

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### What a Weekend

Our sincere thanks to all who made the Christmas Village such a wonderful event for our parish and community. The funds raised will make a difference in our community and countless people's lives. The fellowship and fun of the weekend along with the tireless work of our innumerable parish

volunteers made the event most memorable. Particular thanks to the entire Christmas Village Committee members and their co-chairs: Kate Chojnacki, Caroline Manogue and Elisabeth Cooke.



### Adult Forum



#### **Sunday, November 19 10:45am Room 125**

Please come and get to know Director of Music Andrew Senn a little better! Andrew will share a bit more about himself and his love of music.

### Vespers Today at 5pm

Jo Ann Jones did not experience the Daily Office until she was in her mid-thirties. It was only when she entered General Seminary that she made a practice of attending Morning and Evening Prayer. She came to love Anglican Chant. This afternoon's Vespers is an opportunity for you to participate in Anglican Chant so that the Psalms may feel more accessible and, hopefully, more beautiful to you. Do please come with an open heart, ears and voice! Our Director of Music, Andrew Senn along with members of the choir, will offer some instructions before the Vespers begin.

## Sunday, November 19

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery .....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with baptism .....	Church & via Livestream
10:30am	Upper Elementary .....	Rm 217
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class .....	Hospitality Suite
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary .....	Rm 221 & 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour .....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Adult Forum .....	Rm 125 +Livestream
4:00pm	RYG .....	Youth Cottage
5:00pm	Vespers .....	Church

## Advent Wreath Making



**Sunday, December 3 10:45am Burns Hall**

We will be crafting our own Advent Wreaths to mark the season at home. There will be festive refreshments, foam wreath forms, and candles...but this year, we are making this event BYOG (bring your own greens!) There are so many evergreens and holly bushes in our yards, we hope that you will collect clippings (it takes more than you might think) and bring them with you on the 3rd. We will ask for a small donation to offset the cost of materials.

## Morning Musicales

**Thursday, November 30 at 11:00am in the Church**

The Main Line Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra invites you to join them for the second Morning Musicale. Pianist Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner is featured. He is the first prize winner of the 2022 Concert Artists Guild International Competition and will perform well-known works by Haydn, Debussy, and Chopin, as well as Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. He will also present music of Consuelo Velazquez, arranged by the pianist, and a piece by Jesus Gonzalez Rubio, arranged by Earl Wild. It will be an exciting concert! A meet and greet with the artist directly follows the performance. Tickets available at the door on the day of the concerts. Single tickets are \$20.00, and all ticket holders may bring a guest for free! Proceeds from these concerts underwrite student tickets for Philadelphia Orchestra concerts. Please contact Rebecca Clement at [rebeccaclement@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaclement@gmail.com).

## Wednesday Suppers

**Wednesdays at 6pm**

Please join us for food and fellowship on Wednesdays. (We will skip Nov. 22.) In addition to choir rehearsals, Wednesday evening offerings are being planned for the fall and we'll keep you informed as they develop. You can help us by volunteering to offer food through a SignUp Genius link at [TheRedeemer.org](http://TheRedeemer.org). There is also a SignUp Genius to let us know you will attend so we know how to prepare. If you'd like to help or for more information, contact Rebecca Winfield at: [rebecca.harper@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.harper@gmail.com).

## Getting to Know You

We encourage you to upload individual and family photos to our online Parish Directory. It's a great and 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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org) under News Items. You can view directories and/or lookup addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. via Member Access. If you have any challenges, please contact Ken Garner at [ken@theredeemer.org](mailto:ken@theredeemer.org) or ext. 19.

## Rector's Breakfast Initiative

The most effective way for church membership to grow is by means of personal invitation. And yet...one of the hardest things for church members to do is to invite friends to attend a church service or program. We'd like to make it easier. The goal of the RECTOR'S BREAKFAST INITIATIVE is, through an ongoing series of meetings, to find ways to reduce our hesitation to speak about the church and to consider together how inviting others can be a natural and effortless part of conversation. If you'd like to have breakfast at the Cricket Club with Peter and fellow parishioners, please email [pvanderveen@theredeemer.org](mailto:pvanderveen@theredeemer.org).

## Do You Know A Child Who Likes To Sing?

We're hoping to spread the word about our terrific Choristers program here at The Redeemer. Our new Director of Music, Andrew Senn, has developed flyers and a brochure providing information about the choir. There are stacks of them on the table in the Parish House Clothier Room and in the Church Narthex. Please take a bunch and share them with your friends, neighbors and work colleagues.

# Save the Dates

**Sunday, December 17 at 5pm**  
**A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
The five choirs of The Redeemer will offer carols and hymns, interspersed with familiar nativity readings, in this traditional Christmas service.

**Wednesday, December 20 8am - 1pm**  
**Red Cross Blood Drive** here in Burns Hall. Watch for signup information to come soon.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Saturday Lunches at St. Gabriel's - November 25

A reminder that our parishioners continue to prepare and serve lunch at St. Gabriel's Church on the 4th Saturday of the month year-round. Help prepare the meal in Redeemer's kitchen (Friday, 11/24 from 2:00-3:30pm) and/or come with us to St. Gabriel's on Saturday, 11/25. We meet in Redeemer kitchen at 9am - return by 12:30 pm. Contact Jan Clarke [Jan144@verizon.net](mailto:Jan144@verizon.net).

### Aid for the Middle East

Help Episcopal Relief and Development respond quickly. The citizen death toll in both Israel and Gaza is catastrophic. Thousands have been injured and displaced. Alongside local partners, ERD is stepping in with emergency support for people affected by this war. Make an urgent tax-deductible donation to [Episcopal Relief & Development's Middle East Fund](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/responding-to-israel-hamas-war/) today.  
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### 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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/give). We are exceedingly grateful to these parishioners who have already made a pledge for 2024.

Maisie Adamson	Kitty Farnham	Mackie & Charlotte MacLean	Dan & Patty Slack
Paul & Mary Adkins	John & Evelyn Fell	Charlie & Ann Marshall	Jim & Prill Smartt
Charlie Alexander	Gordon & Patricia Fowler	Andrew & Cheryl Masterman	Polk & Nancy Smartt
James & Julia Alexandre	Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut	Tony & Binney McCague	Hank & June Smith
Warren & Susan Ayres	C. Meade Geisel	James & Kristin McGinley	Winnie Smith
Stephen Baker	Al & Sallie Greenough	Ann McIlvain	Carol Soltis
John & Carolyn Bartholdson	Jim & Barbara Haley	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	Thorne & Marby Sparkman
Glenn Beamer	Pam Hamilton	Lisa McLean	David & Michele Spence
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Greg & Lorrie Harper	Sandra McLean	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Barbara Billings	Carol Harris	Elizabeth McLean	Blair Stambaugh
Diana Bittel	Joan Harvey	Brendan McQuiggan	Tracy & Kevin Steele
John & Lisa Black	Jane Hastings	Fran Merritt	Bonnie Steele
Charlie & Susan Bloom	Margaret Helminska	Charles & Ellen Merwin	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Fred & Becky Brackett	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Gregg & Mary Miller	Cindy Stephan
Priscilla Bradshaw	Bessy Hopkins	Rob & Janie Morris	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright	Mary Hopkins	Perc & Sally Moser	Bill & Leslie Susskind
Marcia Brose	Carlie Hutton	Karen Nagel	David Tachna & Catherine Carruthers
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Sally Jannetta	Ted & Carol Neilson	Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
Bobbie Cameron	Steve & Nadia Jannetta	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	Mike Tyler
Sam Chew	Wilson Jeffreys	Ryan & Rebecca Northington	Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Mimi Johnson	Roz Pendergast	Jacques & Stephanie Vaulain
Stephen Ciottoni & Emily Gibb Ciottoni	David & Joanna Johnson	John Pickering	Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
Bill & Joanne Conrad	Jo Ann Jones	Margot Powell	John & Karen Wallingford
Dick & Otilie Conway	Pete Justi	Laura Powell	Joan Warren
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas	Susan Keith	Caroline Pozos	Joel & Phyllis Wasley
Betsey Corkran	Morris & Anne Kellett	Andrew Pozos	Pat Wesley
Jim & Betsy Crowell	Hope Knight	Dee Pugh	Daniel Wesley
Stephen & Margaret Dana	Cathy Kraft	Alfy & Kathleen Putnam	Brad & Elaine Whitman
Rick & Rita Davis	Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson	Luisa and Eric Rabe	Dixie Wigton
Gary Davis	Barbara Ladd	Doug & Lisa Raymond	Zachary & Rebecca Winfield
Jack & Judy Dawson	Susan Lastowski	Michael & Elizabeth Reese	Martha Wintner
Michael Diorio & Alan Causing	Giorgio Lauri	Gerald & Jennifer Ronon	David & Ginger Woods
John & Melissa Donnelly	John & Melanie LeBoeuf	Herb Rorer	Sook Hee Yoo
Rod & Carol Donnelly	Margery P. Lee	Bill Ross	Chris Zafirou & Jessica Harper
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty	Victoria Leidner	Arden Saligman	1 Anonymous
Joe Elefritz	Timothy & Lauren Leithead	Karl Schoettle	
Bill & Katharine Eyre, Jr.	John & Elaine Lisle	David & Julie Schroeder	
Norma Fabian	Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie	David & Diane Senior	
	Marian Lockett-Egan	Win & Connie Shafer	
		Nancy Sharp	
		Charlie Silio & Emily Snell	

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**Kevin Leahy**  
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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](http://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, November 20

11:00am	Catherine "Kitten" Susanin Memorial service .....	Church
12:00pm	Catherine "Kitten" Susanin Reception.....	Burns Hall
7:30pm	Cantores .....	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

### Tuesday, November 21 *Mechthilde of Hackeborn & Gerturde the Great 1298 & 1302*

9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
3:00pm	Beaumont Eucharist .....	Beaumont at Bryn Mawr
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Wednesday, November 22 *Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist & Spiritual Writer, 1963*

2:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Liturgy Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204

### Thursday, November 23 *Thanksgiving Day - Clement of Rome, Bishop, c.100*

	Office Closed	
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Friday, November 24 *Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, Margaret of Antioch*

	Office Closed	
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) .....	Church

### Saturday, November 25 *James Otis Sargent Huntington, Monastic & Priest, 1935*

9:00am	St. Gabriel's Mission.....	Kitchen
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) .....	Church

### Sunday, November 26 *The Last Sunday after Pentecost-Christ the King*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery .....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II .....	Church & via Livestream
10:30am	Upper Elementary .....	Rm 217
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class .....	Hospitality Suite
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary .....	Rm 221 & 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour .....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Adult Forum .....	Room 125 and Livestream

*Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://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:

Karen Nagel	Keanen	Chris McCleary
Emily	Malcolm	Fran Northrup
Bobby	Virginia Simpson	Joan
Tim	Pierce Archer	Monica Hackett
John Ledlie	Janet Harvey	Jeffrey
Stephanie	Meg Curry	John
Ann-Marie	Louise Marx	Rebecca Clothier Case
	Gene	

- 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, especially 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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

This week's story is about Jesus and a blind man named Bartimaeus. Most people ignored him, but Jesus listened to him and helped him see, which amazed everyone.

### **Upper Elementary - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 5)**

We will recount the story of Jesus healing a man born blind and talk about the idea of blindness – both literal and spiritual.

### **Middle School - Hospitality Suite (grades 6 thru 8)**

6th and 7th graders will learn about what it means to live as a baptized member of the church and the leadership that comes with that. 8th graders will read and discuss the Maasai Creed and then take a stab at writing their own creed!

### **Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage**

RYG will be meeting today from 4-6 pm. We will have a brief field trip to explore some of the activities we talked about last week that can help combat seasonal mood disorders, and will continue our meeting in the cottage focusing on gratitude in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join us!

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, so far, Stewardship 2024 has seen a 9.5% increase in the dollars pledged over last year? The average gift is \$4,200 and the median gift is \$3,100. A huge thank you to all who have committed their Stewardship 2024 pledges and a special thank you to the 8 new and/or returned pledges. That is the good news....the challenging news is there is a 6% decrease in the number of pledges to date from last year. Pledging only takes a few minutes and your support does make a difference. In this season of gratitude, thank you for all you do for our collective church community and the greater community we support.

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