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Organized around our
principle themes of:

WORSHIP - OUTREACH - FELLOWSHIP
These themes are an outgrowth
of the goals in our most recent
strategic plan "Spiritual Center"
(Worship); "Outreach Within and
Beyond Our Campus" (Outreach)
and "Parish Vitality" (Fellowship).

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TIME IS A DIRECTION

FROM LEGACY INTO PROMISE

BY PETER VANDERVEEN

January is the one month when the idea of time seems most pressing. The turning of the year has become a prime catalyst for assessment and change. The shift in one number reminds us all that time is fleeting; it's a commodity that, with each passing day, we have less of. So we determine, at least momentarily, to maximize the time we have by adopting new habits for our betterment.

This is a common way of perceiving our lives. Time is the present tense. It's something we "have" between the past that is gone and the future that hasn't yet come. It's what we race through and against or, sometimes, luxuriate within. But it's generally just that short spate defined by the term "now." Its duration is remarkably short.

This approach to time, however, impoverishes us. For time isn't a possession that's constantly slipping through our fingers. More accurately, it's a great continuum where the past is retained and the expectations of the future are put into play. Time is a direction revealed in the path from whence to whither. It's incomprehensible apart from the delineations of memory and hope. We are always on the way somewhere, and that place is

characterized by a sense of fruition. Our lives are not ephemeral. Time is a mark of destiny and goal. It's cumulative, not just in substance, but also in purpose. This is what the Christian term "redemption" declares. Time unfolds the meaning of the whole of creation, and this wholeness gives us reason to rejoice with the uncommon refrain: "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end."

More than any other organization or institution, the church hallows time. It alone dares to speak in terms of the eternal, giving our lives—and every moment within them—a value that exceeds measure. Nothing will be forgotten, passing into dark irrelevance. Everything will be included within the kingdom which we await; and from that expectation hope arises and changes our present. This is why we keep the cross as the central symbol of our faith. This is why we raise our voices in song, surrounded by the graves of those who



preceded us. The direction of time is from legacy into promise, and we have the opportunity to be exceptional witnesses to this blessing.

Faith is daring, adventurous, and far more positive than any secular doctrine of progress. It sets us within the eternal, which gives us reason to believe that God is doing for us more than we can ask or imagine.

I can't think of a better way to begin a new year than with the affirmation of this understanding and conviction. This is the hope we proclaim, which at The Redeemer we make manifest and real, now and for generations to come. Choose to be newly bold in participating in this venture; be even bolder in helping to bring this promise to light. There's no greater calling.

BISHOP GUTIERREZ VISITS JANUARY 29

22 YOUTH AND 6 ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RECEPTIONS

BY MELISSA WILCOX



Our large group of Youth Confirmands have successfully finished two months of preparation for reaffirming their baptismal covenant. In addition to the robust work of studying church history, liturgy, and theology, they have also looked closer at their own lives and the ways in which they relate to God. Each Confirmand has had the opportunity to write a letter to Bishop Gutierrez explaining why he/she wanted to pursue confirmation. Those letters revealed a true desire for God

in the context of common worship and prayer. I was so pleased to discover that many of the Confirmands were discerning ways in which they could be more involved in the liturgy.

The other exciting aspect of the letter-writing was that the Confirmands had the opportunity to share their letters with their Sponsors. During this time, Sponsors and Confirmands explored the vows the young people take on the day of Confirmation. All involved had the chance to share the joys and challenges of the Christian life.

The Redeemer community looks forward to Confirmation, not only for the young people who will be confirmed, but for the families who will begin a new commitment and participation in the life of

Christ here at The Redeemer. These young people have clearly expressed a desire for a deeper knowledge of God, and we hope that our whole community will support them in this endeavor.

Please keep the following Youth Confirmands in your prayers:

Elizabeth Aldridge	Lachlan Northington
Robert Aldridge	Jeffrey O'Neil
Radcliffe Edmonds	Fiona Rae
Lainey Halmers	Diarmid Rae
Lucia Halmers	Emily Spadaro
Carter Joyce	Caroline Steele
Graham Joyce	Jack Susanin
Cyril Leahy	Susanna Ulrich
Aaron Leyland	Alex Unruh
Nicholas Masterman	James Wang
Austin Miller	Cheney Williams

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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS

7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15am Choral Matins

JANUARY 1

THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TWO SERVICES AT 8 & 10AM

JANUARY 8

*THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY-
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD*

MUSIC: **Schola & Redeemer Choir**

Say, where is he born the King of Judea?

from Christus F. Mendelssohn

There shall a star, from Christus F. Mendelssohn

O Nata Lux M. Lauridsen

JANUARY 15

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

MUSIC: **Redeemer Choristers &
Redeemer Choir**

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day J. Gardner

O Sacred Feast H. Willan

JANUARY 22

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

MUSIC: **Schola & Redeemer Choir**

Arise, shine for your light has come W. Mathias

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind C. H. Parry

JANUARY 29

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

No 11:15AM SERVICE CONFIRMATION AT 9AM

MUSIC: **Redeemer Choir**

The Beatitudes P. Stopford

Lectionary readings available on The Lectionary Page
accessible from TheRedeemer.org/links

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FAITH DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

MARKING OUR JOURNEY AS CHRISTIANS MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED

BY MELISSA WILCOX AND TORY DUNKLE

As explained in our September Adult Forum, our Faith Development Milestones were created in an attempt to provide parents, teachers and members of The Redeemer with a general sense of what they can expect children to learn and experience as young believers. Recognizing that each child develops and progresses at

her/his own rate, these Milestones are meant to serve as reference points for parents and teachers as we encourage our children to grow in their faith. The journey of faith may not always follow a linear forward-moving trajectory, but with these Milestones in mind, we can

better guide our children.

Over the course of the next several months, we will lay out in detail the Faith Development Milestones for each Church School level. This month we focus on our Middle School, ages 11-13 (Rite 13).

Worship

- Develop a more sophisticated understanding of the worship space
- Describe the layout of the church, specifically mentioning the position and function of the altar, font, lectern, and pulpit.
- Understand the meaning and origins of significant liturgical texts, including the Lord's Prayer, the Sanctus, and the Agnus Dei.
- Serve as acolytes, choristers, or oblation bearers
- Recognize the importance of singing hymns and service music
- Know the opening acclamations and dismissal responses by heart

Formation

- Develop an understanding of Christianity as a whole and how we as individuals are formed in our faith together as the church
- Begin to understand the distinctive nature of the church
- Explore specific areas of faith such as self, society, sexuality, spirituality, and prayer

- Begin to understand and practice the many different facets of prayer
- Learn how to work together with peers and build trust as a group
- Memorize Psalm 139 for the Rite 13 liturgy

Fellowship

- Participate in age-appropriate fellowship and worship opportunities to deepen connection to and comfort with The Redeemer community (peers and elders alike)
 - Attend monthly Sabbath Sundays events
 - Rite 13 Lock-In
 - Participate in Christmas Eve pageant
 - Attend Maundy Thursday Service
 - Schola Choir
 - Acolyte (Crucifer)
 - Confirmation

Outreach

- Participate in Outreach events to begin to recognize that the Church works on behalf of others.
 - Youth Food for Friends
 - St. James Episcopal School

Scenes from last October's Rite-13 Lock-In.



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OUTREACH

SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS

Aspiring to Love Part II



BY DAVID ROMANIK

When William Penn founded a city on the banks of the Delaware River in the 17th century, he took a unique approach to naming it. Instead of honoring a benefactor or the place he had come from, Penn named the city for a virtue. Drawing from the Greek words for “love” and “brother,” Penn called the city Philadelphia. Having escaped religious persecution, this was not a superficial decision on Penn’s part. Indeed, Penn hoped the colony he established would be a place of tolerance, mutuality, and fraternal love. From its very inception, in other words, Philadelphia was more than a place; it was an aspiration.

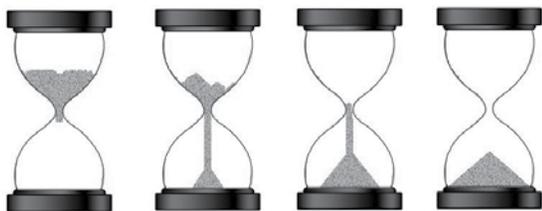
This past spring, our forum series showcased some of the extraordinary organizations in this area that are helping Philadelphia live up to its name. In January, we will revisit this theme, specifically highlighting the joys and challenges surrounding the issue of education. Presenters from Church Farm School, the Education Law Center, and Saint James School will describe how their organizations are making it possible for students to succeed in an ever-changing world. Beginning on Sunday, January 8, we will learn about the ways people of this area are encouraging us and our children to aspire to love.

PARISH BUSINESS

HOW MUCH IS TIME WORTH?

BY JAY EINSPANIER

Without question, we live in a schedule-driven world. The ability to connect electronically allows all of us to



stay aware of all things timely. As a result, our most precious commodity becomes time, and our biggest challenge is to use it efficiently.

As respects time at The Redeemer, what is your estimate of one day’s operational costs?

Some of you might say very little, given our frugal habits: (a comfy sweater vs. a furnace uptick).

Venture a guess or consult Google, as you will, but the fact is that in 2017,

to run The Redeemer for one day will cost approximately \$4,794.52. To put that figure in perspective,

in 2009, our actual daily expense was \$4,440.73 or 7% less than what we expect in 2017; therefore, over nine years our expected expenses have risen less than 1% per year.

So, I feel confident that we strive to be good stewards.

If you have pledged for 2017, thank you. If you have not pledged, consider the value of a day here, or even two. The time that your pledge buys will benefit you and the Parish as well.



Watch for regular dedicated emails and web postings coming in January providing updates and detailed information about our Parish House and Campus development.

Read the complete case statement now online at www.TheRedeemer.org



Because of your pledges, in the last year:

- ☞ The Adult Forum Series has been strengthened with the development of major series focusing on faith and public issues with a full schedule of outside speakers.
- ☞ Tory Dunkle has returned as Director of Children’s Ministries, with her dual degrees she brings exceptional talent and learning to our growing formation programs.
- ☞ We’ve created Faith Development Milestones that outline a complete arc of formation providing parents, students and teachers a clear developmental guide in Christian faith and practice.
- ☞ Our Choir program has expanded due to increased enrollment we have begun an additional youth choir. Over 100 persons participate in our six choirs.
- ☞ Outreach Grants grew by 3% enabling us to provide assistance and care to more outside our doors.
- ☞ We have undertaken several major restoration projects including the repair of the church’s rose window with exterior and interior painting and replacement of the broken glass.



We are sincerely grateful to these parishioners who have made a pledge of financial support for 2017.

If you have not already made a pledge, we sincerely hope you will prayerfully consider it and return your pledge card or pledge online soon at www.TheRedeemer.org/support. Thank you!

Received to Date

Number of Pledges **316**

Total Amount Pledged **\$818,869.86**

So far, your fellow parishioners have increased their pledges by **7%**.

Please join them!

This list is not cumulative. It represents pledges received between November 20 thru December 16, 2016 and since the December issue.

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FELLOWSHIP

VESTRY NOMINEES

To Be Presented at the February 5 Annual Meeting

Presented by Rodger McKinney, Chair of the Nominating Committee



Andrea Cayley

Andrea is on the Adult Formation Committee at The Redeemer and also serves on the African Children's Mission Committee, and Christmas Bazar Committee. She also teaches Rite 13. She is the

Program Director of the Center for Ethics and Rule of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to this she worked for 20 years as a war crimes prosecutor in the Former Yugoslavia and Cambodia. Andrea grew up in Haverford and is a proud alumna of the Baldwin School. She graduated from Columbia University, Penn Law, and Temple Law, and has doctorate in International law from Leiden University in the Netherlands. She serves on the Alumnae Board of Baldwin and is on the board of the Jesuit Refugee Services Committee in Cambodia. In the former Yugoslavia she founded a charity called International Women's Charity Committee, which supports orphanages in the region and funds legal reforms of adoption laws. Andrea resides in Bryn Mawr and is a mother of four: Alexander, 18, Anna, 15, Edmund, 12, and Eleanor 6.

Andrea's interests include photography, reading, tennis, and watching her daughter row.



Jan Clarke

A life-long Episcopalian, Jan joined The Redeemer 2007. She is a member of the Outreach Grants and Parish House Design Committees and serves as coordinator for Foyers Groups and the St. Gabriel's Mission hot lunch

program. As chairperson of the Flower Guild, she takes great pleasure in designing floral arrangements and working with a very talented group of Guild members.

Jan's educational background in nursing and business administration has afforded her a long and varied career in the health care industry. Her leadership experience in the healthcare utilization and quality improvement fields were most rewarding. Now semi-retired, she works on a half-time basis as the senior medical/health policy writer for the Jefferson School of Population Health in Philadelphia.

Jan and her husband Bill Gross have a

large blended family. Three of Jan's four "40-something" children, and 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 7 to 21—live within a 45 minute drive. One son lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife and Jan's two "grand-dogs." Bill's son calls Manhattan home.

In her free time, Jan serves as recording secretary of The Garden Workers. She enjoys gardening, singing in a small a cappella ensemble, traveling, and unwinding at a summer cottage in Nova Scotia.



Scott Stephan

Scott Stephan and his wife Alexis have been members of The Redeemer for over ten years. Their three daughters were baptized at The Redeemer, and now Olivia (11), Kate (8), and Caroline (6) participate in church school,

choir, and acolytes. Alexis is a leader of The Redeemer Youth Group. Scott has been a member in the Marketing, Engagement & Growth task force, and acts as a liaison to the Youth Formation committee. Scott grew up in Reading, PA. He has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Penn State University, and he has spent his career in technical sales, currently with MuleSoft and previously with Netezza and MicroStrategy. Scott is also a Parent Ambassador for the Agnes Irwin School, and he enjoys cooking, soccer, legos, and skiing activities with his family



Carter Williams

Carter Williams is a lifelong Redeemer parishioner who was baptized by Tim Pickering. He met his wife, Ginny, in Redeemer Youth Group (RYG); Carter and Ginny were married by Tim Dobbins. Ginny is a former vestry

member. Carter and Ginny have two children, Cal, 17 and Cheney, 15, who are active at The Redeemer as well. Over the years, Carter has been very involved in RYG, as well as being head of the Outreach Committee. He has run the music discernment committee, served on the rector search committee for Peter, and he manages the Christmas basket program. Professionally, Carter runs a small industrial automation company in Broomall and is on the board of Episcopal Community Services and Merion Cricket Club.

NEW CHOIR SCHEDULE

A MID-SEASON SHAKE-UP

By Michael Diorio

Over the past several months I have been thinking of ways to maximize the experience of our choir program participants. The idea of utilizing our time together in a more economical way has been a leitmotif playing in my mind since October. At present, we have six separate choirs and seven rehearsals per week: Cherub (K-3), Resident Training Choir (3rd-5th), Choristers (5th-8th), Schola (9th-12th), Redeemer Choir, and Chancel Choir. Several of these groups learn exactly the same music, but rehearse separately. Doubling-up the groups to learn their music together seemed, to me, more efficient, and would also serve to emphasize the intergenerational nature of our program.

After several schedule drafts and discussions with the Music Committee, we have decided to move forward with a more efficient rehearsal schedule and to include a choir supper each Wednesday to assist in community building as well as to smooth out harried schedules. Parents and adults will sign-up to provide the simple supper.

We have many folks who scramble from work to home, grab a quick dinner, and then drive to church for an evening rehearsal. Some folks have to wait until after rehearsal (9pm) to have their dinner. The weekly supper will allow choristers to eat immediately following their rehearsal. Teens and adults, who rehearse later on Wednesday evenings, can also participate. Full bellies provide for happier singers who are more engaged in the rehearsal experience!

A large music program can be demanding on everyone's schedules: parents and singers alike. Our RTC kids will now rehearse with the next level chorister group. Since all sing soprano, rehearsing together will provide for a more expedited learning process, as the older kids model behavior and tone for the younger. The older choristers will also assist in mentoring the younger singers during rehearsal, which is a wonderful way to encourage interaction and form lasting friendships as the kids grow up through the program together. Here is a glimpse at a week in the life of our choir program.

Choral Group	Tuesday	Wednesday	Sunday
Cherub Choir		5pm-6pm (Parish House)	
Choristers	5:00-6:30 (Choir Rm)	5pm-6pm (Choir Rm)	
Choir Supper		6:05-6:45 (Assembly Rm)	
Schola		6:50-8:00 (Choir Rm)	
Redeemer Choir		6:50-8:30 (Choir Rm)	
Sunday Scheduled Choir			8am call (9am service)
Chancel Choir			10:30am call (11:15am service)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & OUTREACH DINNER PARTY GREAT SUCCESSES



The two day events raised \$69,000 for our Outreach projects and generated tons of parish fellowship. There are lots more pictures available at: www.TheRedeemer.org/photos