

FELLOWSHIP

PARISH BUSINESS NOT THE DOLDRUMS OF SUMMER

By JAY EINSPANIER

The lazy hazy days of summer have suddenly become “get it done.” A number of maintenance projects have suddenly come up, along with the usual challenges that come with buildings whose age reaches back over 100 years. Additionally, we are looking toward the repopulation of the campus that comes about in September, and making sure things are in place for the restart of our program year. It’s The Redeemer’s version of the swallows returning to Capistrano!

Given the hot weather, we had two air conditioner condensers fail at the church. We have both back on line, but this will be an area to be addressed in the next year or two. Additionally, we noticed, and are repairing, leaks in the church roof. One is directly above the pulpit and has caused some of the brick facing to become loose and fall into the pulpit. We will have both leaks repaired and the brick restored shortly. (My interim solution, providing Clergy with an umbrella to hold during the homily, was not well received. Hmm....)

We will continue painting handrails and light stanchions, along with the constant care of the churchyard. Please enjoy the refinished benches in and around the churchyard. Waxing floors and clearing away the summer cobwebs started at



the end of August and progresses up to the Parish Picnic on September 8. Also, the space formally occupied by The Shop is in the process of being “repurposed.” Initially, it will be used to store and display items for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar.

A quick update on the replacement of canopy trees in the churchyard: We have received two perspective donors for the three trees scheduled for installation this fall. Anyone want to adopt a White Oak, *Quercus alba*?

ECS FILL THE BUS

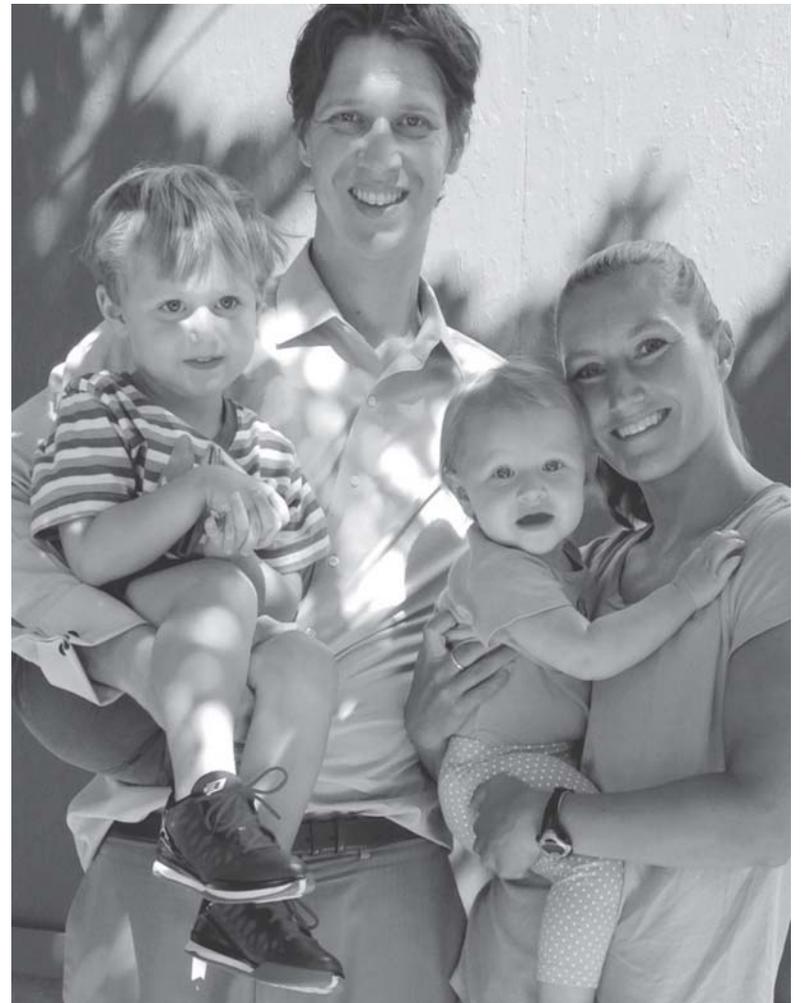


Sincere thanks to parishioners who donated and filled thirty back-to-school backpacks full of school supplies and donated a number of gift cards as well for Episcopal Community Services “Fill the Bus” program. The backpacks will be distributed to ECS clients. Here Susan Ayres and Julia De Moss pack the car for delivery to ECS.

NEWCOMER PROFILE

PEOPLE MAKING THE REDEEMER THEIR FAITH COMMUNITY

INTERVIEWED BY KEN GARNER



This month, Amanda, Kyle, London and Hailey Vos Strache

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?

Since last winter.

Are you life-long Episcopalians? If so, what other Episcopal churches have you attended?

I am a life-long member of The Episcopal Church and attended Episcopal Academy. Kyle grew up in California where he was a member of Malibu Presbyterian Church.

How did you find The Redeemer?

We live right behind it. The church bells are a favorite sound in our house.

What inspired you to attend?

The Aldridge, Lim and Masterman families all attend and spoke highly of their experience with the church. They all encouraged us to attend.

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

From the moment we walked through the doors, everyone was extremely welcoming. The music is beautiful, the church is gorgeous and the people are warm and inviting. We have particularly enjoyed the sermons. We enjoy the focus on the scriptures and how the message of love seems to accompany each one. We find ourselves having rich conversations after the services and hope in future years to include our children in those conversations as well.

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

I teach upper school history and will be joining the faculty at the Haverford School this fall. Kyle is an attorney at Cozen O’Connor. We have two children: London who is three, and Hailey who just turned one. I grew up in Berwyn and Kyle was raised surfing the beaches of southern California. We met in college in northern California, and after living there for many years, we decided to raise our children on the East Coast to be closer to family. I enjoy running, and Kyle enjoys working in our yard, having spent many summers on his family’s farm in Oskaloosa, Iowa.