# News from Episcopal Church of Redeemer

MAY 28, 2023

## Adult Forum Discussion on June 4

Sunday, June 4 at 1:45am in Burns Hall Your opinions are needed!

What does Adult Formation mean to you? Are there specific topics and questions you would like to see addressed in forums? Would a weeknight class be preferable to Sunday mornings? Please plan to join members of the Adult Forum Committee to discuss formation ideas for the coming program year. We want these presentations to be relevant and interesting to you, so we invite your feedback on what has been offered this year as well as suggestions for the future.

# Concerto Competition Winners' Concert

#### Sunday, June 4 at 6:30pm in the Church

You're invited to attend this concert of the Nelly Berman School of Music Concerto Competion Winners. Five winners will be accompanied by the Ambler Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jack Moore. More information: nbsmusic.com Tickets: Adults \$20, Child \$15



Join Philadelphia-based swing group "Josh Lee and the Extended Family" in the court-yard of our Parish House. Founded in 2020, this group aims to pay tribute to the Swing Era through the music of African American bandleaders like Count Basie, Jimmie Lunceford and Chick Webb. The band is made up of the brightest young Philadelphia musicians who are unified by the goal of keeping this music alive for generations to come. An ice cream truck and refreshments will be on hand to celebrate this last concert of our Music at The Redeemer season.

\$35 per ticket Free admission for students

Sunday May 28		The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Parish House Gathering Space
12:00pm	Parker Graveside Service	Churchyare



# 9am to 4pm

Memorial Day through Labor Day

# 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 <a href="mailto:artistmimi@hotmail.com">artistmimi@hotmail.com</a> or Bunny Coates <a href="mailto:ebhcoates@comcast.net">ebhcoates@comcast.net</a>

# Prophets of Hope: The Art Tour

#### Philadelphia Museum of Art

#### Sunday, June 25, 2-3:30pm

Art can inspire us to find hope all around us. Interfaith Philadelphia invites you to join them to view and discuss works of art at the PMA including portraits of historical figures who channeled hope into accomplishment. We will observe artists' visions of a better future and as we respond to the art we see on the tour, the shape of hope in our own hearts and minds will be revealed. More information: https://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/art

## **Blood Drive Success**

Sincere thanks to all who donated blood at our recent Red Cross Blood Drive. 17 pints were donated which will go to help save the lives of 51 local hospital patients. The Red Cross could not fulfill its mission with you! Our next blood drive hosting will take place here on Thursday, July 6, 2–7pm.

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know the Darby Mission feeds the mind, body and spirit of Darby residents? Doris Rajagopal, who served as a seminarian for a year at Redeemer in 2007, was the minister at an Episcopal Church in Darby. When the church closed, the diocesan bishop agreed to support Doris as she recreated a church without walls. That became the Darby Mission. Our bishop and diocesan staff are an integral factor in the success of the mission. The diocese rents a small house which provides a worship place and gathering spot. Doris works with the local community to feed people through monthly dinners where all are welcome, monthly food giveaways which she personally delivered in lockdown and every Thursday night a small group gathers to worship with an Episcopal service followed by a dinner at the Mission house. Darby Mission has been involved in creating a variety of programs including an after school elementary program and summer camp, cooking classes for teens, and an online weekly Bible study. The mission house is used for a young woman's support group. Darby Mission welcomes everybody, and Doris feels called to build connections and opportunities and does so through the monthly Darby Dinners and a future Youth Mentorship Program. Darby Mission is one of Redeemer's Outreach Grant recipients.

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

#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

# Sign-Up Now for FPML Hosting June 18-25

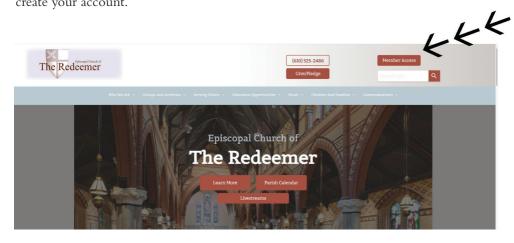
Some of our Montgomery County neighbors have lost their safety nets and are temporarily experiencing homelessness. They demonstrate amazing resilience and perseverance as they work to find jobs and housing and to get back on their feet with the help of Family Promise of the Main Line (formerly IHN) and volunteers like us. Please use the Sign-Up Genius on line (<a href="www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP">www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP</a>) or sign up on the easel in the Parish House to indicate whether you can bring a meal, spend time with our guests, stay overnight, help set up or take down beds, do laundry or provide basic groceries. All ages are welcome; sign up today!

# **New Name for Outreach Community Services**

In an effort to highlight the reciprocal nature of our work, the Outreach Community Services Committee has changed its name to "Community Connections." While we will continue to provide food, meals, shelter, clothing, toiletries, and grants where needed, we will also be emphasizing the importance of creating connections with those who, for all sorts of reasons, would otherwise remain strangers. As Peter Vanderveen pointed out in his May *Voice* article, it's the work of being present, shifting from "transactional giving to the realization of the mutual benefit gained when we can share God's grace." *The rich and the poor have a common bond, the Lord is the maker of them all.* (Prov. 22:2)

#### **UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS TO ONLINE DIRECTORY**

If you have already established an account in Member Access, just login. If you need a login account, go to the homepage of <a href="https://www.TheRedeemer.org">www.TheRedeemer.org</a> and click on the Member Access button in the upper right corner and then follow the on-screen directions to create your account.



Once inside Member Access, here are directions for uploading your family and individual photos to Member Access.

- Click on HOME (far left at the top of the page in the MENU options)
- In the dropdown menu, click My Profile
- Click the Edit tab (upper right corner)
  - o For a family photo click on Family Info tab (upper right corner)
  - o Click Upload New Photo and find it on your computer
  - o Once it is there and you've previewed it, click SAVE.
  - o <u>For an individual photo</u> click on Personal Photo tab (upper right corner)
  - o Click Upload New Photo and find it on your computer
  - Once it is there and you've previewed it, click SAVE.



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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 May 29		
8:00pm	Office Closed NA	
Tuesday May 30 The Book of Common Prayer 154		
9:00am 9:00pm	Painting Circle	Hospitality Suitevia Zoom
Wednesday May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
1:00pm 2:00pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Staff Meeting Liturgy Meeting Main Line Classical Recital	Staff Conf Rm 204 Staff Conf Rm 204 Church Choir Rm
Thursday June 1 Justin, Martyr, 167		
12:00pm 1:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Formation Meeting	Raymond Library + Zoom Staff Conf Rm 204 Masterman Hall via Zoom
Friday June 2  Blandian & Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons, 177		
9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)		
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Sunday June 4 The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday		
8:00am 9:15am 9:30am 10:40am 10:45am	Nursery Holy Eucharist Rite II Coffee Hour	

Up-to-date calendar always available on www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar All Zoom meeting links are there as well.

12:00pm Nelly Berman Concerto Competition Winners & Ambler Orchestra... Church

RYG Final BBQ.....Parish House

#### **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.



6:00pm





Via Venmo



Via PayPal



All Options

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Robert Senior Pierce Archer Fran Northrup

Rob Morris Janet Harvey Jo

Scott Stephan Meg Curry Monica Hackett

Tim & Deb Louise Marx Jeffrey Virginia Simpson Gene John

Lou Russo Chris McCleary Rebecca Clothier Case

- 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 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**

## **End of Church School Season**

Church School has ended for this season. Nursery and Children's Chapel will continue throughout the summer during the 9:30 service.

# Redeemer Youth Trip To Navajoland Approaches

As RYG prepares for our trip to Utah and Arizona to work with the Navajo people June 17-23, we consider how the life of Christ and the Christian tradition can appeal to a people who have felt—and feel—occupied, suppressed, cheated and ignored. Christianity may offer hope to the Navajo people, as Christ offered hope to the first century Jews (who were similarly occupied, suppressed, cheated and ignored), but it is a relationship inherently complicated by the role that the Church has played for the last three centuries in the lives of Indigenous peoples across this nation. This trip will allow us to better understand that complicated relationship, and to learn more deeply about both the Navajo, and ourselves. We may find that the Navajo people are more comfortable living into the Easter season of surrender and faith, while we linger in a Good Friday, Holy Saturday uncertainty.

Or we may not. We may find more answers to the riddles of our own faith through living with those whose faith has been deeply influenced by a life and culture that has a different relationship with control.

We talk about metanoia in theology: a conversion or change of heart, that Christians often experience. This metanoia can be, and I argue should be, an ongoing process throughout our lives; every Lent, and every Easter, every week and sometimes, on a small scale, every day. It is a turning to God.

I believe it is in experiencing other people's hospitality that we learn true hospitality. It is in experiencing other people's grace that we understand the profound impact of grace, and it is in witnessing other peoples transformation that often we are transformed. My hope for this trip to Navajo Land is that the kids, and the leaders, experience metanoia. My hope is that their hearts are transformed and that they find love in the stranger and hope in surrender. Because it is when we let go of ourselves as the very center that we are truly liberated and can turn ultimately to God as the Alpha and the Omega. This is what Easter is all about!

Rebecca Northington Director of Youth Ministries