

FELLOWSHIP

NEWCOMER PROFILE

PEOPLE MAKING THE REDEEMER THEIR FAITH COMMUNITY



INTERVIEWED BY KEN GARNER

This month John and Linda Day

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 from California to Wynnewood in July of 2012 to be near children and grandchildren. We visited all the Episcopal churches in the area and began attending The Redeemer in November 2012.

Are you a life-long Episcopalian?

I (David) am a cradle Episcopalian. Linda was a baptized Lutheran. When we started dating seriously, we discovered we both had very similar views on spirituality. Linda chose to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, and we were subsequently married in the Episcopal Church in Laguna Beach, California.

What other Episcopal churches have you attended?

I have attended Episcopal Churches in seven different states and served on the vestry in two of these churches. Prior to coming to The Redeemer, Linda and I attended St. Mary's in Laguna Beach and St. Margaret's in San Juan Capistrano, California. Our sons were acolytes and were confirmed at St. Margaret's. Linda attended the Lutheran church in Washington and California before becoming Episcopalian.

How did you find The Redeemer?

When we moved here we wanted to be near our daughters and grandchildren who live in Narberth. My daughter's next door neighbor is Patricia Sandiford, whom we had met previously when visiting our daughters in Narberth. Quite by accident, we were talking with Patricia one day, and we mentioned we were looking for an Episcopal Church. Patricia insisted we check out The Redeemer and we did and we loved it.

What attracted you to attend?

A lot of things told us that The Redeemer was the right place. The most welcoming was the visible interest in new members. During the first couple of visits, members of the vestry talked to us at coffee hour and Peter and Beth both spent time with us. Devika Singh invited us to join her Foyer's group during this time. Looking back

on it, the experience was warm, inviting and very kind. We also were excited about the youth program, adult education and the outreach activities. And, of course, the hearty recommendation from Patricia started the ball rolling.

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

Come check this church out. It is very friendly and welcoming and there are all kinds of activities to get involved with and be a part of the Church.

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

Linda and I were married in 1999. We have two daughters, two sons and three grandchildren. The two daughters and their families live in Narberth, one son lives in Philadelphia and the other son lives in Washington, DC. I retired in 2009 after a career as a Human Resource and Real Estate Director, and then as a Construction Manager building new banks in Southern California and Oregon. Since retiring I have been active volunteering in veteran's organizations and counseling unemployed in the job hunting process. I did a lot of fly fishing and backpacking all through California and will be checking it out here on the east coast after all the boxes are unpacked. Linda works for Knoll furniture in their international division and has been with Knoll for 29 years. While the boys were growing up, Linda spent major time volunteering for youth sports programs. I was interested in the Scouting program and was a Scoutmaster of a troop while our sons were working on their Eagle ranks. Linda has also volunteered assisting active military families in need, teaching Sunday school and serving as a LEM. Nowadays we both love to kick back at our family's cottage in Maine.



John Nickolas

**Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
The Philadelphia Phillies**

**Sunday, May 5, 2013
at 12:15 pm**

in the Parish House

RSVP at www.TheRedeemer.org/rsvp

Spring Songs

Please join us on
May 16, 2013
from 6:00 - 9:00pm
for an evening of music,
delicious delicacies and 2014
Tour Destination Announcement.

Appleford
770 Mt. Moro Road, Villanova, Pa 19085
to help support the
Church of the Redeemer Music Program and Tour

Silent Auction
Musical Performances by
Schola Cantorum, Redeemer Choristers, and Staff Singers
Catering by Jack Francis

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 2

Summer Schedule Begins
Services at 8 & 10am

Teachers and High School Seniors Appreciation Day
Picnic follows the 10am service this day

June 22 & 23

Redeemer Dads & Kids Camping Trip
Wapiti Wilderness Retreat

