

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Fall Start-Up This Sunday

Sunday, September 13

We return to our full Sunday morning schedule on Sunday. The full choirs will return to the 9:30am service along with full complements of Acolytes and Vergers and Childrens Chapel. Church School classes will resume at 10:45am and RYG will meet at 4:00pm. In place of the Fall Parish Picnic, we will host an enhanced Coffee Hour following the 9:30am service with catered food and beverages. Please plan to join us and greet your fellow parishioners as we restart our programs together.

Foyer Groups Now Forming

Whether you're a long-time member or a relative newcomer, Foyer Groups help you acquire more than a nodding acquaintance with your fellow parishioners. Typically, Foyer Groups of 8-10 individuals are formed with a designated "first host." Each group sets its own dates and venues for casual gatherings – most opt for pot luck dinners inside or outside a group member's home, but some are more innovative (e.g., a local park, BYO restaurant, swim club, bowling alley, the Parish House). The idea is to broaden our knowledge and appreciation of one another as members of The Redeemer church family – particularly newcomers! To sign up, or for more information, please contact Jan Clarke at 610-547-1958 (cell) or janc144@verizon.net.

Thursday Bible Studies

Youth Bible Breakfast
7:15am Raymond Library
starts September 17

Men's Bible Study
7:30am Pembroke Room
starts September 10

Women Exploring Scripture
Noon via Zoom
link on Parish Calendar - starts October 1



Sunday, September 13

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:15am	Nursery Opens	Rm 206
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Festive Welcome Back Coffee Hour	Parish House
10:45am	Church School.....	Parish House 2nd Floor Classrooms
4:00pm	RYG.....	Masterman Hall
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Music Program Updates from Andrew



I'm excited to share that my husband, Edward Landin Senn, will be taking over leadership of the Cherub Choir. If your K-3 children (or children you know) would be interested in making music and using their voices, please email me! Below is a note from Edward...

I am delighted to be directing Redeemer's Cherub Choir this season and look forward to getting to know our young singers and their families! I grew up in the Episcopal Church and some of my earliest and most meaningful musical experiences came through singing in church. For more than a decade, I served as Assistant Director of Music at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where one of the great joys of my work was working with and directing choirs for children and youth. - Edward Landin Senn

Our new Michael Stairs Organ Scholar, Ted Babbit, has joined the staff. He is a graduate student at the Curtis Institute where he is studying with Alan Morrison.

Please welcome them and read more about them at: www.TheRedeemer.org/music_staff.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES UPDATES AND COMING EVENTS

Teachers Needed!

If you think you might enjoy working with our youngest parishioners please consider volunteering for three to six Sundays this fall to serve as a church school teacher. Teaching opportunities are open to all parishioners, you need not have children in the Pre K – Grade 5 Formation program. Lesson plans are available online and in hard copy throughout the fall. Lessons and class materials are organized and ready before the class begins. Come, be present, and enjoy and grow with The Redeemer's youth. Classes are forty-five minutes following 9:30am liturgy. If you would like to contribute your talents and presence, please be in touch with Glenn Beamer at gbeamer@theredeemer.org or 908-432-8016.

If you would like to volunteer for September or October Sundays, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FA4A6283-65114139-redeemer>

NEW Pre-school Formation Program

Our parish has been blessed to welcome several biological newcomers. Nearly a dozen babies and toddlers have come to our parish along with their parents and siblings. We are excited to offer our youngest parishioners the time and space in which to learn and grow in faith. Ergo we have designed a new Pre-K program for children ages 2 to 5. We will have art, music, models, fun & sometimes messy crafts and games. The Pre-K program will convene at 10:45am in Parish House room 221. We welcome and encourage parents to participate with us as we learn and discern how to provide for our youngest parishioners.

Exciting K thru 5 Formation Inovations

We are excited to kick-off our children's formation on Sunday, September 13, in Parish House rooms 215 & 217. We begin the year learning about God's creation of the earth and us! Rector Peter Vanderveen will be teaching our September 20 class and working with the children learning about Genesis and Exodus and how scriptures about the Garden of Eden & Noah's Ark help us understand not just what God created, but how and why he created us in all our complexity and flaws. In addition to scripture lessons and the SHINE curriculum, we have several crafts and programs designed to teach us how to work as teams, how to understand that big goals require small steps, and that prayer, music and learning are on-going and complementary parts of our growth. This year we are growing our program with new features. Twice during the fall, we will have events focused on our families. We are planning a family brunch in October and hope to host a S'mores night following a 5pm Choral Evensong.

Soliciting Your Talents and Donations

Do you have an item, service, skill, or experience you would like to contribute to the 2026 Christmas Village Silent Auction? If so, please contact Edward Senn at elandinsenn@gmail.com. While not every offering can be included, the Silent Auction Committee is grateful to hear from parishioners as we prepare this special event in November celebrating Redeemer's 175th anniversary.

Scan to register



Blood Drive

Thursday, September 24 1pm to 6pm
Burns Hall - Parish House

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TheRedeemer

Streamline your visit in advance
RedCross.org/RapidPass



*Be a part of the
lifesaving cause.*

***Blood supplies are at a critically low level.
Please make your appointment today.***

Family Promise Annual Event at The Redeemer

Thursday, October 1 6pm to 8pm
Parish House Burns Hall

Support families experiencing homelessness and hunger while celebrating the hope and resilience that define the Family Promise mission. Thursday, October 1, 6 to 8 pm, Church of the Redeemer. Cocktail reception, live auction, fellowship, and more. For more information, tickets and sponsorships go to:

<https://www.fpmontco.org/hope-for-homes-2026>

OTHER NEWS

Maintenance Projects Continue

Work has begun on replacing the deteriorated exterior door at the entrance to the addition to the church (where the bathrooms are located.)

Burns Hall Acoustic Improvements on the Way

We are pleased to report that design proposals have been approved and a contract signed to install materials to improve the quality of the sound in Burns Hall. This work will take place in the fall with projected completion before the Christmas Village activities in November.

Voice of The Redeemer Returns

We are very pleased to announce that the printed form of our parish newsletter *Voice of The Redeemer* will return in September. These quarterly issues (fall-September, winter-December, spring-March, summer-June) will be mailed to pledging members' households. Contact Ken Garner for more information about content submissions.

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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), 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.

ASK AN USHER

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

Monday, September 14*Holy Cross Day*

5:30pm	Stewardship Committee	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Christmas Village Committee.....	Pembroke Rm
7:30pm	Cantores (<i>building use</i>)	Choir Rm
8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall

Tuesday, September 15*Catherine of Genoa, Mystic & Nurse, 1510*

8:00am	Gardeners Garden Club (<i>building use</i>)	Burns Hall
1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
3:00pm	Eucharist at Beaumont.....	Beaumont
5:15pm	French Tutoring (<i>building use</i>)	Rm 217
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

Wednesday, September 16*Ninian, Bishop, c. 430*

1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
5:30pm	Choristers Rehearsal.....	Choir Rm
6:45pm	Redeemer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall

Thursday, September 17*Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic & Scholar, 1179*

7:15am	Youth Bible Breakfast	Raymond Library
7:30am	Men's Bible Study.....	Pembroke Rm
10:00am	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
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Friday, September 18*Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882*

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
5:00pm	PRYSM Auditions (<i>building use</i>)	Parish House

Saturday, September 19*Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*

8:30am	Vestry Autumn Retreat	Pembroke Rm
9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
12:00pm	Main Line Symphony Concert Competition (<i>building use</i>)	Burns Hall

Sunday, September 20*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:15am	Nursery Opens.....	Rm 206
9:30am	Baptism & Holy Eucharist Rite II with choirs	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Parish House
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*Up-to-date calendar always available on www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar
All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*

If you're giving cash, check, or offering envelopes,
please drop them in the offering plates at the back of the church.

WAYS TO GIVE

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:

Angel	Keanen	Malcolm
Amit	Lyman Perry	Pam Daley
Kate Atlas	Annie	Bob Hobbs
Tess	Kristen	Megan
Dixon Sperry	Jay & Martha	Tom Gerrity
Binney McCague	Lisa	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 or contact Jo Ann Jones; jjones@theredeemer.org

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nursery - Church School - Children's Chapel

These programs return Sunday, September 13.

Our Pre-K to 5th Grade Church School ended the 2025-2026 academic year on an upswing. Our average attendance in children's chapel and formation classes nearly doubled between January and May. The children engaged our lessons and projects enthusiastically, and we're looking to build on this momentum this fall. For 2026-2027 we are planning some changes.

Children's Chapel returns on Sunday at the 9:30am service. Chapel experienced substantial attendance growth and everyone who came made thoughtful contributions. For 2026-2027, we are planning to add one or two features designed to connect our Redeemer generations and help the kids learn about The Redeemer's long and meaningful legacy.

The Redeemer Youth Group

RYG will meet today from 4-6pm in Masterman Hall. Next June RYG plans to spend a week in South Dakota with the Sioux people. Members will work with the Episcopal Church there to help restore the horse culture that was taken away from the native people over a century ago. This will include building fences, caring for horses and spending time with the youth of the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will be forming soon to prepare eighth-graders for Confirmation when the bishop visits The Redeemer next spring. Please reach out to Rebecca Northington (rnorthington@theredeemer.org) if you are interested in Confirmation.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the purpose of this column is to show the importance of Stewardship at The Redeemer? In the fall, the focus is on the present campaign and in the spring, it highlights our beautiful campus, exquisite church, interesting historical information, current preservation as well as highlighting our commitment to community involvement. Past Stewardship support has brought us to the present and we are the stewards of the future. For the 2026 year, an astounding 50% of households increased their pledge and 7% of all pledges were new, or returned, supporters which is tremendous for future growth. In total, the campaign raised 11.5% more than the previous year. Thank you to ALL who made Stewardship 2026 a record year by generously supporting The Redeemer. You'll be hearing from us soon about the 2027 campaign.