

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Speaker Series Returns

#### February 15 at 11:00am - Pembroke Rm

**Redeemer parishioner Tad Sperry**, whose work appears throughout the Parish House, will have a conversation with Jeremy O'Neill about his career as an artist, his work that hangs in the Parish House, and current projects he is working on.

#### March 8 at 11:00am - Pembroke Rm

Nancy Goldenberg, Executive Director of Laurel Hill Cemetery, will be joining us to talk about the history of the cemetery, current programs, and ecological efforts. This kicks off a series of speakers who will be discussing the role Churchyards and other burial spaces play in the environment and the community.

### RYG on Worktrip to DC

Members of our Redeemer Youth Group departed for Washington, DC on Thursday and return on Monday. See the Children's & Youth Ministries panel for details about the worktrip.

### Evensong Update

The third Sunday of the month February 15 Choral Evensong, usually sung by our Choristers, will not take place this month. Too many of them will be away over the long weekend.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

HOSTED BY  
THE VESTRY

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 to 7:00pm

Join us in celebration of the final feast before Lent.  
Burns Hall - Parish House

\$5/person \$15 max/family



### Sunday, February 15

*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery .....	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with music .....	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Burns Hall
10:45am	Church School .....	Second Floor Classrooms
11:00am	Speaker Series-Tad Sperry .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
8:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom



**Liturgies at:**

**7:30am**

**Noon**

**7:00pm**

with music & choir

**Imposition of ashes at all services**

## 174th Annual Meeting

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 22 following the 9:30am service. Please join us in Burns Hall for brunch and to vote for incoming Vestry members, review the budgets, hear about our plans for the 175th Anniversary and more. The Vestry approved slate of nominees for the Vestry are: W. Scott Carter, Rita Davis, Jessie Caverly Rae and Eric Rabe. You'll find photos and bios on the next panel and on the website at [www.TheRedeemer.org/Vestry](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/Vestry)

**Note about the Annual Report:** In an attempt to encourage greater readership, this year's report is being assembled in whole by the staff member responsible for each ministry. We hope it will shorten and create a more unified report.

## Pop-Up Food Collection

The small but vital Food Pantry at St. Gabriel's Church empties quickly each week. Food is bagged and distributed to families and individuals in the community. Please consider adding a few extra non-perishable items to your list when shopping for groceries (e.g., canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, jelly, soups, pastas, canned fruit, instant oatmeal, cereal, deodorants, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes) and deliver them to the wicker hamper in the parish house before February 27. Redeemer's St. Gabriel's Lunch team will deliver items on Saturday, February 28. Questions? Contact Jan Clarke: [janc144@verizon.net](mailto:janc144@verizon.net).

## Winners' Concert Here

**Sunday, February 22, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

The Nelly Berman School of Music presents its 2026 Solo and Concerto Competition Winners' Concert here in the church featuring the NBS Faculty Quartet. Students and faculty will perform concertos by Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart and more. Tickets available at the door: \$25 Adults, \$15 for Children. More information at: [nbsmusic.com](http://nbsmusic.com).

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, in the final week before the Annual Meeting and the close of the active Stewardship campaign for 2026, the list of names of those who have pledged should be acknowledged, and recognized, with extreme gratitude? These generous 296 households thoughtfully pledged to sustain the financial health of our collective church community for 2026, and for years to come.



Pledge

Everyone involved with Stewardship; from volunteers, Vestry, staff and clergy, and especially to those who submitted pledges, should be recognized for their contributions to this annual church wide effort that sustains The Redeemer. That list is on the information monitors and will be printed in the Annual Report.

### Pledge Stats

2-12-26  
296 Pledges  
\$1,187,785.32  
9.2% increase



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## VESTRY NOMINEES

### Scott Carter

Scott grew up in the Tampa and Baltimore metro areas, graduating in 2015 from the McDonogh School. He holds a B.A. in history from the University of Michigan where he sang baritone in the Michigan Men's Glee Club. Visiting the Main Line on winter break, he encountered Church of The Redeemer at a Christmas Eve Service and was moved by the beauty of the architecture, liturgy, and music. In 2019, Scott began regularly attending services at The Redeemer and quickly became involved as a volunteer with the Redeemer Youth Group and as a bass in the Redeemer Choir. He has continued to serve in these roles over the past five years, assisting in RYG work trips to the Navajo Lands in Arizona and Utah, and to North Carolina, and Washington D.C. Other Redeemer service includes teaching confirmation classes for the past three years, and Confirmation alongside his class at the Episcopal Cathedral in Philadelphia last Easter. In addition to the Redeemer Choir, Scott sings with the newly formed Camarata, and for the last four years has appeared as Caspar in the Christmas Pageant. In 2025 he taught eighth grade Social Studies at Baldwin School looks forward to continuing work in education. He is an active singer with the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia, enjoys reading and tinkering with his Triumph Bonneville motorcycle.



### Jessie Caverly Rae

Jessie is a senior biomedical scientist with more than 20 years of experience across academia, pharmaceuticals, and public-health-focused agricultural science. She is involved in global professional, academic and regulatory consortia and societies, and currently serves as Senior Director of Investigative Pathology at Incyte, where she helps guide the safe development of new medicines.

Originally from Northeastern Pennsylvania, she holds a BS from Cornell, a VMD from Penn, a PhD and residency from Iowa State, and a postdoctoral fellowship from Penn. Jessie is one of a long line of Episcopalians and the mother of four children aged 25 through 9: Diarmid, CeCe, Cormac, and Anna. She and her husband call Church of The Redeemer her family's chosen and cherished home, and a deeply important element to her family. They have been members for over two decades, with Jessie serving with the Redeemer choir and music committee, and her children involved as acolytes, Sunday School students, choir members and Christmas Pageant participants. The Raes feel blessed to be part of a healthy and diverse congregation that values traditional worship while being open to smart progress. Jessie's looks forward to continuing leadership rooted in integrity and care for others.



### Rita Davis

Rita is a longtime member of Redeemer, where she and her husband have been members for over 47 years. She spent her early childhood in Clermont Ferrand, France, coming to the U.S. as a young girl, and has had a 45

year career at the Agnes Irwin School, serving for the past 13 years as head of the Language Department.

A teacher of French, she has served as head of the Cum Laude Committee, the Disciplinary and Diversity Committee and as a member of the initial team for setting the vision and mission of the Center for Advancement of Girls. She was elected vice president of the American Association of the Teachers of French, and has served as a consultant to the College Board, presenting workshops for new and experienced teachers of AP French on the East Coast, Las Vegas, and Switzerland. Off campus, she has supervised cooking classes at her home and conducted trips to Paris and Nîmes, with the goal of enhancing students' fluency in French and immersion in French culture. Her four children have been engaged in many activities at The Redeemer, singing in the choir, participating in the youth group trips, participating in the pageant, attending Sunday school, and participating in all the gifts of music, and her 3 daughters were brides here. Her children passed through many rites of passage throughout their growth: starting with birth and baptism, from chorister to adult choice, onto celebration of gaining adulthood, and yet need to face internments. Rita is active in many ministries, most notably, the Adult Formation Committee.



### Eric Rabe

For more than 40 years, Eric has been a member of The Redeemer, where he and his wife Luisa were married in 1999, and his three adult children baptized. In his business life, Eric was a senior vice president at Verizon Com-

munications for some 20 years. Earlier, he worked in television news, both on-air and in newsroom management. After retiring from Verizon, he consulted to various companies in the US and Europe, giving advice on management, organization and communications strategies.

Until last Fall, Eric served the Diocese of Pennsylvania as a member of the Board of Trustees. Prior to that he was vice president of the Diocese Standing Committee, in both roles, focusing on areas of property and finance. He holds degrees from Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania. A resident of Haverford, Eric has two grown daughters who live on the Main Line while a son lives in Brooklyn. At The Redeemer, Eric has served as a Vestry member, and can be seen most Sundays at the 8:00 o'clock service and sometimes in the Livestream booth during other services.

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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.

**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 or complete an online form [here](#).



**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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org)),  
Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr),  
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](http://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, February 16

Parish Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day

7:30pm Cantores Rehearsal ..... Choir Rm  
8:00pm NA ..... Masterman Hall

### Tuesday, February 17

*Shrove Tuesday*

*Janani Luuwum, Archbishop & Martyr, 1977*

1:00pm Clergy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
3:00pm Eucharist at Beaumont ..... Beaumont  
5:30pm Pancake Supper ..... Burns Hall  
7:00pm Vestry Meeting ..... Pembroke Rm  
9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

### Wednesday, February 18

*Ash Wednesday*

7:30am Ash Wednesday Liturgy ..... Church  
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy ..... Church  
1:00pm Staff Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
2:00pm Liturgy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
5:00pm Cherub Choir ..... Rm 215  
5:00pm Choristers Rehearsal ..... Choir Rm  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy ..... Church

### Thursday, February 19

*Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agath Lin Zhao & Lucy Yi Zhenmei, Martyrs*

7:15am Youth Bible Breakfast ..... Raymond Library  
7:30am Men's Bible Study ..... Pembroke Rm  
10:00am Formation Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204  
10:00am Needlepoint Group ..... Raymond Library  
12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture ..... Raymond Library  
4:00pm Finance Committee ..... via Zoom  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Masterman Hall  
9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

### Friday, February 20

*Frederick Douglass, Social Reformer, 1895*

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) ..... Church  
11:00am Nancy Wessells Funeral ..... Church  
4:30pm Prism Strings ..... Parish House

### Saturday, February 21

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

### Sunday, February 22

*The First Sunday in Lent*

8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... Church  
9:15am Nursery ..... Rm 208  
9:30am Choral Matins and Communion with music ..... Church + Livestream  
10:40am Coffee Hour ..... Burns Hall  
10:45am Church School ..... Second Floor Classrooms  
11:00am Annual Parish Meeting ..... Burns Hall  
1:30pm Nelly Berman School of Music Concert ..... Church  
4:00pm RYG ..... Masterman Hall  
8:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

*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

Please be aware of email scams. Staff members will NEVER request gift cards.  
Check the FROM address. If it is not from a @theredeemer.org address, DELETE IT.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Frank Helminska	Jay & Martha	Andreas Pas
Keanan	Lisa	William
Lyman Perry	Carol	Doris
Annie	Cannie	Camille Scott
Steve LoCastro	Malcolm	Tom Gerrity
Jill Whitney	Pam Daley	Chris McCleary
Jane	Bob Hobbs	Fran Northrup
Kristen	Megan	
Rhonda	Jill	

- 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, 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

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Nursery Care and Preschool - Rm 208 (ages 3 to PreK)

9:15am-11:00am

### Church School 10:45am - Second Floor Classrooms

#### Walk for Peace

This week we will engage our John's gospel and the story of Jesus responding to Lazarus' sisters and raising Lazarus from the dead. We will explore how the women came to Jesus and how they expected and understood Jesus' as a healing presence. We will also discuss how Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead serves as a sign of Jesus own forthcoming resurrection – a timely topic as we enter Lent.

### The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG left for Washington DC on Thursday to serve our capitals most vulnerable. Thursday and Friday the group will be partnering with an organization called Food for Friends that brings medical supplies and food to shut ins suffering from disease and poverty. Saturday evening we will have a behind the scenes tour of our National Cathedral and Sunday morning we will be serving at the Church of the Epiphany's welcome table helping to feed the unhoused community in down town Washington. We will stay for a very lively Eucharist with that congregation and then make our way to the DC Central Kitchen which does amazing things for those living below the poverty line in DC, through education, healthy food distribution, and job training. Monday morning we will make our way to the African American History Museum which will be a meaningful way to honor Black History Month and the African American story in this country. We are being hosted by Christ Church Georgetown and appreciate any and all prayers towards a successful and meaningful trip for all.

## Music at The Redeemer presents Music of Haydn & Mozart



The Redeemer Choir & Choristers  
The Redeemer Festival Orchestra

Andrew Senn, Conductor

**Sunday, March 8  
5:00pm**

\$30 General Admission  
\$15 Students and under 18s



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