

## FELLOWSHIP

## NEWCOMER PROFILE

PEOPLE MAKING THE REDEEMER

THEIR SPIRITUAL HOME

INTERVIEWED BY KEN GARNER



**What inspired you to attend The Redeemer?** Anne, our daughter, and David Hain, are members. We've come to services with them.

**What would you want to tell others about The Redeemer to encourage them to come and explore our parish?** The Church is beautiful, and the music is great. We very much have enjoyed meeting and hearing Peter

Vanderveen. The people we've met are very pleasant.

**Since we're in the midst of our annual stewardship campaign, can you share with us why you feel it's important to financially support the church?** We feel that it is an important part of Christian life to support activities and missions of the church.

**Tell us a bit about yourself outside of The Redeemer—your former jobs, your family, your hobbies.** Joan graduated from University of Pennsylvania and Norman from Bucknell University. Norman had a sporting goods store and still likes target shooting. We raised five children, the youngest is Anne Hain who is a member of The Redeemer. We are both multi-engined instrument-rated private pilots. Joan always has an ongoing needlepoint project. We look forward to celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September!

**This month, Joan and Norman Greene.**

**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?**

Just since this winter after moving to Beaumont.

**Are you life-long Episcopalians? If so, what other Episcopal churches have you attended?** Joan was confirmed at St. Asaph's Church, in Cynwyd, PA, and attended Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli.

**If not a life-long Episcopalian, what is your previous church experience, if any?** Norman grew up attending Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and later Paoli Presbyterian Church. When we were in Florida, we attended Bradenton (FL) Presbyterian Church.

## Vespers at The Redeemer

SUNDAY MAY 4 AT 5PM

BY PETER VANDERVEEN

This spring, once again, daffodils came up in an area on the rectory grounds. We didn't expect them, for last spring we removed as many of the bulbs as we could find and replaced them with other plantings. Nonetheless, they arrived, and they are beautiful. There's nothing particularly different about them this year. They are in the same place; they are the same color; they have the same shape and size. They are one more repetition of what has come up for years. Even so, however, we don't tire of them. They are constant, simple, hearty, undemanding;

and, as such, they are as good a definition of a gift as any I can think of.

Beginning this month, we will be offering Vespers at 5pm on the first Sunday of every month in the program year. Each service will be built around one of the services for evening found in the Prayer Book: Evening Prayer, an Order for Evening, and Compline. They will be complemented by the talents of people within the congregation, and they're meant to be a bit less formal and a bit more simple in expression. There will

LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD  
CHOIRS HELP BUILD COMMUNITY

BY MICHAEL DIORIO

Having served at The Redeemer for five seasons now, I have to say that my impression of our community has not changed. We are mindful of one another; we are compassionate to those in need around us; and we give of our time to the Church and to the greater community. What I appreciate most is observing how people come together for a particular cause. This is The Redeemer. How we care, react, and involve ourselves all indicate our health as a parish community and as engaged individuals in the Christian life.

This kind of enthusiasm is evident in our campus programs. Over this past academic year, the choirs at The Redeemer have worked incredibly hard, with great focus and determination, to achieve the results we presented, to both parishioners, and to the surrounding community. Our concerts have brought in new friends, neighbors who haven't visited with us before, and families of choristers seeking to join our parish. All of our programs are run with integrity, care, community awareness, and a shared vision and goal.

The past season has been notable for the number of great musical works and related events taking place in our sanctuary, among them, the All Souls Service featuring the Faure Requiem; Lessons & Carols; Dining with Divas; the Academy of Vocal Arts benefit concert; and our offsite Annual Garden Party at Appleford. The love of learning, singing, and being a part of something bigger than ourselves keeps the momentum fresh and vibrant for the participants in our choir program. We hope that vibrancy serves to engage our parishioners as well.

As we embark on our Music & Mission Tour at the end of June, I think we—choir program members and parishioners together—can all be proud of the nine-month's work that has brought us to this goal. Choir tours are community efforts, and bringing the name of The Redeemer overseas requires the help and support of those who take part in that effort on a regular basis. We thank you all for the support and encouragement over this season, and look forward to reporting back to everyone through pictures, blogging, tweets, and videos.



Recent Saturday morning rehearsal with instrumentalists for Easter Day.

be an optional opportunity for a shared meal or some fellowship before or after each.

Talk of additional, alternative worship often turns these days toward new fangled liturgies and popular modes of expression that are not part of the church's usual practice. That's fine, but such services can be clumsy and tiring and, all too often, unsatisfying. Experiments, by nature, often fail. The services in the Prayer Book, on the other hand, have already long endured. They

are wonderfully honed, and they quietly yet firmly give voice to important and edifying matters. They are like daffodils. They don't startle or astound; they're not loud or abrasive. But they seem, in some small yet key way, to set the world right as the daylight begins to wane.

There is no power quite as strong as beauty. And as it is worthy, in a marvelous way, to notice daffodils; it's even more rewarding to offer prayer and song to God, whose glory the daffodils reveal. Come join us.