

FELLOWSHIP

NEWCOMER PROFILE

PEOPLE MAKING THE REDEEMER THEIR SPIRITUAL HOME

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ANDREA SHARES HER STORY WITH KEN GARNER



I attended the English Language Catholic church in the Netherlands, Croatia, Bosnia and Phnom Penh. However, for numerous reasons we began to feel very disillusioned with the Catholic Church and its teachings, and did not feel it reflected our morals and views. Part of our family is Anglican so we began attending Anglican services during our year in London and felt closer to those teachings, as well as to the role of women in their services.

I knew that I wanted the children to be raised as part of a spiritual and Christian community. The Episcopal Church gives us that in an environment that is socially and morally more aligned with our beliefs.

This April was a joyous one when my daughter Anna was confirmed and I was received into the Episcopalian faith.

How did you find The Redeemer?

I grew up in the area and had been a bridesmaid and godmother many times here. However, it was really the amazing late Stephen Billings and his wonderful wife Barbara who told us about The Redeemer and their programs for children. Stephen was a lifelong family friend and we feel blessed that he told us about the community here and introduced us to this church.

What inspired you to attend?

We were inspired by the absolutely beautiful morning services. The music always makes each Sunday feel special. We have loved attending vespers as well and many concerts at the church.

There is no question that the community here is an extraordinary one. We have met many families and individuals who are interesting and inspiring. This is the closest and

most welcoming church community that we have ever been part of.

My teens keep telling me after services how good they feel after going to church – keeps us coming back every Sunday!

What would you want to tell others about The Redeemer to encourage them to come and explore our parish?

I absolutely would tell them about the beauty of every single service. From the music to the sermons, we always feel inspired and lifted by the end of the hour.

I would also tell them that there are so many opportunities for a newcomer to the area to become involved, meet new people and feel part of an amazing Christian community.

On the recommendation of Stephen Billings, I became involved in the African Children's Mission project which is a really exciting group, and I look forward to being part of its work. At the summer picnic, Howard Baker and Rita Davis encouraged me to join the Adult Study group. That is an amazing group of intelligent and thoughtful people, and I look forward to working with them as well as attending the classes! I have also signed on to run the Children's room at the Christmas Bazar and am getting involved in the upcoming retreat.

Additionally, my daughter Anna had an amazing summer as part of the church's City Camp program organized by the amazing and always entertaining David Randolph. The opportunity for children to become part of the community as well and to take part in something as inspiring as this program is really special and welcoming to us.

Anyone thinking of joining should know that The Redeemer is an entry into an amazing spiritual home as well as an intelligent and warm community.

Tell us a bit about yourself outside of The Redeemer—your jobs, your family, your hobbies.

I grew up in Haverford, however since 1995

I have been living outside of the United States. I accepted a post as a war crimes prosecutor in the War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague, Netherlands. I lived there for 13 years. After that I worked with the UN in Croatia, Bosnia and Phnom Penh Cambodia. Following one amazing year living in London, we moved back to the Philadelphia area.

At the moment I am working on a book about the prosecution of rape as a war crime during the war in the former Yugoslavia.

I have four amazing kids. Alexander who is 17 ½ and is in his last year of boarding school in the UK; Anna who is 14 ½ and is just starting upper school at Agnes Irwin; Edmund who is 11 and starting middle school at Haverford; and Eleanor a Kindergartener at Agnes Irwin.

That does not leave much time for hobbies but I enjoy spending time with close old friends who I have missed during the years abroad, and I'm part of a Bible study group with some amazing women.

I have put all our passports into our safety deposit box and we are just enjoying getting to know the US again!

Thank you very much for sharing your story with us about your entry into The Redeemer community.

How long have you been attending services here?

We moved to the Philadelphia area last October and immediately adopted a lovely rescue dog, Cordelia. Driving by The Redeemer, we saw that there was a blessing of the animals. Peter Vanderveen blessed Cordelia so I guess she is the first member of our family to join The Redeemer. We came back for the beautiful Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve and have been coming since!

Are you a life-long Episcopalian?

No, I was raised as a Roman Catholic.

What is your previous church experience?

COFFEE HOUR JOIN IN



Each Sunday during the academic year there's time for fellowship and refreshment. Coffee Hour, beginning at 10:15am in the Parish House Assembly Room, provides the opportunity for us to catch-up and enjoy fellowship together. It also allows us the luxury of focusing a place to distribute information and provide opportunities to engage for mission service in and outside the parish. Drop by on your way to the Adult Forum or just spend some time building relationships with fellow parishioners.

2015-16 SPECIAL MUSIC EVENTS ANNOUNCED

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES

All Souls Requiem Service

Sunday, November 1 at 4pm

Featuring the Requiem as set by Gabriel Fauré
Sung by Schola Cantorum, Redeemer & Chancel Choirs with string orchestra

The illumination of our new outdoor Church lighting will take place immediately following this service.

Candlelight Evening of Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 13 at 7pm

Sung by the choirs of The Redeemer (reception to follow)

Free-will offering benefits the

Margaret Orr Memorial Choral Scholarship

Dining with Divas!

Saturday, February 6 at 6:30pm

Sung by our Staff Singers and members of the Schola Cantorum

Enjoy dinner, drink and entertaining musical selections throughout the evening.

Proceeds benefit the 2016 Music & Mission Trip.

Mozart in March: The Great Mass in C minor

Saturday, March 5 at 7:30pm

Sung by choirs from The Redeemer and Trinity Church (Episcopal), Princeton.

Featuring orchestra and soloists from amongst our staff singers. (reception to follow)

\$20 adult / \$10 student / children 12 and under are free

The Philadelphia Brass in Concert

Sunday, April 17 at 4pm (reception to follow)

Featuring Michael Diorio, organ, with The Philadelphia Brass Special duet and ensemble performances with Michael Stairs

\$20 adult / \$10 student / children 12 and under are free

The Redeemer Annual Garden Party

Sunday, May 1 at 4pm

Annual all-parish event at the Appleford Estate. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction.

Performances by our choirs.

All Proceeds benefit the efforts of Music at The Redeemer.

Please Join Us! Sunday September 6

PARISH PICNIC



following the 10 am service

Please help us by bringing food items that do not require warm-up.

If your last name begins with:

A – I Entrées

J – R Salads

S – Z Desserts