

News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

JULY 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 received an email this week 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 here is July 30, however, she will return on a Sunday in the fall when we can officially say goodbye.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

July Focus: ElderNet

Redeemer has committed to 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, 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 July 31. 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

Sundays in July

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	Parish House Gathering Space

Summer Book Study

Beginning on July 19, Winnie will lead a study and discussion group of four different short stories. All are invited! We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Library or Room 125, depending on attendance. The first two stories will be "A Good Man is Hard to Find" by Flannery O'Connor (to be discussed July 19), and "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson (July 26). The next two stories will be shared in the August News. Please let Winnie know if you have trouble finding these online or if you have any questions!

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 is reporting weekly in our morning meditation emails.



Join the Painting Circle

Tuesdays 9am to 5pm in the Parish House Hospitality Suite

Parishioners are invited to come and be creative with The Painting Circle on Tuesdays throughout the summer any time 9am to 5pm. Watercolor is the preferred medium. No acrylics. There is no teacher. Everyone works on their own project. Bring your lunch & liquids & a cloth to cover your table if you have one. There is refrigeration and a microwave. All artistic experience levels are welcome. For more information, email Mimi Johnson artistmimi@hotmail.com or Bunny Coates ebhcoates@comcast.net

Summer Offerings and Pledge Payments

While summer is a slower time around the parish, our activities and expenses continue. Please remember to keep-up with payments to your pledge and offerings even though you may be away. There are many options for giving electronically as well. There are QR Codes within this News and at www.TheRedeemer.org/give.

Giving Statements

If you have made a pledge for 2023, a statement of your payments to date will go out via US mail in July along with a mid-year update from our Stewardship Committee.

Summer Publishing Schedules

The weekly News from The Redeemer (in the pews and sent via email) will only be published monthly in July and August. **The deadline for August is Wednesday, July 26. Remember** *Voice of The Redeemer* moves to full digital quarterly issues in the fall. That issue will feature all the programs coming in the academic year. Please forward items for publication to ken@theredeemer.org or use the online forms at: www.TheRedeemer.org/news or www.TheRedeemer.org/voice.



Christmas Village (in July) - Mark Your Calendars!

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.

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9:00am Painting Circle.....Hospitality Suite
 4:30pm Adult Forum Committee.....Staff Conf Rm 204
 9:00pm Compline via Zoom
 7/4 Offices Closed in Observance of July 4
 6:30pm 7/11 Executive Committee.....Staff Conf Rm 204
 3:00pm 7/18 Beaumont Eucharist..... Beaumont

Wednesdays

1:00pm Staff Meeting.....Staff Conf Rm 204
 2:00pm Liturgy MeetingStaff Conf Rm 204

Thursdays

1:00pm Formation MeetingStaff Conf Rm 204
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Masterman Hall
 9:00pm Compline via Zoom
 2-7:00pm 7/6 Red Cross Blood Drive..... Burns Hall
 10:00am 7/20 Needlepoint Group.....Raymond Library

Fridays

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... Church
 11:30am 7/14 Lois Muscheck Memorial Service..... Church
 12:30pm 7/14 Muscheck Reception Burns Hall

Saturdays

9:00am Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... Church
 9:00am 7/22 St. Gabe's Prep.....Kitchen

Sundays

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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

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.

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Director of Youth Ministries