News from Episcopal Church of Redeemer

MAY 7, 2023

Adult Forum

Sundays at 10:45am in Burns Hall May 7

Come hear from our own Hope Knight and Katy Hutchings, Redeemer staff singers and choir directors. They will talk about their own journeys as musicians and about the power of music in building relationships.

Final Evensong of the Season

May 7 4:00pm

The service will be sung by Chancel Choir and the canticles will be the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis in Ab* of Basil Harwood and the anthem *Evening Hymn* by H. Balfour Gardiner.

Livestream is Back

Our livestream system is back up and running and we will once again be streaming the 9:30am service. Remember, the videos remain accessible from our website and YouTube channel so you can watch later as well.

Christmas Village Gearing-Up

The Christmas Village Committee will be meeting to kick-off 2023 planning on May 15 at 7 pm in the Parish House Room 125. Please plan to join us to learn what's changing and what's staying the same and how you can get involved. ALL are welcome – if you've been interested in joining this fun and festive group, this is a great opportunity to jump in! If you have any questions – please reach out to Kate Chojnacki (kate.chojnacki gmail.com) or Elisabeth Cooke (elisabeth.c.cooke@me.com).



Distinguished Speaker Series

Monday, May 8, 7:00pm

Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. - The Ethics of Anti-Racism Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church - 625 Montgomery Ave.

This is a unique opportunity to hear one of the leading voices on racism right here in our neighborhood. Dr. Glaude is a Princeton professor, bestselling author and political commentator. The session is free and no reservations are needed.

y May 7	The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
Nursery	Rm 208
Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs	Church + Livestream
Upper School (Grades 4-7)	Rm 217
Preschool	Rm 221
Lower Elementary	Rm 215
Coffee Hour	Gathering Space & Burns Hall
Adult Forum	Burns Hall + Livestream
Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite
RYG	Masterman Hall
Choral Evensong	Church
	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I. Nursery Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs Upper School (Grades 4-7) Preschool Lower Elementary Coffee Hour Adult Forum Confirmation Class RYG



We're puttin' the two together

Sunday, May 21 at 4:00pm **Parish House Courtyard**

tents and music along with hot dogs, hoagies and drinks provided

Bring food to share. If your name begins with

A - I Salads J - R Desserts

S - Z Entrées

Seeing All Things Through the Generosity of Faith

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 8pm

Masterman Hall: led by Peter Vanderveen

Ask anyone who is not a Christian for a word that describes the Christian faith; "generosity" would probably not be mentioned. Ask anyone who is a member of a church for a word that describes the church's core message, "generosity" probably wouldn't be included. Faith is often described as the discipline of pinching our lives down to a level of moral thinness that would allow us to squeeze through "the narrow gate." This stinginess does not reflect the Gospels nor the expression of faith set out in our worship. Yet we regularly fail to appreciate that faith is our cultivation of seeing God's generosity in all things. In a series of investigations of what is said and done in our liturgies and what is taught by the church, we will explore how it is that generosity is expressive of the very heart of Christianity.



May Voice

A link to our monthly newsletter Voice of The Redeemer was emailed to you on Thursday, May 4. Please take a few minutes to read about the happenings around your parish. This issue along with back issues are available online at www.TheRedeemer.org/Voice.

ERRATA:

The June date of the Swing into Summer concert on page 4 was incorrect. The date of the concert is June 11 at 4pm. The online version has been corrected.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know Elder Net, which is located right next to Ludington Library, provides assistance to help keep elderly and disabled people who live in Lower Merion and Narberth stay in their homes? Elder Net's social workers help participants find the services they need and volunteers help staff a food pantry and drive participants to doctors appointments. After three years of adapting to COVID restrictions Elder Net is back to providing in person services and connections for the participants. The food pantry offered grab and go bags of groceries during the pandemic and since most doctors appointments went online, volunteer drivers were not needed. Now the food pantry is open for shopping and volunteers are driving participants again. These services, and social interactions, are so important for the elderly and disabled in our community who have been even more isolated during COVID. The relationships are just as meaningful for the volunteers who give of their time. ElderNet is a recipient of Redeemer Outreach Grants.

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

OUTREACH MATTERS

Caring Collections for St. Gabe's

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of unsheltered individuals coming to the Saturday lunch program at St. Gabriel's Church where, in addition to a meal, they can obtain some legal aid and other assistance. As a way of helping these individuals maintain a sense of health and well-being, St. Gabriel's parishioners offer customized bags of **travel size** toiletries and grooming items. We can help by donating any of the following: packets of wet wipes, small hand sanitizer, small liquid or cake soap, small shampoo, deodorant, small mouthwash, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving items, sanitary pads, Band Aids, comb, brush, socks-any size, underwear-any size. A gray hamper in the Parish House hallway is marked for toiletry donations. Please drop off your items between Sundays, May 7 and May 21. They will be taken to St. Gabe's when Jan Clarke and her team deliver their regular meal on Saturday, May 27.

Many Thanks

To all who donated clothing for the refugees from Ukraine and to Jenny Kirkpatrick for spearheading this drive. Earlier this week Jenny, along with John Herzog, delivered a carload of clothing to the Ukrainian Cathedral in Philadelphia.



Habitat for Humanity

Parishioner Al Boris was honored on May 4 with this year's Good Neighbor Award, citing his 30+ years of volunteering time, talent and treasure and going above and beyond to advance Habitat's mission. Congratulations, Al!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

To facilitate all of us getting to know one another, we'd love to get your photos into our database. That database is accessible to all members who have given us their email address through our website **Member Access** button.

If you have already established an account in Member Access, just login. If you need a login account, go to the homepage of www.TheRedeemer.org 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
 - o 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 8 Julian of Norwich, Mystic & Theologian, c. 1417		
1:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm 8:00pm	Mary Sue Grover Hansen Memorial serv Meeting to discuss postal machine Mary Sue Grover Hansen Reception NA	Staff Conf Rm 204 Burns Hall
Tuesday May 9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop & Theologian, 389		
9:00am 9:00am 9:00pm	Painting Circle	Hospitality SuiteMasterman Hall
Wednesday May 10		
1:00pm 3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm	Staff Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
Thurso	lay May 11	Johann Arndt & Boehme, Mystics, 1621 & 1624
7:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 1:00pm 1:00pm 4:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Rm 125Raymond Library & Zoom MeetingChurchStaff Conf Rm 204onlineMasterman Hall
9:00am	May 12 Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
4:30pm	Prysm Dress Rehearsal	
Saturday May 13 Frances Perkins, Social Reformer, 1965		
9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) Organ practice Prysm Concert JTH Dance	
Sunday May 14 The Sixth Sunday of Easter		
8:00am 9:15am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 10:40am 10:45am 10:45am 4:00pm	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Rm 208 Church & via Livestream Rm 217 Rm 221 Rm 215 Gathering Space & Burns Hall Hospitality Suite Burns Hall + Livestream

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

• For those who are sick or in need:

Scott Stephan Meg Curry Monica Hackett

Tim & Deb Louise Marx **Ieffrey** Virginia Simpson Gene John

Lou Russo Chris McCleary Rebecca Clothier Case

Pierce Archer Fran Northrup

Janet Harvey

• 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
- 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

Lesson of the Day

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Preschool - Rm 221 (age 3 to Kindergarten)

We have spent our Eastertide exploring many of the parables Jesus told. Today we will hear the Parable of the Good Samaritan and explore how we show love to another and more importantly how God shows love to us.

Lower Elementary - Rm 215 (grades 1 to 3)

"Who is our neighbor?" and "How are we called to love our neighbors?" Are questions we will ponder as we hear the words and actions that comprise the Parable of the Good Samaritan. As we work with the wooden figures that help tell the parable. We'll reflect on our relationship with God and our neighbors.

Upper School - Rm 217 (grades 4 thru 7)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a familiar one. Today we will dive into this parable and try to understand it from a different and deeper angle. Specifically, we will ask the question of what this parable has to tell us about who God is and how God loves and welcomes each of us despite our "otherness."

Confirmation - Hospitality Suite

The class meets weekly after the 9:30 service in the Hospitality Suite and is currently working on a special project.

Redeemer Youth Group - Masterman Hall

RYG will be meeting at the Parish house today from 4-6 pm and will spend time reflecting on our fundraiser in April while working on thank you cards to our very generous donors. We will also begin to wrap up our theme of lamentation and will discuss how lamentation presents itself through the film Indian Horse which we will screen for the kids.

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 PayPal

All Options