



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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WHAT'S AT REDEEMER TODAY

Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on January 12, 2020, at the church, during the 10:30 am service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the adoption of new parish bylaws, to elect three new members of the vestry, and to consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. This notice incorporates by reference the Proposed Revised Bylaws together with the explanation of the changes being made to the existing bylaws, as they appear on the Parish website. A copy is posted as well. Paper copies are available on request.

Here is the link to the annotated report of the changes:

<https://www.redeemerbethesda.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Proposed-Bylaws.pdf>

Bell Ringers!

Calling all interested bell ringers! Please come to a meeting on Sunday, November 17, after the 10:30 service.

We will discuss rehearsal day choices, ringers and substitute lists, repertoire and performance opportunities. Rehearsals begin in January.

There is much anticipation in the congregation for the beautiful bell sounds. Let's come together and make them ring. Questions? Contact Silvia Maza at silviamaza357@gmail.com.



Looking Ahead:

Collar and Coffee with Amma Cricket,

Thursdays at Sumner Place at 10am

- All Soul's Requiem (Rutter) - November 2
- All Saints' Sunday/Pledge Ingathering/Daylight Saving Ends - November 3
- Youth Group - November 13
- KASSIA Music - November 16
- P.R.A.Y. Event at the Cathedral - November 17
- Vestry - November 20
- Thanksgiving Day - November 28 (Services at the Cathedral)

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who made our Leap of Faith month a success—especially the organizers, Melinda and Sylvia—plus Geoffrey with back-to-back concerts, the cooks Jefferson and Cathy, Karen and the silent auction, the chaperones to the youth lock-in, Cricket!, and the many volunteers who made the month of celebration such a fertile one.

At the vestry meeting we discussed, as always, the budget and how best to be stewards of our resources. We've developed a wish list of projects and investments that ranges from new sturdy shelves in the basement to better lighting on the Shipman steps to a new piano for the sanctuary. We're considering refinancing the mortgage, and we discussed where to park our building and other reserves so that they remain liquid but also make some money for us.



Regarding the pews, we discussed at our meeting the proposal of the church layout consultant—which included hiring an architect, convening a building committee, and other actions that seem to go beyond the scope of what we had in mind. Cricket has contacted him to discuss and adjust and to send in another proposal. Cricket also contacted former parishioner Josh Hildreth (an interior designer) to get his ideas on the pews arrangement. He plans to come to Redeemer with an architect colleague for a consult.

November is Stewardship Month! Please bring in your pledges that first Sunday.

We are blessed to be part of this parish family with the many opportunities it offers us for spiritual engagement, growth, and fellowship.

Praying for peace,

Susan Graham Fitzgerald—Senior Warden

End of the Year Events

Advent/Christmas will be here before you know it! Please mark your calendars for these activities.

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the events below have changed dates and times from previous publications.

November 24 - Advent Wreathmaking 9:15 - 10:15am and after the 10:30am service.

December 1 (Advent 1) - "First Sunday" liturgical style

December 7 (Saturday) - Advent Morning Retreat

December 8 (Advent 2) - Toy Sunday & visit from St. Nicholas; Advent Lessons & Carols at 5:00 pm

December 14 (Saturday) - "Charlie Brown Christmas" with the Eric Byrd Trio, 3:30pm

December 15 (Advent 3) - Eucharist with Healing; P.R.A.Y. Event/Caroling at Sibley

December 24 (Christmas Eve) - Services at Noon, 4:00pm, & 10:30pm. The Noon service will be our annual "Blue Christmas" service for those who find Christmas services difficult for any reason. The 4:00pm service will be the Family Service and will include the Children's Christmas Pageant. The 10:30pm service will be a Choral Festive Eucharist with music beginning at 10:00pm.

December 25 (Christmas) - No service at Redeemer. Please attend services at the National Cathedral.

December 29 (Christmas I) - ONE Service at 10:30am

FROM THE HEARTH

David Hoogerheide shared with us a wonderful insight into the Christian life on Sunday: Christianity and Church are rife with paradox. David wrote:

In the contemporary firehose stream of misinformation, disinformation, and hyper-information, (church) tethers us through music and aesthetics and sacrament. It is a sanctuary but redeems through engagement and not avoidance. We practice peaceful striving and active resting. Here, winning is loss and losing is gain.

For Christians, God is paradox. God is spirit come to earth and made flesh. God is gender neutral and gender specific. God is majestic and ordinary. To become a member of a Christian community, one must “die” with Christ baptism in order to live with Christ. Even if you come in last, you are first. We may think we are perched on higher or lower rungs of the ladder of life, but God sees a level plain. We are all equally loved, valued, and worthy of respect and dignity.



On November 3rd, All Saints’ Sunday, we offer to God our financial commitment through our pledge to Redeemer. Every pledge is a blessing. The paradox of pledging is that once you begin giving as a way of saying thank you for all you’ve been given, the practice grows and goes beyond money. People who give of their time and talent and treasure regularly report that they receive more than they give. I know that’s been true for me.

When you make giving a priority you stay committed and connected to the community to which you give. Of course, we need to pay the staff, keep up the maintenance, and pay the utilities. What will carry Redeemer into its next generation, however, is giving tethered to a deep commitment to Christ and his redeeming love. That is the message of hope and healing we carry into the world. That message invites others to join us.

Amma Cricket+

THANK YOU FOR THE LEAPS!

The festivities of “Leap of Faith” October couldn’t have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of our co-chairs Silvia Maza and Melinda Nelson. Blessings upon them and the other folks who played major roles: Jefferson and Cathy Arrington; the set-up and clean-up crews for the dinner; Karen Stewart, who led the Silent Auction effort; all the karaoke singers (!); everyone who brought their pets to be blessed; Michael & Alicia Mershon, Yaa Addison, Clark Downs, Claire Dubas & Anthony Incorvati, Tim Yehl, and Doris Ninde who helped chaperone the youth lock-in and provided snacks; Geoffrey Silver and the choir for the lovely music all month long; and Bob Yates, Rev. David Schlafer, Margaret Church, and Geoffrey for putting up with the boss. Thanks to everyone who participated in our events. Redeemer is a very blessed community of faith!



“A Leap of Faith”
Celebrating the first 20 years in our beautiful space
October 1999 - October 2019

FROM THE RECTOR



The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

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October 31, 2019

Dear Redeemer Faithful,

Today the Vestry has published notice that the next Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on January 12, 2020. At that meeting, you will be asked to vote on a new, comprehensive set of Parish bylaws that will replace the existing ones. There are two principal reasons for adopting new bylaws.

First, every parish in our diocese is required to have bylaws that conform to the diocesan canons. Redeemer's bylaws have not been updated in over two decades and are out of compliance with the current canons. The new bylaws conform to the canons of our diocese and the Episcopal Church. They include some optional provisions permitted by the canons, such as conducting vestry meetings, or voting, by means of electronic communication.

Second, changing what constitutes a quorum of voting Parish members at annual and special meetings will ensure that parish business can be accomplished. The Vestry recommends that the quorum be reduced from 30 percent to 20 percent of the voting members of the Parish. This is not out of line with current practice in the diocese. Some parishes go as low as 10 percent—St. Columba's, for instance.

The concern about having a quorum to adopt the new bylaws has precipitated the unusual 10:30 worship service on January 12th. We expect that the greatest number of Parish members will be present during the service. If past experience is any guide, significantly fewer will attend the Annual Meeting after the service. With that in mind, we will hold the voting-on-the-bylaws part of the Annual Meeting during the service. My annual address to the Parish will be given in lieu of the sermon, and the vote on the new bylaws will be taken by voice just before we adjourn. Following the vote, the Annual Meeting will move downstairs. We will continue with the rest of the meeting once everyone has had some coffee and a snack.



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If the new bylaws are adopted, the 20% quorum requirement will be in effect, making it more likely that we would be able to go forward with the election of new vestry members and lay-delegates to the diocesan convention. I recognize that this will be a tad disruptive to the worship experience, but it comes at the end. The Vestry and I believe that the needs of the Parish justify this one-time inconvenience.

The notice of the January Annual Meeting appears in the November *Redeemer Spirit* published today. You will find on the Parish website the proposed bylaws with explanations of the changes being made to the existing bylaws.

You will find the proposed new bylaws on the [Parish website](#). Note that any section of the bylaws that is changing is followed by an explanation of the changes. Each explanation contains citations to the relevant canons of the diocese and the Episcopal Church. You will see that most of the changes are being made to conform the bylaws to the canons. The canons are available on the websites of the diocese and the Episcopal Church. Paper copies of the proposed Redeemer bylaws, and the explanation of changes, are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall together with a copy of the existing bylaws; links to electronic copies will also be included in the weekly Parish email and in the Sunday service bulletins.

The Vestry will arrange for opportunities for parishioners to ask questions and make comments regarding the proposed bylaws. Please let me or Susan Fitzgerald know if you are interested in such a meeting.

It is important that as many parishioners as possible attend both the January 12 worship service and the resumed Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall following that service. Thank you for your cooperation

Faithfully,
Cricket+

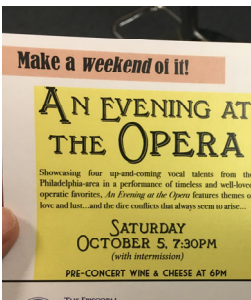
A Visit from St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 8th. 10:30 a.m.
 St. Nicholas, fourth century Bishop of Myra, will make his annual visitation to The Church of the Redeemer at the very start of the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday, December 8th. Children, be sure your parents get you to church on time!

Toy Sunday - Sunday, December 8th

Every year, Redeemer collects **new, unwrapped** toys and/or funds for the purchase of toys for needy children served by Community Family Life Services (CFLS), a long-time Redeemer outreach partner. Your good, used toys should go to Goodwill. To contribute, please bring **new** toys on Sunday, December 8th or, if you wish to contribute funds, please speak with Jefferson or Cathy Arrington following the 10:30 Eucharist that day. They will do the shopping and deliver the toys. Questions? jefferson7019@aol.com.

LIFE TOGETHER



Altar Guild and Flower Guild:

Over the past several years, the Altar Guild and Flower Guild have been challenged by the loss of members due to relocation, health issues, and (sadly) death. They need you.

These guild members make it possible to have services on Sunday mornings! They make sure the hangings are up in the right colors. They set up the elements of bread and wine and make sure everything's available and ready for the services. They wash up and put things away after services, including getting the linens clean and ironed. Flower arrangers use their individual creativity to provide lovely tributes to God's glory.

Anyone 18 or older (13 or older with an adult companion) can serve. You can do Altar and Flowers or just one. Neither is gender-specific! Contact Amma Cricket if you are interested. We have a very busy Advent and Christmas season ahead. Please consider these important ministries, which are necessary for our life together.



YOUTH NEWS

Potomac River Anglican Youth



On November 17th P.R.A.Y. youth are going to the National Cathedral!

This historic building has hosted the funerals of Presidents, contains the final resting places of significant figures from history, and is one of the leading symbols of the Episcopal Church.

Participants will discover treasures in the Cathedral through a scavenger hunt. (Parents are invited to come along.) To register, please feel contact me at pray@redeemberbethesda.org.

Yaa Addison



Redeemer Youth Active in October

Our youth members were busy last month!

They and their teachers planned and executed a wonderful 'homily' about the history of the church and how each step of the journey took a leap of faith.



Six brave souls challenged their adult chaperones to stay awake with them at their lock-in. They enjoyed card games, hide-and-seek in the dark, KAIROS placemats, and a movie. The "Pirate Eucharist" at midnight was holy AND fun! Everyone got a little bit of sleep (except the rector!). Yes! We'll do it again (but not soon in deference to the old people).



Finally, we carved pumpkins for the columbarium and learned about Hallowe'en and how the holiday evolved from a pagan observance to the first day/night of a fall celebration lasting three days.

Our next meeting (and only meeting for November) will be on the 13th, beginning at 6:00 pm with dinner. We'll talk about Thanksgiving and how we practice that in church and outside of it. Hope to see your young persons then.



Please RSVP to Cricket no later than November 12th.

Redeemer Book Club

The book that we are reading is *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. The book is a captivating historical novel which illuminates a fascinating American moment and the world of invention populated by the likes of Edison, Westinghouse and Tesla. The book will be discussed at 3 pm on Sunday October 13 at the

home of Huda and Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. For more information, contact Huda at 301 656 2087 or at hqkraske@aol.com.

After *The Last Days of Night*, we will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

Adult Forum & Music

God, Church, & Alphabet Soup

“Beyond Binary and Over the Rainbow”

FIRST SUNDAY ADULT FORUM: Sixty years ago, it was the love that could not be named. Thirty years ago, the understanding of sexual orientation went from X and Y to a spectrum of everything in between. Today, we see the same broadening of understanding with gender identity. How does this impact our theology? How is this an image of God? Where does the Episcopal Church stand? Join Amma Cricket and Marie Caulfield on November 3rd at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall.



MAKE ADVENT WREATHS

on NOVEMBER 24TH

December 1st is the first Sunday of **Advent**. It's also the Sunday after Thanksgiving...so many of us will be traveling! In order that families who travel for this holiday can return to their wreaths all ready for the Advent season, Susan Fitzgerald and Susan Grigsby will make materials available to you after both services the week before, on **November 24**.

Please let us know if you'd like to make a wreath so that we can be sure of having enough supplies.

Contact office@redeemberthesda.org to **sign up**.

Advent is a season that is celebrated in homes.



Following on from a busy start to the season, this month we have two major musical undertakings, a co-production with my District Chorale ensemble, and the Glen Echo Ensemble in Rutter's Requiem for All Souls' Day on Saturday November 2. This is an interesting and beautiful Requiem, a very personal composition by British composer, John Rutter. In his words, "...unlike most of my work up to that point, it was not commissioned: a personal bereavement was the immediate reason for writing it. Its precedents were the small-scale, intimate Requiems of Fauré and Duruflé rather than the great dramatic frescoes of Berlioz and Verdi; and, as with many Requiems since about 1850, the music is not a complete setting of the *Missa pro defunctis* as laid down in Catholic liturgy but instead a meditation on themes of life and death using a personal compilation of texts. Like Fauré, I selected portions of the Requiem Mass, and like Britten I wove other, English texts into them to form a counterpoint to the Latin. The English texts consist of two psalms used at funerals (Psalms 130 and 23) together with some of the *Burial Sentences* from the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*...The seven-movement structure is arch-like. The first and last movements are prayers to God the Father (with texts according to the *Missa pro defunctis*); movements 2 and 6 are psalm settings, both with instrumental obbligatos; movements 3 and 5 are personal prayers to Christ; and the central *Sanctus*, the keystone of the arch, is celebratory and affirmative, using bells as is traditional at this point in a mass. Gregorian chant (a thread running through much of my work) is found at a number of points in Requiem, most overtly in the *Agnus Dei*, where fragments of the Easter Sequence, *Victimae paschali laudes*, are played on the flute before and during the words, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' In the final *Lux aeterna*, the opening few notes of the theme first sung by the sopranos are taken from the chant associated with that text." It is a beautiful

MUSIC AT REDEEMER

piece, and our performance offering will be supported by a team of first-class players in the Glen Echo Ensemble:

Ashleigh Leas, *flute*
 Andrew Magie, *oboe*
 Timothy McKay, *timpani*
 Eric Plewinski, *glockenspiel*
 Katherine Rogers, *harp*
 Susanna Mendlow, *cello*
 Timothy J. Duhr, *organist*

We will be joined by local, fabulous soprano soloist, **Genevieve McGahey**.



On **Saturday, November 16 at 7pm** our Ensemble-in-Residence, **KASSIA MUSIC**, return for the second installment of their time traveling series that riffs on music history, “(Neo)

classical” The ensemble’s two in-house composer-performers take as their inspiration the styles and techniques of the given period and the ensemble performs the world premieres of the new works for us, alongside more familiar repertoire. This

installment features **Mozart Clarinet Quintet; Vallandingham String Quartet no. 1; and Post Piano Quintet "Classical/Neoclassical Piano"**. I hope to see you at these events!



We continue to enjoy the gifts of our parishioners who perform on instruments besides their voices, and my thanks as ever to Lisa McBain for her first and third Sunday ministry, and to Silvia Maza for resurrecting our Bells!

Geoffrey Silver
 Director of Music Ministries



Liturgical Offerings:

Saturday, November 2, 2019; 5pm

Mass for All Souls’ Day featuring the Rutter Requiem
Free-will Offering benefitting Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

Sunday, December 8, 2019; 5pm

Advent Lessons & Carols, *Free-will Offering*

Concert Series:

Saturday, November 16, 2019; 7pm

(Neo-)Classical KASSIA MUSIC
 Pre-concert reception at 6pm

Saturday, December 14, 2019; 3:30pm

A Charlie Brown Family Christmas: Movie and Jazz
 Eric Byrd Jazz Trio

Ticket Prices \$25 general admission \$20 seniors

FREE to fulltime students and children, and privately via Amma Cricket to anyone in need

Special saving packages:

- **Season Ticket Holder** \$200 (for all eleven concerts)
- **“You Choose Flexi-Pass”** - four admissions \$60 (for example choice can range from single admission to 4 individual concerts to 4 admissions to one) on a punch card.
- **Group pricing** (for example a van from a retirement facility) - call for information.

Parish Calendar

Friday, November 1

All Saints' Day
9am - 12pm
Music Together
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm
Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm
AA Meeting

Saturday, November 2

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
9am - 4pm
Music Staff & Rehearsals
5 - 9pm
Rutter Requiem

Sunday, November 3

All Saints' Day (observed)
Daylight Saving Time ends
8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist
9:15 - 10:15am
Adult Forum & Child Care
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 4

Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

10:30 - 11:30am
Voice lessons
1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
12 - 1pm
Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm
Youth Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee
Sumner Place, 4701
Sangamore Rd, Bethesda,
MD 2081
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

9:30 - 11:30am
Yoga

Sunday, November 10

8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist
9:15 - 10:15am
Bible Study & Child Care
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 11

Church Office Closed
Veterans Day
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

10:30 - 11:30am
Voice lessons
1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
12 - 1pm
Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm
Youth Choir rehearsal
6 - 7:30pm
Youth Group @ Redeemer

Thursday, November 14

10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee
Sumner Place, 4701
Sangamore Rd, Bethesda,
MD 20816, USA (outside)
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, November 15

9am - 12pm
Music Together
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm
Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm
AA Meeting
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Saturday, November 16

9:30 - 11:30am
Yoga
6:00 - 8:30pm
Kassia Music Concert
(preconcert reception)

Sunday, November 17

8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist
9:15 - 10:15am
Bible Study & Child Care
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist
2 - 3pm
P.R.A.Y. Event at the
National Cathedral

Monday, November 18

Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm

AA Meeting
Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 19

10:30 - 11:30am
Voice lessons
1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
12 - 1pm
Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm
Youth Choir rehearsal
6:30 - 7:30pm
Vestry Meeting

Thursday, November 21

10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee
Sumner Place, 4701
Sangamore Rd, Bethesda,
MD 20816
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

9:30 - 11:30am
Yoga

Sunday, November 24

8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist

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Click [here](https://bit.ly/336NbsW) for information on **More Jesus, More Love**: <https://bit.ly/336NbsW>

Seeking Volunteers - More Jesus, More Love Revival Weekend, January 24-26, 2020

Planning continues for the *More Jesus, More Love* revival weekend with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry, January 24-26, 2020. We'll have a full offering of events from Friday night's gathering for young adults through the public revival on Sunday afternoon, all designed to draw us closer to Jesus and grow our capacity to love as Jesus loves.

To ensure the success of the weekend, we seek volunteers to help us both in the weeks leading up to and on the day of the revival.

Learn more at edow.org.

Parish Calendar

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| <p>9:15 – 10:15am
Bible Study & Child Care</p> <p>10:30 – 11:45am
Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Monday, November 25
<i>Church office closed</i></p> <p>12 – 1pm
AA Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, November 26
10:30 – 11:30am
Voice lessons
1:30 – 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 – 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 – 8:30pm
AA Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, November 27
12 – 1pm
AA Meeting
12 – 1pm
Holy Eucharist
4:30 – 5:30pm
Youth Choir rehearsal</p> | <p>Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Friday, November 29
12 – 1pm
AA Meeting
6:30 – 7:30pm
Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 – 9:30pm
AA Meeting</p> <p>Saturday, November 30
9:30 – 11:30am
Yoga</p> <p>Sunday, December 1
The First Sunday of Advent
8 – 9am
Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary
9:15 – 10:15am
Adult Forum & Child Care
10:30 – 11:45am
Holy Eucharist</p> |
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**MORE JESUS
MORE LOVE**
R E V I V A L

The Right Reverend
MARIANN E. BUDDE
Bishop of Washington, Celebrant

WITH PREACHER
The Most Rev.
MICHAEL B. CURRY
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

**SUNDAY
JAN 26 2020**
AT 2PM

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS ARENA
1100 Oak St SE, Washington, DC 20032

Episcopal Diocese of Washington



Advent Quiet Day 2019 at Redeemer

God within the Body: Paradox & Incarnation

December 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., St. Luke's Chapel space

This gathering will be a quiet morning of silence and reflection centered on Benedictine spirituality as explored by spiritual teacher Esther de Waal in *Living with Contradiction* (Morehouse, Harrisburg PA1987; reissued with new preface 1997/1998).

In her new preface to this meditation on the Psalms and the spirit of St. Benedict and his Rule, Esther de Waal shares one of her insights:

It is curiously liberating to realize that I shall go on until the day of my death trying to hold differing things together and that the task (for which I need all the help that I can get) must be to do it creatively, so that the tensions may become life-giving.

She goes on to explore connections that may be described as connections between healing and discernment, self-acceptance and the ability to go on and to go out into the world to help it heal, too. She provides questions for reflection that we will use after each chapter.

The morning will begin in a quiet circle and each hour will explore a different perspective on our quest for solace and strength:

- Healing: living with ourselves and others in acceptance rather than agreement;
- Discernment: listening to ourselves and others, no longer strangers to either but both stable and open to change;
- Self and the World: growing into who and where God is- where is that sacred center within us in all our complexity.

A sign-up sheet for participation in this Quiet Day will be placed on the coffee hour/flowers bulletin board in the parish hall. Suggested donation for the morning is \$10.00. Participants may bring a bag lunch to eat together at noon in the parish hall (yoga will be over by then) and a simple soup will be served. **Please sign up by Sunday, November 17, 2019.** Please email Marilyn Raisch at raischm@gmail.com with questions or to borrow copies of the book *but it is not necessary to read the book to participate.*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd:

- 1) Change your clocks.
- 2) Change the batteries.
- 3) Bring your pledge card.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER

<u>position</u>	1-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec
8am Lector	Marie France	Sally Pugsley	Rachel King	Dean Cinkala	Marie France
8am Chalice	Susan Grigsby	Marie France	Tami McMinn	Susan Grigsby	Tami McMinn
Usher	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington
Usher	Bill MacBain	Meredith Griggs	Ben Ivins	Mary K Young	Mary Helen Carlson
Usher	Michael Mershon	Mary Helen Carlson	Heather Tomlinson	Bill MacBain	Tim Yehl
Acolyte	Helen Zitomer	Thad Arrington	Olivia Tyler	Thad Arrington	Thad Arrington
Lector	John Harbeson	Mary Helen Carlson	Clark Downs	Karen Stewart	Barbara Alterowitz
Lector	Meredith Griggs	Mary K Young	Patricia Snowden	Cathy Arrington	Jenny Nachbar
Intercessor	Pat Fitzgerald	John Nelson	Clark Downs	Judy James	Meredith Griggs
Chalice	Judy James	Peggy Tucker	Patricia Snowden	Ben Ivins	Steve France
Chalice	Chrissy DeFontenay	Michael Hart	Bill MacBain	Justin Hess	Peggy Tucker
Chalice	Patricia Snowden	Jenny Nachbar	Steve France	Helen Zitomer	Michael Hart
Healing			Toni Strother		
Healing			Linda Lear		
Healing			Ann Taylor		
Healing			Thad Arrington		
Counter	Brooke Anthony	Deborah Babcock-Daley	Jane Dealy	Melinda Nelson	Mary K Young
Counter	Jane Dealy	Melinda Nelson	Ben Ivins	Mary K Young	Clark Downs

It is time to be thinking about the schedule from January to June, and Christmas. If you have a preference, when you will or will not be here, just let the office know. Send a note to bob@redeemerbethesda.org.

FINANCES

<u>Church of the Redeemer Profit and Loss Statement September 30, 2019</u>	Jan-Sept Actual	Jan-Sept Budget	Jan-Sept Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
2019 Pledge Payments	340,876	349,565	(8,689)	423,539
2019 Over Pledge	7,663	2,625	5,038	3,500
2019 Non-Pledge	29,408	18,750	10,658	25,000
2018 Pledges	3,010	0	3,010	0
Loose Plate Offering	2,996	3,000	(4)	4,000
Special Offerings	1,417	2,175	(758)	2,900
Event & Activity Income	7,676	21,863	(14,186)	29,150
Facilities Use	15,652	13,500	2,152	18,000
Other Income	55,430	0	55,430	0
Total Income	464,129	411,477	52,651	506,089
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	27,061	31,912	(4,852)	42,550
Diocesan Giving	27,750	27,750	0	37,000
Discretionary Account	1,015	750	265	1,000
Maintenance Expense	123,657	57,188	66,469	76,250
Outreach Giving	0	3,750	(3,750)	5,000
Personnel Expense	214,747	216,252	(1,505)	288,336
Program Expense	21,359	27,750	(6,391)	37,000
Property Expense	35,064	35,250	(186)	47,000
Total Expense	450,653	400,602	50,051	534,136
Net Operating Income	13,476	10,876	2,600	(28,047)

Treasurer's Report

Set forth in the adjoining table are Church of the Redeemer's financial operating results through the end of September. Net operating income for September was \$34,144 below budget for the month, driven mainly by below-budget pledge income and final payment on the church roof repair.

As a result, the surplus of net operating income over budget year-to-date has been reduced to \$2,600. Since the annual budget anticipates a \$28,047 deficit, the erosion of the surplus over budget indicates that Redeemer is likely to end the year close to the budgeted deficit, subject to unanticipated positive or negative developments.

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 and RedeemerBethesda

Twitter: @VicarVirtual

Linked In: Cricket Park

Instagram: parkcricket and redeemberbethesda

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

FAITH FAITH IN FOCUS

Why I brought my family to a mosque after Sunday Mass

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/10/22/why-i-brought-my-family-mosque-after-sunday-mass>



Jordan Denari Duffner
October 22, 2019

Remember when she did a presentation at Redeemer?

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.

Disciples

Wherever Jesus went, he left behind him towns, households and individuals who glimpsed a new vision of the kingdom, and for whom life would never be the same again. He did this by inviting women to be disciples, and teachers, and heralds of the kingdom. He did this by naming Samaritans as neighbors. He did this by calling you his friend. May all of our lives be so turned upside down that we have the courage to be disciples and heralds in his name.

-Br. James Koester - Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Happy Birthday!

- Gwen Hess
- Lois Burleigh
- Dwight Packard-Winkler
- Meredith Griggs
- Leslie McNaugher
- Ann Taylor
- Olivia Tyler
- Brammam Avery
- Sander Avery
- Randolph Court
- Mike Rychlik
- Cathy Baker
- Brammam Avery
- Thad Arrington
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- Anna McInturff
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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. **You are welcome here.**



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