



# THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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## WHAT'S AT REDEEMER TODAY

Blood Drive at Redeemer  
September 24th  
from Noon to 5:00pm



American  
Red Cross

There is a sign-up sheet in the  
parish hall. Pick a time and  
save a life!

If you have never done this before,  
you will be amazed at the  
experience!

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### **Welcome Back Sunday Potluck!**

We're going to fire up the grill and roast hot dogs for coffee hour on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll take care of the hot dogs, buns, and condiments. You're invited to bring a dish to share. Let's start the program year off with a party!

### ***Looking Ahead:***

Collar and Coffee with Amma Cricket,

Thursdays at Sumner Place at 10am

Labor Day, September 2

Adult Forum begins September 8

Bible Study begins September 15

Sunday School returns, September 15

Vestry meeting, September 18

Red Cross Blood Drive, September 24



## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends,

Your vestry works on many levels to keep Redeemer running smoothly, both in the short term and with vision for the long term. At our meetings we discuss general issues (like the pews) and specific ones (like who needs help). At every meeting we review the treasurer's report and get reports from the wardens and from Cricket. Most meetings are fairly routine, but last week's meeting was noteworthy for a few reasons. First, we approved the expansion of Bob Yates' responsibilities and compensation as our part-time parish assistant to half-time.

We also authorized that two important documents be presented to the parish: the revised bylaws, which will be posted late November and voted on at the annual meeting, Jan. 12th, 2020 (snow date Jan. 26th); and the emergency action plan for Redeemer that covers safety, security, and evacuation. These two documents required a lot of work by their captains (David Brown for the bylaws and Bill MacBain for the emergency action plan), who convened committees, held meetings, and provided multiple drafts for consideration. Our thanks to both of them and their committees.

By the way, the vestry meetings are open (3rd Wed. of each month, 6:30 pm), and although we don't post the vestry minutes, they are available if you want to read them. Speaking of vestry, consider joining; there will be 3 spots opening up in January 2020. Let us know if you are interested.

Pews News: After church on Sunday Sept. 1st, the pews will change again to pool the choir on the opposite side of the transept from where they originally sat. The choir pews now facing each other in the nave will be moved and arranged in a chevron. Chairs will be put in their place in the nave. Michael Hutchinson, Liturgical Consultant (and the person who recommended that we read *Re-Pitching the Tent* by Richard Giles), will visit the church on Sept. 28th to look at the space and offer recommendations. We are convening another town hall meeting 9:15 am, on Sept. 8th, to discuss *Re-Pitching the Tent* and other pew-related concerns.

Praying for peace,

**Susan Graham Fitzgerald**

Senior Warden



### Church members requesting meals

Redeemer members who are recuperating from hospital stays or need some assistance during a rough patch have asked for your help. The rector has a few meals in the freezer, but they are big casseroles that don't fit the family size. We have an alternative way to assist our friends.

Please write a check to Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and note "Rector's Fund/Meals" on the memo line. You can also donate online. Cricket can then use the money donated to purchase cards to Uber Eats or Grub Hub. This allows folks to purchase what they need when they need it. You will also have your donation posted to your account. Thank you for your kindness!

## FROM THE HEARTH

It was my senior year in seminary and I'd been asked to be the deacon for the orientation Eucharist at Bexley Hall. Provost Bill Petersen's sermon was about discernment – something everyone in the room was more than familiar with. His message was that “discernment never ends.” He then pointed to me as an example: “See, it happened with this ruined deacon over here.”

Discernment never ends. It never ends because you change, circumstances change, new discoveries and new learnings impact your point of view. Over the last four years, I've come to understand that what God wants me to do at Redeemer hasn't changed, but the methods I thought should be used has. Namely, I needed to see our music ministries through God's eyes and not the budget.

In my first year with you, the vestry and I wrestled with a \$40K deficit and a staffing budget that pledging couldn't support. We all knew something had to give. People were passionate about so many things. Early in 2015, we cut something out of everything. No one was happy.

When Tom Smith found his dream job, I thought that perhaps I'd been handed the opportunity to suggest the cuts that needed to be made. Most churches can't hire full-time music directors, at least, that's what I'd experienced. Maybe, I thought, it was time for Redeemer to go that route. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

Then, along came Chris Betts. In our God-fated coffee conversation, Chris articulated to me everything that he believed a music ministry should do for a parish: grow the church, help people find their own calling, lead worship, and provide healing and solace through music and art. He was just what I was looking for and what Redeemer needed.

Chris' leadership built up the choir, not only in numbers, but also in confidence. He experimented with new ideas in the Concert Series and in the liturgy. He encouraged us to have a fun Persian festival for Epiphany.

Chris arranged for a week-long British Cathedral experience. Then *Chris* found his dream job. Intent on keeping his promise to the choir, Chris recommended I engage Geoffrey Silver and Chuyoung Suter to enable the Bristol trip, and Redeemer's musical excellence, to continue. The rest is history. Thanks be to God.



Over the last four years, we've gained members because of the concert series and the opportunities the choir has to offer. Visitors are astonished at the quality of our nearly all-volunteer choirs. The Taizé service on Monday nights have become lovely Third Sundays where more people can experience the healing love of God. Labyrinth walks feature live music once more. The youth choir keeps growing. Redeemer's music ministries do what they are called to do: help lead worship, inspire and uplift those who listen, and provide beauty and peacefulness where it is needed.

I can't think of a committee or service ministry Redeemer participates in that doesn't involve someone who has been touched by our music and other art forms. Redeemer's Music Ministry has evolved from being a silo of inward focus into a vehicle by which people can discern where God may be calling them to serve and be enabled to do so.

So thank you, Tom, for creating the foundation; Chris, for revising the program; and Geoffrey and Chuyoung for responding to God's call not only with your spiritual gift of music, but also with your unique love for our parish and new eyes with which to envision the future. Together with the incredibly entrepreneurial staff I've been blessed with, I am excited and humbled to move into the next season of discernment at Redeemer.

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

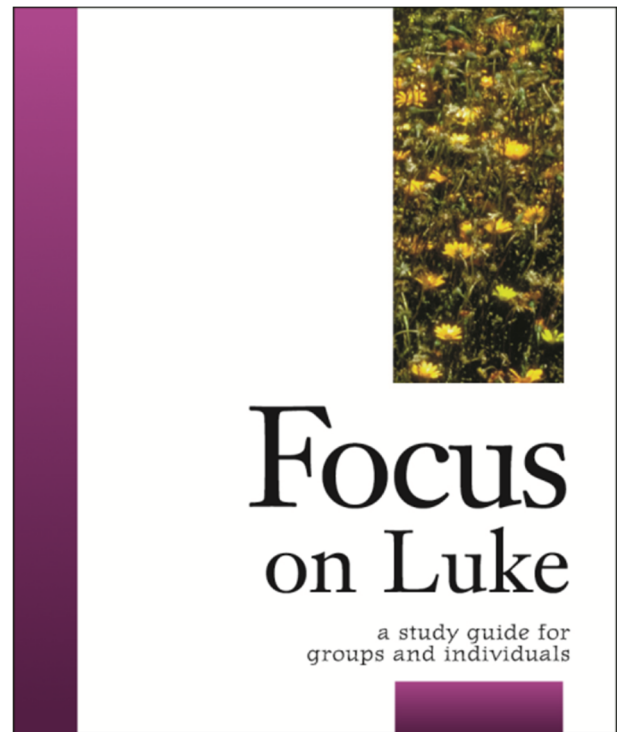
## Christian Formation for Adults

For anyone interested in deepening their walk into scripture or their thinking about topical issues related to our faith, please consider joining Redeemer's Adult Forum this fall. Over 12 weeks, we will meet on Sunday mornings to learn more about the book of Luke, interspersed with three forums for conversation about topics of interest in our world today. Adult Forum runs from September 8th to November 24, from 9:15-10:15 Sunday mornings.

The first Sunday of each month will feature an individual topic of interest. September 8th will be a discussion led by Heather Tomlinson related to the experiences of refugees in a transit country. October 6th will be all about the history of Redeemer led by Melinda Nelson. November 3rd we will turn to a discussion relating to the LGBTQIA community in a Christian environment.

The bible study sessions will focus on the Gospel of Luke, aligning with the season's Sunday Gospels. The Focus Bible Study Series is the perfect guide for in-depth scripture study. Each book in the series includes informative commentary, thought-provoking study questions and experiential group activities that encourage a deeper understanding of scripture. The journal format has lots of space for writing and encourages personal reflection and spiritual growth. The book offers a wealth of ideas to promote prayer and journal meditations that build faith and understanding of the scriptures.

The books cost \$15.00 each and we have a few copies in the office. We can get more if needed and we recommend that each participant have their own copy and add their own notes. This will entail reading about 15 pages each week.



### Samaritan Ministry Requests

Please bring “walking food,” and toiletry items to church and leave them in the marked box in the Parish Hall. Karen Stewart will deliver them to the Samaritan Ministry office where she volunteers.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.





**MOST NEEDED FOODS LIST**

Utilize this list to provide the most healthful food donations for our neighbors. Help Manna by planning a Food & Funds Drive. Details available at our website: <http://www.mannafood.org/give-food/host-a-food-drive/>

**Grains**

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

**Protein**

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

**Fruits & Vegetables**

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

**Other Healthy Items**

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



July 2016

## PARISH NEWS

### 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](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com).

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

### Purly Gates Ministry

those who benefit from your loving gifts.



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

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

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

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

### Potomac River Anglican Youth

Our first P.R.A.Y event is just a few weeks away. We will be spending, fingers crossed, a beautiful day on the Potomac fellowshiping with youths from different churches. We will meet at the Key Bridge Boathouse at 3:45 pm on September 22. Youths will have options spanning from kayaking to paddleboarding. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Yaa Addison at [PRAY@redeemberbethesda.org](mailto:PRAY@redeemberbethesda.org). The deadline to sign up is September 15.

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.

### Participate in Voter Registration Activity

Voter registration distributors offer people the opportunity to register to vote, distribute voter registration applications, assist people with completing voter registration applications, and return completed applications to the county election office.

To be a voter registration distributor, you must be 18 years of age or older. You will receive training on how to complete Maryland's voter registration application and ensure that the application is completed and accurate and information about the State's

identification requirements. At the conclusion of the training, you must sign an affidavit that you will act according to the training and regulations and will receive a certificate identifying you as a voter registration volunteer. As a voter registration distributor, you must advise each individual that he or she has the option to return the application personally to the county election office or permit you to return the application on the individual's behalf and must return completed voter registration applications promptly to the county election office. You may not receive compensation on a per registrant basis for voter registration activity.

If you are interested in serving as a voter registration distributor, call your [county election office](#) or the [State Board of Elections](#).



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. If you have an idea for a gift basket, please let Karen know. 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 a little later this year, on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Youth group participants and parents will hear more about the Lock-In at their first meeting in September.

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.



#### **Builders wanted!**

If you missed the 83 years of construction it took to build Washington National Cathedral, now's your chance to watch the Cathedral rise again – only this time out of LEGO® bricks!

When completed, an estimated 500,000 LEGO® bricks will form a 1:40 scale replica of the Cathedral that's more than 13 feet long, 8 feet tall and bigger than a minivan. **It will be the WORLD'S LARGEST Cathedral to be built from LEGO® bricks!**

<https://cathedral.org/lego/>

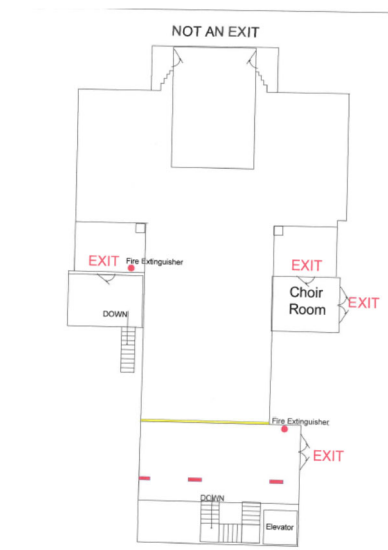


## Emergency Action Plan Adopted

The Vestry has adopted an Emergency Action Plan for Redeemer. The plan has been under development by a safety committee of Redeemer members over the past several months. The plan addresses responses to various types of emergencies, from fire and earthquake to threatening individuals. The plan uses materials published by several other church organizations and by the Department of Homeland Security, as well as recommendations made by the Glen Echo Fire Department and Montgomery County Police. In addition, the safety committee made a number of recommendations for ways that the church property can be made safer in the event of an emergency. These will be prioritized and implemented based on cost and practicability.

There will be training sessions in September for ushers, Sunday school teachers, staff, and anyone else who is interested in going through the whole plan. Summary information will soon be found on laminated cards in the pew racks. Over the next month or so look for first aid kits on each floor, evacuation diagrams in each room, and a few other safety-related things. We will also have fire drills for the nave (after the service) and for the classroom area to test the evacuation plan - to be held before the weather turns nasty.

Bill MacBain has volunteered to be our designated safety officer for the next year, to work on implementation of the plan.



The following is a quick summary of the plan's emergency actions.

*In an emergency, Call 911. If in doubt, call. Describe who, what, when, where, type of help needed*

*Medical emergency  
Call 911 unless injury is minor  
Notify head usher or rector  
Provide first aid as trained and able*

*Fire: get out. Know the evacuation plan for where you usually sit.  
Pull an alarm. Know where alarms are  
Use fire extinguisher if safe to do so. Know where they are located  
Call 911. Fire alarms are not connected to the local fire department  
Go to the Glen Echo shopping center parking lot  
Stay out until all clear  
Don't block emergency traffic or vehicles  
Stay off the stairs. Kids and parents meet in the Glen Echo shopping center parking lot, not downstairs.*

*Lightening: get inside.*

*Threatening person, active shooter  
If safe to do so, call 911. Describe who, what, when, where, type of help needed  
Do not pull fire alarm  
Leave. **Run.** Don't scream: be quiet.  
Assemble in Glen Echo shopping center parking lot.  
**Hide** if running is not an option. Barricade doors. Be quiet.  
**Fight** only as a last resort. Distract: throw things, use hornet spray, be aggressive.  
Think strength in numbers. This can be an extremely dangerous option - it is a last resort.*

*Hostage/kidnapping  
Notify senior staff person on site.  
Call 911. Describe who, what, when, where, type of help needed*

# Parish Calendar

## Sunday, September 1

Ordinary Time, Proper 17  
8 – 9am

Holy Eucharist  
10:30 – 11:45am  
Holy Eucharist

## Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed  
Labor Day  
12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting

## Tuesday, September 3

10:30 – 11:30am  
Voice lessons  
1:30 – 2:30pm  
Staff Meeting and Proofing  
7:30 – 8:30pm  
AA Meeting

## Wednesday, September 4

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

## Thursday, September 5

10 – 11:30am  
Collar & Coffee\*  
6:30 – 9:30pm  
Balkan Dancers  
7:30 – 9:30pm  
Adult Choir rehearsal

## Friday, September 6

12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting  
6:30 – 7:30pm  
Al-Anon Meeting  
8:30 – 9:30pm  
AA Meeting

## Saturday, September 7

9:30 – 11:30am  
Yoga

## Sunday, September 8

Ordinary Time, Proper 18  
8 – 9am  
Holy Eucharist  
9:15 – 10:15am  
Adult Forum & Child Care  
10:30 – 11:45am  
Holy Eucharist  
12 – 1pm  
Finance Committee Meeting

## Monday, September 9

Church Office Closed

12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting

## Tuesday, September 10

10:30 – 11:30am  
Voice lessons  
1:30 – 2:30pm  
Staff Meeting and Proofing  
7:30 – 8:30pm  
AA Meeting

## Wednesday, September 11

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

## Thursday, September 12

10 – 11:30am  
Collar & Coffee  
6:30 – 9:30pm  
Balkan Dancers  
7:30 – 9:30pm  
Adult Choir rehearsal  
Sanctuary

## Friday, September 13

12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting  
6:30 – 7:30pm  
Al-Anon Meeting  
8:30 – 9:30pm  
AA Meeting

## Saturday, September 14

9:30 – 11:30am  
Yoga

## Sunday, September 15

Ordinary Time, Proper 19  
*Welcome Back Sunday!*  
8 – 9am  
Holy Eucharist  
9:15 – 10:15am  
Bible Study & Child Care  
10:30 – 11:45am  
Holy Eucharist

## Monday, September 16

Church Office Closed  
12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting

## Tuesday, September 17

10:30 – 11:30am  
Voice lessons  
1:30 – 2:30pm

Staff Meeting and Proofing  
7:30 – 8:30pm  
AA Meeting

## Wednesday, Sept. 18

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

## Thursday, September 19

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

## Friday, September 20

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

## Saturday, September 21

9:30 – 11:30am  
Yoga  
5 – 9pm  
FOMAR Concert  
Kassia Music,

## Sunday, September 22

8 – 9am  
Holy Eucharist  
9:15 – 10:15am  
Bible Study & Child Care  
10:30 – 11:45am  
Holy Eucharist  
3:45 – 6:30pm  
P.R.A.Y. Event  
Boating in DC at Key Bridge  
Boathouse

## Monday, September 23

Church Office Closed  
12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting

## Tuesday, September 24

10:30 – 11:30am  
Voice lessons  
11:30am – 5:00pm  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
1:30 – 2:30pm  
Staff Meeting and Proofing  
7:30 – 8:30pm, AA Meeting

## Wednesday, September 25

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

## Thursday, September 26

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

## Friday, September 27

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

## Saturday, September 28

9:30 – 11:30am  
Yoga, Parish Hall

## Sunday, September 29

Ordinary Time, Proper 21  
**Sunday, September 29**  
8 – 9am  
Holy Eucharist  
9:15 – 10:15am  
Bible Study & Child Care  
10:30 – 11:45am  
Holy Eucharist

## Monday, September 30

Church Office Closed  
12 – 1pm  
AA Meeting

\* Outside Safeway, 4701 Sangamore Rd



## YOUTH/FORMATION

# Confirmation/Reception Dates at the National Cathedral



November 2, 2019, and May 9, 2020, are the dates for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation at the National Cathedral. Bishop Budde encourages all the churches in the area to take part in this festive service.

Confirmation is the sacrament wherein a person who is baptized makes a public affirmation of their baptismal promises. This sacrament is especially appropriate for those who were baptized as babies, although it is open to anyone. The rector recommends that young persons wait until they are at least 14 to present themselves for confirmation. She also prefers that the young person make the decision on their own and is not pressured to do so by relatives.

Reception is how a person who has been baptized and confirmed in another faith (i.e., Roman Catholic or Lutheran) officially becomes an Episcopalian.

Reaffirmation is available for all persons who wish to reaffirm their baptismal covenant publicly.

Participation in these rites requires preparation. Confirmation classes will be held if there is enough interest by adults and/or youth aged 14 and over. To participate in the November service, please contact Amma Cricket no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to agree on dates for classes soon. If you would like to participate in the May service, please let Amma Cricket know no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Youth Group Begins September 11th

Young people at Redeemer are invited and encouraged to participate in the two programs available to them for their continued Christian formation. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 11. Dinner for youth and parents begins at 6pm.

Two Wednesday evenings a month (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) youth and families gather at 6 pm for dinner and fellowship. From 6:30 – 7:30 pm, the kids meet with Amma Cricket, Yaa Addison, and Rev'd Patty Alexander for the evening program.

Both Youth Group and P.R.A.Y. need adult assistance from parents and others. Please be sure to mark your calendars for all of these events and encourage your kids to participate.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Liturgical Notes for Fall

Here are the plans for Sunday liturgies beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Eucharistic Prayer will be Prayer B. This prayer focuses on the Incarnation. It's found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and should be familiar to most of you. We'll continue using Prayers of the People provided by Church Publishing. These prayers use the lectionary readings as their inspiration.

The celebrants will be singing the Sursum Corda and Proper Preface this fall. We'll sing the Gloria/Song of Praise.

Weekday liturgy changes: Morning Prayer will be discontinued as of September 4<sup>th</sup>. Intercessory prayers will continue as a part of the Wednesday Noon Eucharist. Hope to see you then.

### 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:

Saturday, September 7, 9:30a to 12:30p, Ascension, Silver Spring

Saturday, September 14, 9:30a to 12:30p, St. John's, Chevy Chase (Norwood Parish)

Saturday, September 21, 9:30a to 12:30p, St. John's, Lafayette Square (DC)

Saturday, October 12, 9:30a to 12:30p, Christ Church, LaPlata

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

### Save the Date! Trail to Truth: Racial Reconciliation Youth Pilgrimage,

**October 11-14**



PROVINCE III YOUTH PILGRIMAGE  
**TRAIL TO TRUTH: RACISM  
 AND RECONCILIATION**

Join us on the bus! More information: [www.province3.org](http://www.province3.org)

Join the Province III Youth Committee for a pilgrimage by bus from Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia, PA to discuss and dismantle the history of racism in the church and government. Be a voice for positive next steps. For children in grades 9-12.

Registration opens soon! Questions? [Email Mildred Reyes](mailto:Mildred.Reyes@province3.org), Formation Missioner

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER

position	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct
8am Lector	Sally Pugsley	Dean Cinkala	Susan Grigsby	Marie France
8am Chalice	Susan Grigsby	Tami McMinn	Susan Grigsby	Marie France
Usher	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington	Jefferson Arrington
Usher	Ben Ivins	Meredith Griggs	Richard Tyler	Michael Mershon
Usher	Michael Mershon	Bill MacBain	Madeleine Tyler	Mary K Young
Acolyte	Thad Arrington	Helen Zitomer	Olivia Tyler	Thad Arrington
Lector	Mary K Young	Patricia Snowden	Cathy Arrington	Michael Mershon
Lector	Lisa MacBain	Nathan Price	Marylin Raisch	Marcia Sartwell
Intercessor	Cathy Arrington	Peggy Tucker	Michael Mershon	Jo Barclay-Beard
Chalice	Ben Ivins	Jenny Nachbar	Steve France	Helen Zitomer
Chalice	Bill MacBain	Judy James	Patricia Snowden	Ben Ivins
Chalice	Helen Zitomer	Chrissy DeFontenay	Michael Hart	Justin Hess
Healing			Linda Lear	
Healing			Marylin Raisch	
Healing			Chrissy de Fontenay	
Healing			Callie Wang	
Counter	Brooke Anthony	Cathy Arrington	Jane Dealy	Ben Ivins
Counter	Jane Dealy	Mary K Young	Ben Ivins	Mary K Young

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

## MUSIC AT REDEEMER



With the start of the 2019-2020 music season at Redeemer, I'm excited to get back to choir practice!

In addition to getting back into the rhythm of singing psalms, motets and anthems, we have some larger scale works lined up for the choir. First up is Vivaldi's exciting Gloria on October 6, with the combined choirs of Redeemer and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, accompanied by the early instrument ensemble, BaRock. A month later, the Redeemer choirs will be joined by District Chorale and the Glen Echo Ensemble to perform the Rutter Requiem at our Church's All Souls' Day liturgy on Saturday November 2.



The Vivaldi and Rutter fall under the umbrella of the 2019-2020 Music at Redeemer Season, which I and the Music Committee are thrilled to bring you! We have lots of exciting concerts coming up, and I hope to see all of you there.

This season's concerts run the gamut from "An Evening

at the Opera" and big screen jazz trio "Charlie Brown Family Christmas"-to celebrating Beethoven at 250 with the Heimat Quartet, the "Visiting Quartet at Shenandoah Conservatory." But, I'm most eager to tell you about our new composers-led ensemble-in-residence, KASSIA MUSIC. You will recognise them from the last season, and composer pianist Sam Post is a familiar local talent.

Our new partnership with KASSIA MUSIC is very creative, exciting and I believe a unique approach to concert-making certainly in the DC area. The four concerts of the season set us on a journey of musical history time travel 'call and response'. Each concert takes as its influence a key work from the canon of western music, with the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods of music represented. The ensemble's two composers, Bernard Vallandingham and Sam Post, compose a response for the group to perform, and they bring us along on their artistic journey in an informed, educational and relaxed way.



KASSIA MUSIC also give us the opportunity for another innovation that I am particularly excited about, the 'KASSIA KIDS SPOT'. For each of our resident ensembles' concerts there is a pre-concert reception at 6, with the concert at 7. Towards the end of the reception, if you so choose, you can go upstairs early to provide a supportive audience for one or two of the ensemble's private students who will in effect be a warm-up act. Performing in front of a live audience is such a crucial element in every musician's development, and I am thrilled that

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this has come about for young people and their parents who may be visiting Redeemer for the first time. **Door policy will be strictly applied** so as to give the students the best experience possible. Doors will open at 6:40 for the 15 minute **KASSIA KIDS** slot, and then again at 6:55 for the actual concert. If you would like to secure a good seat for the main concert, get upstairs at 6:40 when the bell is rung.

**Tickets.** This year we are building on the successes of last season, with standing room only for the Duruflé liturgy and Whiffs. Because of this and the generosity of our **Friends of Music at Redeemer** underwriters, this season we are able to reduce ticket prices, and all full-time students and children go free.

We are also professionally printing tickets, so if you choose to take out a season ticket, you can hand off actual tickets to your friend or neighbor to encourage them to come.

*You may have also noticed our new logo. Many thanks to Susan Fitzgerald for the beautiful line drawing of the church!*

**Geoffrey Silver, Director of Music Ministries**

The first few concerts of the 2019-2020 season are:

**Saturday, September 21, 2019; 7pm**

Baroque & Neo-Baroque—KASSIA MUSIC

Pre-concert reception at 6pm.

**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.

### New 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](http://www.musicatredeemer.org) for the full season schedule and booking on-line tickets.

## FINANCES

<a href="#">Church of the Redeemer Profit and Loss Statement July 2019</a>	Jan - July Actual	Jan-July Budget	YTD Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
2019 Pledge Payments	307,513	300,249	7,264	423,539
2019 Over Pledge	5,912	2,042	3,871	3,500
2019 Non-Pledge	22,303	14,583	7,720	25,000
2018 Pledges	3,010	0	3,010	0
Loose Plate Offering	2,425	2,333	92	4,000
Special Offerings	1,417	1,692	(275)	2,900
Event & Activity Income	7,666	17,004	(9,338)	29,150
Facilities Use	12,126	10,500	1,626	18,000
Other Income	37,938	0	37,938	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>400,311</b>	<b>348,403</b>	<b>51,908</b>	<b>506,089</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Administration Expense	23,174	24,821	(1,647)	42,550
Diocesan Giving	21,583	21,583	(0)	37,000
Discretionary Account	1,015	583	432	1,000
Maintenance Expense	49,851	44,479	5,372	76,250
Outreach Giving	0	2,917	(2,917)	5,000
Personnel Expense	159,524	168,196	(8,672)	288,336
Program Expense	18,749	21,583	(2,835)	37,000
Property Expense	27,272	27,417	(145)	47,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>301,168</b>	<b>311,579</b>	<b>(10,411)</b>	<b>534,136</b>
Net Ordinary Income	99,143	36,824	62,320	(28,047)

### Treasurer's Report

Set forth in the adjoining table are Church of the Redeemer's financial operating results through the end of July. Net ordinary income was below budget for the month of July, but on a cumulative basis (Jan.-July) net ordinary income continues to run substantially ahead of budget. 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](mailto:shawdf22@gmail.com))  
or Bob Dresser ([Robert.dresser@gmail.com](mailto: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

### e-mail issues

Many parishes have experienced parish leaders and parishioners receiving emails from a personal email account created by a scammer who is impersonating the rector or a leader at the parish. (Both Amma Cricket and Margaret Church have been targeted.)

Criminals pose as persons in positions of authority. After an initial greeting email, which may sound informal or in some cases urgent, they proceed to ask victims for money, transfers, gift cards, or in some cases, will send a link or attachment designed to get the recipient to click and enter their email and password on what appears to be a legitimate website. IT IS A FAKE WEBSITE designed to steal your identity. Other emails ask to pay invoices or send the attacker sensitive data. All organizations have become targets for this activity, even the FBI !

The scammers manipulate the "from" email address and name so that it appears to be coming from someone you know .This often incorporates the name of the church (eg stpaulsrector@gmail.com). Recipients often reply as the email appears at first glance to be from a familiar and trusted source (i.e., the parish office or the rector).

**Remember: NO REDEEMER STAFF PERSON will EVER send a request like this.**

### September Anniversary

Deborah Babcock-Daley & Joe Daley	Paich & Jeffrey McInturff
Hope & Geoffrey Platt	Anne de Fontenay & David Hotes
Hilary Robinson & Chris Moore	Rebecca & Adam Tucker

### 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!

Tim Nickerson  
Jane Dealy  
Anne Southard  
James Wang  
David Lawrenz  
Judy James  
Jim Winkler  
John Harbeson  
Charles Raisch  
Michael Hart  
Mary Helen Carlson  
Ann Beightol  
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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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