

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

AUGUST 2026

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



The Redeemer will run a choir camp for new and returning Choristers (rising 4th-8th graders) from August 17-21, 9:30am-1pm each day. This time is an opportunity for the kids to get a jumpstart on music for the upcoming season, dive more deeply into music theory and techniques, play games and socialize. It's a great way for children to try singing in the choir in a relaxed environment. There is a nominal fee of \$100 per child to cover materials, lunch, and personnel. If you know of any children who might be interested, please have their parents reach out to Andrew Senn: asenn@theredeemer.org. The choir camp is open to all.

Summer Publications Schedule

As is our custom, *News from The Redeemer* along with the weekly emails will be published monthly for August. Should breaking news happen, it will be included at the bottom of a morning meditation email.

Summer Cashflow

Although your travels may be taking you away from The Redeemer this summer, please remember to continue the payments on your 2026 pledge. The work of the church continues. There are many methods to use when making payments. You'll find information about them at the bottom of the calendar panel of this publication.

Sundays in August

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES UPDATES AND COMING EVENTS

Pre-school Program

Our parish has been blessed to welcome several newcomers (literally). 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 class for children ages 2 to 5. We will have art, music, models, and games for our young children to engage in and learn from. This group will convene in the Parish House room 221 following 9:30am Sunday liturgies.

K thru 5 Formation Curriculum Changes

Our church school program will be building upon our effective classes from the last two years. This fall we will be focused on God's creation and our faith roots by learning about Genesis and Exodus. Our rector will lead a class focused on the first beginnings of our faith. In November our associate rector, Jo Ann Jones, will lead a class about our annual Lessons & Carols service. During advent we will shift our focus to Jesus' birth, and we are most fortunate that Kristin McGinley has offered to serve as producer and director of our annual Children's Christmas pageant.

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 an Evensong service.

Teachers Needed!

We are fortunate to have a growing number of young Redeemerites participating in Christian formation. 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. Lesson plans are available online and in hard copy throughout the fall. Lessons and class materials are organized and ready before the class begins. Thus, you only need to come to be present and enjoy and grow with the Redeemer's youth. Classes are forty-five minutes following 9:30am liturgy. If you think you might be called to this parish service, please be in touch with Glenn Beamer at 908-432-8016 or gbeamer@theredeemer.org

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

8. How the "shared cup" matters more than "shared dogma."

The practice of the liturgy... and the shared experience of the Eucharist is what holds us together. Beyond that, there is plenty of room for difference. The emphasis is not on sharing dogma so much as it is sharing the cup.

Access all 11 on
TheRedeemer.org

11 Things I love about the Episcopal Church
22 January 2015 / Ben Irwin

Help 500+ Kids Succeed: Join ECS School Drive

At Episcopal Community Services, the annual School Supply Drive helps ensure that more than **500 students** in West Philadelphia start the next school year with the tools they need to succeed. With rising costs, many families will need extra support, and starting early allows ECS to meet that need in a meaningful way. You can participate by making a donation or purchasing items from the school supply list on line. Direct links to donate or Shop the Amazon Wish List (email address is: SBCRC@ecsphilly.org) can be found here: www.theredeemer.org/hands-on#ECSSchoolSupplies. Please deliver or ship your donations to **St. Barnabas Community Resource Center** at: **6006 W. Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 191**. Thank you!

Summer Collections for ElderNet

We are collecting items for ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth during the month of July. ElderNet (<https://eldernet.org>) is a nonprofit that serves adults of all ages, especially frail older or younger disabled persons with low to moderate incomes residing in this area. We've been asked to focus on cleaning supplies, both personal and household, as they run out quickly. Wish list items include: shampoos, conditioners (unopened), soaps, detergent, bathroom and kitchen cleaners, disinfecting solutions, toothpaste and especially paper towels and toilet paper. For your convenience there are green shopping bags hanging in the back of the Narthex with a list of suggestions inside. Please return your filled bag to the Parish House and place it next to the gray Community Connections hamper under the coat rack by August 30. If it is more convenient, feel free to drop supplies off directly at ElderNet, located in Bryn Mawr right behind Ludington Library. Questions? Contact Leslie Boris, leslieboris@icloud.com

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>

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Get this date on your calendar and register in advance at: RedCrossBlood.org and enter TheRedeemer or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

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. Watch for more information about content submissions coming soon.

Children's Chapel Summer Hiatus

The Children's Chapel during the 9:30am service will take the rest of the summer off. It will return in September.

Summer Office Hours

Now through Labor Day, the Parish Offices are open 9am to 4pm.

Important Maintenance Continues

While we completed repairs to the exterior masonry at the church, we have more work ahead this summer. We will replace deteriorated brick above the altar and make some interim repairs to the top of the bell tower. Repairs to the heat and air conditioning system in the church are also underway. Get ready for the return of our Westminster chime! A new bell controller is on its way and will be installed later this summer along with two new bell strikers in early September.

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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),
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
	8/3 thru 8/14 PRYSM Summer Strings	Parish House
	8/17 thru 8/21 Choir Camp	Church & Parish House

Tuesdays

1:00pm	Clergy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom
	8/4 11:00am Eucharist at Waverly	
	8/18 3:00pm Eucharist at Beaumont	

Wednesdays

1:00pm	Staff Meeting.....	Staff Conf Rm 204
2:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall

Thursdays

10:00am	Formation Meeting	Staff Conf Rm 204
7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Masterman Hall
9:00pm	Compline	via Zoom
	8/13 5:30pm Organ Committee.....	Staff Conf Rm 204

Fridays

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

9:00am	Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)	Church
	8/15 2:00pm Katzenbach Baptism	Church
	8/22 8:45am St. Gabe's Prep	Kitchen

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*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:

Irene
Tess
Dixon Sperry
Binney McCague
Keanen
Lyman Perry

Annie
Kristen
Jay & Martha
Lisa
Malcolm
Pam Daley

Bob Hobbs
Megan
Tom Gerrity
Chris McCleary
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 take a summer break and return in September.

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 in the fall. For 2026-2027 we are planning some changes. We will be adding a Pre-K program that will coincide with the K-5 program. We're developing plans to have two fall Sunday mornings be family fellowship/service mornings (details are forthcoming in August).

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

Watch here for information about a Confirmation Class forming in the fall 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.



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.**