



# News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

## New Fall Schedule

After months of disruption to our service and program schedule due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are looking forward to beginning the fall program year on September 12 with a return to a full schedule of activities and a revised, diversified, and expanded schedule of Sunday services.

Sunday is the primary day for us to be together, and this schedule takes into account both the needs of all our parishioners across a spectrum of ages, involvements, and interests and the conflicts that, for many, arise to other Sunday morning obligations. Key benefits of this new schedule include:

- 1) a later call time for persons/families involved in the choir and acolyte programs,
- 2) greater opportunity for parishioners to engage in multiple Sunday programs,
- 3) more flexibility for formation programs to continue beyond set schedule end times.
- 4) additional, regular Sunday evening opportunities,
- 5) Sunday activities for families that can encourage youth RYG involvement.

Adjustments made to deep habits require patience with change and a strong vision of renewal. While we have not yet fully emerged from under the shadow of the pandemic, we can – safely – celebrate who we are and who we can become in exciting new ventures. This is one way of making a beginning, building momentum for a strong future.

### September 12 Picnic Follows the 9:30am Service

**8:00 am Holy Eucharist-spoken/no music**

**8:30 am** Choir rehearsal

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist with choirs**

### September 19 New Sunday Schedule Fully Begins

**8:00 am Holy Eucharist-spoken/no music**

**8:30 am** Choir rehearsal

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist - choirs**

Choral Matins (last Sunday of every month)

**10:40 am** Coffee Hour

**10:45 am** Church school

Adult forum

**4:00 pm** Redeemer Youth Group

Sunday afternoon 4pm services begin in October

## Picnic Next Sunday

Please join us September 12 for a picnic following the 9:30 am service. The program year is beginning, and after nearly a year and a half of separation, distancing, and restrictions, it's time to celebrate the opportunity we have to gather for fellowship on new grounds and within the renovated Parish House. Sandwiches, salads, and dessert will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own food if you'd like. Explore the building. Share a table with friends. Imagine what will be possible for us as a church moving forward.

### Sunday, September 5

8:00 am Holy Eucharist..... Church

9:45-11am Childcare ..... Nursery

10:00 am Holy Eucharist..... Church

LAST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

## Needlepoint Group

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**Tuesdays Sept 7 & Sept 14 10am-noon**  
**Parish House Room 125**

All are welcome at either or both meetings. Bring needlework or other projects, and your calendar so we can set our regular meetings. COVID projects welcome for show and tell. This is a very casual gathering for all. Contact Sally Moser for more information [sallymoser@gmail.com](mailto:sallymoser@gmail.com).

## Come and Sing!

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**September is open-house month for our choir program.** Children and adults are welcome to join us and try out the program. Rehearsals begin this week. Teens are Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm, Choristers and Cherubs are on Wednesday from 5-6pm and Adults are on Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. We begin with the Mozart Requiem score, concert, to be held in November. For more information email [mdiorio@TheRedeemer.org](mailto:mdiorio@TheRedeemer.org).

## Women Exploring Scripture

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**Thursdays, Noon to 1,**  
**beginning September 16**

In the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews, the writer invites us to look at the whole sweep of Biblical history and see it coming to a climax in Jesus. Join us on Zoom as we explore Hebrews. Preparation and prior knowledge are not necessary. Check the church calendar for Zoom information, or email Barbara Billings at [bandsbil@verizon.net](mailto:bandsbil@verizon.net).

## Men's Bible Study

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**Thursdays at 7:30am**  
**beginning September 16**

The location TBD. For more information contact Michael Palmisano [mpalmisano@theredeemer.org](mailto:mpalmisano@theredeemer.org)

## Wednesday Eucharists

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Noon Eucharists every Wednesday will resume on September 15.

## Honoring Mary Hopkins

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**Help End Homelessness AND celebrate Redeemer's own Mary Hopkins,** Volunteer Honoree, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual online fundraiser benefiting the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line, Sunday, September 19, from 6 to 7:30 pm. To register visit <https://hopeforhomes.givesmart.com> by September 5. This is a great opportunity to show our heartfelt appreciation for Mary, who served as Redeemer's indefatigable and much-loved volunteer IHN coordinator for many years, as well as support IHN!

## ElderNet's Food Pantry

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ElderNet of Lower Merion, a nonprofit that provides a safety net for older and disabled adults to help them remain in their homes, needs food and staples for their food pantry. Please bring canned and jarred meat and fruit, soups, cereal, peanut butter, paper products, soaps and toothpaste to the Narthex on Sunday or any day of the week. No perishables, please! For more donation ideas, go directly to <https://eldernetonline.org/food-pantry/>. Thank you!

## Hurricane Ida Relief

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To help communities impacted by Hurricane Ida, Episcopal Relief and Development urgently asks for support for their Hurricane Relief Fund. Your gift will help provide everything from food to blankets to pastoral care. The ERD Disaster Team is in touch with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners to assess immediate need and long-term recovery and healing. Donate today at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>.

## COVID Protocols Return

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Because of the recent Delta variant surge in COVID infections, we are following the CDC recommendations requesting that all persons wear masks when inside buildings..

## DID YOU KNOW

**Did you know** every year we offer families an opportunity to tour their children's Church School rooms and meet their teachers the week before classes begin. This year we invite ALL parents and children to our Church School Open House on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 9:50am and 11:15 to 11:30am. Leaders will be on hand to welcome children into our new spaces and chat with parents about the practices we've put in place to keep everyone healthy. All children's programs will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parish House.

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

## WELCOME ALEXANDER LEONARDI



A native of Long Island, NY, Alexander is in his second year studying Organ Performance at the Curtis Institute of Music with professor Alan Morrison. Alexander has been studying organ for nine years and piano for eleven years. Prior to attending Curtis, he was part of the Pre-College Division of The Juilliard School, and studied with Dr. Matthew Lewis.

Over his years of study, Alexander has participated in numerous other programs outside his usual schooling, including the Organ and Piano Institutes at Westminster Choir College and the Philadelphia-Macy's Organ Camp. He has participated in several competitions, including the annual International Organ Competition at the Wells School of Music at West Chester University where he won first prize, and the 2020 Brooklyn AGO competition where he won second prize.

Alexander was also the recipient of the Award for Music Theory and Ear Training at Juilliard Precollege. While at home on Long Island, Alexander has served as a substitute organist for numerous congregations of differing denominations, most recently his local Episcopal church, Christ Church in Babylon.

*Of the Michael Stairs Organ Scholar position, Alexander writes:*

"I am excited to join The Redeemer community as the new Michael Stairs Organ Scholar. I am eager to learn the unique skills and techniques that can only be taught through an experience of a position such as this. In this position I hope to expand my own musicianship by engaging in opportunities that provide experience in collective and collaborative music making. I am excited to serve and support the parish community through offering my musical abilities to the hopeful enrichment of the worship experience."

## SUNDAY AFTERNOONS START IN OCTOBER

Our Sunday afternoon services at 4pm will begin in October. Choral Evensong will be held on the first Sunday of each month. On the second Sunday, a family friendly instructed Eucharist will be featured. Vespers will be held on the third Sunday of the month. Join us for these evening offerings. Our October Vespers will feature the musicians from Artcinia: a local arts organization that brings music into underserved areas, creates performance opportunities for musicians, and provides communities access to performances and arts education.

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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.

### Worshipping 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.

**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](http://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](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

## Monday, September 6 *Hannah More, Religious Writer & Philanthropist 1833*

Parish Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day

7:00 pm	Naranon .....	Hospitality Suite
8:00 pm	NA .....	Masterman Hall

## Tuesday, September 7 *Kassiani, Poet & Hymnographer, 865*

	October Voice Deadline	
10:00 am	Needlepoint Group .....	Room 125
6:00 pm	Schola Rehearsal .....	Choir Rm
7:00 pm	St. Augustine Group .....	Raymond Library
7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee .....	Rm 204 Staff Conf Rm
9:00 pm	Compline Zoom Meeting .....	Passcode 327117

## Wednesday, September 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

10:30 am	Formation Meeting .....	Staff Conference Room
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting .....	Room 125
2:00 pm	Liturgy Meeting .....	Rm 204 Staff Conf Rm
4:00 pm	Outreach Committee .....	Online
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal .....	Room 125
5:00 pm	Choristers Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Redeemer Choir Rehearsal .....	Burns Hall
7:00 pm	NEW Committee .....	Rm 204 Staff Conf Rm

## Thursday, September 9 *Constance and her Companions, 1878*

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study .....	Zoom
9:30 am	ABC Construction Awards Judging Tour .....	Parish House
12:00 pm	Women Exploring Scripture .....	Zoom Meeting
2:00 pm	Robert McAdoo Memorial Service .....	Church
8:00 pm	Alcoholic Anonymous .....	Masterman Hall
9:00 pm	Compline Zoom Meeting .....	Passcode 327117

## Friday, September 10 *Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898*

9:00 am	Flower Guild .....	Church
1:00 pm	Rector's Warden Zoom Meeting	

## Saturday, September 11

## Sunday, September 12 *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I .....	Church
8:30 am	Choir Warm-Ups & Rehearsal .....	Choir Rm
9:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II .....	Church & via Livestream
9:45 am	Nursery .....	Rm 208
10:40 am	Parish Picnic .....	Parish House
5:00 pm	Redeemer Youth picnic .....	Mill Dam

*Up-to-date calendar always available on [www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/calendar)*

*All Zoom meeting links are there as well.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are sick or in need:

Bob	Shawn Garner	John
Glenn Beamer	Linnea	Stephanie Hancock
Connor Joel McKay	Joan	Rebecca Clothier Case
Fran Northup	Monica Hackett	
Karen Helmers	Jeffrey	

- For our brothers and sisters in Malawi affected by HIV/AIDS.
- For the earthquake victims in Haiti.
- For all those recovering from hurricane Ida.
- For those fleeing from devastation in their countries of origin especially Afganistan.
- For the victims of violence in this country and throughout the world.
- For those who have died. .

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](http://www.TheRedeemer.org/pastoral_care) or contact Jo Ann Jones; [jjones@theredeemer.org](mailto:jjones@theredeemer.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Nursery & Church School

We are excitedly gearing up for the start of the Church School year. A lot has shifted since the fall of 2019 and the last time we held Church School registration. Registration has always been a helpful way for our teachers to know who to expect in their rooms. But this year, having the most up to date classroom rosters is important as we work to keep everyone safe and healthy. To that end, please register all your children for Church School regardless of your child's participation in previous years. Registration forms will be emailed to all families currently on our program list. Registration forms can also be found on our website: [www.theredeemer.org/children\\_youth\\_registration](http://www.theredeemer.org/children_youth_registration)

### Middle School (6th-7th):

The 6th and 7th graders will begin the Church School program on Sunday 9/19 in Room 024 immediately following the 9:30am service. This year the middle schoolers will experience a new program involving both learning and leading as they take on new roles in guiding their younger peers in Church School lessons each month.

### Confirmation:

The confirmands will meet for their first class on 9/19 in the Youth Cottage immediately following the 9:30am service. The group will spend some time orienting to the year and getting to meet one another and their teachers. If your child (8th grade and up) or you are interested in Confirmation this year, please contact Michael Palmisano.

### Youth Picnic - Mill Dam Club, 9/12/21 @ 5pm:

All youth (6th-12th grade) and their families are invited to join us for a start-of-the-year picnic at the Mill Dam Club in Wayne. Please bring basketballs, tennis rackets and swimsuits or other lawn games you like. This is an amazing old school club with a huge pool, a pond, and a great field for games. It will be a great opportunity for youth and families to celebrate the new year with their peers. Please contact Rebecca Northington or Michael Palmisano for more details.