

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

JUNE 18, 2023

Sign-Up Now for FPML Hosting June 18-25

We'll be hosting Family Promise of the Main Line families – three mothers with a total of four boys (ages 5, 13, 14 and 19). We especially need folks to spend time with the boys, perhaps playing catch, basketball or board games (one wants to learn how to play chess). Please use the Sign-Up Genius on line (www.TheRedeemer.org/RSVP) OR the in-person easel to indicate how you can help. Homelessness in Montgomery County has recently been highlighted in the news. We can do our part in a very small way by providing food and shelter while the mothers look for jobs and housing through the sponsorship of FPML. And many many thanks to those who have already signed up!

Redeemer Youth Trip To Navajoland This Week

On June 17th the Redeemer Youth Group, RYG, embarked upon their first real work-trip since before the pandemic! We have managed local Philly trips which have been educational and profoundly worthwhile. But the process of saying goodbye for a week and flying off to a completely new destination, environment, climate, and ultimately culture, is an invaluable experience for young people still developing their sense of the world and their place in it.

Our flight will take us to Phoenix, Arizona, where we will collect vans and drive many hours north to Bluff, Utah. St. Christopher's Mission sits beside the San Juan River and across the river lies the Navajo reservation, or "Navajo Land." We will be 4327 feet in elevation, and the red earth, red rocks and dramatic landscape will certainly affect our sense of location.



St. Christopher's Mission was established in 1943. Its founder Friar Baxter Liebler, an Episcopal priest, "understood 'mission' as a process of discerning with the people the Spirit of God that is active and present in the land and amongst the people" (St. Christopher's website). The setting of the Church is nestled into the bluffs of the Canyonland and certainly will contribute to our sense of the Spirit in the land and amongst its people!

Every work trip effectively shakes the "main line" from our outer and inner selves, but a trip like this has the potential to shake off the social and material comforts of our world while we are there, and to drastically reframe our sense of geographical bias permanently. We pray that we will enter into community with the Navajo people with open hearts and open minds and will walk away with a greater understanding of our country's history, and also of the kind of future we would like to help build.

Rebecca Northington
Director of Youth Ministries

Sunday June 18

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery	Rm 208
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Church & via Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Gathering Space
10:45am	Confirmation Class	Hospitality Suite



9am to 4pm

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Summer Book Study

Join Winnie and other parishioners for a book study on Wednesday evenings. More details will be forthcoming in the weekly emails, but this will be a casual group and participants will be encouraged to join as often as they are able. We hope to meet approximately 4 times on Wednesday evenings beginning in late June. Stay tuned for more information and reach out to Winnie with questions!

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>

June Voice of The Redeemer

Links to the June issue of The Voice were emailed to you recently and you can also find it at www.TheRedeemer.org/Voice. This is the final monthly issue of *Voice of The Redeemer*. In September, publication will move to quarterly issues which will focus on a particular area of our ministries together. The new quarterly editions will feature a redesigned fully digital format to be more easily readable online with links to extended articles. The fall issue will feature all the programs scheduled for the coming academic season. Deadline for that issue will be Monday, August 28.

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 without you! Our next blood drive hosting will take place here on Thursday, July 6, 2-7pm.

DID YOU KNOW

We have recently changed the lead statement on our home page to reflect the Episcopal Church's declared vision. It reads:

"In the light of the resurrection, we live in the direction of hope; where faith is adventurous, inclusion increases joy, and peace is shared."

This openness is not always shared among other Christian denominations and groups, as so many news reports show; but it is central to our understanding of the redemptive and reconciling proclamation of the Gospel. It has also shaped, and continues to shape, our own Redeemer community life, including our welcoming of same sex couples and offering them the celebration of marriage. This has proven, indeed, to be an increase in joy, as was so wonderfully experienced in the marriage here of our own staff members Ken Garner and Bob Mikrut. It was an experience of community which stands as witness of an option other than judgment that divides.

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

You're Invited - ECS Block Party at St. Barnabas

June 24 from 10am-2pm

Episcopal Community Services St. Barnabas Community Resource Center's 2nd Annual Block Party, 6006 W Girard Avenue, Philadelphia 19151. Bring the whole family for free food, live music, games, activities, photo booth, vendors and more. For more information and sign-up, go to <https://www.ecsphilly.org/>.

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)

Saturday Lunches at St. Gabriel's - 4th Saturday

A reminder that our parishioners continue to prepare and serve lunch at St. Gabriel's Church on the 4th Saturday of the month year-round. Typically, 75-100+ people from the Olney (Philadelphia) neighborhood come to eat lunch, "shop" for donated clothing and non-perishable food, and seek advice from the Episcopal Legal Aid team. We meet at Redeemer at 9:00am and generally return by 12:30pm. If you are interested in joining us for the next Saturday (June 24) or would like to have your name added to a monthly reminder email list, please contact Jan Clarke via email (janc144@verizon.net) or cell phone (610) 547-1958.

St. Gabe's Thank You! The Redeemer response to the request for toiletries for St. Gabe's was truly overwhelming. We are grateful for your many contributions. We had such an abundance that we have been able to share extras with other agencies that Redeemer supports. Thank you!

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 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 **For an individual photo** click on Personal Photo 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.



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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 June 19

Adelaide Teague Case, Educator, 1948

Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
8:00pm NA..... Masterman Hall

Tuesday June 20

9:00am Painting Circle.....Hospitality Suite
3:00pm Beaumont EucharistBeaumont at Bryn Mawr
9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Wednesday June 21

1:00pm Staff Meeting.....Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm Liturgy MeetingStaff Conf Rm 204

Thursday June 22

Alban, Martyr, c. 304

12:00pm Women Exploring Scripture Raymond Library + Zoom
1:00pm Formation MeetingStaff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Masterman Hall
7:00pm Redeemer Choir RehearsalChoir Rm
9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Friday June 23

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

Saturday June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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*Up-to-date calendar always available on 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

IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Robert Senior	Pierce Archer	Fran Northrup
Rob Morris	Janet Harvey	Joan
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 safety nets, especially 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

Children's Chapel Continues Throughout the Summer

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

Summer Reading

Redeemer Youth Group and families, if you want some summer reading recommendations please read on! Being a teenager has never been an easy stage of life. And in today's society with the complexities of social media, high achievement expectations, and the stress of the constant spotlight, it has become toxic for many. A faith community offers an alternative to the cultural norms and addresses many of the challenges our youth face today. But most specialists believe parents can be the most important players in helping our kids to create good habits particularly around social media and in developing deep and authentic self esteem.

Through modeling good behavior around smart phone use, healthy relationship building and open dialogue with our kids we can be instrumental in helping them to not only survive these tricky years, but also to thrive. There is an endless supply of literature and studies to help support parents in this parenting experiment. Two recommendations that incorporate clinical, anecdotal, and approachable advice include: *My Tech Wise Life*, by Amy and Andy Crouch, and *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers: Raising Connected, Capable, and Compassionate Adolescents*, by Lisa Damour, Ph.D.

The first book is written by a well known, (local) author, speaker, and musician who has written numerous books on the importance of keeping tech in its rightful place, and family as central. He masterfully weaves into his guidance scripture and experience. This book is a conversation between Crouch's daughter who is a sophomore at Cornell, and replies to her in letter form by her father. It is an easy and compelling read for any of us who are raising, or have raised, young adults and uncovers many of the obstacles keeping teenagers and their parents foreign to one another.

The second book by Damour is much more clinical but also includes many very useful examples and helps us to understand the impact of our parental choices. There are countless "aha" moments that explain certain behaviors on the part of teenagers, and also on the part of those of us who are supposed to be representing experience, wisdom, and maturity, not always successfully.

Lastly, read Jon Haidt, anything that he has written or researched, but especially his blog on Substack. His collection of data is extensive and his presentation on the connection between our teen mental health crisis and smart phones is undeniable.

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