings, visit migrant shelters and detention centers and learn about community-based projects that create economic and social opportunities within immigrant communities. This is an opportunity to think critically about the systems in which we live and participate, and about our role in the construction of a more just and caring society. We will fly to Tucson on Sunday, November 10, 2019 and return on Friday, November 15. The event cost is \$760 for program, room and board. Airfare is additional. If you are interested or need more information, please let Father Sam know (samdessordi@yahoo.co.uk) or contact the Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin, sgoodwin@edow.org or 202-321-6351.



MOST NEEDED FOODS LIST

Utilize this list to provide the most healthful food donations for our neighbors.

Help Manna by planning a Food & Funds Drive.

Details available at our website: <http://www.mannafood.org/give-food/host-a-food-drive/>



Grains

- Instant oatmeal packets, original flavor
- Brown rice (16 oz)
- Whole grain pasta (16 oz)

Protein

- Tuna, Salmon or Chicken, in water
- Dry or canned beans (low sodium)
- Natural nut butters

Fruits & Vegetables

- Canned vegetables (low-sodium)
- Canned fruit (in juice)
- Fruit cups

Other Healthy Items

- Shelf-stable, individual milk boxes
- Cooking oils & spices
- Infant formula & baby foods

July 2016

FINANCES

<u>Church of the Redeemer Profit and Loss Statement May 2019</u>	Jan - May Actual	Jan-May Budget	YTD Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
2019 Pledge Payments	277,042	250,933	26,109	423,539
2019 Over Pledge	701	1,458	(757)	3,500
2019 Non-Pledge	12,688	10,417	2,272	25,000
2018 Pledges	3,010	0	3,010	0
Loose Plate Offering	1,556	1,667	(111)	4,000
Special Offerings	1,417	1,208	209	2,900
Event & Activity Income	12	12,146	(12,134)	29,150
Facilities Use	8,524	7,500	1,024	18,000
Other Income	4,011	0	4,011	0
Total Income	308,962	285,329	23,633	506,089
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	14,517	17,729	(3,212)	42,550
Diocesan Giving	15,417	15,417	(0)	37,000
Discretionary Account	1,000	417	583	1,000
Maintenance Expense	25,817	31,771	(5,954)	76,250
Outreach Giving	0	2,083	(2,083)	5,000
Personnel Expense	115,317	120,140	(4,823)	288,336
Program Expense	13,151	15,417	(2,266)	37,000
Property Expense	19,480	19,583	(104)	47,000
Total Expense	204,699	222,557	(17,858)	534,136
Net Ordinary Income	104,263	62,772	41,491	(28,047)

Treasurer's Report

Church of the Redeemer's year-to-date financial operating results through the end of May are set forth in the adjoining table.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Redeemer's finances.

Stephen L. Gibson
Treasurer



Redeemer Men's Third Friday Luncheon Group

Beginning a while ago, a group of mostly retired men began gathering for a fellowship lunch on the third Friday of the month.

The group discusses whatever is on their collective minds and catches up on how they are all doing. Being older and retired, sometimes the discussion centers on health, other times on household management, sometimes investment philosophies, national politics, the economy, and, of course, life in the parish. Monthly attendance has varied from as few as 4 to as many as 11.

We usually gather in the bar at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo at 11:30. But we have ventured to other locations, including the home of Ben Ivins. A reminder email with the location and time is sent to all interested persons early in the week we are meeting.

If you would like to know more about the group, or be put on the email list, contact

Denny Shaw (shawdf22@gmail.com)

or Bob Dresser (Robert.dresser@gmail.com).

Church of the Redeemer Social Media

Please connect with Redeemer and the rector through these social media platforms:

Facebook: Episcopal Church of the Redeemer,
Bethesda, Maryland

Facebook: Cricket Park

Twitter: @VicarVirtual

Linked In: Cricket Park

Instagram: parkcricket

Events are posted on Facebook only. Please respond to these invitations so that we have accurate information about who will be attending. Thanks!

PARISH LIFE

Sunday Forums

Sunday forums are about sharing your interests, your work, your passions with the parish. Forums are a means for building community as we get to know one another and learn and grow in our faith. Please consider how you might offer a Sunday forum. Contact Heather Tomlinson at hbt47@yahoo.com or Bob Yates at bob@bobyates.net or speak to one of them on a Sunday.

We are just starting to plan, but one thought is to have a special forum on the first Sunday of the month and then have a bible study for the other three. The choir will be free to attend the first one and only practice on the other three.

Forums will start on September 8th, so give us your good ideas right away.

ON-LINE PLEDGING AND DONATIONS

Pledge payments: Payments can be made on a pledge (one-time/monthly/weekly) using a checking/savings account or with a credit/debit card. Participants can create a profile, set up recurring payments and make one-time donations. Donors may also choose to cover the service fee if they wish to do so. A receipt for each and every payment will go to the donor and to the Parish Office. For donations of stock, please contact the Parish Office.

For the 2019 Pledge Campaign, you may complete an electronic pledge card, send it to the office, and then continue on to set up payment. Printed pledge cards are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall.

Donations: Donations can be made using the on-line service for parish programs, such as Altar Flowers, Friends of Music at Redeemer, Memorials, and other ad hoc donations. These will all be one-time payments.

Payment Information: Payment information is secure. Access is only possible by the donor, Vanco and the Parish Office through specially set up passwords and access codes.

Happy Birthday!

Christoph Muenchow-Pohl

Marcia Sartwell

Tony Penn

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

Welcome

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Bethesda, Maryland, a vibrant, growing parish community of “inquiring and discerning hearts”, where all – the doubter, the seeker, and the believer – are welcome to join us in living and wrestling with the often difficult questions of faith. Here we value an Anglican spirituality – one that is open to the mystery of the Holy and which celebrates the dignity of human nature and the beauty of all creation.



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Emails at Redeemer.

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