

# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

JUNE 25, 2023

## Redeemer Youth Trip To Navajoland

The Redeemer Youth Group (RYG) spent the past week working in Navajoland. Here are some pics with many more to come along with reports from their work there.



## 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!

## Sunday June 25

*The Fourth 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



9am to 4pm

Memorial Day through Labor Day



## Jeanne Holeman Joins FPML Board

Parishioner Jeanne Holeman has joined the board of Family Promise of the Main Line. She is a former Vestry member here and is Managing Director of Advanced Alchemy Labs.

**JOIN US AT  
CAMP DO GOOD.**

*Give Blood.*



**American  
Red Cross**



**Thursday, July 6 - 2 to 7pm Burns Hall—Parish House**  
Schedule your appointment online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(enter TheRedeemer) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



## DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the physical space of the new Parish House is another way Redeemer is involved with the community? By offering a sliding rental scale, which includes steep discounts for nonprofits and Redeemer members, we make the building accessible, and affordable to all. The 12-Step programs use our space for free two nights a week and even have private access through a side door. A variety of organizations from garden clubs, to out of state college groups and local high schools, to the Prysm Strings of the Youth Orchestra have rented the Parish House. We are happy to offer this beautiful space, and make it obtainable, to all who are interested in using our building for a variety of uses. Visit [www.TheRedeemer.org/rentals](https://www.TheRedeemer.org/rentals) for all the information.

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

## 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)

## A Heartfelt Thank You

Our thanks to the many volunteers who helped host our Family Promise families this past week. Our guests deeply appreciated the many ways you provided support, opened your hearts and cared for them. And, you created meaningful community connections not only with our guests but with each other. A win-win for all!



## 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](http://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](http://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 26

*Florence Haggood, Ecumenist, 1928*

5:30pm	Winnie wedding prep .....	Raymond Library
7:00pm	NA Anniversary celebration .....	Burns Hall
7:30pm	Cantores .....	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA .....	Masterman Hall

### Tuesday June 27

9:00am	Painting Circle .....	Hospitality Suite
4:30pm	Adult Forum Committee .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Wednesday June 28

*Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop & Theologian, c. 202*

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

### Thursday June 29

*The Apostles St. Peter & St. Paul*

1:00pm	Formation Meeting .....	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline .....	via Zoom

### Friday June 30

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday) .....	Church
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### Saturday July 1

*Pauli Murray, Priest, 1985*

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*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Keanen	Pierce Archer	Fran Northrup
Malcolm	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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto: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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