



News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday Baptism

At the 9:30am service on Sunday, we welcome into the Household of God through **Emmeline Mae Quarrington**, daughter of James Quarrington and Courtney Lind.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

One Week Food Collection Blitz for ECS/St. Barnabas

ECS/St. Barnabas Community Resource Center needs its food pantry stocked, and we can help. Please bring canned goods, cereal, pasta, PB&J, cleaning supplies and toiletries (details here: www.TheRedeemer.org/ECS) by Thursday, January 25 and place them in the basket in the Narthex or the gray hamper under the coat rack in the Parish House. Those who are participating in the SBCRC visit (see below) will deliver them on the 26th.

January 26 at St. Barnabas Mission

Friday, January 26 11am to 1:30pm
Episcopal Community Services transformed St. Barnabas Mission from a 107-bed emergency shelter to a Community Resource Center. Tour the open choice pantry, the industrial kitchen, the playground, the health center, the community meeting rooms, and hear how St. Barnabas Community Resource Center is becoming a resource for community-centric health and prosperity in West Philadelphia. Then volunteer in Cook-Off, packaging meals to be delivered to residents of local senior centers. Just 6 miles from the The Redeemer. Meet in The Redeemer parking lot at 10:30am if you'd like to join the car pool. Please contact Anna Gerrity at agrunrun@gmail.com for additional information and to let us know you would like to participate!

Food Drive for St. Barnabas
When we visit St. Barnabas on January 26, we will deliver supplies which they requested. You'll find a complete list of food and supplies at www.TheRedeemer.org/ecs. Please deposit the items in the hamper near the coat rack in the Parish House before January 25.

2024 Grant Applications

The Outreach Grant application is now posted on www.TheRedeemer.org/grants and publicly is accessible to organizations that wish to apply. If there is an organization or outreach program that you believe deserves our attention, please contact Jo Ann Jones at the church office (610-525-2486, ext. 16) for more information.

Have-A-Heart Campaign

The annual Valentine's Day campaign to raise funds for our African Children's Mission's work in Malawi will be coming soon. Be on the lookout.

Sunday, January 21		The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with baptism	Church + Livestream
10:30am	Upper Elementary	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary	Rm 221 & 215
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Burns Hall
10:45am	Adult Forum	Church + Livestream
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage
5:00pm	Vespers	Church

January Adult Forums

Sundays at 10:45am in the church

Please join us for the second presentation in our series on worship. We will once again meet in the nave of the church and this week we will hear from Jo Ann Jones. She will tell us more about the significance of vestments, altar hangings and dressings, and the vessels used in the Eucharist and how they all contribute to our experience of worship. Please note that coffee will be offered in the Narthex for those remaining in the church for the Forum. The regular Coffee Hour will be available in Burns Hall.



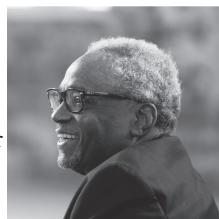
RYG Winter Ball
 Saturday, January 27 - 6:30pm
 Parish House - Burns Hall

Please join the Redeemer Youth Group for "Winter Ball" January 27th at 6:30pm for our annual formal dinner. This year the theme promises to help shake the winter blues welcoming you into a winter wonderland with drinks, dinner, and dancing. All proceeds help RYG prepare for our worktrip to DC in February as well as towards a lasting endowment that can help us realize our bigger trips out west to work with, learn from and serve indigenous peoples of America. The Redeemer Youth Group is a vibrant and active part of the parish that serves communities in need in and around Philadelphia as well as throughout the United States. This dedicated group of high schoolers is excited to bring the parish together for a festive evening in our very own beautiful Burns Hall. Please join us for \$80 a person or \$150 a couple. You can find a link to the invitation on www.theredeemer.org/RSVP. RYG would happily accept any donations from those who are unable to attend, and those too can be made on our website or through checks to the Redeemer with RYG worktrip in the notes. The Redeemer Youth Group has become a critical place for kids to explore spirituality, purpose, faith and fellowship. We thank you for your support.

A Case For Love

In local theaters for ONE day only, January 23.

We have an invaluable opportunity to view this timely movie featuring Presiding Bishop Curry and others exploring Racial Justice, Sexual Identity, Military Service, Foster Care, Politics, Sexual Trafficking, Disability, Loss of Loved Ones, Refugees, Volunteering, Food Justice and more. Visit acasforlowvemovie.com for local theater locations. In a time of national chaos and lack of unity, watch as our film team travels the US searching for people living their lives selflessly. Join us as we interview random people on the street and well-known figures, including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Becca Stevens, and more. Where have they witnessed unselfish love? Where have they seen its absence? Finally, watch Bishop Michael Curry place all we've seen into context.



Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday Night suppers are back. Please come to Burns Hall at 6pm for food, fellowship, and fun. Attendees are welcome to bring adult refreshments if desired, and all are asked to RSVP at www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP. We hope to see many of you there! The Redeemer Staff will host the dinner this week and the Newcomer Committee will host the dinner on January 31. All newcomers are encouraged to come on Wednesday evenings, but especially on January 31, when members of the Newcomer Committee will be present to meet you and answer your questions about our church.

Weather Closures

Information for inclement weather closures will be posted on our website at www.TheRedeemer.org/closures and from a link on the homepage. Please note, we no longer follow the lead of Lower Merion Schools.

Christmas Clean-Up

Christmas Village Crafts will take your no longer needed garlands, lights, trees and ornaments. Baskets, bags and better boxes are welcome also. Please place them in the box by the coat racks in the Parish House or in the Craft Room 007.

Livestream Operators Needed

As you know, a new livestreaming system was recently installed in the church. This new system is much easier to operate than the previous one. We would love to add to the ranks of operators and to get our former operators trained on the new system. The easiest way to train is to shadow someone on a Sunday morning. Please contact Caroline Manogue to register your interest and to see who is scheduled in the coming weeks to arrange for training.

The Flower Guild Needs You

Still looking for an enjoyable and very gratifying activity in 2024? The Flower Guild may be the perfect opportunity for you! No previous flower arranging experience is required—our weekly teams provide on-the-job training. The time commitment is minimal (generally 2 hours on a Friday or Saturday and/or helping with floral installations at Easter and Christmas) and the rewards are great. Please contact Jan Clarke (janc144@verizon.net, 610-547-1958) if you are interested in joining a weekly team or if you'd like more information.

Getting to Know You

We encourage you to upload individual and family photos to our online Parish Directory. It's a great and the best way for us to get to know one another. Easy and detailed step-by-step instructions can be found on our homepage www.TheRedeemer.org under News Items. You can view directories and/or lookup addresses, phone numbers, emails, update your family, etc. via Member Access. If you have any challenges, please contact Ken Garner at ken@theredeemer.org or ext. 19.

In addition, lots of people have given-up phone landlines. If we do not have your cell number, please enter it in Member Access or email it to fmerritt@theredeemer.org.

Parents Group

Our next Parents Group meeting will be at 6pm on February 8th. We will feature our very own Danielle Trucksess as well as her colleague Chelsea Hersperger, both of whom specialize in anxiety disorders. The Parents Group has developed over the last year to help parents feel supported as they face the growing mental health crisis among our young people. We have welcomed speakers who can share their own experiences working with young people and their parents, as well as answer questions, facilitate conversation and offer hope and guidance in an area that benefits from faith in ourselves, our community and a loving God. Many of us are affected by the changing landscape of anxiety and depression, therefore we encourage anyone who is interested to attend-and to bring friends who you think would benefit from such a group!

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Making your pledge known now allows our Vestry to plan and make accurate budgets for 2024. You can view the innumerable ways to give and pledge at www.TheRedeemer.org/give. We are exceedingly grateful to those parishioners who have already made a pledge for 2024.

Pledge Stats as of 1-11-24
298 Pledges
\$1,071,180.79
8.75%
overall increase



Hope Knight
Vestry Nominee



Danielle Trucksess
Vestry Nominee


 Episcopal Church of
The Redeemer
 172nd
 Annual Parish Meeting
February 4, 2024
following the 9:30am service

Reports from:
 The Rector
 Rector's Warden
 Accounting Warden



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The Mission of the Church of the Redeemer is to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. As an open and welcoming Episcopal community, we worship, learn and grow together, supporting each other and our world through the generous and creative use of God's gifts.

NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY?

We're glad you're here! We'd like to get to know you. Please sign the guest book on the podium in the Church entrance way or fill out one of the cards in the pew. We will be in touch.

Worshiping in the time of COVID-19.
Mask wearing is now optional.

Many of us here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church, but have found in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you might like to join this congregation or come seeking prayer or guidance, please speak to one of the clergy or call the office at 610-525-2486.

For young children, we offer a worship tote bag filled with materials meant to enhance their sense of worship and help them process new prayers, scriptures and hymns. Pick one up in the narthex.

Restrooms are located through the large wooden door halfway down the left side aisle. Baby changing stations are in the handicap restroom off the left side aisle and in the hallway restroom behind the high altar.

Wi-Fi Access
Choose: **COTR-Congregation**
Password: **Redeemer1881**

Best sources for information on all our ministries are on our:
website (www.TheRedeemer.org),
Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr),
Twitter feed (@TheRedeemerPA) and
Instagram (theredeemerpa).

Submission guidelines and a submission form for The News can be found at www.TheRedeemer.org/the_news.

ASK AN USHER

- For hearing assistance devices
- For a card to drop in the offering plate if you give online

THIS WEEK AT THE REDEEMER

Monday, January 22

Vincent of Sragossa, Deacon & Martyr, 304

8:00pm NA..... Masterman Hall

Tuesday, January 23

Phillips Brooks, Bishop, 1893

9:00am Painting Circle..... Hospitality Suite
 5:00pm Choristers..... Choir Rm
 7:00pm NEW Committee..... Staff Conf Room 204
 9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Wednesday, January 24

Florence Li Tim-Oi, Priest, 1992

2:00pm Staff Meeting..... Staff Conf Rm 204
 3:00pm Liturgy Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204
 5:00pm Choristers Rehearsal..... Choir Rm
 5:00pm Cherub Choir..... Rm 221
 5:45pm Wednesday Supper..... Burns Hall
 6:45pm Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal Choir Rm & Church

Thursday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

7:30am Men's Bible Study..... Rm 125
 12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture via Zoom & Raymond Library
 1:00pm Formation Meeting Rm 204
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Masterman Hall
 9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Friday, January 26

Timothy and Titus, Companions of St. Paul

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... Church
 11:00am St. Barnabas Community Resource Center Cook-Off and Tour
 5:30pm Prysm Rehearsal..... Burns Hall

Saturday, January 27

John Chrysostom, Bishop & Theologian, 407

8:30am Center for Courageous Women of Faith..... Rm 125
 9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... Church
 9:00am St Gabriel's Mission Prep Kitchen
 11:00am RYG Fundraising Dinner..... Burns and Kitchen
 12:00pm Prysm Strings Concert..... Church

Sunday, January 28

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I Church
 9:15am Nursery..... Rm 208
 9:30am Choral Matins Rite I..... Church + Livestream
 10:30am Middle School/Confirmation Class Hospitality Suite
 10:30am Preschool and Lower Elementary..... Rm 221 & 215
 10:30am Upper Elementary..... Rm 217
 10:40am Coffee Hour..... Burns Hall
 10:45am Adult Forum Church + Livestream
 4:00pm RYG Youth Cottage

*Up-to-date calendar always available on www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar
 All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*

WAYS TO GIVE

If you're giving cash, check, or offering envelopes,
 please drop them in the offering plates at the back of the church.



Via Text



Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options

IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Nell	Ann-Marie	Louise Marx
Barbara McClenahan	Keanen	Chris McCleary
Karen Nagel	Malcolm	Fran Northrup
Emily	Virginia Simpson	Joan
Bobby	Pierce Archer	Monica Hackett
Stephanie	Janet Harvey	

- For our brothers and sisters in Malawi affected by HIV/AIDS.
- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world, especially Ukraine and the Middle East.
- For our Montgomery County neighbors who are homeless and have lost their safety nets, especially our Family Promise of the Main Line Guests.
- For those who have died and the victims of gun violence throughout this country.

If you know a parishioner who needs pastoral care or could use a visit, please contact Peter Vanderveen-pvanderveen@theredeemer.org or ext. 17, Jo Ann Jones-jjones@theredeemer.org or ext. 16, or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee. To add names or thanksgivings to the prayer list, use the online form at: www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care or contact Jo Ann Jones; jjones@theredeemer.org

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Preschool/Lower Elementary - Rm 221 (age 3 to grade 3)

This week we will learn about “doubting Thomas,” as he is known. Do we have to see to believe? Jesus reminds us that the most faithful people can believe without seeing proof.

Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)

The upper elementary class will also be learning about Thomas. What a remarkable transformation he has from doubting to believing in just an instant. We will think together about this example of deep faith.

Middle School - Hospitality Suite

Welcome back to class! On Sunday we will recap the confirmation service and then begin a series of classes on “faith in action.” How does God help us transform pain and difficulty into power to help change the world?

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

The Redeemer Youth Group, RYG, will be meeting this Sunday at the Parish house to work through decorations and recipes for our Winter Ball next Saturday January 27th. We hope you will join us! You can find the invitation online or in your bulletin.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know there are two common, and very polite, fundraising acronyms that are very important to The Redeemer's Stewardship efforts? LYBUNTS and SYBUNTS. “Last Year But Unfortunately Not This” and “Some Years But Unfortunately Not This”. 19% of Redeemer members are currently LYBUNTS because they pledged for the 2023 campaign and have not yet submitted a pledge to Stewardship 2024. If these LYBUNTS committed the same amount as last year, the total dollars raised would increase by 11%. The 2024 campaign has had a remarkable number of new pledges and returned pledges, or SYBUNTS, representing 8% of all participants. So, calling ALL LYBUNTS and willing SYBUNTS please go online to acknowledge your pledge. <https://www.theredeemer.org/give>. We will have a complete list of all Stewardship 2024 participants at the Annual Meeting February 4th.



[Pledge Now](https://www.theredeemer.org/give)

. . . Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!