

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 17, 2023

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Church School Christmas Pageant



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

We hope you'll plan to join us today 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.

Please Note: There is no Adult Forum today.

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.



Winter Voice of The Redeemer

The winter edition of The Voice was emailed on Thursday and you can read it online from a link at www.TheRedeemer.org/Voice. It includes thoughtful articles describing the beauty of intergenerational opportunities the Church provides.

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
5:00pm	Lessons and Carols.....	Church
6:30pm	Reception	Burns Hall

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.



A festive poster for the American Red Cross Christmas Blood Drive. It features a heart-shaped wreath with various holiday-themed items like snowflakes, holly leaves, a red blood drop, a gift box, and a small envelope. To the right is the American Red Cross logo. The text reads: "GIVE SOMETHING THAT Means Something. GIVE BLOOD". Below this, it says "Wednesday, December 20 8am to 1pm Burns Hall". At the bottom left is a QR code with the text "Schedule an appointment 1-800-RED CROSS or www.RedCross.org and enter TheRedeemer". At the bottom right, it says "All donors receive a Yeti t-shirt" next to a small image of a Yeti t-shirt.

Merry Meals

Our annual endeavor providing meals to those in need 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. **We also need assistance to make the deliveries on Thursday, Dec. 21.** If you can help, please email Joshua@jcastano@theredeemer.org

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.



A poster for Christmas events at The Redeemer. The background is a colorful stained-glass style illustration of the Nativity scene. The text reads: "Christmas at The Redeemer". Below this, it lists the schedule for Christmas Eve: "9:30am Holy Eucharist", "4pm Pageant", "6pm Service of Light and Evening Prayer", and "10pm Festival Eucharist". It also notes "Music begins at 9:30pm". For Christmas Day, it says "10am Holy Eucharist". At the bottom, it states "Christmas Eve 4pm Pageant and 10pm service will be livestreamed." The logo for The Redeemer, Episcopal Church of, is in the bottom left corner.

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.

Save the Date - 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.

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.

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 these parishioners who have already made a pledge for 2024.

**Pledge Stats
as of 12-15-23**
242 Pledges
\$917,762
9%
overall increase

Maisie Adamson
Paul & Mary Adkins
Richard & Kris Aldridge
Charlie Alexander
James & Julia Alexandre
Walter & Arden Armstrong
Warren & Susan Ayres
Stephen Baker
John & Carolyn Bartholdson
Glenn Beamer
Tom & Carolyn Bennett
Barbara Billings
Diana Bittel
John & Lisa Black
Charlie & Susan Bloom
Al & Leslie Boris
Fred & Becky Brackett
Priscilla Bradshaw
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright
Marcia Brose
Rick & Phyllis Brown
Jim & Lin Buck
Andrew & Karen Bucklee
Christian & Alice Bullitt
Lee Buttz
Bobbie Cameron
Drew & Babs Camerota
Sam Chew
Chris & Kate Chojnacki
Peter & Kimberly Clement
Bill & Joanne Conrad
Dick & Ottilie Conway
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke, Jr.
David Copas & Jennifer Vollmer Copas
Betsey Corkran
Ted & Polly Cox
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
Michael Diorio & Alan Causing
Sophie Donaghy
John & Melissa Donnelly
Rod & Carol Donnelly
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty
Rad & Susannah Edmonds
Joe Elefritz
Hentzi Elek & Sara Barton
Bill & Katharine Eyre, Jr.
Norma Fabian
Kitty Farnham
John & Evelyn Fell
Philip & Suzanne Fisher
Gordon & Patricia Fowler
Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut
C. Meade Geisel
Gay Gervin
Stephen Ciottoni & Emily Gibb Ciottoni
Pete & Beth Goodhart
Al & Sallie Greenough
Jim & Barbara Haley
Pam Hamilton
Christopher & Noel Hanley
Greg & Lorrie Harper
Carol Harris
Nancy Harris
Bill Hartz & Cynthia Cericola-Hartz
Joan Harvey
Jane Hastings
Leo & Stacey Helmers
Margaret Helminska
Bob & Barbara Hobbs
James & Mia Holman
Bessy Hopkins

Mary Hopkins
Sandra Hudson
Alex & Tucker Hurtado
Carlie Hutton
Sally Jannetta
Steve & Nadia Jannetta
Wilson Jeffreys
Mimi Johnson
David & Joanna Johnson
Karl & Sheryl Johnson
Jo Ann Jones
Allison Joyce
David & Kathy Justi
Pete Justi
Susan Keith
Cecy Keller
Morris & Anne Kellett
William D. Kelley, Jr.
Eric Keuffel & Meena Thayu
Hope Knight
Cathy Kraft
Brian Kunz & Corinne Wilkinson
Barbara Ladd
Anthony & Judy Lame
Christian & Peggy Lane
Susan Lastowski
Giorgio Lauri
John & Melanie LeBoeuf
Margery P. Lee
Victoria Leidner
Timothy & Lauren Leithead
Barb Linder
John & Elaine Lisle
Kyle & Marlies Lissack
Stephen LoCastro & Laurie MacKenzie
Marian Lockett-Egan
Charlie & Betsy MacIntosh
Joanie Mackie
Mackie & Charlotte MacLean
Charlie & Ann Marshall
Craig & Celia Martin
Andrew & Cheryl Masterman
Josselyn McAdam
Minkie McAdoo
Tony & Binney McCague
Brook & Connie McCann
Joe & Suzanne McDevitt
James & Kristin McGinley
Charles McGraw
Ann McIlvain
Rodger & Lauren McKinney
Lisa McLean
Sandra McLean
Elizabeth McLean
Sandy McMullin
Pamela McMullin
Brendan McQuiggan
Fran Merritt
Charles & Ellen Merwin
Gregg & Mary Miller
Harry & Rachel Miller
Sam & Carolyn Morris
Rob & Janie Morris
Perc & Sally Moser
Abraham Munabi & Susan Adeniyi-Jones
Karen Nagel
Robert & Priscilla Nalls
Ted & Carol Neilson
Lathrop & Lorna Nelson
Sean & Mary Ann Nevins
Nancy Nimick
Geene Noel
Phil & Nancy Nord
Ryan & Rebecca Northington
Francesca Northrup
Lanny & Ann Patten
Roz Pendergast
John Pickering
Hobie & Pamela Porter
Margot Powell
Laura Powell

Caroline Pozos
Andrew Pozos
Patricia Pruett
Dee Pugh
Alfy & Kathleen Putnam
Luiza and Eric Rabe
David & Jessie Rae
Ernest & Marian Ramirez
Doug & Lisa Raymond
Tom & Josephine Rees
Michael & Elizabeth Rees
Philip & Sandy Ringo
Gerald & Jennifer Ronon
Herb Rorer
Bill Ross
Arden Saligman
Patricia Sandiford
Joan Schiller
Karl Schoettle
David & Julie Schroeder
Marda Schropp
Sue Schultz
Ken & Amanda Schwenke
Presley Schwin
Jonathan & Camille Scott
David & Diane Senior
Win & Connie Shafer
Nancy Sharp
Charlie Sihó & Emily Snell
Willys Silvers, III
Dan & Patty Slack
Jim & Prill Smartt
Polk & Nancy Smartt
Hank & June Smith
Winnie Smith
Mimi Snyder
Carol Soltis
Joseph & Cynthia Spadaro
Thorne & Marby Sparkman
David & Michele Spence
Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Blair Stambaugh
George Steele & Kathy High
Tracy & Kevin Steele
Bonnie Steele
Scott & Alexis Stephan
Cindy Stephan
Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Ann Strong
Connie Stuckert
Bill & Leslie Susskind
David Tachna & Catherine Carruthers
Steven & Erin Tagai
Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
Christopher & Danielle Trucksess
Mike Tyler
Peter Vanderveen & Trish Bennett
Jacques & Stephanie Vaulain
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John & Karen Wallingford
James & Ellen Wang
Skip Ward
Joan Warren
Joel & Phyllis Wasley
Pat Wesley
Daniel Wesley
Brad & Elaine Whitman
Dixie Wigton
Pam Willford
Julie Williams
Zachary & Rebecca Winfield
Martha Wintner
Alan Wood & Hilarie Johnston
Guy Woodruff
David & Ginger Woods
Spike Yoh
Sook Hee Yoo
Chris Zafirou & Jessica Harper
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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](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerBrynMawr)),
Twitter feed ([@TheRedeemerPA](https://twitter.com/TheRedeemerPA)) and
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](https://www.instagram.com/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 18

3:00pm	Harriton HS Fundraiser Rehearsals.....	Burns Hall
4:00pm	Private confirmation class	Staff Conf Rm 204
4:30pm	Choristers/schola Caroling	at Beaumont
7:30pm	Cantores	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, December 19

9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
3:00pm	Beaumont Eucharist	Beaumont at Bryn Mawr
5:00pm	Choristers.....	Choir Rm
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, December 20

Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552

8:00am	Red Cross Blood Drive	Burns Hall
2:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Set-up for Merry Meals Distribution	Burns Hall
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 21

St. Thomas the Apostle

7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Rm 125
8:00am	Merry Meals Pick-Up & Distribution.....	Burns Hall
10:00am	Christmas Eve brass rehearsal	Church
10:00am	Needlepoint group	Library
1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Harriton HS Fundraiser Rehearsals.....	Burns Hall
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Friday, December 22

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
12:00pm	Office Closes at Noon	

Saturday, December 23

9:00am	St Gabriel's Mission	Kitchen
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday).....	Church
10:00am	Christmas Eve Rehearsal	Church

Sunday, December 24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with hymns.....	Church + via Livestream
	Please note there is only ONE service in the morning	
4:00pm	Christmas Pageant (Doors open 3:30)	Church
6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service of Light & Evening Prayer with choir.....	Church
10:00pm	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist music (traditional) begins 9:30.....	Church

*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:

Rob & Jeanne	Keanen	Gene
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	

- 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

No Church School this Sunday. Instead, we encourage everyone to attend (and take part!) in the Pageant in Burns Hall at 10:45am. For preschool-2nd graders who do not have speaking parts in the pageant, you are encouraged to come and participate as sheep and angels.

For everyone in the pageant: during the 9:30 service, you can attend Children's Chapel and then instead of returning to the service at the Peace, head straight up to the Parish House to get ready for our performance. (There will be grown-ups to lead the way!)

Redeemer Youth Group

RYG will not meet this evening. All will participate or enjoy the Lessons & Carols.

Be on the lookout on Christmas Eve

As you leave the Church on Christmas Eve (following all the services), be aware of the candlelit churchyard. The Redeemer Youth Group placed the candles to remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, as Christmas approaches and the calendar year comes to a close, Stewardship 2024 is using volunteers to personally connect with the 100 or so Redeemer members who we would still appreciate hearing from by submitting a pledge? Thank you to all who have committed, generously pledged to our collective church community and to the volunteers who also give of their time. A special shout out to the 18 new, or returned, pledges. These new pledges represent 13% of all pledges to date this year, and represent a strong indicator of the vitality of The Redeemer.



[Pledge Now](#)

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