

FELLOWSHIP

NEWCOMER PROFILE

PEOPLE MAKING THE REDEEMER THEIR FAITH COMMUNITY

INTERVIEWED BY KEN GARNER



This Month:

Mary Frances and Preston Bannard

How long have you been attending services here?

We attended sporadically about 6 years ago and did our marriage counseling at The Redeemer; we began attending again—more consistently, this time—in November.

Are you life-long Episcopalians? If so, what other Episcopal churches have you attended? If not, have you had religious affiliations before becoming involved at The Redeemer?

Preston is a life-long Episcopalian and attended St. Stephen's Church in Richmond, Virginia, where we were married in 2008. Mary Frances grew up in the Presbyterian church, though she attended an Episcopal school in Richmond from kindergarten through high school.

How did you find The Redeemer?

We used to live on campus at The Baldwin School, where Preston teaches, so it was right next door! We initially heard about The Redeemer from a family friend, Blair Stambaugh, and it was our friends Becky and Charles Amis who encouraged us to return most recently.

What attracted you to attend?

The reason we returned was, primarily, our daughter; we were both involved in our churches as children and wanted Ella to grow up in the context of a church life as well. We appreciate the stability and rhythm that a church home provides, and felt that it was important to establish that early on. In addition, we missed the time for peace and contemplation that the worship service offers.

What would you tell others about The Redeemer to encourage them to come and check us out?

The people are friendly and welcoming, the childcare is terrific, and the services have beautiful music!

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

We have a daughter, Ella, who will turn two in May, as well as two dogs (a lab and a lab mix). We both teach Latin, Preston at Baldwin and Mary Frances at Agnes Irwin, and Preston also coaches the Varsity Softball team and is an avid baseball fan. Most recently, Mary Frances has fallen in love with yoga, and has begun training to become a registered yoga teacher. We both love music, and we love to read—though we find far too little time for it.

SAVE THE DATE

Rite 13 Liturgy

Sunday, May 5 at 9am

Music at The Redeemer

Fun and Fundraiser at Appleford

Thursday, May 16 at 6pm

Last day of Church School

Moving-Up Ceremony

Sunday, May 19 at 10:15am

DINING



Warren and Susan Ayres along with music director Michael Diorio enjoy the good time at Dining with Divas on February 16. Sponsored by Music at The Redeemer, the evening served a gourmet dinner (prepared by Dr. Diorio) along with great entertainment by our resident diva(o)s and raised funds for this coming summer's mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

DRUMMING



African Children's Mission sponsored Drums and Dessert on March 10. Led by Betsy H. D'Angelo, MA, trained facilitator of drum circles and board certified music therapist, she introduced the lively group to a number of her vast array of instruments from all over the world—frame drums, bass drums, African and Asian drums such as djembes, doumbeks, and a “talking” drum, smaller percussion instruments such as bells and shakers and other special instruments that provide texture and melody. The evening also raised the awareness of the great need still existing in Malawi.

TUBING



On March 4, a group of our high school youth spent a fun-filled day on the slopes snow tubing at Blue Mountain Lodge in the Poconos.

