News from Episcopal Church of Redeemer

MARCH 26, 2023

Adult Forum



Sunday, March 26, 10:45am - Burns Hall

Ejaz Sabir will speak about fasting for Ramadan. Mr. Sabir is a board member of Interfaith Philadelphia and an attorney specializing in immigration law. The holy month of Ramadan has just begun and Mr. Sabir will speak about the nature of fasting and how it fits into the spiritual life of Muslims. We will not hold Adult Forum presentations on Palm Sunday (4/2) or Easter (4/9), but will resume on April 16!

IHN Guests Depart Today

We thank God for the many volunteers and staff who have practiced loving our neighbors as ourselves, caring for two homeless families who are hoping to have their own homes soon. We are grateful for the variety of gifts and talents contributed by everyone. For those who have had the opportunity to spend time with Mo, Wil, Ty, April, Carter, Christian and Jace, it has been a joyful and rewarding experience. Please keep them in your prayers.

Easter Flowers

Please send the names of the people you wish to be remembered in the Easter Memorials. There is a suggested \$25 per name. Mark them as Easter Memorials and send them to the Parish Office, att. Fran Merritt, by April 3. Be sure to write the name(s) clearly so that we don't make a mistake. You can do it online as well at: www.TheRedeemer.org/donate_flowers.

Leith Departure

Jen Leith, our Parish Administrator, has announced her intention to step down from her position. She will be in the office full-time through the end of next week, and has graciously agreed to stay on through April in a part-time and hybrid capacity. Jen has been a wonderful presence in the office and proved to be an efficient and skilled administrator. We wish her well.

Mozart Concert Video



The video of the March 12 Mozart in March concert is now up on TheRedeemer. org. You can find it currently on the homepage and on TheRedeemer.org/choir_audios.

Sunday March 26 The Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00am 9:15am Nursery Rm 208 9:30am Upper School (Grades 4-7).....Rm 217 10:30am 10:30am Lower ElementaryRm 215 10:30am Preschool Rm 221 10:40am Coffee Hour......Burns Hall 10:45am 10:45am Adult ForumBurns Hall + Livestream 4:00pm

OUTREACH MATTERS

African Children's Mission Says Thank You

You certainly responded to our Have a Heart campaign to help our friends in Malawi. Now even more help is needed. A recent cyclone has left 326 dead, 201 missing, 796 injured and 501,775 total people affected.

There are cards and envelopes available in the back of the church for your contribution. One Heart can touch another Heart.

OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Morning Prayer

Wednesdays at 7:30am

Join us as we gather in the Church Chapel for weekly Morning Prayer together throughout Lent. Following the service, you are invited to join the group for breakfast together at a local establishment, to be determined.

Parenting in the Wilderness

Thursday, April 20 at 6pm in Burns Hall

Redeemer's new parenting group will meet for the second time continuing our conversation on mental health, faith and parenting. We have a local psychiatrist serving kids ages 8-20 coming in to speak with us. Please join us-all our welcome!

Save the Date

Friday, April 28 4-6pm

RYG will hold a fundraiser for the upcoming work trip to Navajo Land here on the Parish House terreace.

New Coffee Hour Offerings

There are now two locations:

directly inside the Parish House entrance (gathering space) and in the hallway outside the kitchen. It is our hope that those who wish to attend the Adult Forum in Burns Hall will collect food by the kitchen and enter the Forum. If not, we hope you'll continue with fellowship and food in the gathering space and the Clothier Room.

Parish Dinners

Please join us for dinner on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. What started as a potluck community dinner for choir members and families is now open to the entire Parish. Signups available at: www. TheRedeemer.org/RSVP

Nursery

We are looking to expand our team of professional Nursery caregivers. While we have put ads out on sites, we also know that sometimes the best candidates come from word of mouth. If you think you know someone who would be a great fit, contact Tory Dunkle at tdunkle@theredeemer.org for a copy of the job description.

Join the Painting Circle

Tuesdays 9am to 5pm in the Parish House Hospitality Suite

Parishioners are invited to come and be creative with The Painting Circle on Tuesdays any time 9am to 5pm. Watercolor is the preferred medium. No acrylics. There is no teacher. Everyone works on their own project. Bring your lunch & liquids & a cloth to cover your table if you have one. There is refrigeration and a microwave. All artistic experience levels are welcome. For more information, email Mimi Johnson artistmimi@hotmail.com or Bunny Coates ebhcoates@comcast.net

Music Program Coverage Update

While the process is put into place to find our new Director of Music we wanted to let you know that we're in good hands. Alexander Leonardi has been named Assistant Organist and will play to the end of the academic year. He will return to us in the fall for his final year at the Curtis Institute of Music. Paul Fleckenstein will return to play throughout the summer. Our hope is to have a new Director of Music in place by September. Hope Knight will lead adult choir rehearsals and Katy Hutchings assisted by Shelby Tipling will lead Cherub and Choristers rehearsals. They are provided backup by Jennifer Patten who distributes the music and our fabulous volunteer music librarians: Connie Stuckert, Joan Warren and Wilson Jeffreys.



Music at The Redeemer Series Continues

Friday, April 14 at 7:30pm - Spring in South America



Experience the magic and music of the Andes with the group, SONQO. Featuring internationally touring performers, this band brings to life the various traditions and music heard in the South American Mountains. SONQO plays authentic Andean and Latin American music with a variety of traditional instruments that originated during the Pre-Columbian times in combination with the stringed instruments brought by the Spanish conquistadors. The upbeat performance and beautiful harmonies of SONQO is sure to please audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the Redeemer Youth Group (RYG) goes to St. Francis Inn in Kensington one Sunday a month for the soup kitchen's lunch? St. Francis Inn is run by Friars and Nuns and provides daily hot meals, a free small grocery store, toiletry supplies and even charging stations for anyone in need of these necessary services. The Redeemer volunteers are prepped on the drive to just be present with the St. Francis clients, to meet them where they are in that moment and to see God's presence in every person. They do not feel the burden of "fixing" the poverty or the opioid crisis that plagues this community. The few hours these volunteers spend in Kensington are not only a world away from Bryn Mawr, but also a world away from the achievement oriented culture of the Main Line where every minute must be spent working towards a goal or outcome, often leading to the "right" college or University. In Kensington these kids learn instead the gift of giving of themselves, with no measurable outcome. These precious hours are spent learning to be in the presence of others while also building a greater perspective of humanity.

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

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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 March 27 Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929		
11:30am 8:00pm	Deb Burpee graveside	Churchyard Masterman Hall
Tuesday March 28		Jaems Solomon Russel, Priest, 1935
9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	Painting Circle New Committee	
Wednesday March 29		John Keble, Preist & Poet, 1866
7:30am 1:00pm 2:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Morning Prayer	
Thursday March 30		
7:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Women Exploring Scripture Formation Meeting	Rm 125Raymond Library & Zoom MeetingRm 204Masterman Hallvia Zoom
Friday March 31 John Donne, Priest & Poet, 1631		
9:00am 5:30pm 5:30pm 5:30pm	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) Prysm Prep Prysm	
Saturday April 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872		
9:00am 10:30am		Church Church
Sunday April 2 The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY		
8:00am 9:15am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 10:40am 10:45am 4:00pm	Nursery Choral Matins. Upper School (Grades 4-7) Lower Elementary Preschool. Coffee Hour Confirmation Class.	Church Rm 208 Church + Livestream Rm 217 Rm 215 Rm 221 Burns Hall Hospitality Suite Youth Cottage

IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Tim & Deb Meg Curry Fran Northrup

Sara Farwell Louise Marx Ioan

Mimi Johnson Irene Monica Hackett

Virginia Simpson Dana **Jeffrey** Lou Russo Barbara John

Pierce Archer Gene Rebecca Clothier Case

Ianet Harvey Chris McCleary

- For the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- 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 our Montgomery County neighbors who are homeless and have lost their saftey nets, espicially our Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests.
- For those who have died, especially The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold 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 or contact Jo Ann Jones; jjones@theredeemer.org

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Lesson of the Day

Lower School: The Parable of the Good Shepherd Upper School: Holy Week

Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)

Today the children will hear the parable of the Good Shepherd as found in John 10. The Good Shepherd knows his sheep by name, and he loves and protects them. The sheep know his voice and follow him. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. This parable is pivotal and is told each year. Gradually, the children begin to know Jesus as the Good Shepherd and discover that they, themselves, are the sheep.

Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)

Today the children will hear again the parable of the Good Shepherd. Building on what they already know about the parable, we will explore the significance of the shepherd leaving the 99 in the "open" to go and find the one lost sheep.

Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)

Last week the children began a multi-week walk towards Holy Week and Easter morning. This week we explore the Palm Sunday and Holy Week narratives.

Confirmation - Hospitality Suite

The class will meet on Sunday in the Hospitality Suite. We will continue discussing and planning for our service project!

Redeemer Youth Group - Youth Cottage

RYG will be meeting this Sunday from 4-6pm for kickboxing and a guest speaker who will be sharing her experience with lamentation and painting as an outlet.

WAYS TO GIVE









Via PayPal

All Options