



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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WHAT'S AT REDEEMER TODAY

It's Here!

Leap of Faith Month at Redeemer!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend as many events as you can. We need your RSVP for the dinner. Melinda, Silvia, Karen, and Cathy request your help in their endeavors. The Youth are counting on you to make their lock-in a marvelous time. Give thanks for it all at Compline. There's something for everyone—and you can bring friends!

Bring your pets to be blessed. Come to a concert. Sing a song. Bid on an auction item. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall. Or go to these links to use Sign-Up Genius.

To RSVP for dinner:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aadab22a2f49-attending>

To participate in other activities:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aadab22a2f49-celebrate>



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
- 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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All Saints' Sunday Remembrances

Each year on All Saints' Sunday, we remember those who have died since the previous All Saints' Day. If you would like to have someone remembered, please let the office know no later than October 15th.

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends,

At our September vestry meeting, Cricket observed that our strengths as a parish also inform our mission as a parish: To be a place of healing. And not just the healing of ailments specific, but the general healing and restoration of the spirit and its fraying. I'm sure that every generation thinks it is particularly challenging for them to be followers of Christ. In the early times, the threats were primal, physical, and public. Ours are more insidious. We swim in a sea of distraction and So What? The multitude of possibilities and opportunities has us spinning to maintain an equilibrium and to find peace. Enter Redeemer, with its restorative liturgy, preaching, and music; its gentle welcoming parishioners; its quiet. And exit Redeemer! Take its spirit, Christ's spirit, out into the world. Make His voice the loudest one in your head, and let it guide you.

Join us during the many celebrations of October, The Leap of Faith month, when we celebrate, every weekend, the 20th anniversary of our expanded building and community. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall and online for various tasks.

Praying for peace and healing,

Susan Graham Fitzgerald
Senior Warden



Creating the Budget for 2020: We Need Your Help.

The Finance Committee and Staff are drafting the 2020 budget this month. We need input from ministry leaders as soon as possible. As usual, the largest items in the budget will be staff and building costs. We do need to know what other costs must be taken into consideration. *The budget income comes from you, the faithful members of Redeemer.*

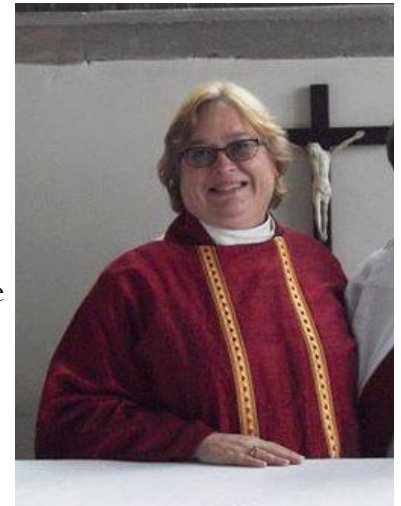
Yes, we do have groups who pay fees to use our space, but that barely covers the costs of the usage. Most of these groups provide needed ministries to the community. We don't have community grants to fall back on. There is no endowment available as an income stream. *It's all up to you and your pledges.*

One hope, one leap of faith, is that next year we use the proceeds of our fundraisers (Strawberry Festival, Silent Auction, etc.) to fund outreach projects that our members participate in regularly. Or, we might be able to help a parishioner go on a mission trip with the diocese. The possibilities are mind-boggling.

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FROM THE HEARTH

Well. It's here. October: A month full of activities at Redeemer for all ages in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the church expansion. Not only are these activities something to participate in, they are also opportunities to volunteer. Each event needs volunteers to make them a success. Melinda Nelson and Silvia Maza are waiting to hear from you. Please don't wait to be asked.



This month of celebration also provides us ways to think about faith and ministry. Without a leap of faith and the financial generosity of many people, we wouldn't have our beautiful worship space. Yet, it's not just sacred space that makes a church. It's the people inside responding to the spirit of God in this place that makes Redeemer the Christian community that it is.

I've spent a month or so praying for discernment about where the focus of ministry at Redeemer should be for its next stage of life. We have so many great ministries - feeding people, providing the basics for day-to-day living, music that glorifies God and invites people into the parish, sacraments that reveal the love of God, and friendships with our Muslim neighbors. What ties all of this together? They are all ministries of healing!

What we do here in God's name is for the healing of bodies, minds, and spirits.

People came to Jesus for healing. Yes, they wanted to hear him speak. Yes, they wanted their children blessed. The stories we know best, though, are the healing stories. People came to Jesus to be healed.

The world we live in, like the world Jesus lived in, desperately needs healing. I pray we can commit our prayers, our presence, and our resources to sustain this oasis of God's love amid such need.

Amma Cricket+

Budget, from page 2

Therefore, you are asked to prayerfully consider your gift to Redeemer for Fiscal Year 2020. If you are a tither, **thank you!** If you give more than a tithe, **thank you thank you!**

If you are beginning your giving journey and/or increasing your giving incrementally, **THANK YOU thank you thank you!** Rest assured that wherever you are regarding giving, you are loved and appreciated.

Pledge cards will be sent to all families in the last week of October. Bring your completed pledge card to church on All Saints' Sunday (November 3). All pledge cards will be placed on the altar that Sunday as a part of our offering.



SILENT AUCTION

We would love to have small themed baskets for the Silent Auction on October 12th. Here are some ideas:

Pamper Me Basket: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift card to a local salon and/or for a massage.

Grillers Delight: Utensils, marinades, mitts, charcoal, cookbooks about grilling

Movie Night: Boxes of candy and microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie passes, blankets, store gift cards (for DVDs and snacks)

The Great Outdoors: Sleeping bag, fishing pole, mini lanterns, fixings for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate), head lamps, bug spray, citronella candles, gift cards to outdoor stores.

The Sports Fan: Balls (baseball, basketball, football, soccer), tickets to local sporting events, gift card to a sporting goods store, Frisbee, sports-team-theme apparel (shirts, hats, etc.) and blanket, water bottle, sports-theme books, video games

Family Game Night: Card and board games, snack food, family-appropriate video games

Alma Mater Pride: Memorabilia from your college days, college apparel, etc.

Food Glorious Food: Cuisine-themed baskets (Italian, Cajun, Asian, Soul-food, etc.) with spices and ingredients.

Fun with Science: Tickets to science museum (if you have one nearby), science games, experiment kits, science puzzles, glow-in-the-dark ceiling stickers, goggles, a child-sized lab coat

Baking for Kids: Baking mixes (muffins, cakes, cookies), frosting, baking with kids cookbook, aprons, kids' mixing utensils, measuring cups, cookie cutters, decorating supplies.

Not only do these baskets help us raise funds for Redeemer, they can make great holiday gifts. Auction donations of services are welcome as well.

Contact Karen Stewart (karenstewart0405@gmail.com) to donate to the silent auction.



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

YOUTH NEWS

Potomac River Anglican Youth

We had a great time on the Potomac during our September outing. Youth from St. Patrick's, St. Dunstan's, and Redeemer got to know each other, "fell" in the water together, and devoured pizza!

Our next excursion will take us to Butler's Orchard for a hayride and bonfire on October 27. We will be meeting at 6:15 pm. There will be more information to come on this trip.

The Potomac River Anglican Youth outing in October is a Hayride at Butler Farms. Sign-up today to reserve your space. There is a sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board. Only 30 spaces are available! The evening includes a bonfire with hot dogs and s'mores. Yum.

October 27th - Meet at Butler Farms Parking lot at 6:00 pm. We'll be escorted to the hayride area by farm personnel. Costs are being covered by the churches and the diocesan grant.



Purl-y Gates Ministry



The knitters / crafters are welcome to bring their projects to Adult Forum and Bible Study. Some of us are working on prayer shawls, others on premie hats, others on personal projects.

Even if you're not interested in knitting/crocheting/crafting publicly, please know that your work done in private is much appreciated by

those who benefit from your loving gifts.

If you need yarn, please see Cricket. There have been donations made to the cause over the last year.

We even have some knitting needles we can spare! Need a pattern to work with? We have those as well. You're covered! Knit & Crochet On!

20 Years of Faithful Community



MUSIC AT REDEEMER

Make a Weekend of It: Two Concerts on October 5 & 6

An Evening at the Opera on the 5th showcases four up-and-coming vocal talents from Philadelphia in a performance of timeless and well-loved operatic favorites, featuring themes of love, lust, and the dire conflicts that always seem to arise. Featured artists are Alize Rozsnyai, Kaitlyn Tierney, Tom Sitzler, Corey Don, and Irene Moretto. Rumor has it that the audience gets a chance to sing along! Pre-concert reception at 6pm; concert begins at 7pm

Vivaldi Gloria in D, Oboe Concerto in A minor, and Violin Concerto in D major 'Grosso Mogul'
This concert combines the choirs of Redeemer and Bradley Hills Presbyterian with BaRock Band; Clara Rottsoik and Alize Rozanyai, sopranos; Tatiana Chulochnikova, baroque violin; and Stephen Bard, baroque oboe. The concert is directed by Geoffrey Silver. This concert begins at 5pm on October 6. Reception follows.

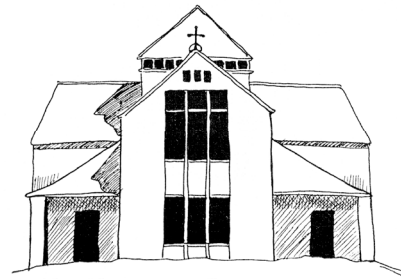


Saturday, October 5, 2019; 7:30pm

An Evening at the Opera—Alize Rozsnyai & Friends
Pre-concert reception at 6pm.

Sunday, October 6, 2019; 5pm

Vivaldi Gloria
The Combined Choirs of Redeemer and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, with early instrument ensemble, BaRock.
A reception will follow.



Music at Redeemer

www.musicatredeemer.org

Ticket Prices

\$25 general admission

\$20 seniors

FREE to fulltime students and children
(thanks to Friends of MAR underwriters).

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) TBD

Saturday, November 16, 2019; 7pm

Classical & 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

Visit www.musicatredeemer.org for the full season schedule and booking on-line tickets.

CELEBRATE REDEEMER CALENDAR

October Activity Update

The *Leap of Faith* coordinators Melinda Nelson and Silvia Maza have been busy with initial preparations for our October celebrations.

Regarding the October 12th event, please note that this is a fundraising event as well as a celebratory dinner. We've transferred the Silent Auction piece of the Strawberry Festival to this event.

- Karen Stewart has agreed to chair the Silent Auction and would love to have a few more people to help. There will be a limit to the number of items we receive. Chefs Arrington also need assistance in setting up, serving, and cleaning up for that night.
- The singing portion should be humorous as well as entertaining. Amma Cricket has secured the karaoke host for the evening. Thank you to all who have donated to make that happen. The sign-up sheet with the karaoke guidelines will be available the first of October. Hopefully we'll have a lot of folks willing to pay to either sing their own songs, have someone else sing their song, or not have a song sung!

The Blessing of the Animals takes place on October 13th.

Youth are excited about the Lock In! We need parental assistance to make this happen, please.

More announcements will be made via This Week at Redeemer, the October Redeemer Spirit, and weekly Sunday bulletins. Facebook events will be created, also. Please share these events with your friends as much as you can.

Hail, Hail, the Roof's All There (Finally)

Go outside and look up. You'll notice the new roof atop the "old church". Our insurance company agreed that the June storm that brought golf-ball-sized hail down upon DC and parts adjacent damaged the slate beyond repair. It's been replaced with a synthetic slate, made using recycled materials. There are also new snow "feet" – check them out before the shiny copper has gone green! These new shingles should last at least 50 years. Other repairs were on the flat roof over the rector's office and replacement of loose shingles on the new part of the church.

The house at 5998 Benalder Drive did not escape the hailstorm damage. The insurance folks are working with us to do repair there as well. Unfortunately, that repair goes beyond shingles.

Several years ago, there was a leak that took out the ceiling of one of the upstairs bathrooms and leaked into the dining room. The work was done to repair those rooms and repair the roof. Problem is that the work was not done properly and that, combined with the hail and limbs from trees breaking through the shingles, more damage was done. It was determined that there is a mold issue that needs to be remediated. The plan is to repair the roof damage and then strip the two bedrooms upstairs down to the studs. Fans will be installed to dry out the wood. The wood will be treated with anti-mold solutions and dried again. This will likely take 3-5 weeks.



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DISCERNMENT AND HEALING: EXPLORING CONNECTIONS

Discernment and Healing: Exploring Connections

Here at Redeemer a few of us have been using a small group experience over the past year to explore the contemplative practice of *spiritual discernment*. For many years now, the offering of *healing prayer* has been another practice, available at the side chapel of St. Luke during our service of Eucharist on the third Sunday of each month. Might these two forms of opening ourselves to the presence of God have some shared attributes and relate to one another in some way?

In order to begin such an investigation, it seems essential to know what is meant here by our experiences of discernment and healing. Those of us who are enriched spiritually by these practices would like to encourage more of our sisters and brothers in the parish to experience them, and to accomplish this, some demystification and clarification are necessary.

A small group of us have been meeting monthly over the past year (with an open invitation to any and all in the congregation appearing in the Redeemer Spirit as well as This Week at Redeemer). We are quiet together in prayer or meditation, and in some sessions, we have read portions of a pamphlet containing a short essay, *Is That You, God? Cultivating Discernment as a Way of Life* by Lois A. Lindbloom. This spiritual director and former college counselor defines spiritual discernment as “[t]he process of paying prayerful attention to one’s own life in order to be clearer about and more cooperative with God’s activity.” At first, this sounds much more frightening than healing, and less comforting. Paying attention to one’s own life seems too self-focused and as if one is withdrawing from a world that desperately seems to need our outwardly focused attention these days. These are trying times. (As too often in human history). But think of it this way: if the planet is burning up, the democratic and humane rule of law is collapsing, and we’re surrounded by people and nations with deadly weapons, we really need to be strong and well.

Moving from despair or mere indecision to action takes place microcosmically in our individual lives. It turns out that we already know how to make this move, if we pay attention. Lindbloom’s essay can be summarized as a description of this process in terms of a daily or periodic practice, an examination of our feelings: gratitude, frustration- whatever is arising when we pause to be in the Presence. One form is called the Examen, but it is not an exam that is graded. It is more of a survey of our inner self than a quiz. When did I feel most grateful today? Most frustrated? Most like a loser? Or actually awesome? We come to feel closer to God-within-us, the Light, at certain times. Focus on those. Cultivate your best responses

to life as if they were flowers. This is not a simplistic self-help but a new habit that we are forming, and it does take courage to look at the uglier side of ourselves, *with great compassion*.

But what if we are physically ill, have lost a loved one, are worried about people we love who are ill, or very sad that they are no longer with us? Healing these feelings, or being present to those who need that healing, requires observation and diagnosis. Can we find a way to be truly present to ourselves and others? Why not? It takes practice. That practice can move outward, to a family, a prison, a migrant camp, a homeless person, or just someone who is very lonely.

This summer I participated in a day of meditation practice with Hugh Byrne and continued my experience with Stephen Ministry. I think I got a bit better at being Present and in the Presence. I would encourage and pray for us to be discerning in our lives and in the parish, in our space (whatever shape it takes) and in some contemplative activities. Being still is really for those who are busy. And brave. Marilyn Raisch, October, 2019.

References and Further Reading: Marilyn has many copies of the Lindbloom pamphlet cited above that were sent in bulk and that she will give to anyone who asks, for free, while supplies last. If anyone wants to read the articles below, I can provide an electronic copy (No Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is supplied because these are not open access). Barbara J. McClure, “Pastoral Theology as the Art of Paying Attention: Widening the Horizons,” *International Journal of Practical Theology* 12, no. 2 (2008): 189-210. Wesley J. Wildman, “Cognitive Error and Contemplative Practices: The Cultivation of Discernment in Mind and Heart,” *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 29, no. 1 (2009): 61-82.

Roof, from page 8.

During that time, Steve and Cricket (and Shelties) will be living on the first level of the rectory.

The church is fortunate to have Church Insurance, which is taking care of most of the costs. We may need to dip into reserves to pay for deductibles and anything not covered by the insurance. This was not an inexpensive venture. The church repairs alone were over \$65,000. Rectory repairs are estimated at around \$27,000. With two major claims in one year, Redeemer will be looking at higher premiums in the future. Thankfully, all is being taken care of and no further internal damage to the two buildings has been done.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, October 1

1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
12 - 1pm
Holy Eucharist
2 - 3pm
SoMoCo Clergy meeting
(offsite)
4:30 - 5:30pm
Youth Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee, Sangamore
Shops
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

9am - 4pm
Music Staff in Sanctuary
9:30 - 11:30am
Yoga
6 - 9pm
An Evening at the Opera

Sunday, October 6

8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary
9:15 - 10:15am
Adult Forum & Child Care
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist

5 - 9pm
Vivaldi Gloria

Monday, October 7

Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

9:30 - 11:30am
Yoga
6 - 10pm
Dinner/Silent Auction/Karaoke

Sunday, October 13

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

3 - 4pm
Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 14

Church Office Closed
Columbus Day/Indigenous
Peoples Day
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 15

Necrology Additions Due Today
Articles for November Spirit
Due Today
1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting
Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee
Sangamore Shops
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 18

9am - 12pm
Music Together
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm
Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm
AA Meeting
Parish Hall
9:45pm - Midnight
Youth Lock-In
Parish Hall & Sanctuary

Saturday, October 19

Midnight - 8:00am
Youth Lock-In continues
9:30 - 11:30am
Yoga
4 - 8pm
Renewal of Vows/Barclay-Beard

Sunday, October 20

8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist
9:15 - 10:15am
Bible Study & Child Care
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist
5 - 6pm
Sung Compline

Monday, October 21

12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
6 - 9pm
Safeguarding God's Children

Tuesday, October 22

1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting
Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 23

12 - 1pm
AA Meeting
12 - 1pm
Holy Eucharist
4:30 - 5:30pm
Youth Choir rehearsal
7 - 8pm
Worship Committee

Thursday, October 24

10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee
Sangamore Shops
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 25

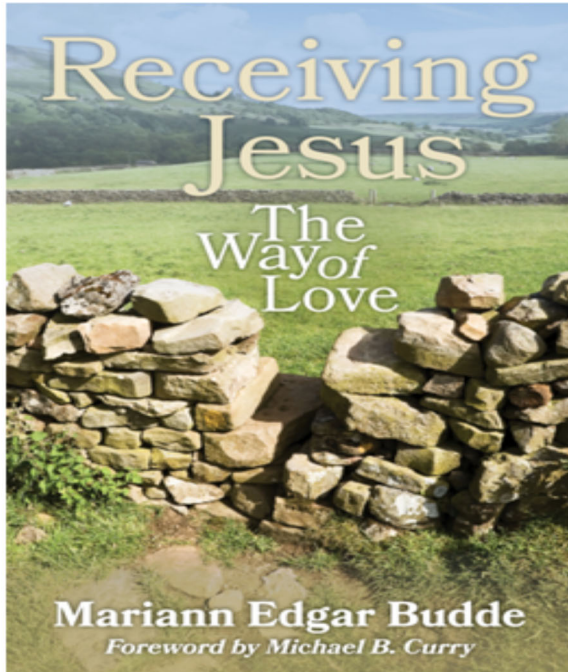
9am - 12pm
Music Together
12 - 1pm

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Bp. Mariann Book Release

Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love



So often we think of the Christian faith as an obligation or set of beliefs we must hold. With this outlook, we can lose sight of what is most important: the invitation to experience a loving, personal relationship with God, where we can find refuge and solid ground upon which to stand.

The Way of Love set forth by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is the journey of a lifetime, a way of knowing God, receiving and sharing Jesus' love, and being a blessing to the world.

Bishop Mariann shares on how we can come to know--to receive--Jesus more deeply in practicing the Way of Love. Using the framework of the seven practices that have been put before us: *to turn, to learn to pray and to worship, to bless, to go and to rest*, she will share biblical stories, wisdom from the Christian tradition, and her own personal stories of spiritual growth.

Learn more and purchase the book

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AA Meeting
6:30 - 7:30pm
Al-Anon Meeting
8:30 - 9:30pm
AA Meeting

Saturday, October 26
8am - 10pm
Floors in Parish Hall

Sunday, October 27
8 - 9am
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, October 27
9:15 - 10:15am
Bible Study & Child Care
10:30 - 11:45am
Holy Eucharist
6 - 8:30pm
PRAY event
Butler's Orchard

Monday, October 28
Church Office Closed
12 - 1pm
AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 29
1:30 - 2:30pm
Staff Meeting and Proofing
7:30 - 9:30pm
Singing Group
7:30 - 8:30pm
AA Meeting

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

Thursday, October 31
All Saints' Eve/Halloween
10 - 11:30am
Collar & Coffee
Sangamore Shops
6:30pm
All Hallows' Eve Service
6:30 - 9:30pm
Balkan Dancers
7:30 - 9:30pm
Adult Choir rehearsal



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MORE JESUS MORE LOVE R E V I V A L

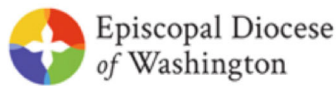


The Right Reverend
MARIANN E. BUDDE
*Bishop of Washington,
Celebrant*

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



Are You Current with Your Safeguarding God's Children Certificate?

Safeguarding God's Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve.

REQUIRED TO ATTEND: All paid staff and any volunteers working with children & youth. This includes Christian Education leaders & Sunday school teachers who have not previously had training. Certificates good for 3 years and may be renewed online.

Dates for trainings this fall:

At Redeemer on Monday, October 21st from 6 to 9pm.

Saturday, October 12, 9:30a to 12:30p, Christ Church, LaPlata
Saturday, November 2, 9:30a to 12:30p, St. John's, Beltsville



Support the Cathedral's work of restoration after the earthquake. Purchase bricks for \$2 each and help build the biggest Lego cathedral in the world!

Go to:
cathedral.org/LEGO

To find out more and to donate.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

position	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov
8am Lector	Rachel King	Sally Pugsley	Dean Cinkala	Susan Grigsby
8am Chalice	Tami McMinn	Susan Grigsby	Marie France	Tami McMinn
Usher	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington
Usher	Mary Helen Carlson	Heather Tomlinson	Richard Tyler	Tim Yehl
Usher	Meredith Griggs	Ben Ivins	Madeleine Tyler	Mary K Young
Acolyte	Helen Zitomer	Thad Arrington	Olivia Tyler	Thad Arrington
Lector	Jenny Nachbar	Steve France	Jo Barclay-Beard	Tom McNaugher
Lector	Pat Fitzgerald	Bill MacBain	Judy James	Cynthia Fischer
Intercessor	Tom McNaugher	Karen Stewart	Bob Yates	Randolph Court
Chalice	Chrissy DeFontenay	Michael Hart	Bill MacBain	Justin Hess
Chalice	Peggy Tucker	Jenny Nachbar	Steve France	Helen Zitomer
Chalice	Bill MacBain	Peggy Tucker	Judy James	Ben Ivins
Healing				
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Counter	Deborah Babcock-Daley	Mary K Young	Cathy Arrington	Clark Downs
Counter	Cathy Arrington	Clark Downs	Brooke Anthony	Ben Ivins

Forward Day-by-Day devotionals for August-September-October are available in the parish hall.

FINANCES

<u>Church of the Redeemer Profit and Loss Statement August 31, 2019</u>	Jan-August Actual	Jan-August Budget	Jan-August Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
2019 Pledge Payments	326,502	324,907	1,595	423,539
2019 Over Pledge	6,526	2,333	4,193	3,500
2019 Non-Pledge	25,798	16,667	9,132	25,000
2018 Pledges	3,010	0	3,010	0
Loose Plate Offering	2,692	2,667	25	4,000
Special Offerings	1,417	1,933	(516)	2,900
Event & Activity Income	7,666	19,433	(11,767)	29,150
Facilities Use	14,736	12,000	2,736	18,000
Other Income	40,077	0	40,077	0
Total Income	428,424	379,940	48,484	506,089
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	25,614	28,367	(2,752)	42,550
Diocesan Giving	24,667	24,667	(0)	37,000
Discretionary Account	1,000	667	333	1,000
Maintenance Expense	72,961	50,833	22,128	76,250
Outreach Giving	0	3,333	(3,333)	5,000
Personnel Expense	191,407	192,224	(817)	288,336
Program Expense	21,013	24,667	(3,653)	37,000
Property Expense	31,168	31,333	(166)	47,000
Total Expense	367,831	356,091	11,740	534,136
Net Ordinary Income	60,594	23,850	36,744	(28,047)

Treasurer's Report

Set forth in the adjoining table are Church of the Redeemer's financial operating results through the end of August. I anticipate that upcoming expenses, including roof repair, repairs to the rectory, and a staff adjustment will push net operating income downward during the remainder of the year.

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

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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Dawn Fairbanks

Nicholas Hotes

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Melinda Nelson

Chuyoung Suter

Peggy Tucker

David Schlafer

Hazel-Marie Wang

Huda Kraske

Deborah Babcock-Daley

John Nelson

Gary Lorenz

William Kessner



October Anniversaries

Margaret & Tom Greene

Dominique & Mike Rychlik

Cathy Baker & Greg Sherrod

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.

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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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