



THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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Gathering Online in September:*

Sundays (beginning 9/13)

Adult Forum 9am
Morning Service 10am
TheFIVE 5pm

Knit-a-long

Tuesdays at 4:30pm

Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays at Noon

Collar & Coffee

Thursdays at 10:00am

*For links, go to
www.redeemerbethesda.org.

Note: September 6th is our combined worship service with St. Dunstan's. See link at right.

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New Morning Online Worship Begins September 13th!

It wouldn't be a new program year without a new program. Actually, it's old programs presented in a new way. We hope you will join our morning formation and worship programs.

Adult Forum at 9:00am - 40 minutes followed by "Coffee Hour" from 9:40 - 10:00am. Be a part of Karen Stewart's highly acclaimed class on Slavery. Her 4-week presentation is a modified version of the class she taught at AU/OLLI.

At 10:00am - a 30-minute family service of Word and Prayer. This includes the Gospel for the day, some songs, a short 'message', and prayers from those attending. Music would be family-friendly and non-staff musicians are encouraged to participate.

The link for morning worship is the same as for *TheFIVE*:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643035778>

Sunday School classes for Intermediates and Middle/High School would begin in their separate Zoom rooms at 10:30am.

Worship Schedule While the Rector is Away:

Cricket will be away from August 24th through September 6th.

On August 30th, please worship with the rest of the Diocese of Washington at 11:15pm (www.cathedral.org) with Bishop Budde.

We'll worship with St. Dunstan's on September 6th at 10:00am on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82640272649>).

We resume *TheFIVE* on September 13th along with our new online program in the mornings. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. Patty Alexander at 914.882.4221. For building concerns, please contact Junior Warden Jo Barclay-Beard. For other concerns, please contact the appropriate staff member or Senior Warden Marie Caulfield.

FROM THE WARDENS

“Last year we said, ‘Things can’t go on like this.’ They didn’t.” – Will Rogers

I miss you, Redeemer family! It’s been a little almost six months since we went on lockdown. Wait, can that be true? It feels like it is still March or April...or maybe it feels like we have been at this for a year. Or more.

The sameness is getting to people, I know. I mean, I love my family, but I really see almost no one else. We all work at home, eat at home, watch a bunch of TV, “do” church at home. I take a lot of walks. It is important to notice and rejoice in what is growing, moving, not staying the same. As you may have heard Cricket shouting from the rooftops, she is a grandmom now. New life to celebrate in this time where celebration is muted! There is nothing to make you remember how things change than a new baby.

Another thing that did not stay the same in the COVID era was the Backpack project. While we still called it the Backpack project, this year the donated funds bought tablets for the children to use for distance learning. What was NOT new about this was the enormous Redeemer generosity, with more than \$3800 donated to this wonder cause.

“The best way out of a difficulty is through it.” – Will Rogers

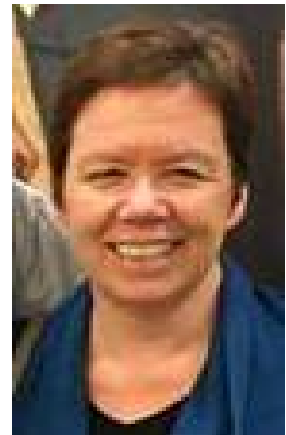
Also, even things that seem static are changing and growing. Since church went “remote”, Redeemer has also changed. After the flood, the services quickly became pre-recorded for Youtube. Now that there is electricity and use of the sanctuary, our worship has moved to “livestream” services on Zoom (posted on YouTube for later viewing). That allowed us to add virtual coffee hour as well.

It took a little while to work it out, but the Sunday School teachers have figured out Zoom Sunday School. In September Redeemer will be bringing back Adult Forum on Sunday morning. Also starting in September, we will be having a Sunday family-friendly morning service, in addition to *TheFIVE*.

So we are moving, growing, adapting, learning. We may not be back in the building yet, but we are a community in action.

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”- Mark Twain

The building is also not stuck. Up to this point, the work on the flood-related problems has been remediation and repair. But now, we are in a new stage – rebuild and renew. The walls are being rebuilt and painted, the floors and new elevator are ordered. Once there are walls and floors, the classrooms and office will be put back together.



“It ain’t over til it’s over.” – Yogi Berra

“It’s difficult to make predictions, especially about the future.” – Danish Proverb

We won’t be back in full swing in the building soon. While the work in the building will take a while, the pandemic makes it even more uncertain when it will be safe and good and right to return to worship together in that space. And that is when we will return – when it is safe and good and right to return. But be assured that the staff and the vestry are working on making the best use of resources to take care of Redeemer, so it is ready when we are able to return. In the meantime, we are still a community, we are still the Church, we are still Redeemer.

Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. – Desmond Tutu

Be hopeful, be optimistic. Never lose that sense of hope. – John Lewis

**Marie Caulfield
Senior Warden**



Redeemer/St Dunstan’s Blood Drive is scheduled for September 22nd. Location and times to be determined.

FROM THE HEARTH

When can we come back to church?

The answer to that question has a lot of moving parts. The physical plant continues in a state of disrepair. This is not due to neglect, but to the fact that decisions in the world of churches and other non-profit institutions take a lot longer to make. For every project, Bob Yates and Jo Barclay-Beard did research and secured at least 2-3 quotes. We are working with 10 projects: electrical system repair, internet repair, safety system replacement, HVAC repair and cleaning, flooring, organ harm prevention, elevator repair/replacement, bathroom repair/upgrade, irrigation repair, kitchen replacement. That means 20+ appointments to meet people to inspect and provide bids. The vestry meets once a month, although we have had two extra meetings regarding the flood. It is at these meetings where decisions are made to go forward.

The Reopening Task Force has met twice and is currently working on drafting our policy statement to resume in-person worship. This must be completed, approved by the vestry, AND approved by the diocese before we can gather in any form. They must determine how many people can safely be in each level of the building, the routes of egress, how to ensure compliance with distancing, and how to schedule seating.

The elevator, bathrooms, and flooring need to be completed before we can re-occupy the building. If we resume in-person worship before there is a safe COVID vaccine, we will not be able to have coffee hour. Instrumental music will be allowed, but no singing. I realize this sounds draconian, but when you consider the membership of our part of God's Vineyard, it's imperative that every safety measure be put in place.

So, the above question really is "When can we come back to the church building?" And the answer is "When it is safe to do so, however long that takes."

What is not in question is that **WE ARE THE CHURCH**. Our online gatherings may not be ideal, but they are here to stay – even when we come back to the building. We have never lost the ability to do good and share what we have. Keep bringing food for Manna. Consider helping with the new tutoring program that Chrissy deFontenay is considering. We need new coordinators for the Bethesda Cares dinner ministry. The Little Falls Village cooperative has approached us to host a food distribution ministry. Talk with Geoffrey Silver about musical possibilities (especially as it pertains to the new morning service beginning in September). Come to "knitting" group and work on a prayer shawl. There's plenty of "seating" at Bible Study on Wednesdays

One hour of worship a week does not a community make. We are The Church ALL THE TIME.

Summer is over. We are in this COVID reality for the long haul. Take a deep breath. Say prayers of thanksgiving that we are still here. Commit to our online community until we safely gather again in person. Be the Church.

Faithfully,

Amma Cricket+



Elfa Shelving Wanted

Do you have extra Elfa shelving lying around after completing a DIY project? If so, Redeemer could use your leftovers. We're hoping to install Elfa in closets and pantry. If you have some you're willing to donate, contact Bob at bob@bobyates.net, Jo at jobbeard@yahoo.com or Marie at mbcaulfield@verizon.net

MUSIC

At this point in the year, we are usually tidying up planning anthems, marketing campaigns, sorting music, putting hymnals back the right way around in the pews. What a different year this is. As each school that opens back up seems to be headline news with policies that have to respond on a daily basis to keep people safe, we know in our hearts that Redeemer, even attending one or two days a week, would be a similar 'stop/start...rethink'. Although it hurts me to see our space so silent of voices, the transitional and unkempt feel does give me hope. The organ is looking actively cared for and protected for whatever Jo throws at it. The pianos are awaiting a tune for the September KASSIA concert.

There is stuff everywhere. And yet, there is peace, and there is a quiet sense of joy in the building. She's empty, but she's alive, and in hibernation, protecting her flock from each other in their absence. In many ways, this period of rebuilding and forced shuttering from construction will enable Redeemer, particularly the music program, to see what works safely elsewhere and what best practice emerges. There are no prizes for enthusiastically leading the way here and getting it wrong. In this period we will fashion a plan that is flexible enough to respond to the interwoven, stop/start timelines of contractors, diocese, county, state...and vaccine manufacturers.

To help me, I am meeting on the phone regularly with Music Committee chair, Geoffrey-the-Elder, and Music Committee continues to be supportive. I have invited our tenor section leader, Phil Toro, to join us, with his considerable in-depth knowledge of broad classical repertoire he is an incredible resource in the Parish. Together with Cynthia Fischer, who along with her huge success at the backpack/tablet drive, is both soprano section leader and YouTube expert and archivist, we will be looking at what is possible with what we have 'in the can'. We plan to fashion a program for the next calendar year that takes us into fall of 2021 that utilizes this precious resource, and combines it with some new things, but on a smaller financial scale. We hope to continue to support local artists, including our magnificent ensemble-in-residence, KASSIA MUSIC, with what we have existing in the bank. I recently approached Cricket with this, and she agreed, that music will not be fundraising for music until the building work is complete and the contractors are paid. Music Committee and concert sub-committee will be putting our heads together to make responsible and enjoyable lemonade from what we have. Before these concerts begin in January 2021, the plan for this fall is:



September, KASSIA; November, an All Soul's Day Requiem with live/archive; December, a pre-prepared Advent Lessons and Carols.

In terms of worship, we have permission from Cricket to responsibly use one or two choir volunteers in the building to help lead hymns. I will do this on rotation, first inviting those who are less able to participate in technological ways. We will be able to incorporate some live and some pre-recorded instrumental music. We may be able to combine outside video recordings of choral 'pods' into a large group sound. We will have a Hallowe'en service outside with pumpkins marking safe distance. We will focus in the fall on creating choir and congregational material for Advent Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve.

It's going to be a year of music unlike any other any of us have likely witnessed—even in wartime people could sing in the public air raid shelters. But with the federal executive ping-pong about to each click on the TV remote, and a deliberate undermining of confidence in our national health institutions, it will require all our faith and patience to put our feet forward and step into uncertain waters in the absence of hard data (is humming safe?) and search for resources that we trust have the best interests of our most vulnerable at heart. I have an amazing Committee, and at least four health professionals within reach within the choir, whose expertise and counsel we will continue to draw upon. Technology will be our aid, but people will be our strength. With a mission to keep as many of us actively involved in music-making and music appreciation as possible, safe music will be our common goal at Redeemer.

Geoffrey Silver

THE FLOOD

OPEN HOUSE (Sort of)!!!

The vestry would like to invite you to walk through the parish hall to see the “cleaned” devastation before the cosmetic repairs begin. I say “cosmetic” because there has been so much happening that is not visible. We have new phone lines, a new fire alarm system, a new outdoor sprinkler system, new electrical panels and soon a new hot water heater. We are ready to begin making repairs that will be visible. The vestry has voted to replace the elevator and install an up-to-date one that meets code and will be able to accommodate the larger wheelchairs currently on the market. We have selected a flooring contractor and a decision should be made in the next couple of weeks about which flooring we will have installed. Decisions still need to be made about paint colors and kitchen cabinetry but we are moving forward.



Obviously, we cannot have our entire parish family walking through the building at the same time. So, I will be glad to act as a tour guide, by appointment, for anyone that would like to see the progress being made. Safety precautions will need to be followed including face masks and physical distancing. If you would like to come by, contact me at 301-789-4493 (you may have to leave a message) or jobbeard@yahoo.com

Jo Barclay-Beard Junior Warden



Redeemer Book Group

We will next be reading Trevor Noah's memoir "Born a Crime". Named as one of the best memoirs of the decade, Born a Crime is a compelling, inspiring and comically sublime story of one man's coming of age, during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison, therefore a crime. The book is short and easy to read. It will be discussed on September 27 at 3:00 pm. Bob Dresser will be inviting readers to the zoom meeting. Please check your church Bulletin for the link. Otherwise, contact Bob or Huda for help. **Questions? Contact Huda at hqkraske@aol.com**

MISSION

Sacred Ground: Coming to Redeemer in September A Course in Understanding Race in Our Lives

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. This 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum that focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. We'll meet from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, every Thursday beginning September 10th.

There is homework, and each person to attend our gatherings and participate in a small group. If you don't already have them, please purchase the books *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking Up White, And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. In addition to these core books, there are videos and articles to read for each session.

Please plan to join this life-changing class facilitated by the Rev. David Wacaster, rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Silver Spring. Email rector@redeemerbethesda.org to enroll. There is a limit of 25 people for this class. A waiting list will be compiled and another facilitator engaged or another series scheduled.

Backpack Project Donations Help 70 Kids!

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the backpack drive this year! Together, we raised \$3,729. In a pretty bizarre year, when we expected donations to be down, to have raised a little over \$500 more than last year is quite remarkable! It is a testament to the way our Redeemer community has somehow managed to remain connected despite not seeing each other face-to-face every Sunday morning. Because our donations were so high, Housing Up was able to find an even better deal on the tablets. By buying in bulk from Staples.com, instead of \$50 per tablet, they secured a \$42 per tablet rate that included a keyboard and a case for free with each tablet. This will make a huge difference in the lives of these families already grappling with the challenges of school closures and a global pandemic. Thank you again! Hopefully next year we can get back to traditional school supplies and backpacks, and our fun backpack stuffing party!

Cynthia Fisher



MISSION

Manna Food Center Wish List

Bring your offerings to Redeemer. There is a collection box outside the door near the columbarium.

See page 8 for more information!

Bethesda Cares Dinner - Sunday, September 27 - Welcome New Coordinators!

During the pandemic, Redeemer parishioners continue to provide all the ingredients of a good meal on the fourth Sunday of every other month, along with plenty of take-away snacks, to folks who spend most of their days on the streets. In July, our contributions were distributed to about 30 hungry and homeless outside Our Lady of Lourdes in downtown Bethesda. On Sunday, September 27, Redeemer will provide dinner once again. Anne de Fontenay and David Hotes have joined forces with Kim and Tony Penn to become the new coordinators of the Sunday Dinner Program. They will reach out to us in the coming weeks to help us provide the next meal in Redeemer's outreach program. Many thanks to these two families.

Marie France

A New Tutoring Outreach Opportunity

Dear Redeemerites,

I am in conversation with St. Columba's outreach ministers, former Redeemer member Gabrielle Herderschee, and with the Manager at Housing Up who is responsible for outreach and donations, about our joining in their project to provide tutoring and mentoring of Housing Up families. We did this at Redeemer for 20 years for Community Family Life Services.

One afternoon each week during the school year. So if you are potentially interested, please, let me know. We had student and adult volunteers who assisted young people from CFLS and had wonderful, some even phenomenal results from this work. And everyone benefitted.

In addition to knowing what your availability and interests are, I would also appreciate knowing if you have "other language" skills. I speak French, for example. I know there are others who speak other languages as well.

Blessings, **Chrissy deFontenay**

REDEEMER MEN'S THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

While currently suspended, the Men's in-person lunch group has moved online. 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.

A reminder email with the online link 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 Bob Dresser (Robert.dresser@gmail.com).

PARISH LIFE

September Birthdays

Tim Nickerson

Jane Dealy

Anne Southard

James Wang

David Lawrenz

Judy James

Jim Packard-Winkler

John Harbeson

Charles Raisch

Michael Hart

Mary Helen Carlson

Helen Zitomer

Henrik Peyer

Charles Court

Aaron Packard-Winkler

Leah Nazarian

Anna Seckel



Happy Anniversary

Deborah Babcock-Daley & Joe Daley

Hope & Geoffrey Platt

Hilary Robinson & Chris Moore

Lisa & Thad Arrington

Paich & Jeffrey McInturff

Anne deFontenay & David Hotes

Rebecca & Adam Tucker

I have donated to and volunteered for Manna as a nutrition educator over the years, and work in the field of nutrition and public health.

The list is from Manna's web site of 'most needed foods,' <https://www.mannafood.org/give-food/most-needed-foods-list/> is great. Their website also mentions the big problem affecting poor nutrition of poor people: the tendency to eat foods with added sugar, salt and fat-foods that are calorie-dense but nutrient-lacking. Redeemer donors: we should NEVER donate canned/cups of fruit with added sugar, nor oatmeal packets with added sugar.

The photo on the Manna web site shows a regular container of "old fashioned Oats" (not individual packets of 'instant' oatmeal) and that is much better nutritionally, and economically, than the instant oatmeal packets. Those packets are almost always full of added flavors & sugar.

Manna most appreciates:

Grains: Instant oatmeal packets, original flavor NO added sugar, Brown rice (16 oz), Whole grain pasta (16 oz)

Fruits & Vegetables: Canned vegetables (low-sodium), Canned fruit (in juice, with NO added sugar), Fruit cups with NO added sugar (in juice, not syrup)

Protein: Tuna, Salmon, or Chicken (in water, not oil); Dry or canned beans (low sodium), natural nut butters without added sugar

Other Healthy Items: Shelf stable, individual milk boxes (without flavor or sugar); cooking oils & spices; Infant formula and baby foods

Hope this helps!

Mary Packard-Winkler

PARISH LIFE

Hosted by Voices From the Holy Land and EPF-PIN

The film “Roadmap to Apartheid” graphically asserts that the Israeli system of total military, economic and social control over the lives of Palestinians constitutes Apartheid. Historical footage and the compelling testimony of South Africans take us back to see and understand the system of White Supremacy that gave its name to a UN-banned crime against humanity.

Side-by-side with what happened in South Africa, the highly acclaimed film takes us to Palestine-Israel, where we see the same kind of rules and the same brutality inflicted on Palestinians. South Africans make the connection and say: “This is another Apartheid.” Palestinians and Israelis detail how Israeli Apartheid operates and how it is being resisted.

Is it really Apartheid? Many in Israel and the U.S. deny it. ...

On September 13, please join us in a 90-minute interactive discussion of the film, which will be made freely available to view in advance at your convenience. Guest experts will update us on subsequent developments that are making the Israeli-Apartheid reality ever more evident and ever harsher.



In a time of crisis, when Americans and the whole world are waking up to the profound harm of racism – and insisting that things must change – the issue of Israeli-Apartheid demands our urgent attention and response. Please mark your calendars for Sept. 13 and be on the lookout in the coming weeks for registration details and instructions for accessing the film.

Steve France



Prayer Line: 301-664-4237

Share your thanksgivings and petitions, in your own thoughts and in your own voice. Each week, we invite you to express your petitions of thanks, praise, and requests. First, write them as prayers consisting of a few succinct sentences (between 1 and 3) and then read them aloud in a phone message sent to [301-664-4237](tel:301-664-4237). They will be recorded there. The number is, in effect, an answering machine.

MEDITATION

When Life Brings You Contradictions, Make a Calendar

Heather Tomlinson



I do not envy the folks making decisions on behalf of the school districts across the country because no matter what decision a superintendent makes, it will be the wrong decision for half of families and one hundred percent of every student—because you can't meet opposing goals simultaneously (physical safety and social and cognitive well-being now sitting on separate ends of a continuum). If they decide to open schools fully, they are ignoring the serious cautions of public health officials everywhere and the family members heeding those cautions. If they decide to open fully virtual, they are ignoring the pleas of working family members who need school to provide supervision, stimulation and education. If they choose a compromise hybrid approach, they might do poorly on all fronts and put educators in a loony bin or a hospital.

It reminds me of a passage I read recently about American values in general, written by Jedidiah Jenkins, who writes that fancy adults teach American children to “fall in line, and then, in the same breath, ‘think different, take risks!’ We are told, ‘follow your passion’ and ‘stay hungry,’ at every commencement speech. This mixture of school and risk is the holy cocktail of American ideals, and for those rare beacons of exceptional success, it turns their life stories into fables. But for ordinary folks, it is a difficult road to walk. Be sensible, but be wild. Be ordered, but be free. Be responsible, but take risks.”¹

My mother once gently described me as the sort who would burst into tears if a teacher even so much as looked at me cross-eyed, because I so hated to get into trouble. Yet sometimes we're supposed to get into trouble, to speak up and say something controversial. In the words of John Lewis, the steadfast, warm,

generous of spirit civil rights leader that Jefferson Arrington described so eloquently in the July *Redeemer Spirit*, “Get in good trouble, necessary trouble.” Be good, stay out of trouble...but get in trouble sometimes. My father asked me to get a C on my report card once, just to see what it felt like. Luckily, my parents never valued perfection very much. You can see how this would be confusing to a young person, although seeing what is good trouble is easy for me now.

What I still struggle with as an adult is knowing what to do when, just like our contradictory American values, scripture seems to point me in different directions at once. This tension is captured succinctly in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, which famously tell us, “There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens...a time to tear down and a time to build...a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak.” Where's the calendar that shows me which season I'm in? I'm guessing we all have passages of scripture in mind that mysteriously, maddeningly, pointedly and personally tell us to take one approach and it's opposite at the same time.

Maybe this is the lifelong pursuit of wisdom to which God calls us: To discern the season. It's easier as an adult than as a child to discern what's good trouble and what's just not helpful, and to figure out which contradictory value is calling me—or the superintendents or the nation—at a particular juncture, but it's still a growth journey for me. I hope I can become grown-up enough to know how to hear what the Spirit is whispering to me, to know what Jesus would do, as the saying goes, and to know what season I'm living in. The one north star I can follow at the crossroads of each day is that I won't please everyone as I choose a direction, so I might as well try to please God instead. Maybe I can build a calendar with God day by day to help get through this most contradictory year.

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WORSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

It's time to begin scheduling for online worship services. As long as we practice safe distancing and keep the number of people in the building at 10 or less, readers and musicians may join us at *TheFIVE*. If you would like to be scheduled, please contact Bob Yates (bob@bobyates.net) to read and Geoffrey Silver (music@redeemerbethesda.org) for music.

While we are not employing the altar guild for flowers or clean-up at the moment, these important ministries will be needed when we come back to the building. Now is a great time to learn the art of flower arranging and ironing linen! Please let Cricket (rector@redeemerbethesda.org) know if you'd like to engage in these ministries.

Our new online service on Sunday morning requires engagement from musicians and readers as well. Please let Cricket know if you will be able to serve in that capacity. The plan is to sing one or two short songs each Sunday as well as hear scripture, pray, and craft a Sermon together.

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 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.



Redeemer on 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 redeemerbethesda

YouTube: see the earlier note ...

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

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1 *To Shake the Sleeping Self: A Journey from Oregon to Patagonia, and a Quest for a Life with No Regret* (p. 3). New York: Convergent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Church of the Redeemer Profit and Loss Statement July 31, 2020	Jan - July Actual	Jan - July Budget	Jan - July Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
2020 Pledge Payments	327,790	332,754	(4,964)	465,420
2020 Over Pledge	19,599	2,917	16,682	5,000
2020 Non-Pledge	22,698	14,583	8,114	25,000
2019 Pledges	1,660	0	1,660	0
Loose Plate Offering	1,125	2,333	(1,208)	4,000
Special Offerings	0	1,400	(1,400)	2,400
Event & Activity Income	310	9,537	(9,227)	16,350
Facilities Use	2,562	8,750	(6,188)	15,000
Other Income	204,814	2,917	201,897	5,000
Total Income	580,557	375,191	205,366	538,170
EXPENSE				
Administration Expense	21,698	26,600	(4,902)	45,600
Diocesan Giving	23,333	23,333	0	40,000
Discretionary Account	1,000	583	417	1,000
Maintenance Expense	131,936	44,771	87,165	76,750
Outreach Giving	0	0	0	0
Personnel Expense	166,414	172,110	(5,696)	295,046
Program Expense	16,320	20,825	(4,505)	35,700
Property Expense	27,272	27,417	(145)	47,000
Total Expense	387,974	315,639	72,335	541,096
Net Operating Income	192,583	59,552	133,031	(2,926)
Net Flood Adjustment	(102,228)	0	(102,228)	0
Adjusted Operating Income	90,355	59,552	30,803	(2,926)

Set forth in the adjoining table are Church of the Redeemer’s financial operating results through the end of July. Year-to-date net operating income includes \$194,871 of flood-related insurance reimbursement and \$92,643 of flood related expense. Adjusted operating income year-to-date (after deduction of flood-related revenue and expense) remains substantially ahead of budget.

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

Stephen L. Gibson
Treasurer





KASSIA MUSIC



Music at Redeemer

www.musicatredeemer.org

KASSIA:
“LIVE on Lockdown”

Saturday
Sept. 12, 7pm

REDEEMER ZOOMS

Schedule of Zoom Meetings in September

Zoom links are available on our website's home page:

Worship on August 30—11:15am
www.cathedral.org

Worship on September 5—10:00am
 With St. Dunstan's

September 9, 16, 23, 30

Bible Study at noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912028288?pwd=OWhGSHdsVEd1SVBYdIFPQWV2R2JlVQTO9>

September 13, 20, 27

Adult Forum at 9:00am

Family-friendly service at 10:am

Sunday School at 10:30am

TheFIVE at 5:00pm (with coffee hour beginning at 4:30pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643035778>

This zoom link is for all the above.

September 8, 15, 22, 29

Knit-along with the Rector

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?pwd=QnNmRUhiVllRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09>

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September 10, 17, 24

Collar & Coffee with the Rector

meet.google.com/kkg-unet-zjr

(This is a Google Meet address. To join by phone call 423-529-2973 PIN: 903 783 268#)

PARISH LIFE

An Update from Olivia Tyler

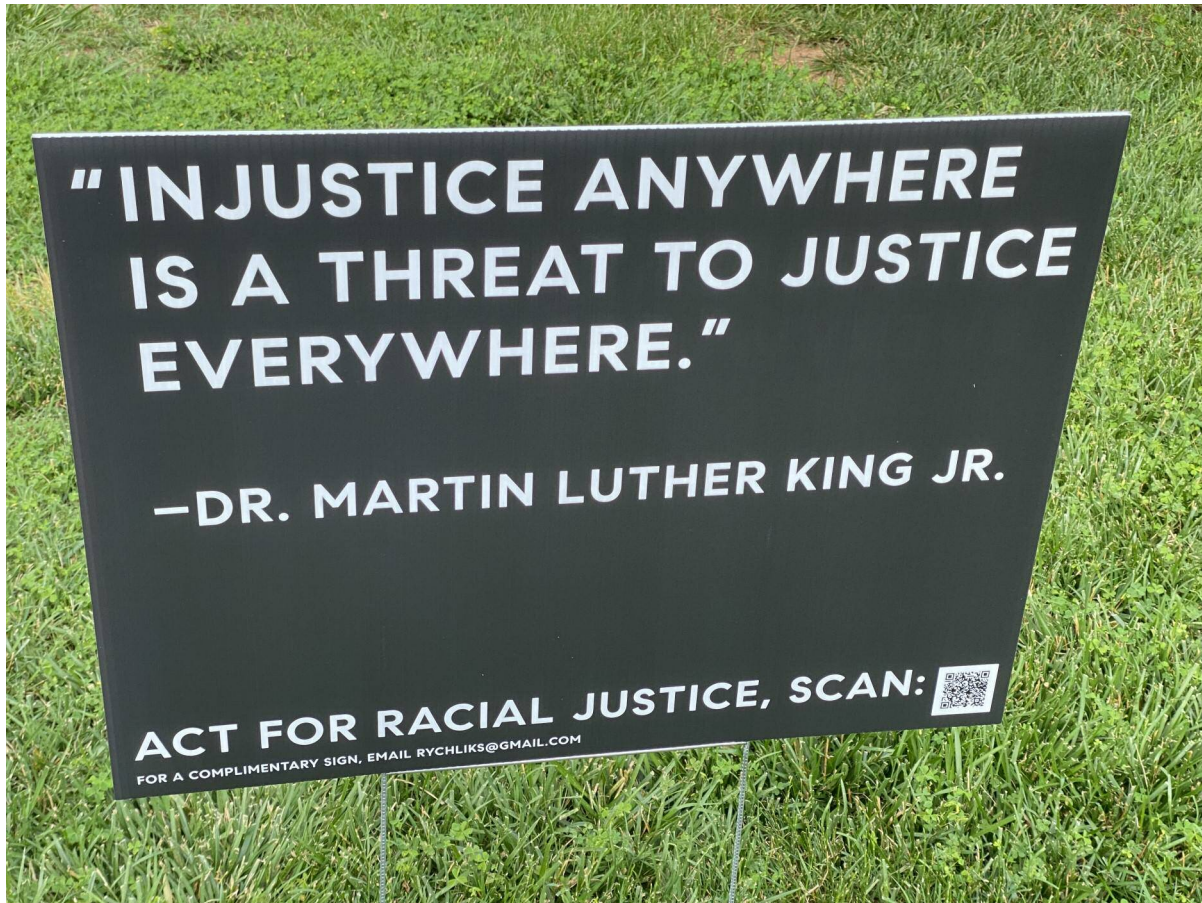
Advocates for Black Youth is going strong.

Majority of our group is either off to college or starting their senior year of high school, so adjusting to that while balancing this organization has been interesting. ABY has just wrapped up shirt sales. We reached out to a black artist and they designed a design for us. We produced this design on t-shirts and sold them. The profits not only help our organization but also are divided and sent to the artist that created the design. The shirts sales have been incredibly successful. Our next project that we are working on is progressing and promoting "A Safe Space", a section on our website dedicated to be a safe space for black people, where they can share stories or experiences and find comfort in having their stories heard. I know a lot of people that will be attending The March on Washington. I am eager to see the turnout to that, since I am still in New York.



www.advocatesforblackyouth.com

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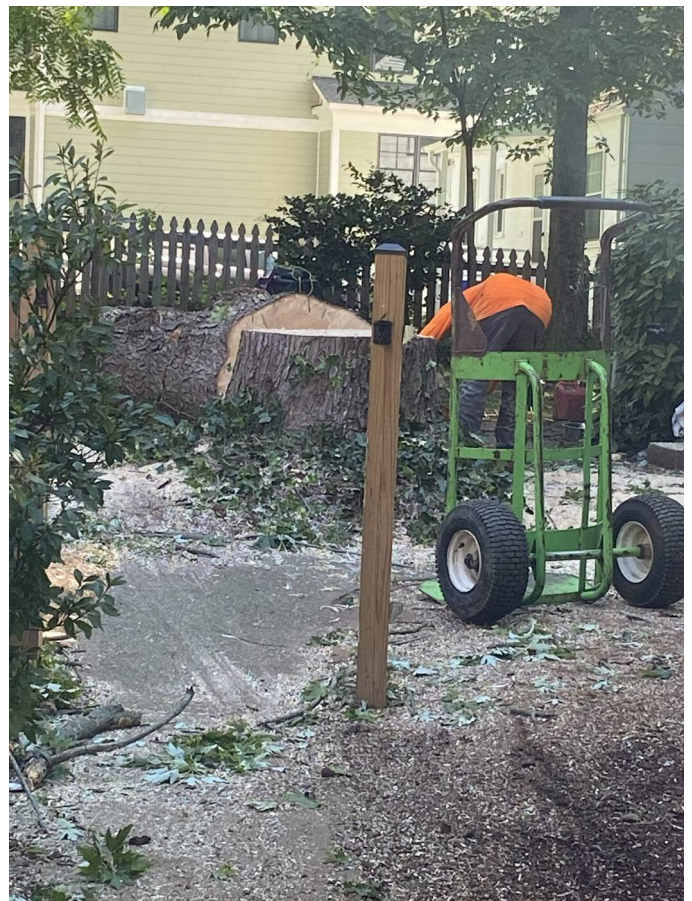
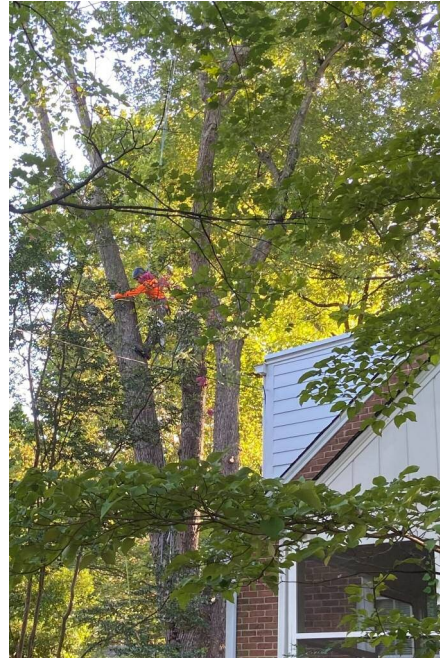
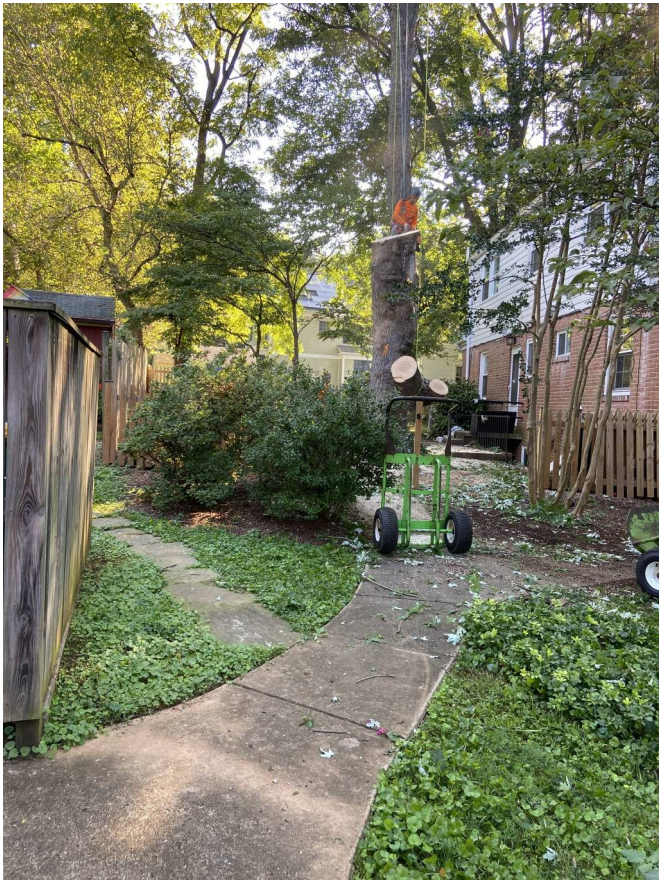


It has been a Spring and Summer of Racial Justice, a long time coming, and it is great that the attention is not lagging~ it is focusing. I am proud that Compass has made racial justice a central focus. We have a new Social Justice Task Force with more than a dozen committees. I am working on committees to help increase home ownership among underserved communities of color. Homeownership is one of the most significant wealth creators. Through workshops for first time buyers, and agents donating pro bono services, we hope to give families a foothold in owning a home.

My kids followed my Signs of Cheer project earlier in the pandemic (donating signs with inspiring sayings to clients and neighbors) and they came home from a Racial Justice Protest and said "Mom you need to do Racial Justice Signs". So I did. I found about 15 quotes about justice issues and made signs with a QR code which scans to this document with [Racial Justice Resources](#). Feel free to share it! I asked folks who got a sign to make a donation to racial justice and delivered well over 200 signs throughout DC, Montgomery County and Northern VA.

Dominique Rychlik

Well dang, that's a big tree.
It's gone now!
This is the rectory back yard.



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