# News from Episcopal Church of Redeemer

**JANUARY 8, 2023** 

#### Let's Have a Feast

We will kick off our Epiphany series on feasting with breakfast after the 9:30am service. There will be a delicious spread from Jack Francis catering and from several of our parishioners, and Peter will speak about the theme of feasting. Come and enjoy this time together as a parish community! In this series, we will expand our understanding of feasting beyond just food: we will consider feasting on creation and nature; feasting our eyes and ears on the extensive media available to us: perhaps exploring the subject of overabundance and how we deal with that. Our first guest will be a Redeemer favorite, Rabbi Richard Hirsh, who will join us for two Sundays to discuss feasting from Jewish and Biblical perspectives. Please join us for what is sure to be an interesting series!

January 8: Kickoff breakfast in Burns Hall January 15: Rabbi Richard Hirsh January 22: Rabbi Richard Hirsh January 29: No Forum; Confirmation and Bishop's Visit More feasting to come in February!

# Wednesday Evenings & Parish Suppers

The 6 to 6:45pm suppers are back. If your children are here for Cherub and Chorister Rehearsals, stay for dinner. If you're coming to Schola and Redeemer Choir later, come early for dinner. Why cook? We are experimenting with meals provided for a small fee of \$5/person or \$20max/family. We still need assistance with set-up and cleanup and there is a Signup Genius to offer your help for that along with one to RSVP to attend the supper, which helps us prepare. Both available at www. TheRedeemer.org/RSVP

Wednesday evening formation opportunities will be back soon.

# **Annual Meeting Coming**

**The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 5, 2023** at 11:00am following the 9:30am service. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of four nominees to the Vestry: John Black, Lisa Raymond, Edwin "Win" Shafer and Joe Spadaro. Their pictures and bios will appear in the January *Voice of The Redeemer.* Redeemer's by-laws provide for further nominations by petition which requires ten signatures and to be received 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

# Sunday January 8 The First Sunday after the Epiphany the Baptism of Christ8:00amSpoken Holy Eucharist Rite IChurch9:15amNurseryRm 2089:30amHoly Eucharist Rite IIChurch & via Livestream10:30amParish BreakfastBurns Hall10:30amLower ElementaryRoom 21510:30amPreschoolRoom 22110:30amUpper School (Grades 4-7)Room 21710:40amAdult Forum BreakfastBurns Hall10:45amConfirmation ClassHospitality Suite10:45amMusic Committee MeetingStaff Conf Rm 2044:00pmRYGYouth Cottage

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

# **Survey Says**

In the fall of 2021, the Vestry published a brief survey to help us reconnect in a meaningful and purposeful way, with the following goals:

- To better understand the skills and interests of members;
- To solicit energy and ideas of how to facilitate the growth in membership;
- To gain perspectives on how to enhance the membership experience and engagement with others; and
- To capture ideas on how to position the Parish House as an asset for the community The Vestry would like to share the result of the survey with you. It will be published in the upcoming Annual Report and is available now online from a link at <a href="https://www.theRedeemer.org">www.theRedeemer.org</a> under News Items Vestry Survey Results/Compilation.

# 2023 Grant Applications

The Outreach Grant application is now posted on www.TheRedeemer.org/grants and publicly 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.

# 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. Our policy is to follow the lead of the Lower Merion School District--Administrative Offices.

# Recycle Your Christmas Decorations to New Life

The 6 to 6:45pm suppers will resume on January 4. As you pack up your Christmas decor, are there: festive decorations that you didn't even use this year, ornaments that just don't fit on your tree any longer, garlands or wreaths that you think are tired looking? The Redeemer Christmas Village gang would love to have them for next year's Village! Please contact Caroline Manogue (cbmanogue@gmail.com) or drop them in Room 007 in the Parish House. Thanks in advance!

# Merry Meals Make for Special Christmas

Sincere thanks to parishioners who donated 131 bags of non-perishable food to which was added a bag with a turkey or ham along with fresh produce. Your donations brightened the holiday for 131 households. Thanks to our Merry Meals deliverers: Karen Murdock, Sally Moser, Elizabeth Dougherty (and sister), Rebecca Northington, Charlotte MacLean, Kitty Farnham, Kate Chojnacki, Phyllis & Joel Wasley, Lori Flynn, Anna & Jimmy Gerrity, Ellen Harvey, Glenn Beamer, Amanda Schwenke, Ridge Woods, Charlie Merwen, John Herzog & Jenny Kirkpatrick, Jay Einspanier, and Tad Sperry - Coordinator Extraordinaire.

## Christmas Videos

Recordings of our Christmas Pageant, 10pm Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are available for you to experience the beauty at www.TheRedeemer.org/livestreams.



#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know, as Redeemer's Director of Communications and Stewardship Ken Garner has over 18 years of experience with Stewardship at Redeemer? Ken works with the Stewardship Committee for the "brains" and is the "brawn" behind all the planning, mailings, leaflets, emails, volunteer support, data, follow-up, thank you notes and is king of the mailmerge. A lot has changed over the nearly two decades since The Redeemer

hired Ken as the first person to officially manage Stewardship. Ken believes Stewardship is a means where every member of the church can feel ownership and participate in the financial health of the Church. Ken is gratified with the steady increase in funds raised, and the generosity of so many, especially over the past few years. Ken knows the continued success of Redeemer's Stewardship rests in a base of many average or median donors, rather than a few large contributors.



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

Sincere thanks to these parishioners who have already made a pledge.

Maisie Adamson Paul & Mary Adkins Richard & Kris Aldridge Alexa Aldridge Charlie Alexander James & Julia Alexandre Warren & Susan Ayres Maggie Baker Stephen Baker **Judith Bardes** John & Carolyn Bartholdson Glenn Beamer I. Croom & Lyle Beatty Jeffrey Bell Tom & Carolyn Bennett Sandra Berwind Georgia Biezup Barbara Billings Diana Bittel John & Lisa Black Charlie & Susan Bloom Al & Leslie Boris Priscilla Bradshaw Joseph & Mary Beth Bright Jamie & Joan Bromley Marcia Brose Rick & Phyllis Brown Bob & Nancy Bruechert Iim & Lin Buck Andrew & Karen Bucklee Christian & Alice Bullitt Stephen Cadwalader & Monica Hackett Don & Linda Caldwell Bobbie Cameron Drew & Babs Camerota Dick & Lisa Carr Lynne Chapman Sam Chew Chris & Kate Chojnacki Blake & Julie Christoph W. Morgan and Sonia Churchman Peter & Kimberly Clement Barbara Clothier Thomas & Wendy Coleman Ellen Conlan Bill & Joanne Conrad Dick & Ottilie Conway Peter & Elisabeth Cooke David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas Betsey Corkran Ted & Polly Coxe Jim & Betsy Crowell Stephen & Margaret Dana Chris & Betsy D'Angelo Rick & Rita Davis Bob & Lisa Davis Gary Davis Jack & Judy Dawson Rod Day Darrell & Julia DeMoss Sue Denious Gloria DePasquale Sophie Donaghy John & Melissa Donnelly Rod & Carol Donnelly Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty Nancy Drummond Tory Dunkle Hank & Martha Mel Edmunds Joe Elefritz Bill & Katharine Eyre, Jr.

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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 ALL NEW 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 9  Julia Chester Emery, Lay Leader & Missionary, 1922		
7:30pm 8:00pm		Choir Rm Masterman Hall
Tuesday January 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645		
6:30pm	Vestry	Rm125/Zoom
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom
Wednesday January 11		
8:00am		Church
9:15am		Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Church + via Livestream
10:30am	Upper School (Grades 4-7)	Rm 217
10:30am	Lower Elementary	Rm 215
10:30am		Rm 221
10:40am		Burns Hall
10:45am		Burns Hall + Livestream
10:45am		Hospitality Suite
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage
Thurso	lay January 12	Aelred of Rievaulx, Monastic & Theologian, 1167
7:30am	Men's Bible Study	Rm 125
10:15am	Pastoral Care	Rm 125
12:00pm		Raymond Library & Zoom Meeting
1:00pm	_	Rm 204
4:00pm	•	via Zoom
7:00pm	•	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	_	via Zoom
Friday	January 13	Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, 367
9:00am		Church
3:00pm		Burns Hall
5:30pm	•	Masterman Hall
5:30pm	•	Burns Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Prep	Rm 221
Saturday January 14 Richard Meux Benson, Priest & Charlse Gore Bishop, 1915 & 1932		
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).	Church
10:30am	Organ practice	Church
Sunda	y January 15	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
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10:45am		Hospitality Suite
4:00pm		Youth Cottage
4:00pm	Vespers	Church

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Lou Russo Irene Fran Northrup

Pierce Archer J. D. Joan

Morris Dana Monica Hackett

Janet Harvey Barbara Jeffrey Meg Gene John

Louise Marx Chris McCleary Rebecca Clothier Case

- 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.
- For those who have died, especially Leila Peck 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

#### Lesson of the Day Epiphany

#### Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)

The children will celebrate the first Sunday after the Epiphany with an Epiphany procession and a lesson on the Adoration of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). They will reflect on how God became man and entered history through the birth of Jesus and how the Wise Men traveled a long way by the light of a star to find the Light of the World, to worship the Baby Jesus and to bring Him gifts.

#### Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)

Pulling together all of our exploration into the significance of Advent and the mystery of Christmas, the children will hear the story of the Magi. We will focus on the way in which Christ's birth changes everything – the way we understand God, ourselves and the world around us.

#### Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)

Building on the experience and knowledge they gained from putting on the Nativity Pageant, the kids will explore the significance of the season of Epiphany. Often overlooked, this is a season of revelation and discovery. We will take time to wrestle with the ways in which Jesus revealed himself to his disciples and others and how they still didn't understand who he was.

#### Confirmation - Hospitality Suite

Our confirmation service just three weeks away, so please make every effort to be in class as we prepare for this sacramental rite together.

#### Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG will gather at its usual time today 4-6pm at the Youth Cottage.

#### WAYS TO GIVE



Via Text







Via PayPal

All Options