

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

JUNE 21, 2026

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Summer Publications Schedule

As is our custom, *News from The Redeemer* along with the weekly emails will be published monthly for July and August. The deadline for the July issue is July 1 and the August issue is July 29. Please make a note of it. Should breaking news happen, it will be included at the bottom of a morning meditation email.

### Children’s Chapel Summer Hiatus

The Children’s Chapel during the 9:30am service will take the rest of the summer off. It will return in September.

### Roof and Cross Repairs and Restoration



Recently some exciting and much-needed repairs were made to the church. You might have noticed dust and debris raining down from bricks in the arch over the altar. This was caused by water infiltration from damaged masonry on the exterior. A new

limestone cross and base at the peak of the roof gable at the end of the nave (over where the choir usually sits inside) were crumbling and have been replaced to match the old. Masons also repaired the gable and masonry under the roof eaves to help keep water out of the church. Repairs will continue next week with work at the top of the tower and cleaning masonry inside the church.

**Summer Office Hours**  
Memorial Day thru Labor day

9:00am to 4:00pm

## Sunday, June 21

*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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
8:00pm	Compline.....	via Zoom

## Family-to-Family

**Mondays, thru July 27, 2026 6 to 8:30pm hosted in the Pembroke Room**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is presenting a series of weekly classes through July, structured to help family members understand and support a relative diagnosed with a serious mental illness while maintaining their own well-being. The course is facilitated by trained volunteer family members who know what it's like to have a loved one with a serious mental illness. It is offered without charge. Registration is required. Contact Lisa at [lisa@namimainlinepa.org](mailto:lisa@namimainlinepa.org). Scan this QRCode to complete the interest form.



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP**  
 August 17 to 21  
 9:30am to 1pm each day

Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**

Visit [www.TheRedeemer.org/choirs](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/choirs)  
 for more information and to register

The Redeemer will run a choir camp for new and returning Choristers (rising 4th-8th graders) from August 17-21, 9:30-1pm each day. This time is an opportunity for the kids to get a jumpstart on music for the upcoming season, dive more deeply into music theory and techniques, play games and socialize. It's a great way for children to try singing in the choir in a relaxed environment. There is a nominal fee of \$100 per child to cover materials, lunch, and personnel. If you know of any children who might be interested, please have their parents reach out to Andrew Senn: [asenn@theredeemer.org](mailto:asenn@theredeemer.org). The choir camp is open to all.

## Liturgy Bags

There are bags with coloring, story books, and simple puzzles and mazes available in the narthex on a steel stand. Please feel free to borrow and use these materials if they would be helpful for your children and family during liturgies or at evensong services.

**Check out the new feature on our website: 11 Things I love about the Episcopal Church. There's a direct link to it on TheRedeemer.org.**

*11 Things I love about the Episcopal Church*

**5. How it makes room for those who've been burned out, worn out, or otherwise cast out.**

The Episcopal Church is a refuge, a respite, a place where we can come as we are and learn to receive grace again.

Access all 11 on  
 The Redeemer.org

11 things I love about the Episcopal Church  
 22 January 2015 / Ben Irwin

## Summer Cashflow

Although your travels may be taking you away from The Redeemer this summer, please remember to continue the payments on your 2026 pledge. The work of the church continues. Remember there are many methods to use when making payments. You'll find information about them at the bottom of the calendar panel of this publication. Mid-year giving statements will be mailed in early July.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Summer Collections for ElderNet

We are collecting items for ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth during the month of July. ElderNet (<https://eldernet.org>) is a nonprofit that serves adults of all ages, especially frail older or younger disabled persons with low to moderate incomes residing in this area. We've been asked to focus on cleaning supplies, both personal and household, as they run out quickly. Wish list items include: shampoos, conditioners (unopened), soaps, detergent, bathroom and kitchen cleaners, disinfecting solutions, toothpaste and especially paper towels and toilet paper. For your convenience there are green shopping bags hanging in the back of the Narthex with a list of suggestions inside. Please return your filled bag to the Parish House and place it next to the gray Community Connections hamper under the coat rack by August 30. If it is more convenient, feel free to drop supplies off directly at ElderNet, located in Bryn Mawr right behind Ludington Library. Questions? Contact Leslie Boris, [leslieboris@icloud.com](mailto:leslieboris@icloud.com)

### Christmas Village 2026

#### November 20 & 21

The Christmas Village will return again this coming November. An all-parish mailing went out recently providing some of the new ideas and details being planned. You are welcome to join the committee. If you are interested, contact our new co-chairs Jim Kelleher and Rik Morris.

### Crafting Takes Summer Vacation

Thanks to all who came and crafted this spring. We got a wonderful head start for the Christmas Village! While the formal crafting sessions are now on hiatus for the summer, if you are feeling creative and festive, please feel free to use Room 007 in the Parish House to make something we can sell in November. Our regular crafting sessions will resume in September. Dates will be announced as we get closer. In the meantime, if you see something you'd like to try to make come September, please contact Caroline Manogue (610-742-9072 or [cbmanogue@gmail.com](mailto:cbmanogue@gmail.com)). She is always on the lookout for new Christmas crafts!

## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the baptistery was once the South Porch entrance to the church? In the early 20th Century, the church was enlarged to the west to become the building we know today, and the South Porch entrance was reconfigured into a baptistery. At the time, baptisms were private and did not occur within the context of the liturgy. The Vestry minutes from 1913 note the "remaining window" was "given by Mrs. W. Plunket Stewart" as a memorial to her child, A.J. Cassatt Stewart. The small window on the right is a window by Tiffany Studios of New York depicting an angel welcoming a boy. In 1920 the Vestry minutes record Mrs. Plunkett offering to line the interior and entrance of the baptistery with "white Caen Stone" as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. A.J. Cassatt. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Stewart, and her desire to memorialize her mother and son, we have the dramatic white limestone surround at the entrance of the baptistery and the opalescent enamels in rainbow pastels on glass illustrating a comforting dream.

*Thank you to resident parish historian Maria Thompson for this informative research.*

*... 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.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerBrynMawr)),  
Instagram ([theredeemerpa](https://www.instagram.com/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

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- For hearing assistance devices
- For a card to drop in the offering plate if you give online

THIS WEEK AT THE REDEEMER

Monday, June 22

Alban, Martyr, c. 304

- 6:30pm Family to Family ..... Pembroke Rm
- 7:00pm NA Annual Meeting ..... Burns / Masterman Hall

Tuesday, June 23

- 1:00pm Clergy Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
- 7:00pm NEW Committee ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
- 9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

Wednesday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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

Thursday, June 25

- 10:00am Formation Meeting ..... Staff Conf Rm 204
- 4:00pm Finance Committee ..... via Zoom
- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Masterman Hall
- 9:00pm Compline ..... via Zoom

Friday, June 26

Isabel Florence Hapgood, Eaumenist, 1928

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

Saturday, June 27

- 8:45am St. Gabe's Prep ..... Kitchen
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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:

Irene  
Tess  
Dixon Sperry  
Binney McCague  
Keanen  
Lyman Perry

Annie  
Kristen  
Jay & Martha  
Lisa  
Malcolm  
Pam Daley

Bob Hobbs  
Megan  
Tom Gerrity  
Chris McCleary  
Fran Northrup

- 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.The-Redeemer.org/pastoral\\_care](http://www.The-Redeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Nursery and Church School

The nursery and church school will take a summer break and return in September.

### The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG recently had its final Picnic and will resume regular meetings after Labor Day.

### Confirmation Class

Watch here for information about a Confirmation Class forming in the fall to prepare eighth-graders for Confirmation when the bishop visits The Redeemer in December. Please reach out to Rebecca Northington ([rnorthington@theredeemer.org](mailto:rnorthington@theredeemer.org)) if you are interested in Confirmation.



# Why Engagement Matters



As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

**The church needs you.  
And you need the church.**