

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

DECEMBER 18, 2022

## Christmas at The Redeemer

**Christmas Eve**

**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.

## Church School Pageant Today

**Burns Hall - 10:45am**

Today everyone is invited to attend the Church School Nativity Pageant. This pageant is a gift to the entire congregation from our 4th-7th grade class (with special guests) and we hope you will attend. Like always, there will be plenty of opportunities for the congregation to participate by singing some favorite Christmas carols! Children participating in the pageant will recess to the narthex following Children's Chapel to go to the Parish House to get into costume. Children not in the pageant are asked to remain in the service with their parents and to be seated with them for the pageant.

## Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 21**

**9am to 2pm**

Burns Hall

Call 800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TheRedeemer to schedule an appointment.



**Shake Up Your  
Holiday Tradition**

*Give Blood*

Wed, December 21 - 9am to 2pm Burns Hall—Parish House

Schedule your appointment online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(enter TheRedeemer) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**Sunday, December 18**




*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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	RYG @ St. Francis Inn.....	Youth Cottage
10:40am	Coffee Hour .....	Kitchen
10:45am	Pageant (no Adult Forum).....	Burns Hall
4:00pm	RYG.....	Youth Cottage

## Christmas Baskets - NOW Merry Meals

Since we abandoned the baskets several years ago, we're rebranding our Christmas Basket program to be known hence forth as MERRY MEALS. 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 20. 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 need a number of volunteers to deliver the meals to a list of clients. (Note more personal deliveries are planned this year.) It's sure to brighten your holidays. Please contact Jen Leith if you can help: [jleith@theredeemer.org](mailto:jleith@theredeemer.org) or ext 23.**



-  Take home a Bag.
-  Return it filled (list in bag)
-  Return by December 20

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation



*It's easy and it's fun! Help us spread Christmas cheer to local households in need.*

## Joyful Giving Christmas 2022



**Joyful  
Giving  
Program**  
Christmas 2022

You'll find brochures in the Narthex and Clothier Room 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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org).

## 2023 Grant Applications

The Outreach Grant application is now posted on [www.TheRedeemer.org/grants](http://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.

## 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 Monday, December 19. You can also do it online at [www.TheRedeemer.org/donate\\_flowers](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/donate_flowers).

## Wednesday Evenings & Parish Suppers

The suppers will take a short break for December 21 and 28 and resume on January 4. Wednesday evening formation opportunities will begin anew in early January as well. We will provide more information about that soon. As reported before, we are experimenting with having the meals provided for a small fee of \$5/person or \$20max/family. We still need assistance with set-up and clean-up 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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP)

## The Playground's In

The playground equipment was recently installed. Take a look. It is now open for use.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Parish Breakfast January 8, 2023

Details to follow, but all are welcome to come for a time of fellowship to kick-off our Epiphany Adult Forum series on **Feasting**.

## Lessons & Carols Video

The video recording of the December 11 Nine Lessons & Carols Service is now available from a link on [www.TheRedeemer.org](http://www.TheRedeemer.org) and on the Livestreams & Listen to Choirs page.

## Weather Closures

Information for inclement weather closures will be posted on our website at [www.TheRedeemer.org/closures](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/closures) and from a link on the homepage. Our policy is to follow the lead of the Lower Merion School District.

## 2023 Stewardship Campaign

258 Pledges totaling \$966,015.51 running at a 7.37% increase.  
We're still waiting to hear from 75 households that made a pledge in 2022.

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

Maisie Adamson	Kitty Farnham	Victoria Leidner	Herb Rorer
Paul & Mary Adkins	Greg & Jennifer Farwell	Timothy & Lauren Leithead	Ardlen Saligman
Richard & Kris Aldridge	John & Evelyn Fell	Gregory & Anita Lewicki	Patricia Sandiford
Alexa Aldridge	Philip & Suzanne Fisher	Barb Linder	Mort Saunders
Charlie Alexander	Gordon & Patricia Fowler	John & Elaine Lisle	Joan Schiller
James & Julia Alexandre	Phyllis French	Kyle & Marlies Lissack	Karl Schoettle
Warren & Susan Ayres	Ken Garner & Bob Mikrut	Stephen LoCastro &	David & Julie Schroeder
Stephen Baker	C. Meade Geisel	Laurie MacKenzie	Marda Schropp
Judith Bardes	Tom & Anna Gerrity	Marian Lockett-Egan	Sue Schultz
John & Carolyn Bartholdson	Gay Gervin	Charlie & Betsy MacIntosh	Ken & Amanda Schwenke
Glenn Beamer	Emily Gibb Ciottoni &	Joanie Mackie	Presley Schwin
Jeffrey Bell	Stephen Ciottoni	Annmari Mackway-Girardi	David & Diane Senior
Tom & Carolyn Bennett	Bruce & Gale Gillespie	Mackie & Charlotte McLean	Win & Cannie Shafer
Sandra Berwind	Pete & Beth Goodhart	Christopher & Caroline	Nancy Sharp
Barbara Billings	Frank Grebe	Manogue	Charlie Silio & Emily Snell
Diana Bittel	Al & Sallie Greenough	Charlie & Ann Marshall	Kent & Anne Silvers
John & Lisa Black	Bill Gross & Jan Clarke	Craig & Celia Martin	Lorraine Simonis
Charlie & Susan Bloom	Peter Grove & Nancy Greene	Andrew & Cheryl Masterman	Dan & Patty Slack
Al & Leslie Boris	Jim & Barbara Haley	Josselyn McAdam	Jim & Prill Smartt
Priscilla Bradshaw	Greg & Lorrie Harper	Minkie McAdoo	Polk & Nancy Smartt
Joseph & Mary Beth Bright	Carol Harris	Jim & Louise McCabe	Winnie Smith
Jamie & Joan Bromley	Nancy Harris	Tony & Binney McCague	Mimi Snyder
Rick & Phyllis Brown	Bill Hartz &	Brook & Connie McCann	Carol Soltis
Bob & Nancy Bruechert	Cynthia Cericola-Hartz	Don & Carolyn McCulloch	David & Michele Spence
Jim & Lin Buck	Joan Harvey	Joe & Suzanne McDewitt	Tad Sperry & Ellen Harvey
Andrew & Karen Bucklee	Jane Hastings	James & Kristin McGinley	Bailey Sperry
Christian & Alice Bullitt	Leo & Stacey Helmers	Alan & Annie McIlvain	Blair Stambaugh
Don & Linda Caldwell	Margaret Helminska	Rodger & Lauren McKinney	George Steele & Kathy High
Bobbie Cameron	Christine Henisee	Lisa McLean	Tracy & Kevin Steele
Drew & Babs Camerota	Bob & Barbara Hobbs	Sandra McLean	Scott & Alexis Stephan
Dick & Lisa Carr	James & Mia Holman	Elizabeth McLean	Cindy Stephan
Lynne Chapman	Bessy Hopkins	Hunter & Pamela McMullin	Steve & Bebe Strawbridge
Sam Chew	Mary Hopkins	Charles & Ellen Merwin	Ann Strong
Chris & Kate Chojnacki	Sandra Hudson	Gregg & Mary Miller	Connie Stuckert
Blake & Julie Christoph	Alex & Tucker Hurtado	Harry & Rachel Miller	John & Amy Susanin
W. Morgan and Sonia	Kathy Hutchinson	Sam & Carolyn Morris	Bill & Leslie Susskind
Churchman	Tony & Sally Jannetta	Rob & Janie Morris	David Tachna &
Peter & Kimberly Clement	Steve & Nadia Jannetta	Perc & Sally Moser	Catherine Carruthers
Barbara Clothier	Wilson Jeffreys	Abraham Munabi &	Steven Tagai
Thomas & Wendy Coleman	Phil & Meghan Jodz	Susan Adeniyi-Jones	Radclyffe & Maria Thompson
Ellen Conlan	David & Joanna Johnson	Jean Murdock	Christopher & Danielle
Bill & Joanne Conrad	Karl & Sheryl Johnson	Lois Muscheck	Truckess
Peter & Elisabeth Cooke,	Jackie Johnson	Karen Nagel	Mike Tyler
David Copas &	Jo Ann Jones	Ted & Carol Neilson	John & Amanda Ulrich
Jennifer Vollmer Copas	Jim Jordan & Vanessa Lai	Lathrop & Lorna Nelson	Elizabeth Van Dusen
Betsey Corkran	Allison Joyce	Nancy Nimick	Peter Vanderveen &
Ted & Polly Cox	Tac & Melinda Justi	Eric & Georgie Noll	Trish Bennett
Jim & Betsy Crowell	Betty Justi	Phil & Nancy Nord	Jacques & Stephanie Vaclair
Stephen & Margaret Dana	David & Kathy Justi	Ryan & Rebecca Northington	Jamen Voss & Michael Fradley
Chris & Betsy D'Angelo	Gordie & Janice Keen	Francesca Northrup	John & Karen Wallingford
Rick & Rita Davis	Susan Keith	Lanny & Ann Patten	James & Ellen Wang
Bob & Lisa Davis	Jim Kelleher & Rik Morris	Mark Patten	Michael & Kathy Warhol
Gary Davis	Cecy Keller	Roz Pendergast	Joan Warren
Jack & Judy Dawson	Morris & Anne Kellett	John Pickering	Pat Wesley
Rod Day	Barbara Kip	Hobie & Pamela Porter	Daniel Wesley
Darrell & Julia DeMoss	Hope Knight	Margot Powell	Brad & Elaine Whitman
Sue Denious	Elizabeth Kuensell	Laura Powell	Margie Widmann
Gloria DePasquale	Brian Kunz &	Dee Pugh	Pam Wilford
Sophie Donaghy	Corinne Wilkinson	Alfy & Kathleen Putnam	Julie Williams
John & Melissa Donnelly	Barbara Ladd	Luisa and Eric Rabe	Claude & Martha Wintner
Rod & Carol Donnelly	Anthony & Judy Lane	David & Jessie Rae	Alan Wood & Hilarie Johnston
Joe & Elizabeth Dougherty	Susan Lastowski	Doug & Lisa Raymond	Guy Woodruff
Tory Dunkle	Kevin Leahy & Devika Singh	Tom & Josephine Rees	David & Ginger Woods
Hank & Martha Mel Edmunds	John & Melanie LeBoeuf	Michael & Elizabeth Reese	Sook Hee Yoo
Joe Elefritz	Steve & Debbie Lee	Karl Richter & Susan Rushing	Chris Zafriou & Jessica Harper
Bill & Katharine Eyre,	Margery P. Lee	Jay & Gretchen Riley	2 Anonymous
Norma Fabian	Mary Lee	Philip & Sandy Ringo	

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the Accounting Warden, Chris Zafriou thinks a lot about Stewardship? Chris knows the importance of Stewardship, especially since the finance committee requires the pledged balance to produce a budget for the upcoming year. Chris also believes financially supporting the Church is about respect for our Church community, and for yourself. By participating in Stewardship, you are playing a role in the life of the Church and you are demonstrating a sense of belonging and ownership. By giving to the Church, you are doing the right thing and we always feel better about making good choices. So please, go online to [TheRedeemer.org/pledge](http://TheRedeemer.org/pledge) and feel good about your support and about checking something off your to do list!!

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

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**Al Greenough**  
**Kevin Leahy**  
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**Harry Miller**  
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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.

**Worshipping 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 (Re-deemerBrynMawr), 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



## Monday December 19

January Voice Deadline  
 8:00pm NA.....Masterman Hall

## Tuesday December 20

*Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552*

11:00am Anne Curtis Graveside.....Churchyard  
 3:00pm Beaumont Eucharist ..... Beaumont at Bryn Mawr  
 9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

## Wednesday December 21

*St. Thomas the Apostle*

7:00am Red Cross Blood Drive ..... Burns Hall  
 10:00am Christmas Installation Delivery Flower Guild..... Church  
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist ..... Church  
 1:00pm Staff Meeting..... Rm 204  
 2:00pm Reserved ..... Raymond Library  
 2:00pm Liturgy Meeting ..... Rm 204  
 5:00pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal ..... Rm 221  
 5:00pm Chorister Rehearsal ..... Choir Rm  
 6:00pm Mid-Week Parish Supper..... Burns Hall  
 6:45pm Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal ..... Church  
 7:00pm Merry Meals set-up ..... Burns

## Thursday December 22

7:00am Merry Meals distribution ..... Burns Hall  
 7:30am Men's Bible Study..... Rm 125  
 9:00am Christmas Flower Installation..... Church  
 12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture ..... Raymond Library + Zoom  
 1:00pm Formation Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
 1:00pm Nelly Lincoln Interment..... Churchyard  
 2:00pm Nelly Lincoln Memorial Service..... Church  
 3:00pm Lincoln Reception ..... Burns Hall  
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Masterman Hall  
 9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

## Friday December 23

9:00am Christmas Flower Installation..... Church  
 12:00pm Office Closes  
 3:00pm Private Baptism..... Church

## Saturday December 24

*Christmas Eve*

9:00am St Gabriel's Mission ..... Kitchen  
 10:30am Organ practice..... Church  
 4:00pm Christmas Pageant (Doors open 3:30) ..... Church  
 6:00pm Christmas Evening Prayer ..... Church  
 10:00pm Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist music (traditional) begins 9:30 ..... Church

## Sunday December 25

*The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ*

10:00am Holy Eucharist ..... Church

*Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar)  
 All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Lou Russo  
Pierce Archer  
Morris  
Janet Harvey  
Louise Marx  
Irene

J. D.  
Dana  
Barbara  
Gene  
Chris McCleary  
Fran Northrup

Joan  
Monica Hackett  
Jeffrey  
John  
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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Today Church School classes will attend the Church School Nativity Pageant in Burns Hall.

There is no Confirmation class session this Sunday, but students should plan to attend the Church School Nativity Pageant in Burns Hall!

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY TAKE A BREAK AND RESUME JANUARY 8

On Sunday December 25 and January 1 Church School and Nursery teachers will be taking a well-deserved break, and classes will not meet. Classes and Nursery care will resume on January 8.

## WAYS TO GIVE



Via Text



Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options