

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 10, 2023

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Parents Group

Meets at 3pm today in Burns Hall with a guest speaker addressing the trauma of suicidal ideation on family and community. Please join us as we try to address this issue that has become more and more relevant to our community.

Church School Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17 at 9:45am, Burns Hall

We hope you'll plan to join us next Sunday during formation hour for our annual Church School Christmas Pageant. We'll hear the Christmas story anew as told by members of the 4th & 5th grade class and all of us will have the opportunity to sing carols together.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17 at 5:00pm

Please join us for our annual service of Lessons and Carols presented by all five choirs of The Redeemer. Hear the beloved readings of the nativity and carols to herald Jesus' birth. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to experience The Redeemer.

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday
December 17
at 5:00pm

Accompanied by Alexander Leonardi
Assistant Organist
Michael Stairs Organ Scholar

Directed by Andrew Senn
Director of Music

Join the choirs of
The Redeemer as they present
the beloved readings of the
nativity with anthems and
carols to herald the Advent
of our Lord's birth.

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Sunday, December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II.....	Church & via Livestream
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite & Library
10:30am	Upper Elementary	Rm 217
10:30am	Preschool and Lower Elementary	Rm 221 & 215
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Burns Hall
10:45am	Music Committee Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
11:30am	Nominating Committee	Raymond Library
3:00pm	Parents Group.....	Burns Hall/125
4:00pm	RYG	Youth Cottage

Wreath Sale

Sunday, December 10 following the 9:30am service

The girls of Girl Scout Troop 7048 (of Harriton HS) were supposed to sell wreaths at the Christmas Village, but their shipment of evergreens was delayed (ugh). The evergreens have now arrived, and the girls have been busy crafting one-of-a-kind real wreaths to sell to support their spring trip to the Girl Scout World Center. The girls will be selling these wreaths on the Parish House porch today. Please stop by to check out these \$25 wreaths.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 20 8am - 1pm

Red Cross Blood Drive here in Burns Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TheRedeemer to schedule an appointment.

Merry Meals

Our annual endeavor providing meals is back. Bags are available in the narthex and Parish House and we hope you will return them with the items on the list inside by Tuesday, December 19. This is a fun family project and helps us spread Christmas cheer to local households in need and provide them with Merry Meals for the holidays.

Christmas Memorials

Please send the names of people you would like to be remembered. There is a suggested \$25 per name. Send your check to the Parish Office, attention Fran Merritt by Wednesday, December 20. You can also do it online at www.TheRedeemer.org/donate_flowers.



Christmas at The Redeemer

Christmas Eve
9:30am Holy Eucharist
4pm Pageant
6pm Service of Light and Evening Prayer
10pm Festival Eucharist
Music begins at 9:30pm

Christmas Day
10am Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve 4pm Pageant and 10pm service will be livestreamed.

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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.

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.

Joyful Giving Christmas 2023



**Joyful
Giving
Program**
Christmas 2023

You'll find brochures inside the liturgies today describing this year's organizations addressing food insecurity and benefiting from the program: Church of the Advocate Cafe, Ada Mutch Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Darby Mission Food Ministry and St. Gabriel's Church. You can also give and view the brochure online from a link on www.TheRedeemer.org.

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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The Christmas Village is Redeemer's annual fundraising event focused on funding community connection initiatives that target homelessness, hunger and people in need. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the event a wonderful success and thank you to all who attended and to those who brought friends and neighbors. The committee would like to especially recognize the benefactors of the event. These gifts reflect the generosity of this community and are much appreciated.

North Star (\$2,500 and above)

Barbara Billings
The Chojnacki Family
Ellsabeth and Peter Cooke
The Manogue Family

Gold (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bennett
John & Lisa Black
Susan & Charlie Bloom
Priscilla Bradshaw
Jim & Lin Buck
Andrew & Karen Bucklee
Jan Clarke & William Gross
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer
Betsy Crowell
Gordon & Patricia Fowler
Peter Hamiton
Andrew & Cheryl Masterman
Kevin Maurer & James Schneider

Carolyn & Sam Morris
Perc & Sally Moser
The Schwenke Family
Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Tracy & Kevin Steele
Maria & Mike Thompson
Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett

Frankincense (\$500 - \$999)

Warren & Susan Ayres
John & Carolyn Bartholdson
Ann Young Bloom
Gordon & Janice Keen
Brook & Connie McCann
Chadwick & McKinney
Funeral Home
Elizabeth McLean
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty
Anna Gerrity
Lorrie & Greg Harper
Eric & Luisa Rabe

Emily Snell & Charlie Sili
Elaine & Brad Whitman
David and Ginger Woods

Myrrh (\$250 - \$499)

Katharine & Bill Eyre
Pamela Hamilton
Carlotta Paxson Hutton
Mrs. Anthony Jannetta
JoAnn Jones
Mary McAdoo
Pam McMullin
Lisa McLean
Fran Northrup
Rosalind Pendergast
John Pickering
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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, December 11

3:00pm	Harriton HS Fundraiser Rehearsals.....	Burns Hall
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, December 12 *Francis de Sales, Bishop & Jane de Chantal, 1622 & 1641*

9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
5:00pm	Choristers.....	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Stewardship Committee.....	Staff Conference Rm 204
6:30pm	Vestry.....	Room 125/Zoom
7:00pm	Christmas Village Debrief Meeting.....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline.....	via Zoom

Wednesday, December 13 *Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304*

9:00am	Staff Breakfast.....	Parish House
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, December 14 *John of the Cross, Mystic & Monastic Reformer, 1591*

7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm 125
10:15am	Pastoral Care.....	Room 125
12:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture.....	via Zoom & Raymond Library
1:00pm	Formation Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Harriton HS Fundraiser Rehearsals.....	Burns Hall
4:00pm	Community Connections.....	via Zoom
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous.....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline.....	via Zoom

Friday, December 15 *Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c. 332*

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
11:00am	Hunter McMullin Funeral.....	Church
12:00pm	McMullin Reception.....	Burns Hall
5:30pm	Prysm Rehearsal.....	Burns Hall

Saturday, December 16

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:00am	Lessons and Carols Rehearsal.....	Church
10:30am	Church School Pageant rehearsal.....	Burns Hall
1:00pm	Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal.....	Church

Sunday, December 17 *The Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery.....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II.....	Church + Livestream
10:30am	Middle School/Confirmation Class.....	Hospitality Suite
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Children's Christmas Pageant.....	Burns Hall
4:00pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage
5:00pm	Lessons and Carols.....	Church
6:30pm	Reception.....	Burns Hall

*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:

Barbara McClenahan	Malcolm	Chris McCleary
Karen Nagel	Virginia Simpson	Fran Northrup
Emily	Pierce Archer	Joan
Bobby	Janet Harvey	Monica Hackett
Stephanie	Meg Curry	Rebecca Clothier Case
Ann-Marie	Louise Marx	
Keanen	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 or contact Jo Ann Jones; jjones@theredeemer.org

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

PreK-3rd grade: Please come to the big classroom where we will talk about the season of Advent. This is a special time of preparation and waiting, and there are many important people who help us get ready for Jesus's birth.

Upper Elementary - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 5)

There will not be class this week, but we will have another rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant! Anyone with a speaking role in the pageant should come to room 217 for rehearsal and to check out costumes. (This includes 2nd and 3rd graders if you have speaking roles!)

Middle School - Hospitality Suite (grades 6 thru 8)

We will continue talking about Sacraments and will talk through the actual confirmation service. There is also a make-up class immediately following this morning's class, so please plan to attend if you have missed three classes this fall. (Even if you haven't missed three classes, this will be a great review of a lot of what we've discussed, so everyone is encouraged to attend!)

6th & 7th graders not preparing for Confirmation will meet in the Library.

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG, will be meeting this Sunday at the cottage for our annual white elephant party with an ugly sweater theme. Please join us with a gift valued at no more than 20\$.

Parents group will be meeting at 3pm today with a guest speaker addressing the trauma of suicidal ideation on family and community. Please join us as we try to address this issue that has become more and more relevant to our community.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, over the next few weeks, a group of dedicated Stewardship volunteers will personally reach out, with phone calls and emails, to gently remind all Redeemer members who have not yet committed to Stewardship 2024 to make a pledge? Sending in a pledge card, or going online to www.theredeemer.org/give over the next few days will save on staff time to make the assignments, volunteer time to reach out and on your own information overload. In a seasons with many joyous events and celebratory preparations, your one quick act of pledging will be a gift to many in our church community.



[Pledge Now](#)

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