

News from The Redeemer

December 3, 2017

Episcopal Church of

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IN THE NEWS

WE WANT YOU TO BE SURE TO KNOW

- * Adult Forum
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- * IHN Guests Return
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- * Lessons & Carols
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- * ECS Christmas Giving
- * Annual Giving

* Adult Forum December 3 10:30am Room 123

Advent Series Begins Time, Eternity and God A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven

Join **Jo Ann Jones** as she explores the biblical understanding of time and consider how it can shape our perspective on the world.

* Christmas Cheer Opportunity Delivering Plants to Parishioners

Please join us in delivering Christmas plants to fellow parishioners who have been on our prayer list, suffered a loss, or are not able to attend church services. Plants will be available to pick up in the Library starting Monday, December 18 through Saturday December 23. If you would like to help us with these deliveries, please call or e-mail Monica Hackett 610-952-2836; monicahackett@comcast.net or Martha Wintner 484-680-1056; mwintner@haverford.edu. This is a great opportunity for all Redeemer parishioners, individually or as families, to bring a little cheer into the lives of those who may need it. Thanks so much from the Pastoral Care Team!

* IHN Guests Return December 3-10

We will again be hosts to temporarily homeless persons from Interfaith Hospitality Network beginning today. The sign-up board and online sign-up are available-www.TheRedeemer.org/ihn. There are still a few spots that need coverage.

* Christmas Baskets/Meals

is our annual take home a bag and bring it back filled so that our neighbors can celebrate the holidays with a festive meal. Bags are available in the Narthex and Parish House. Shopping lists are included. Please return the filled bags no later than December 17.

* Joyful Giving

provides ways to give Christmas gifts to agencies supported by our outreach efforts. Brochures are available stuffed inside your service sheets this week. Use the form inside to contribute by check or follow the instructions to use a credit card online.

* Annual Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 10 at 7pm

Glorious Advent and Christmas music presented by all five choirs of The Redeemer. Invite your friends. Early seating is advised.

* Jo Ann Bradely Jones Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday, December 16 at 11am

Join us here to celebrate with Jo Ann as she joins the order of priests. Both our choirs and the St. Thomas Gospel Choir will provide the music and Bishop Gutierrez will preside. A festive reception will follow.

Sunday December 3

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I - Church
- 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 8:30 am Nursery Care (birth to 4 yrs.) - Room 202
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church
- 10:15 am Coffee Hour - Assembly Room
- 10:15 am Confirmation Class - Shortridge Room
- 10:15 am Good Shepherd (Grades 4&5) - Room 206
- 10:15 am Godly Play (1st-3rd grades) - Rooms 208 & 211
- 10:15 am Rite 13 - P H Cottage
- 10:15 am Level I (ages 3 to K) - Room 201
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 10:30 am Adult Confirmation Class - Library
- 10:30 am Adult Forum - Room 1-2-3
- 11:15 am Choral Matins - Church

OPPORTUNITIES

Your chances to get involved.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Please send the names of the people you wish remembered in the Christmas Memorials. There is a suggested \$25 per name. Please mark these as Christmas Memorials and send them to the Parish Office, attention Fran Merritt, by Monday, December 18. Be sure to write the name(s) clearly so that we don't make a mistake. You can also do it online at: www.TheRedeemer.org/donate_flowers

Advent Trees Line the Drive

Thanks to our Redeemer Dads, the four trees once again line the front driveway of the church. An additional one will be illuminated each week (just like the Advent Wreath) as we approach Christmas.

Advent Study Resources

- Society of Saint John the Evangelist offers Daily words: www.AdventWord.org
- Seminary of the Southwest offers Advent content published online along with recordings of the authors: <https://ssw.edu/>
- Forward Movement offers: an Advent calendar as an app (search for Advent Calendar and Forward Movement) and lots of crafts and stories for families on GrowChristians.org.

The Advent Wreath

There are varying traditions about the meaning or theme of the candles on an Advent wreath. The scheme that accords best with the Episcopal Lectionary is:

- Advent 1 The Patriarchs
- Advent 2 The Prophets
- Advent 3 John the Baptist
- Advent 4 The Virgin Mary
- Christmas Day The Christ

Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ.

Advent 1

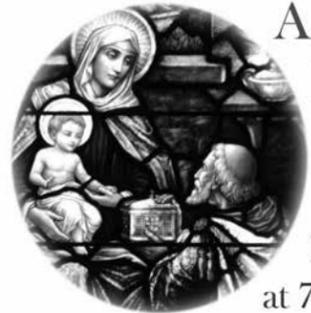
God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

SAVE THE DATE

RYG Festive Fundraising Dinner

Friday, January 26th, 2018

More details coming soon!



A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday
December 10
at 7:00 pm

Join the choirs of The Redeemer as they present the beloved readings of the nativity with anthems and carols to herald the advent of our Lord's birth.
Accompanied by Michael Stairs & Adrian Binkley
Directed by Michael Diorio, Director of Music.

Early seating is advised.

* Episcopal Community Services Christmas Giving Program

The Episcopal Community Services Christmas program is once again upon us! You can help make a child's Christmas wish come true. **Thanks to your generosity, we already have enough money to provide bikes to 10 children, but we still need money for 20 more bikes! Please consider donating to the ECS bike fund.** If you would like to participate, you can sponsor a child by writing a check payable to ECS or purchasing a Target or Visa gift card. Bikes will be purchased, picked-up and assembled by ECS.

\$125 buys a bike and helmet.

\$100 buys a bike only.

\$25 buys a helmet only.

You can also buy a \$25 gift card to Target, donate cash, or write a check to ECS for any amount, and the money will be used for a bike fund.

All donations must be received by Friday, December 8 at noon. There will be a marked box in the parish house office where you may leave checks, cash or gift cards.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in making a child's Christmas special this year!

For more information about ECS Christmas Giving, please take a card with detailed instructions from the Christmas tree in the Parish House or contact Marlies Lissack (marlieslissack@yahoo.com or 610-506-9989).

MORE DETAILS

* 2018 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN FOR THE REDEEMER



Thankfulness sustained in Memory and Hope



Information and pledge online at
www.TheRedeemer.org/support

* We sincerely hope you will prayerfully consider your pledge to The Redeemer for the coming year and return your pledge card or pledge online soon at www.TheRedeemer.org/support. Thank you!

Pledges Received to Date

Number of Pledges **231**

Total Amount Pledged **\$664,693.00**

So far, your fellow parishioners have increased their pledges by **5.5%**.

Please join them!



Bazaar Weekend Photos
www.TheRedeemer.org/photos

Parish House Gas Leak

Last Sunday we cancelled all program activity in the Parish House because we suspected that there might be a gas leak in the building. Our suspicions proved to be true. A small leak had developed close to where the gas line into the 1955 addition was connected to the boiler. Alert staff members had called attention to the odor of gas, and we immediately turned off the flow of gas at the boiler. The leak never approached dangerous levels, but we took very seriously the possible risks had we decided to continue with our usual activities. The line was repaired, and heat was restored to all areas of the building on Wednesday.

We tend to take for granted that our buildings and all the systems that make them operational will simply be in good order. As structures and systems age we can be surprised and our plans can be interrupted by unexpected failures. We have learned to manage many things in the Parish House that quietly compromise our activities and mission. This incident served as a clear window into that reality. It is one reason among many that the renovation of the Parish House is so important to our life and future.

Peter Vanderveen

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.

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New to this community?

◆ **We're glad you're here!** We'd like to get to know you better. Please sign the guest book on the podium in the Church entrance way or fill out one of the small cards in the pew, and we will be in touch with you.

◆ **Many of us gathered here today were not raised in The Episcopal Church,** but have come to find in this parish a source of spiritual growth. If you would like to consider joining this congregation or come seeking prayer or guidance, please speak to one of the clergy or call the church office at 610-525-2486.

◆ **Child care** is provided on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 am in the Nursery on the 2nd floor of the Parish House.

◆ **Restrooms** in the church are located through the large wooden door halfway down the left side aisle. **Baby changing stations** are available in the handicap restroom off the left side aisle and in the hallway restroom behind the high altar.

◆ **Children can be guided to participate in worship.** It's a ritual into which they can grow, and it will feed them through their whole life. Your guidance in leading them through the service is key. We also provide a special instructional bulletin intended for children in elementary school. Ask an usher for one. Worship bags are available in the narthex for families with young children. These prepared tote bags are filled with materials meant to enhance a child's sense of worship and help them process new prayers, scriptures and hymns.

◆ Please join us in the Parish House Assembly Room following the 9am service for refreshments where you can learn more about our parish life and ministries.

◆ **The best source for information** on all our ministries is our website (www.TheRedeemer.org) Facebook page (RedeemerBrynMawr) and Twitter feed (@TheRedeemerPA).

What's in a name?

Formally, we're Church of the Redeemer, in Bryn Mawr. But we who worship and work and give here use a nickname, The Redeemer, a term of endearment. We love this place and we love to welcome others to it.

Please ask an usher for:

- Hearing Assistance devices
- Large Print service sheets and *News from The Redeemer* for the Sunday worship services and
- Annotated/Youth Service Sheets for the 9am service.
- If you give online, there are cards for you to drop in the offering plate.

THE VESTRY

David Senior *
Rector's Warden

Jay Brown
Andrea Cayley
Jan Clarke
Anna Gerrity
Caroline Manogue *

Kathleen McClave *
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Submission Guidelines for The News at www.TheRedeemer.org/the_news

THIS WEEK AT THE REDEEMER

PARISH ACTIVITIES		WE HOST	
MONDAY DECEMBER 4		JOHN OF DAMASCUS, PRIEST, c 760	
2:00 pm	January Voice Deadline	7:00 pm	IHN Here - Conference Room, 209, 212
5:30 pm	Eucharist - The Hearth at Drexel	7:00 pm	St. Augustine - Library
	Capital Campaign Gifts Cmte - Shortridge Room	8:00 pm	Naranon - Assembly Room
			Narcotics Anonymous - Room. 123
TUESDAY DECEMBER 5		CLEMMENT OF ALEXANDRIA, PRIEST, c 210	
7:00 am	Gathering of Men - Library	9:00 am	IHN Here - Conference Room, 209, 212
9:20 am	Yoga - Room 206		Garden Workers - Assembly, Shortridge, Kitchen
3:30 pm	Waverly Eucharist		
4:30 pm	Organ Practice - Church		
5:00 pm	Choristers Rehearsal - Choir Room		
5:30 pm	Outreach Grants - Shortridge Room		
7:00 pm	Construction Committee - Conference Room		
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6		NICHOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA, c 342	
1:30 pm	Staff Meeting - Shortridge Room	8:00 pm	IHN Here - Conference Room, 209, 212
2:30 pm	Liturgy Meeting - Shortridge Room		Narcotics Anonymous - Room. 123
5:00 pm	Choristers Rehearsal - Choir Room		
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Room 206		
6:05 pm	Choir Supper - Assembly Room		
6:50 pm	Schola & Redeemer Choir Rehearsal - Church		
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7		AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN, 397 W	
9:20 am	Yoga - Room 206	12:30 am	IHN Here - Conference Room, 209, 212
12:00 pm	Women's Brown Bag Bible Study - Library	9:00 am	Planters Garden Club - Assembly & Shortridge Rm
12:00 pm	Men's Brown Bag Bible Study - Conference Room	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous -Shortridge Room
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8		RICHARD BAXTER, PASTOR & WRITER, 1691	
5:00 pm	Kassie Bryan Wedding rehearsal - Church	7:00 pm	IHN Here - Conference Room, 209, 212
			Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) - Shortridge
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9		IHN Here - Conference Room, 209, 212	
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols- Church		
11:30 am	Organ Practice - Church		
5:30 pm	Kassie Bryan Wedding		
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10		THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
7:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I - Church		IHN Departs - Conference Room, 209, 212
8:00 am	Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room		
8:30 am	Nursery Care (birth to 4 yrs.) - Room 202		
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church		
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10:30 am	Adult Confirmation Class - Library		
10:30 am	Adult Forum - Room 1-2-3		
10:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room		
11:15 am	Choral Matins - Church		
11:30 am	Adult Formation Committee - Library		
7:00 pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols -Church		

Up-to-date calendar
always available on
www.TheRedeemer.org

THIS WEEK IN YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Middle Schoolers
Grades 6, 7 & 8 - Rite 13
Parish House Cottage

High Schoolers
Grades 9-12
Youth Cottage 217 Pennswood Rd.

Catechesis I
Age 3-Grade K - Rm 201

Godly Play
Grades 1-3 - Rm 209

Good Shepherd 4 & 5
Grades 4 & 5 - Rm 206

Rite 13 will meet this week to continue its exploration of talking with God - what is prayer.

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday from 4:30-6:30pm.

Confirmation Class will meet this week in the Shortridge Room.

On this Sunday before Advent, we will introduce children to the role of Mary in the life of Jesus and the will of God by telling the story of the Annunciation. Children are intrigued by the mystery of the Incarnation as something small leading to greatness.

In preparation for Christmas, the children will explore the Nativity story through the eyes of Mary. We will shed new light on this all too familiar narrative by paying particular attention to the announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary by the Angel Gabriel. We will also start a special woodworking project lead by Chris Zafiriou.

The fourth and fifth graders will be learning the Nativity story by rehearsing the Church School Christmas Pageant, to be presented on December 17. There will also be costuming, creation of art work for the program, and other tasks to be organized by the teachers. Everyone - whether able to participate in the pageant or not - has a part!

Note: Starting, Sunday November 26, Good Shepherd will be preparing for their Christmas pageant to be presented during coffee hour in the Assembly Room on Sunday, December 17. These in class preparations and rehearsals are an important part of making sure everyone is ready to perform on Dec. 17. We want everyone to feel prepared and ready to share the Good News with the congregation!

IN OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick or in need:

Lisa Mclean	John
Betsy Crowell	Jerry Sedwick
Carol Hulick	Karin Helmers
Becca	Ida Guckes
Dan	Amanda
David Foster	Stephanie Hancock
Dave	George
Randy	Bruce Northrup
Paul Demeyer	Gary and Patricia
Brian Phipps	Fieger
Jeffrey	Rebecca Clothier
John	Case
Stacey	

For the people and assistance programs in our adopted village of Kukada, Malawi, Africa.

For the families of the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

For those in our military in harms way protecting our liberties.

For the people of Puerto Rico.

Those afflicted by terrorism and violence, especially the victims of the shootings in Sutherland Springs, TX.

For those who have died, and for those in whose memory the flowers on the altar are given: Lawrence and Dorothy Saunders, Margaret Diss Schoettle and Karl R. Schoettle, Mia Atherton Wood, William Philler Wood, Emily Chapman Wood, Marion Biddle Wood, Clement Biddle Wood, Jr.

If you know a parishioner who needs pastoral care or could use a visit, please contact Peter Vanderveen-pvanderveen@theredeemer.org or ext. 17, David Romanik-dromanik@theredeemer.org or ext. 13 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 David Romanik; dromanik@theredeemer.org