



News from The Redeemer

Episcopal Church of

JULY 2026

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Summer Publications Schedule

As is our custom, *News from The Redeemer* along with the weekly emails will be published monthly for July and August. The deadline for the August issue is July 29. Please make a note of it. Should breaking news happen, it will be included at the bottom of a morning meditation email.

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.

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. Mid-year giving statements will be mailed in early July.

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

Sundays in July

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|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 |

Family-to-Family

Mondays, thru July 27, 2026 6 to 8:30pm hosted in the Pembroke Room

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is presenting a series of weekly classes through July, structured to help family members understand and support a relative diagnosed with a serious mental illness while maintaining their own well-being. The course is facilitated by trained volunteer family members who know what it's like to have a loved one with a serious mental illness. It is offered without charge. Registration is required. Contact Lisa at lisa@namimainlinepa.org. Scan this QRCode to complete the interest form.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP
 August 17 to 21
 9:30am to 1pm each day

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The Redeemer

Visit www.TheRedeemer.org/choirs
 for more information and to register

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.

Liturgy Bags

There are bags with coloring, story books, and simple puzzles and mazes available in the narthex on a steel stand. Please feel free to borrow and use these materials if they would be helpful for your children and family during liturgies or at evensong services.

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

7. The way their worship can be deeply moving without resorting to emotional manipulation.

Sometimes when you stop trying to manufacture a particular emotion, you stumble into something even more profound and beautiful than you could have imagined.

Important Maintenance Continues

While we completed repairs to the exterior masonry at the church, we have more work ahead this summer. Later in July we'll 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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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!

Community Support Announces 2026-27 Grants

Visit www.TheRedeemer.org/grants to learn more about these grants: Why we give grants, Where we get the funds, Why organizations receive grants.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: GRANTS AWARDED – July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

| ORGANIZATION | PROJECT | GRANT |
|--|---|-----------------|
| <i>Darby Mission: "Through Our Eyes"</i> | <i>After-school and summer program for teen girls</i> | \$2,500 |
| <i>Main Line Meals on Wheels</i> | <i>Meals delivered to homebound persons 5 days a week year-round</i> | \$6,000 |
| <i>ElderNet of Main Line and Narberth</i> | <i>Support services enabling elderly and disabled persons to remain in their homes</i> | \$10,000 |
| <i>Family Promise of MontCo</i> | <i>Temporary shelter and support toward financial independence for families in need</i> | \$14,000 |
| <i>Episcopal Community Services: "MindSet" Program</i> | <i>Support services and 1:1 coaching to help to help individuals achieve personal/financial stability</i> | \$19,000 |
| <i>St. James School</i> | <i>Holistic wellness center for students and their families</i> | \$12,500 |
| <i>Legal Aid of DioPA</i> | <i>Pro-bono legal counseling (civic issues)</i> | \$9,000 |
| TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED: | | \$73,000 |

Note: The Vestry funds parish programs directly: e.g., "Merry Meals" and the St. Gabriel's Lunch Program.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know, the purpose of this column is to show the importance of Stewardship at The Redeemer? In the fall, the focus is on the present campaign and in the spring, it highlights our beautiful campus, exquisite church, interesting historical information, current preservation as well as highlighting our commitment to community involvement. Past Stewardship support has brought us to the present and we are the stewards of the future. For the 2026 year, an astounding 50% of households increased their pledge and 7% of all pledges were new, or returned, supporters which is tremendous for future growth. In total, the campaign raised 11.5% more than the previous year. Thank you to ALL who made Stewardship 2026 a record year by generously supporting The Redeemer.

Our sincere thanks to Stewardship Committee member Arden Saligman who researches and composes these DYKs throughout the year. She will take a well-deserved hiatus this summer. . . . Now that's Ministry and your Stewardship makes it happen!

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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 MONTH AT THE REDEEMER

Mondays

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| 6:30pm | Family to Family | Pembroke Rm |
| 8:00pm | NA..... | Masterman Hall |
| | 7/27-31 PRYSM Summer Strings | Parish House |

Tuesdays

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|--------|--|-------------------|
| 1:00pm | Clergy Meeting | Staff Conf Rm 204 |
| 9:00pm | Compline | via Zoom |
| | 7/7 11:00am Eucharist at Waverly | |
| | 7/14 6:30pm Executive Committee..... | Staff Conf Rm 204 |
| | 7/21 3:00pm Eucharist at Beaumont | |
| | 7/21 4:30pm Adult Forum Committee..... | Staff Conf Rm 204 |
| | 7/21 6:30pm Vestry Meeting..... | Pembroke Rm |

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10:00am | Formation Meeting | Staff Conf Rm 204 |
| 7:00pm | Alcoholics Anonymous | Masterman Hall |
| 9:00pm | Compline | via Zoom |
| | 7/16 5:30pm Organ Committee..... | Staff Conf Rm 204 |
| | 7/23 4:00pm Finance Committee..... | via Zoom |

Fridays

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

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| 9:00am | Flower Guild (Friday or Saturday)..... | Church |
| | 7/11 11:00am Cannie Shafer Memorial Service | Church |
| | 7/25 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 and Church School

The nursery 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.**