



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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WHAT'S AT REDEEMER TODAY

Could you be a Healing Minister?

Healing ministers pray for congregants who present themselves the third Sunday of the month in the St. Luke Chapel. Thad Arrington will be scheduling the next quarter and would be pleased to add more healing ministers to the roster. thadarrington@yahoo.com

Baptism Date coming up!

Please see Amma Cricket if a member of your family wishes the Sacrament of Baptism on Pentecost. The next baptism date is All Saints—November 3rd.

Discernment Group at Redeemer:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Just a reminder that a group is gathering to practice deep listening and to share the experience of this practice with one another or just in silence together. A small number of interested parishioners met this fall and agreed to meet on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15pm in the adult classroom. There is silent reflection and voluntary sharing of the experience of a daily review. No experience of this practice is necessary, and any curiosity about spiritual discernment of one's path in life may be brought to this simple gathering. We meet for about 45 minutes. We will start reading through the booklet by Lois Lindbloom called "Is That You, God? Cultivating Discernment as a Way of Life" (2007). Marylin has several copies available; they are free. So have a coffee after the 10:30 am service and then meet us for a quiet time.

Celebrate Easter by exploring this contemplative practice. Join us whenever you can; you need not have met with

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- May 11, Carmina & Illuminare,
- May 12, Book Group meets
- May 16, Iftaar at ICCP,
- May 26, Bethesda Cares dinner
- May 31, Brian Giebler, Tenor
- June 8, Strawberry Festival
- June 9, Pentecost



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends,

Although this is the May newsletter, I want to report on April—and not the whirlwind of spring and Easter and Cricket’s birthday—but on our vestry retreat during that first weekend.

The Reverend Stephen Smith of St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church in Dublin, OH was the facilitator. The theme of our retreat was to view our parish in terms of its origin story—not unlike searching your children’s faces for expressions of the family features. (You can find the overview of the parish history on the Redeemer website <http://www.redeemberthesda.org> under “About Us.”) We identified some of that Redeemer DNA as having grit, being welcoming, forward thinking, and willing to take risks (for example, moving the pews around). And with our pipe organ, the current generation has been given the gift and opportunity of transformative music.

We are still a neighborhood church! And we still have a connected core of people. Happily, we now have members well outside of our local community. How do we expand further? How do we draw in and sustain new members at a time when there are so many scheduling conflicts and competing interests? How do we extend a welcome to folks who are not just like us but who are searching for meaning and yearn to feed their spirit?

Should we add a Sunday afternoon service? What are your thoughts on how to welcome newcomers to our family (Christ’s) table? Let us hear from you.

Praying for peace,

Susan Graham Fitzgerald
Senior Warden



Summer Volunteers Needed: A great opportunity to serve our community for those 18 years and older.

Redeemer is partnering with St Columba’s to offer lunch, laundry and showers to adults in need year round, which we call the Water Ministry. Our summer Water Ministry **starts June 3 and runs through August 2**. We are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and need **five volunteers each day** to assist our guests with showers and laundry, prepare simple lunches, set up for our guests and clean up afterwards. Our hours are from **10:00am and finish around 1:30pm**, once our guests have gone. We welcome volunteers who can come weekly, monthly or every now and then. We will provide an orientation.

This is a wonderful chance to make a difference and help those truly in need. If interested in volunteering, please contact our parishioner Karen Stewart at Karenstewart0405@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting and working with you.



FROM THE HEARTH

From the Hearth

My goodness – April was a packed-full month. We moved furniture the first week. Palm Sunday was the second week. Holy Week was amazing with its variety of services. And, Easter saw a packed 10:30am house, with lots of visitors. Alleluia! So – there is a lot of thank you love to go around. First – to the staff – to David+ for being by my side (and to Peggy for being on his!), to Bob and Geoffrey for all the bulletins, to Geoffrey and Chuyoung for all the music, and to Margaret for keeping us on track. Thank you choir and musicians for memorable music whether it was a Taizé chant, well-sung hymns and introits, a gorgeous Good Friday offering of St. John Passion by Bach, tambourines and dancing, or joyous Easter brass, you all helped us feel the Spirit. To the altar guild and everyone who read, reflected, intercessed, bore the chalice, prayed for healing, washed feet, and made the commitment to be there each night: we couldn't have done it without you. More thanks go to my hubby Steve for the new pew racks for the choir. And, finally, thank you all (and especially the Fitzgeralds for the birthday party. It's great growing old with all of you! I know, compared to Claudia and Kim, I'm a spring chicken. And, they remind me of that every time I mention my age. What great role models!



Now, it's May. May is the time for horse races and rat races, as we try to push everything we didn't get done in an academic year into the last four weeks of it. It's a time for commencements – those funny ceremonies that tell you something has ended, and something is beginning all at once. May is also still Easter! Pay attention to the readings on Sundays. They are getting us ready for the 'faith growing' season after Pentecost. See you in church!

Amma Cricket

Liturgical Review

As part of our stewardship of the earth, we are printing only one bulletin for both services from here on out. The only difference in the services is the music – it's sung at 10:30am and not at 8:00am! So, those of you who join us at 8:00am, just read the music parts. It's all good – we're saving trees!

The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. We don't fast during this season, neither will we say a confession. This is an alleluia season! We will, of course, pray for the church and for the world using Form III of the Prayers of the People. Our Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from the Australian Book of Common Prayer; further adapted by the Rev'd Deon Johnson, who is the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brighton, Michigan. It was used at the Cathedral for our annual Chrism Mass and Renewal of Vows.

Amma Cricket would love to have a group discussion about liturgy later in May or mid-June. Topic: the possibility of an afternoon service on Sundays. She's talked to some members of the congregation who would appreciate this option because of sports schedules, or the desire to sleep in one morning a week, or just the fact that it's becoming difficult to get ready for church in the morning. If you would like to be a part of that conversation, please let her know. If there is a clear indication that this would be a healthy option, there will need to be further meetings to help design what the service would look like.

To get the conversation started, please take a minute to respond to a short survey. The URL link and a QR code will get you to the survey on-line. Or, just print out the page and give it to Amma Cricket on Sunday. Thanks in advance for your input.

See Page 8 for the Survey!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Strawberry Festival Needs YOU!

Michael Mershon requests your assistance at the 2019 Strawberry Festival to be held **SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH**. We need as many people as possible to participate to make the festival a success. How will you help?

May

Publicity: Help spread the word on your networks about the festival. Tell your friends and neighbors. Invite your Facebook friends and Twitter followers. Are you artistic? Can you design a poster that we can print in-house? Can you help distribute that poster to local businesses?

Sunday, June 2 to Friday, June 7

The racks arrive and the tables are set up to receive collectables, books, and clothing. Please remember that collectibles should be collectible and not junk. Books should be in good shape for resale. Clothing items must be clean and on hangers. We need lots of volunteers throughout the week to make sure these areas are organized and ready to go on Saturday morning.

Bake Sale items made and packaged for Saturday morning.

Friday, June 7

Strawberry Pickers: people who go out Friday morning to Butler Farms and pick gallons of little red berries for our consumption. The more people we get, the faster it goes. Plan on two or three hours of work.

Strawberry Hullers: people who sit, chat, and cut the green stuff off the strawberries and then cut them into little pieces. We need a chair person for this task please. This person supervises the hulling by washing the large containers, making sure everyone has clean hands, collecting the hulled berries into the large containers, and making sure the containers get to 7-11's refrigerators.

The COSTCO Team: These folks go to Costco to purchase the burgers, hotdogs, buns, and other supplies for the food and drink aspects of the festival. We need strong people with vans or larger vehicles to bring the bounty back to the church.

Saturday, June 8 – THE DAY!

Even if you've done one of these job for decades, please let Michael know you're willing to do it again! Email him at jenningsmershon@gmail.com with any questions.

- Ticket Sales
- Balloons
- Set-up in the parish hall: tables and chairs
- Kitchen prep and staff – we need a chair person for this!
- Grill prep and staff
- Boutique, Book, and Collectible staff
- Face painting staff
- Moonbounce staff
- Bake Sale staff
- Clean-up staff

Not going to be in town? Consider making a donation toward the costs of the food or other items. Your financial assistance will be much appreciated.

Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful community event!



SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camps at Claggett

The Claggett Center offers week-long, residential, camp programs for youth from completed 2nd grade to recently-graduated high school seniors. Whether climbing high on the ropes course, or diving deep at the pool, there's something for everyone here at Claggett. From adventures on the Monocacy River and Sugarloaf Mountain, to swimming, games, campfires and classic skits, campers are sure to create new friendships and renew old ones year after year.

Summer Camps at Claggett are Christian formation ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Camp is grounded in Scripture and tradition and encourages campers and staff to use their whole selves as ways to explore the Christian Story. Each week a chaplain participates in all camp activities, and supports the ministry of camp through prayer, participation and spiritual direction.

Traditional Camps:

We'll hike and bike, get messy stomping in the Monocacy, take to the Potomac in canoes and kayaks, sing and wonder together in chapel, and have plenty of time for friendship bracelet-making and relaxing by the pool. Come to spend time with old friends and come to meet new ones. Come if you've been coming for as long as you can remember and come if this summer will be your first time at Claggett. Come as you are. We can't wait to see you soon!

High School Week: June 23-28. Residential camp for grades completed 9th-12th

Middle School Week: July 7-12. Residential camp for grades completed 6th-8th

Youth Week: July 14-19. Residential camp for grades completed 2nd-5th.

Tuition for the above three camps is \$450 for the week. Go to <https://cwngui.campwise.com/Apps/OnlineReg/Pages/Login.html> to register. Registering siblings for camp? Use Coupon Code MultiChild2019 for \$25 discount for additional campers. First camper is full price.

Adventure Camp: July 21-26. Residential camp for grades completed 4th-8th

This new camp will focus on adventure activities and excursions, including hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, and more. Tuition: \$550

Specialty Camps:

Camp Amazing Grace: (for children of parents in the justice system - completed grades 4-8) August 2-4. Please contact Rita Yoe, ryoe@claggettcenter.org, for information.

NEW! in 2019: The Claggett Center will host an overnight summer camp for youth impacted by opioid addiction. August 11-16 for youth (grades completed 4-8)

Health Ministry 101 - Adult Forum on May 19th!

What is health ministry? Who makes up this ministry? Who does the ministry serve? Health ministries is an umbrella term that embraces parish nursing, health promotion, congregational health, and other health-related activities which take place at churches for congregational members and the community served by the congregation (taken from [Parish Nursing: A Handbook for the New Millennium](#)). To learn more about health ministry and what it looks like on a practical level, please join us for adult forum on May 19th. No experience in healthcare or related fields is required-all are welcome! Any questions please contact office@redeemerbethesda.org.

Anna Roberts

MUSIC AT REDEEMER



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May 11, 2019, Saturday, 5 PM: Carmina & Illuminare: Choral Music of the 1600s

May 31, 2019, Friday, 7 PM: Brian Giebler, Tenor: "When I was One and Twenty"

Go to www.MusicAtRedeemer.org for more information and tickets.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS always welcome - adults and youth

If you or someone you know would like to be in our choirs, contact Geoffrey Silver
at
music@redeemerbethesda.org.



MUSIC AT REDEEMER



Celebrating Illuminare's Tenth Anniversary Season

The Soulful Heart of Italy

with Thomas MacCracken, organ & harpsichord ♦ Doug Poplin, cello
Vera Kochanowsky, harpsichord

Bursting into bloom in Italy after 1600, the dramatic *stile moderno* appealed directly to passions of the soul. We pair works by Monte verdi, Mazzocchi, and A. Scarlatti with those of Schein and Schütz, pioneers of German music in the new Italian manner.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 5 pm
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer |
6201 Dunrobbin Dr., Bethesda MD 20816
Church office: 301-229-3770

Saturday at 5:00pm!

Tickets at: musicatredeemer.org

For more information: 703-532-9356 or WWW.CARMINA.org



WORSHIP SURVEY

Sunday Afternoon Worship at Redeemer

This form will help worship leaders begin the conversation about offering worship on Sunday afternoons at Redeemer. Please print it out and give it to the staff or take the survey online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFDV6CS>

Or



1) Do you think it would be a good strategy to offer Sunday afternoon services at Redeemer?

Yes _____ No _____

2) Why or why not?

3) Would you attend a Sunday afternoon service?

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

4) If yes, when would you most likely attend?

4pm _____ 4:30pm _____

5:00pm _____ 5:30pm _____

5) If no, when do you attend services now?

8am _____ 10:30am _____

6) If maybe, under what circumstances might you attend?

7) What elements below would you like to experience in an afternoon service?

Holy Eucharist _____

Taizé music _____

Bible Study _____

Healing liturgy _____

Evening Prayer _____

Choir _____

Children's activities _____

Family-focused/shorter _____

Evensong _____

Compline: _____

8) Would you be willing to be a part of the continuing conversation about Sunday afternoon worship?

Yes _____ No _____

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

position	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun
8am Lector	Rachel King	Susan Grigsby	Sally Pugsley
8am Chalice	Marie France	Susan Grigsby	Tami McMinn
Usher	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington
Usher	Meredith Griggs	Richard Tyler	Ben Ivins
Usher	Michael Mershon	Madeleine Tyler	Mary K Young
Crucifer	choir youth	choir youth	choir youth
Acolyte	Helen Zitomer	Thad Arrington	Olivia Tyler
Lector	Bill MacBain	Michael Mershon	Mary K Young
Lector	Bob Yates	Huda Kraske	Judy Austin
Intercessor	John Nelson	Cathy Arrington	Tom McNaugher
Chalice	Michael Hart	Steve France	Jo Barclay-Beard
Chalice	Jenny Nachbar	Ben Ivins	Bill MacBain
Chalice	Steve France	Jo Barclay-Beard	Jenny Nachbar
Healing			
Healing			
Healing			
Healing			
Counter	Ben Ivins	Mary K Young	Cathy Arrington
Counter	Jane Dealy	Melinda Nelson	Clark Downs

Worship Assistants are not assigned in the summer. There is a sign-up board in the Narthex where you can add your name to an open position, and serve the next week. In the fall we will need more Acolytes, Counters and Ushers. Please indicate your interest to Amma Cricket or Bob Yates. This service is vital to our worship life.

Wednesday, May 1

Saint Philip and Saint James,
Apostles
9 - 9:30am
Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30am Education for
Ministry
12 - 1pm AA Meeting
12 - 1pm Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm, Youth Choir
rehearsal
6 - 7:30pm, Youth Group @
Redeemer

Thursday, May 2

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria,
373
10am - 12pm, Collar & Coffee
Safeway, 4701 Sangamore Rd,
Bethesda, MD 20816, USA
(outside)
6:30 - 9:30pm, Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm, Adult Choir
rehearsal

Friday, May 3

9 - 11:45am, Music Together
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm, Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm, AA Meeting

Saturday, May 4

Monnica, Mother of Augustine of
Hippo, 387
9:30 - 11:30am, Yoga, Parish Hall

Sunday, May 5

The Third Sunday of Easter
Cinco de Mayo
8 - 9am, Holy Eucharist
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist & Sunday School

Monday, May 6

Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

Clergy Conference
1:30 - 2:30pm, Staff Meeting and
Proofing
7:30 - 8:30pm, AA Meeting Parish
Hall

Wednesday, May 8

Clergy Conference
Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417
9 - 9:30am, Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30am, Education for
Ministry
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
12 - 1pm, Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm, Youth Choir
rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

Clergy Conference
Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of
Constantinople, 389
6:30 - 9:30pm, Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm, Adult Choir
rehearsal
Sanctuary

Friday, May 10

9 - 11:45am, Music Together
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm, Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm, AA Meeting
Parish Hall

Saturday, May 11

9:30 - 11:30am, Yoga
Parish Hall
10am - 1pm, Confirmation Service
Washington National Cathedral
11:30am, Walker funeral
5 - 8pm, FOMAR Carmina
Illuminare

Sunday, May 12

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
8 - 9am, Holy Eucharist
10:30 - 11:45am, Holy Eucharist &
Sunday School

Monday, May 13

Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

1:30 - 2:30pm, Staff Meeting and
Proofing
7:30 - 8:30pm, AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

9 - 9:30am, Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30am, Education for
Ministry
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
12 - 1pm, Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm, Youth Choir
rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

6:30 - 9:30pm, Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm, Adult Choir
rehearsal
7:00-9:30pm, Iftaar at ICCP

Friday, May 17

9 - 11:45am, Music Together
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm, Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm, AA Meeting

Saturday, May 18

9:30 - 11:30am, Yoga

Sunday, May 19

Dunstan, Archbishop of
Canterbury, 988
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
8 - 9am, Holy Eucharist
9:15am, Adult Forum - Health
Ministry 101
10:30 - 11:45am, Holy Eucharist &
Sunday School
12 - 1pm, Finance Committee

Monday, May 20

Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of
Tours, 804
Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

1:30 - 2:30pm, Staff Meeting and
Proofing
7:30 - 8:30pm, AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

9 - 9:30am, Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30am, Education for
Ministry
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
12 - 1pm, Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm, Youth Choir
rehearsal
6:30 - 8:30pm, Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 23

10am - 12pm, Collar & Coffee
Safeway, 4701 Sangamore Rd,
Bethesda, MD 20816, USA
(outside)
6:30 - 9:30pm, Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm, Adult Choir
rehearsal

Friday, May 24

Jackson Kemper, First Missionary
Bishop in the United States, 1870
9 - 11:45am, Music Together
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm, Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm, AA Meeting

Saturday, May 25

Bede, the Venerable, Priest, and
Monk of Jarrow, 735
9:30 - 11:30am, Yoga

Sunday, May 26

Augustine, First Archbishop of
Canterbury, 605
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
8 - 9am, Holy Eucharist
10:30 - 11:45am, Holy Eucharist &
Sunday School
4 - 5pm, Bethesda Cares Meal

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed

Rogation Day
Memorial Day
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 28

Rogation Day
1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 8:30pm, AA Meeting
Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 29

Eve of the Ascension
Rogation Day
9 - 9:30am, Morning Prayer
9:30 - 11:30am, Education for
Ministry
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting Parish Hall
12 - 1pm, Holy Eucharist Sanctuary
4:30 - 5:30pm, Youth Choir
rehearsal

Thursday, May 30

Ascension Day
10am - 12pm, Collar & Coffee
Safeway, 4701 Sangamore Rd,
Bethesda, MD 20816, USA
(outside)
6:30 - 9:30pm, Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm, Adult Choir
rehearsal

Friday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
9 - 11:45am, Music Together
12 - 1pm, AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm, Al-Anon Meeting
7 - 8pm, FOMAR Brian Giebler,
8:30 - 9:30pm, AA Meeting

Saturday, June 1

Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 167
8am - 6pm, Deacon School at
Redeemer
9:30 - 11:30am, Yoga

Sunday, June 2

The Martyrs of Lyons, 177
The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The
Sunday after the Ascension
8 - 9am, Holy Eucharist
10:30 - 11:45am, Holy Eucharist &
Sunday School

OUTREACH

It's Spring!

New Wish List for Bethesda Cares

Below is the current list of items that Bethesda Cares can use to serve the homeless and needy in our community this spring.

Before you make another kind of contribution, please contact the Bethesda Cares Office. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9am-12:30pm or 2-4pm at the Bethesda Cares Office
7728 Woodmont Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Or place them in the bin in the parish hall (near the piano).

Recurring needs (in priority order):

- 3 to 5 blade disposable razors
- Sink-wash laundry detergent packs
- NEW** Men's underwear sizes Medium and Large
- Nondisposable water bottles (thermoses)
- Paper towels
- Travel-size toothpaste
- Boxes of tissues
- Sleeping bags
- Travel tissue packs
- Reusable grocery bags
- Travel-size Eucerin/Aveeno skin relief cream
- Adult backpacks (new or used)
- Chapstick
- Full size laundry detergent (for newly housed veterans)
- Toilet paper
- Adult rain ponchos
- Alcohol-free travel-size mouthwash

Gift cards to Amazon, Target, Giant, Dunkin and US/Subway cards also are useful.

Redeemer will next provide BC dinner on Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). Please consider providing a dish. The participation of many over the long haul makes it possible for our church to support the hungry and homeless in our community.

Barbara Thackray thackraybm@aol.com

Senior Community Resource Fair

Join the members of the Business Collaborative for Health and Longevity (BCHL) to learn about the many resources available to you in your community to help you or your family member age in place or in the residence of your choice.

Local professionals with expertise in the legal, financial, health, housing and lifestyle arenas will present information about their available services and how they work to meet the needs of seniors and those with disabilities in the community. Refreshments will be served. Please bring friends and family!

Date and Time Sun, May 19, 2019 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
5450 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20816



RAMADAN INVITATION

Peace and Greetings from the Islamic Center in Potomac!

Perhaps you know that the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and fasting start on May 6th this year. In keeping with the spirit of Ramadan, ICCP would like to invite you and your congregants to share an Iftaar (break of fast) and dinner with us. The program of the evening follows:

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Venue: Islamic Community Center of Potomac, 10601 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

6:30-7:00 pm Arrival and Registration

7:00-7:30 pm Welcome and Brief Comments by faith leaders

7:30-8:00 pm - Q&A

8:00-8:15 pm - Iftaar (break of fast)

8:15-8:25 pm - Maghrib Prayer led by the ICCP Imam

8:30-9:45 pm - Dinner and socializing at the Barn - the formal close of the program

10:00-11:15 pm - Isha prayer followed by Tarawih prayer - **guests may optionally observe**

RSVP: By 5/7/19 - to Bob Yates
(bob@bobyates.net)

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide

Dear Church of the Redeemer friends,

As a Muslim, I am deeply ashamed and, and like you, saddened that in the good name of what is meant to be a peaceful religion, people invaded by Satanic forces have carried out these horrific acts in Sri Lanka. Innocent and God fearing lives have been lost and families and friends are left devastated. I am in touch with many over in Sri Lanka and doing whatever we can to help the church communities affected.

As a Sri Lankan myself, and having had all my education in a Christian school where my knowledge of faith was first anchored, I must convey to you that there has always been a strong bond of friendship and mutually reinforcing values between the Muslims and the Christians, including other faiths. All we can do,

as a month of fasting ('Saum'). It lasts 29-30 days based on the lunar calendar. The start of Ramadan can change each year since the Lunar calendar is shorter than the Gregorian calendar by 10-11 days. Muslims are expected to abstain from all food and drinks, and conjugal relationships while observing fasts from dawn to dusk during Ramadan. But they can enjoy all meals and activities after 'iftaar' or break of fast at dusk. The following are exempt from fasting: children, the sick, the elderly, and women who are either pregnant or on their period.

Observance of fasting is regarded as one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Scholars believe that the Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during this month, making it particularly holy. The annual event is meant to help those observe to focus on prayer, purification, and charitable acts. Muslims believe that the physical ritual allows them to understand the suffering of others as well as increasing their closeness to God.

Ramadan in 2019 starts on May 6 and ends on June 3. The Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan fasting) celebration will be on June 4, which is the start of Shawwal, the next month in the Islamic calendar.

This is a wonderful event and invitation from our Muslim friends. You are encouraged to attend.

in these helpless and hopeless circumstances is to offer our prayers. In so doing I convey to you and your church community my ~and those of the ICCP Community's ~ our heartfelt sympathies. We continue to pray for the families of those affected, and those who grieve as we share in that grief.

With affection,
 Mohamed Muhsin

Ps: Although Jesus said with his bountiful Mercy " Lord Forgive them for they did not know", it's impossible for anyone, leave alone the Almighty, to accept that plea, I submit.

Note: Mr. Muhsin is a member of the Islamic Community Center in Potomac. See their invitation to the May 16th Iftaar above.

Justice leaguers!

We had a good turnout for the forum, over twenty five people, and held them for a spirited discussion lasting about an hour and a half. Councilmember Riemer focused on his proposal for easing zoning on accessory dwelling units, noting that it had been revised in committee and would be voted upon by the full county council in June. Architect and former chair of the Historic Preservation Commission supported him, but he faced persistent questioning from skeptics in the audience. A straw poll at the end showed the audience closely divided, and Councilmember Riemer wasn't sure how the vote would turn out in June, which suggests it will be a squeaker. Adam Maloon described community land trusts which allow a community group to own the land and sell the improvements onto separately as a "bottom up" way to achieve affordable housing, and was supported by some in the audience who saw the approach as given the community "agency" in gaining control over its own housing needs. Audience members suggested using this technique to convert some unused commercial retail space into affordable housing. Councilmember Riemer said he would follow up with hearings on the idea. Gwen Wright from the Planning Commission gave an overview on the future housing needs of the county, where housing for an extra 200,000 people has to be found by 2045. This will require infilling, careful redevelopment planning to ensure no net loss of affordable housing, and reforms such as easing zoning restrictions on accessible development units. She said the Westbard project had been approved, and would have 65 units of affordable housing, which would be the first in the area, and would also provide for additional parkland. The speakers and audience mingled to continue the discussion for another half hour after the session ended at 8:30.

Mark MacCarthy

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Redeemer Book Club

The next book we will be reading is *The Land Breakers* by John Ehle. Set deep in the Appalachian wilderness of North Carolina between the years of 1779 and 1784, *The Land Breakers* is a saga of the violence encountered by settlers in an unsettled country that is sometimes paradise and sometimes hell. The book will be discussed at 3 pm on May 12 at the home of Huda and Jochen Kraske. For further information, contact Huda Kraske at hqkraske@aol.com. Next, we will be reading *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen followed by *March* by author *Geraldine Brooks*.

FINANCES

<u>Church of the Redeemer</u> <u>Profit and Loss Statement</u> <u>March 2019</u>	Jan-March Actual	Jan-March Budget	YTD Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
2019 Pledge Payments	223,702	201,617	22,085	423,539
2019 Over Pledge	259	875	(616)	3,500
2019 Non-Pledge	9,058	6,250	2,808	25,000
2018 Pledges	3,010	0	3,010	0
Loose Plate Offering	837	1,000	(163)	4,000
Special Offerings	467	725	(258)	2,900
Event & Activity Income	0	7,288	(7,288)	29,150
Facilities Use	2,245	4,500	(2,255)	18,000
Other Income	3,281	0	3,281	0
Total Income	242,859	222,254	20,605	506,089
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	8,150	10,637	(2,487)	42,550
Diocesan Giving	9,250	9,250	(0)	37,000
Discretionary Account	1,000	250	750	1,000
Maintenance Expense	13,452	19,063	(5,610)	76,250
Outreach Giving	0	1,250	(1,250)	5,000
Personnel Expense	68,779	72,084	(3,306)	288,336
Program Expense	5,888	9,250	(3,362)	37,000
Property Expense	11,688	11,750	(62)	47,000
Total Expense	118,207	133,534	(15,327)	534,136
Net Ordinary Income	124,652	88,721	35,931	(28,047)

Treasurer's Report

Church of the Redeemer's 2019 operating results through March 31 are set forth in the adjoining table. Redeemer has had a strong financial start to the year, with net income \$35,931 over budget for the first quarter. It is anticipated that this number will be significantly reduced going forward by upcoming maintenance expenses.

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).

Acolytes: Please come to church at 10:00am on May 19, 26, or June 2 for a walk-through of the updated communion procedure.

PARISH LIFE

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!

David Hoogerheide
 Helen Curtice
 Tom McNaugher
 Claudia Rathwick
 Jessica Huey
 Jane Beightol
 Stefanie Greene
 Shannon Hoogerheide
 Jeffrey McInturff
 Tokes Rose
 Jianping Zhou
 Denny Shaw
 Marie Caulfield
 Susan Grigsby
 David Brown
 Whitney Cinkala
 Wesley Price

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!

Huda & Jochen
 Kraske and
 John & Melinda
 Nelson celebrate their
 wedding anniversaries
 in May!

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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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