

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

AUGUST 2023

Meet our new Director of Music

ANDREW SENN

Andrew's first Sunday with us will be September 10.

You can learn more about him from his bio on
www.TheRedeemer.org

Welcome Andrew!



Tory Dunkle Departs

You recently received an email from Tory announcing her departure as Director of Children's Ministries. She shared this news in light of the difficult decision to work closer to home as she raises her dear Anna. Tory's last day was July 30, however, she will return on a Sunday in the fall when we can officially say goodbye. We'll let you know the date.

Redeemer Youth Trip To Navajoland

The Redeemer Youth Group (RYG) recently returned from working in Navajoland. Here are some pics with many more to come. They will make a presentation to the parish in the fall and Rebecca Northington continues to report weekly in our morning meditation emails.



Sundays in August

8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Church
9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Church & via Livestream
10:40am	Coffee Hour	Parish House Gathering Space

Summer Short Story Study Continues

Winnie's Short Story Study will continue August 2 and August 9 from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 125. The story for August 2 will be "Vampires in the Lemon Grove" by Karen Russell. Please email Winnie (wsmith@theredeemer.org) if you need a copy. And on August 9 we will read a familiar text, but one you may have never read as literature: the Gospel of Mark. Please join us!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ECS School Supplies Drive

Episcopal Community Services is holding a School Supplies Drive ("Fill the Bus") and **we hope to have strong participation from our parishioners.** Supplies will be distributed on August 17 during an event at St. Barnabas Community Resource Center. Please consider making a donation to this important effort as soon as possible and before the event.

There are a few ways to participate:

PURCHASE ONLINE: You can select items from the list from their Amazon wish list (<https://rb.gy/84i7d>) and your purchases will be shipped directly to SBCRC.

MAKE A DONATION: You can make a donation: <https://www.ecsphilly.org/support/donate/>. If you are donating online, please include "school supplies" in the comments box (below your credit card information) along with your parish affiliation.

SEND A CHECK: You can also make a gift via check with "school supplies" and your parish affiliation in the memo line. Please mail checks to:

Episcopal Community Services, 225 S. Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This is an excellent opportunity to make a big difference in the lives of children impacted by poverty, and to help them participate more fully in their educational experience.

Thank you for your donations!

Thank You for ElderNet Support

The Community Connections Committee would like to thank all of the parishioners who so kindly dropped off donations to Eldernet during July. They were so touched by the generous donations of cleaning supplies that are typically so unavailable and often too expensive to be found in their pantry. Even though our focused contribution time is July, please feel free to make similar donations to them directly at any time. They are located by the parking lot behind the Ludington Library. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Leslieboris@icloud.com.



FPML Returns in September

Family Promise of the Main Line (IHN) guests return September 3-10

We'll be hosting FPML families in person in the Parish House! We are fortunate to have the opportunity and privilege to be present with those who have temporarily lost their homes. There will be opportunities to provide meals, eat dinner with our guests, interact with the children, stay overnight, set up or take down beds, or supply basic groceries. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to participate. Please look for our Sign-Up Genius (coming soon from a link at TheRedeemer.org) or signup board in the Parish House to make known how you would prefer to help.

Blood Drive Success

The Red Cross reports that it was able to collect **29** pints of blood at our recent drive. The blood collected, because of your efforts, will go on to help save the lives of **87** local hospital patients. We could not fulfill our mission at the Red Cross without you....thank you! We can't Thank You enough for your dedication to saving lives through the pandemic and now a summer blood shortage. Your efforts are truly lifesaving!!!



Christmas Village - Mark Your Calendars!

Starting September 18th the Christmas Village Committee will be meeting weekly on Mondays at 7 pm in the Room 125 (Rood Screen Room). We are eager to engage even more parishioners in this year's event. If you have trouble getting to the weekly meeting at this time, please reach out to Kate Chojnacki at kate.chojnacki@gmail.com or 215-316-2382.

Building off the success of the past two years, **the Redeemer Christmas Village will return on November 17th and 18th.** Parishioners and neighbors can look forward to the courtyard lit with twinkling lights, festive music and wonderful company. Carefully cultivated vendors will be setting up shop with a percentage of proceeds going to Redeemer Community Support (formerly outreach grants) and Redeemer's own shops will again be returning to sell treats and treasures! As in years past there will be a sneak peek shopping experience for parishioners on Friday in the early afternoon. Later that evening, parishioners will gather for dinner, drinks as well as a shopping and amazing silent auction event. One significant change parishioners can expect is that the dinner will be more traditionally catered with food stations reflecting the different cuisines found throughout Europe. 13th Street Cocktails will return with their drink truck providing small batch cocktails outside and a bar inside pouring wine. On Saturday, the event will open up to the broader community and we hope you'll return with friends and neighbors.

In early May, the Christmas Village Committee met to get an early start on planning. Three goals were set:

- 1) Raise money for community connections grants.** Though there are many opportunities for the parish to contribute to community connections throughout the year, the Redeemer Christmas Village is the signature event to ensure that we are able to continue to fund our outreach efforts. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity of time, talent and treasure.
- 2) Increase attendance at the Friday evening dinner.** The Christmas Village will continue to be a more casual event - one geared towards mingling and shopping. However, the committee has heard, and is responding to, feedback that a more traditionally catered event would be preferred and would make it possible for more to enjoy the evening. We hope that those who have come to the past two Christmas Villages like this change and we hope to welcome more parishioners back to this marquee event.
- 3) Meaningfully engage more volunteers in planning and execution of the event.** The committee will be working diligently over the summer to identify meaningful volunteer opportunities for parishioners. There will be a concerted effort to recruit, train and support volunteers - please be on the lookout for more information in the fall.

If you have any questions or have ideas to share or silent auction items or experiences to donate - please reach out to Kate Chojnacki (kate.chojnacki@gmail.com), Elisabeth Cooke (elisabeth.c.cooke@me.com) or Caroline Manogue (cbmanogue@gmail.com).

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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.

ASK AN USHER

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

THIS MONTH AT THE REDEEMER

Mondays

8:00pm	NA.....	Masterman Hall
	8/7 thru 8/18 PRYSM Strings Camp	Parish House
	8/28 Fall Voice of The Redeemer deadline	

Tuesdays

9:00am	Painting Circle.....	Hospitality Suite
4:30pm	Adult Forum Committee	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom
3:00pm	8/15 Beaumont Eucharist	Beaumont

Wednesdays

1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
6:30pm	Short Story Group.....	Room 125

Thursdays

1:00pm	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom
3:30pm	8/10 Community Connections.....	via Zoom
10:00am	8/17 Needlepoint Group.....	Raymond Library

Fridays

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
11:00am	8/11 John McClenahan II Interment	Churchyard

Saturdays

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
9:00am	8/26 St. Gabe's Prep.....	Kitchen

Sundays

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
10:45am	8/20 Artcinia Focus Groups	Rm 125

*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

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 or contact Jo Ann Jones; 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.

Rebecca Northington
Director of Youth Ministries