# News from Episcopal Church of Redeemer

**AUGUST 2021** 

# Addition to Protocols

Because of the recent surge in COVID infections, when you arrive at church on Sundays the ushers will now ask you two quick questions. 1. Do you feel well? 2. Have you been in contact with someone diagnosed recently with COVID. Additionally, as the weather gets colder, please dress accordingly. We are required to have the windows open to provide fresh air flow. This is part of our continuing endeavors to keep you safe in church.

## Adult Forum

#### What is Love...?

Adult Forum - Thursday, November 19, 7:00 PM - Via Zoom A Presentation and discussion led by Michael Palmisano

Love must be the most confounding force in existence. It is both our origin and our destination as human beings. It is simultaneously the cause for, and content of songs, poetry, and human longing. Love is what we were made from and what we are made for. Join us as we consider the great Love that has called us into existence and how we might daily respond to its generous freedom. This will mark the conclusion to our series on the virtues!

Adult Forum (recurring) Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81835751254">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81835751254</a>
The Adult Forum will be recorded and posted to our YouTube page. Participants will be prompted with a reminder and request for consent of our recording when they enter the Zoom meeting.

# Wed Noon Eucharists

We are now celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at Noon. Depending on the weather, it will be in the tent or in the church. All COVID protocols will be observed. Please use the signup on TheRedeemer.org homepage to let us know you will be attending.

# Thanksgiving Pies

The choirs are once again offering pie sales. Order forms along with how to deliver the forms and make payment are available with a link from our website homepage TheRedeemer.org. David Woods will also be available in the tent following the 10am Sunday services on November 8 & 15 to take your orders.

# **Live Stream Coming Soon**

This week, all the cameras and hardware were installed in the church to enable us to begin to live stream our services. We're hoping for a "dry-run" Sunday and to be up and running by November 22. Several youth have already offered to be trained to operate the equipment and we'd like to have several adults as well. If this is something that interests you and speaks to your IT nerd persona, please let Jay Einspanier know-jay@ theredeemer.org. This is a paid position and schedules will be developed so you will not be responsible to be available every week.

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

# St. James School Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who contributed clothing and egg cartons to St. James School in October. And special thanks to Mary Hopkins, who delivered them. Members of the neighborhood were delighted to receive our donations. Outreach Community Services hopes to hold another clothing drive in the spring.

# Service Sign Ups

We request that you try to sign up in advance for services you wish to attend. You'll find easy links to the SignUp Genius on our website at TheRedeemer.org.

# **Zoom Links**

Links for all of our Zoom meetings, classes and worship can be found on the Parish Calendar at TheRedeemer.org/calendar.

# **IHN Thank You**

Normally in the fall we host Interfaith Hospitality Network guests. Because of COVID they sheltered in place in Norristown. Rather than ask the Redeemer community to help this time, Outreach Community Services Committee member Jeanne Holeman took full responsibility. She provided enormous amounts of delicious homemade food, supplies and good cheer, all of which IHN guests deeply appreciated. Thank you, Jeanne!

## LEARN - PRAY - ACT

Resources from which to choose as we look inside ourselves and respond to racism as the people of God...

#### **LEARN**

Watch the new 2017 version of "I Am Not Your Negro" on Netflix. Based on James Baldwin's unfinished book, this powerful visual essay explores racism through the stories of Medgar Evers, Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Baldwin himself. This is a must see.

#### PRAY

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### ACT

In "I Am Not Your Negro," Baldwin says "We carry our history with us. We are our history." Take a few moments to journal about your history, especially as it intersects with what you know to be the African American experience. Would you be willing to share your story with others?

For more resources and ideas from this series use the link on TheRedeemer.org or email Outreach Community Service Committee chair Barbara Billings.

#### HIGHLIGHTING EXCITING PROGRESS ON THE NEW PARISH HOUSE

Lots of activity is happening at the construction site and finishes are going in. There are lots of new photos on our website TheRedeemer.org/relocation.





Bright second floor hallway looking toward the offices and stairway inside the office suite.

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

**Did you know** there are many options you can choose to pay your Stewardship commitment? You can give weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, with pledge envelopes or without, or a one time gift of securities, IRA or a donor advised fund. It is important to let the Church know how you will give, and approximately when, to help the office plan monthly cash flow and budgeting. And, speaking of monthly cash flow and budget, the pandemic adjusted how most people fulfill their 2020 pledges since many make weekly contributions. If you still have an outstanding balance for the 2020 you will receive a notice of an outstanding balance the first week in December.

... Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen! We are exceedingly grateful to these parishioners who have already made a pledge for 2021.

Maisie Adamson Paul & Mary Adkins Richard & Kris Aldridge Alexa Aldridge Charlie Alexander Warren & Susan Ayres Jeffrey Bell Eric Benke & Frances Merritt Thompson Sandra Berwind Barbara Billings Diana Bittel John & Lisa Black Charlie & Susan Bloom Barbara Borgersen Priscilla Bradshaw Jamie & Joan Bromley Rick & Phyllis Brown Jim & Lin Buck Drew & Babs Camerota Sam Chew Chris & Kate Chojnacki Peter & Kimberly Clement Quartie & Barbara Clothier Ellen Conlan Bill & Joanne Conrad Dick & Ottilie Conway Peter & Elisabeth Cooke, Jr. Betsey Corkran
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### **HELP US FOLLOW-UP**

This is an unprecedented time of personal isolation, when we simply cannot gather in the easy and casual ways that usually, quietly structure our time. Our fellowship has been diminished, and with this our sense of community can be weakened. We're hoping that many members, feeling this, might like to help us strengthen our parish ties by reaching out and creating a network of connection. Our Stewardship campaign is underway, and would be enormously aided by parishioners who'd be willing to contact 4 or 5 families, either by email or telephone, to talk about The Redeemer and the opportunity to support our ministries in the coming year. There is so much good that is coming—the renewal of many things—and we'll be better prepared for them by working together and, thereby, realizing the value of our fellowship and the beauty of contributing to it. If you'd be willing to participate in this, please send an email to Fran Merritt at finerritt@ theredeemer.org.

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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.

For in church worship, all are required to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing using only pews that are unmarked.

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.

To help parents guide children during services, we offer an instructional bulletin intended

for elementary school students. Ask an usher for one. 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.

Best sources for information on all our ministries are on our website (www.TheRedeemer.org), Facebook page (RedeemerBryn-Mawr), 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

Monda	ay, November 16	Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093
9:00 pm	• •	via Zoom
Tuesda	y, November 17	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess, 1231
9:00 pm		via Zoom
Wedne	sday, November 18	Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680
12:00 pm		
5:30 pm	Schola Bells	Church
7:00 pm	Double Quartet Rehearsal	Church
9:00 pm	Compline	via Zoom
Thursd	ay, November 19	Mechthilde of Hackeborn & Gertrude the Great
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10:30 am	·	via Zoom via Zoom
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Friday.	November 20	
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Saturda	ay, November 21	
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9:00 pm	Compline	via Zoom
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	, November 22	The Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King
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9:00 pm	Compline	via Zoom

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:

Shawn Garner Riley Jeffrey Linnea Julie John

Gary Taggert Jerry Sedwick Joan Monica Hackett Stephanie Hancock

John Barbara George

Yvonne D'Amore Fred Rebecca Clothier Case

Linda

- 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.
- For those who have died and those in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given: Walter & Harriet Beachboard, The Rev. Timothy & Sarah S. Pickering .

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, Michael Palmisano-mpalmisano@theredeemer.org or ext. 13, 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



The November Table Talks for families are available now on our website TheRedeemer.org

They are a great resource to facilitate religious discussions with your kids at home.

#### Nursery & Church School

This fall, children's formation has looked a little different. Instead of our typical classes, we have been having Family Chapel Service at 9:30am outdoors in the tent. Families are invited to come together for a 20–25 minute interactive service. Each week we will come together to share prayers, sing songs and hear a Bible lesson that will hopefully act as a springboard for thoughtful conversation and insight. Social distancing will be observed and masks will be required if social distancing is not possible.

#### Family Chapel Service (9:30am outside under the tent)

This week we move from the book of Genesis to Exodus. We will hear how God was with the people as they moved from slavery to freedom through water. The People of God have often looked back on this narrative to sustain them when they feel lost or feel God is hidden from them.

#### Confirmation

Last week our confirmands finished discussing the Nicene Creed and the ways they have interpreted and understood its doctrinal statements. This week the group will review the words and promises made during the Confirmation service as they consider making their own Confirmation in just 3 weeks!

#### **RYG**

Redeemer Youth Group (RYG), will be meeting this Sunday from 4:30-6 pm at the cottage to discuss the weeks happenings and to develop an outreach plan for the holidays.