

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

SEPTEMBER 6 2026

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Fall Start-Up Coming

Sunday, September 13

We will return to our full Sunday morning schedule on the second Sunday in September. 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 10:30am and RYG will meet at 4:00pm. In place of the Fall Parish Picnic, we will host an enhanced Coffee Hour that day 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.

Andrew Senn in Concert

Noon Friday, September 11 at Stoneleigh

Andrew will play the estate's historic Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ inside the Main House, 1829 County Line Rd, Villanova 19085. All are welcome.

Tower Bells Sounding

Installation of the new control system for the tower bells is complete and you will hear the Westminster quarterly chimes along with other Sunday uses. We are grateful to the generous donors who helped us restore the sound of our beautiful bells.

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.



Sunday, September 6, 2026

The Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am	Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.....	Church
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Church + Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour.....	Parish House
8:00pm	Compline	via Zoom

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES UPDATES AND COMING EVENTS

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 Innovations

We are excited to kick-off our children's formation on next 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.

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>

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

10. How it reminds me that I'm part of something bigger.

I need to be reminded that my faith does not begin or end with me—that, to quote a comment from Rachel Held Evans' blog, it's "something that you don't really own."

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

Streamline your visit in advance
RedCross.org/RapidPass

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

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



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

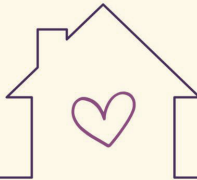
Family Promise Annual Event at The Redeemer

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>

FamilyPromise
Montco PA and Main Line
An Interfaith Response to Homelessness & Hunger



HOPE for HOMES

Space is Limited. Buy Your Tickets Now! | Sponsorship Opportunities!

Cocktail Reception, Live Auction, Fellowship and more
Thursday, October 1, 2026 6pm-8pm
Parish House - Burns Hall



*Buy tickets & check out
sponsorship opportunities here!*

OTHER NEWS

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.

Maintenance Projects Continue

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

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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

THIS WEEK AT THE REDEEMER

Monday, September 7

Kassiani, Poet & Hymnographer, 865

Parish Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day

8:00pm NA.....Masterman Hall

Tuesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1:00pm Clergy Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204

9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Wednesday, September 9

Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons & Louis Schuyler, Martyrs

8:00am Executive Committee Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204

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 10

Alexander Crummwell, Priest, 1898

7:00am Men's Bible Study..... Pembroke Rm

10:00am Formation Meeting Staff Conf Rm 204

4:00pm Community Connections Committee..... via Zoom

5:30pm Organ Committee Staff Conf Rm 204

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Masterman Hall

9:00pm Compline via Zoom

Friday, September 11

Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941

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

5:00pm PRYSM Auditions Parish House

Saturday, September 12

John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830

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

9:30am Vergers Training..... Church

Sunday, September 13

The Sixteen 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

*Up-to-date calendar always available on 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:

Angel
Amit
Kate Atlas
Tess
Dixon Sperry
Binney McCague

Keanen
Lyman Perry
Annie
Kristen
Jay & Martha
Lisa

Malcolm
Pam Daley
Bob Hobbs
Megan
Tom Gerrity
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 will return next 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 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 resume regular meetings after Labor Day. 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 in December. Please reach out to Rebecca Northington (rnorthington@theredeemer.org) if you are interested in Confirmation.

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Why Engagement Matters



As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's import 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.**

• Michael Carl