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**REDEEMER NEWS**  
**11-29-2006**

**FROM THE RECTOR**

As I sat down to write my article for this current newsletter, intending to prepare us for the upcoming Advent season, I found myself whistling a tune over and over. The song, which was flowing just under the surface of my consciousness was very catchy. It was also a Christmas song, with a chorus that goes “Fa-la-la-la-la.” I realized that I was whistling a tune I had just heard in a store, which, like most commercial establishments in this pre-Thanksgiving week are supporting an all-Christmas, all-the-time approach to things. It’s hard to get away from Christmas fever in our culture. This, it seems to me, is both a blessing and a curse. On the one hand, our cultural preoccupation with Christmas can draw us away from the spiritual richness of the season. On the other hand, the Christmas machine provides a stark and helpful contrast to the quiet Advent spirituality we practice in the church this time of year. This contrast – so essential that it bears repeating over and over even if it means re-reading last year’s article – is at the heart of God’s call to us at this time of year. Indeed below are the words I wrote last year which address this call.

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This is the time of year when the Church feels like it is at its most countercultural. We just passed the last Sunday of the Church year, traditionally called “Christ the King” Sunday. On this day we proclaim that the nature of Christ’s authority is not of this world and that the values that proceed from his sovereignty are determinedly biased towards the poor and powerless. A very countercultural sentiment indeed. The very next week we will begin our new Church year with the four Sundays of the season of Advent. It is the period of time when we consciously prepare ourselves as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child, the light, into the world on Christmas. In the Episcopal Church Advent is adorned with simplicity, the color purple, which speaks of penitence and preparation, and no Christmas music. You know that you are in an Episcopal Church at this

time of year. It feels like a world away from the Jingle Bells and commercial racket of the culture beyond its walls. Outside of Holy Week, this is the time of year when the Church feels the most distinctively Christian, countercultural, and rooted in the knowledge that it is the visible presence of the Body of Christ.

Advent is not only one of the Church’s distinctive seasons it is also the time of year when we have a large number of newcomers visiting us. Of course, we’ll periodically hear a plaintive question as a visitor leaves our service wondering where the joyous Christmas music and spirit are. However, let me suggest that the countercultural feel of our Advent season can be a wonderful point of entry for the many people who visit seeking something deeper, more hopeful, more profoundly faithful than reality of the darkness in this season, we bring an authenticity which acknowledges our deepest fear – the fear that the darkness of the world just might overcome us, might extinguish our hope. When we speak of a frail, divine light we are waiting for, that will bring joy and light to a manger and then the world, we are not only expressing our hope, but are also drawing to the Light those who want to share in our hope. In essence, Advent is a time when we are called to place ourselves spiritually in a posture of waiting, but we are also called to invite our fellow travelers to join us in this sacred task.

May each of us be empowered to be still even as the world races around us. May we wait patiently for the coming of the light which will enlighten all nations and peoples. May we hold onto the hope this light offers to the darkness of the world and share it with determination and faith.

In Christ, Bruce

**FROM THE CURATE**

We often think of the Navajoland mission as a once-a-year event for high-school youth. Indeed, that is what it has been in recent years. This past summer, however, our missionaries connected on a deeper level and we decided that we need to remain connected to our Navajo brothers and sisters throughout the year. We also took with us two amazing college-age

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youth: Claire Henderson and Allison Blocksom. A small group of parishioners at Redeemer are discerning how we might improve our effectiveness on the reservation, how we might invite adults of any age to participate with us, and how we might connect you all with these amazing people. I invite you all to pray for this group and for all those living and working on the reservation.

Right now in Oljeto (the section of the reservation we serve) families are preparing for the desert winter and the tourist off-season. You may not know that much of these families' income comes from sale of the women's handicrafts. It is only during the summer that folk are buying. In the winter, the family lives off the summer's earnings and what jobs they can get – some long-term, some short. On the other hand, the Navajo are more connected to God's earth than many of us city-dwellers and they are prepared for this season of death which leads to new life in spring. They call themselves the *Diné* – “the people.” They are not pretentious in life or title but do what they can to live in community.

Father Ian is the Episcopal missionary to the Navajo Monument Valley reservation. He is a pastor to several churches in the area, fostering faith and understanding wherever he goes. He recently sent out his annual newsletter, excerpted below:

*It has been the best year yet for our relationships with our partners and friends...Our long-established groups become ever more culturally sensitive and enter ever more deeply into the fabric of our common life.*

*...[S]ummer is the time for the youth groups. We welcomed three quite extraordinary groups this year: We are so blessed. A new group from St. John's, Boulder, was quite outstanding, extraordinarily sensitive with a real talent for coming alongside the Diné. They grew very close to a very disadvantaged family, whose house they repainted and whose corral they repaired ... Next, old friends from All Saints, Beverly Hills ... who did half a week vacation Bible school and half a week work projects at the mission. They are always a delight, and so talented. Then, yet another remarkable youth group and leader: St. Luke's, Darien, Connecticut ... They cap everyone and everything in doing a full week's vacation Bible*

*school and a full week's work on people's houses. I don't know where their energy comes from, but they and their leadership (one of their priests always comes) are something else. And I very much value the friendship and support offered to me by these young people and their mentors. I should emphasize that all groups provide all their own teaching and construction materials. Such generosity truly humbles me.*

*Meanwhile, down in Oljeto the regular six-week program was under way by what I used to call the “Ohio churches.” I am now frequently reminded that this group has spread its recruiting far and wide, and now one week was occupied by a group from Rhode Island, and two by a group from South Carolina. All these marvelous people kept St. Mary's alive in the dark days of its closure, and it has been particularly gratifying for me to be able to offer them now a church reopened and growing, built on their faithful annual ministry. The groups do a mixture of work projects (both at the church and on the reservation) and vacation Bible school. They provide fun weeks in the summer which all the people look forward to. I am so grateful to you all for all you are and for all you do. You provide a huge part of the ministry here, together with that given by the paid staff and Deacon Pat Cook. I have failed to elicit active ministry from the congregations; indeed, at St. Christopher's and St. John's, though several parish activities happen, there is almost a culture of no growth, the people too tired or distracted to offer any active ministry. You are doing so much to support and encourage traumatized people: Long may you continue.*

The Diné have had a hard lot, but they are strong and proud. Our ministry among them is encouraging – not only to them but to those who do the ministering. Our annual work trip might be considered more of a pilgrimage than a mission; we have seen the face of God on these brothers and sisters and we have returned changed. Please hold up the people of Oljeto in your prayers and look for some of their handicrafts at the auction in February.

Alice

*Note: Missioners from Redeemer will once again travel to the reservation in June of 2007. The trip will be from June 16 to June 23.*

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## Rites of Passage

### Births

Ewan James Perkins                      born November 16  
son of Jill and Michael Perkins

### New members

Sarah-Theresa Murakami      1404 E McMillan 45206

### Deaths

Betty Fitzgerald, mother of Joan Burrow      Nov. 14

Jessie Clezenger  
grandmother of Mike Staffiera      Nov. 16

Mary Barkeloo, aunt of Mary Heinlen      Nov. 17

## MISSION BOARD

### Report from Diocesan Convention: The Millennium Development Goals

The Diocese of Southern Ohio did more than elect a bishop at their convention in Portsmouth on November 10 and 11. Among the resolutions passed at the convention was one affirming the resolution of the General Convention on the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This resolution makes the MDGs the priority of every individual and congregation in this diocese. It calls for a commitment to prayer, education and advocacy, along with increased giving (.7%) at the diocesan, congregational, and individual levels. Included in the resolution that passed is an allocation in the 2007 operating budget of \$25,000 (.7%) to the Millennium Development Goals.

As many of you know, resolutions at conventions can often be simply lip-service to good causes, without follow-up action. Not in this case! The National and World Mission Commission of the Diocese of Southern Ohio is compiling resources for education and awareness. This commission will also be responsible for allocating the funds from the diocesan budget. Nancy Hopkins-Greene serves on this commission.

The Church of the Redeemer already has a number of programs and practices which bring the MDGs before us on an ongoing basis:

*Prayer:* On Sunday November 26, the Prayers of the People were a special form praying for the fulfillment of the MDGs. Prayers for the MDGs will also be incorporated into Wednesday evening Eucharists. A

yellow card with prayers for each of the MDGs is available in the Oratory.

*Education:* Linda Thomson is one person who has committed herself to awareness and education about the MDGs. She is writing regular articles in *Redeemer News* as well as keeping us informed on programs through Episcopalians For Global Reconciliation and the national Church (for example the Stand Up Campaign, which she described in the last issue).

*Advocacy:* Bonnie Kretschmer coordinates the ONE campaign here at Redeemer. Our second Offering of Letters was held on November 26. Writing letters to government officials and then placing them in the offering plate encourages us to remember that this is not a “sideline activity,” but central to our lives as baptized Christians.

*Congregational Giving:* The Mission Board has proposed that .7 percent of Redeemer's 2007 operating budget go toward the MDGs. This amount will be represented by increased giving to El Hogar in Honduras and to Episcopal Relief and Development.

*Individual Giving:* Parishioners are encouraged to consider the MDGs as you decide on your charitable giving. Episcopal Relief and Development is one suggestion, along with numerous other established organizations such as Save the Children and Freedom from Hunger.

*Action:* Consider buying fair-trade items this holiday season. Initiated by the Mennonite Church in Cincinnati and staffed largely by volunteers, Ten Thousand Villages in O'Bryonville has a great selection of fair-trade handmade gift items from around the world.

Think about what you can do to help. What is your part in helping our diocese – helping our world – achieve these goals? We all have a role to play.

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## Mission trip to El Hogar in March

El Hogar de Esperanza y Amor is a ministry of the Episcopal Church in Honduras. It includes a children's home and school in Tegucigalpa and two vocational centers for young men. Over the past few years, members of Redeemer have joined groups from Calvary Church and St. Timothy's on mission trips there. Bruce Freeman was among those who traveled there last August. Other kinds of support for El Hogar are also growing at Redeemer; El Hogar was recently the recipient of proceeds from this year's Holiday Sale. Now we are planning a Redeemer mission trip to El Hogar. You might ask ...

*When is it and who can go?* The trip leaves Saturday, March 3, 2007 and returns Saturday, March 10; it is open to adults and older teenagers.

*Do I need to know how to speak Spanish?* Speaking Spanish is helpful but not necessary.

*What do we actually do down there?* Participants stay in the guesthouse at the home and school in Tegucigalpa. A volunteer coordinator at El Hogar assigns jobs at the home and school or the technical institute, based on *our* skills and *their* needs. Typical jobs include helping with construction and painting. There is also free time when guests can get to know the boys.

*How much does it cost?* The total cost per person is estimated at \$1,300; this includes airfare, lodging and food. Some financial assistance is available if needed.

*What would I need to do in advance?* Make sure you have a current passport. Hepatitis A and B vaccinations and anti-malarial medication are recommended. A complete list of requirements and recommendations is available.

Prayerfully consider joining this mission opportunity. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Carolyn Martin (232-6399 or [kdmartin@pol.net](mailto:kdmartin@pol.net)) or Nancy Hopkins-Greene (321-6700 or [nancy@redeemer-cincy.org](mailto:nancy@redeemer-cincy.org)).

## One box at a time

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 2005, just after the 10 am service, I headed to sort cans and boxes of food into five larger boxes to deliver to MEAC. This was the first year we were to give to MEAC; previously the Terrace Guild had picked up our Thanksgiving donations, but now we had to deliver. I had very little help that day, so when someone stopped me to tell me how Redeemer could do this better, I didn't react well. In fact, I was frustrated. There were a few items missing so I had to stop at the store to buy these items and gift cards on my way to MEAC. I had a neighbor youth – not a parishioner – help unload the boxes, and he led the one Redeemer youth to MEAC. They had gone ahead of me and when I arrived, they were gone and the boxes they delivered – the ones with the missing items – were already taken apart or distributed.

The small rooms that used to house MEAC were packed with volunteers bringing food in the back door and others sending it out the front door. The back parking lot had a few cars pulling up to unload donations. I saw a man get out of a small car and begin unloading turkey after turkey. When he offered to help *me* unload, it changed my attitude. Suddenly I knew we at Redeemer could do so much more.

As the year progressed I collected ideas from family and friends – ideas on how to handle food drives, ideas that led to the empty-box system. When Jane Killen called me to ask for my leadership and told me that the Time and Talent forms had yielded several folks interested in helping, I agreed. I decided to start early – the first Sunday in October – and see what Redeemer could do. I was hoping for about 25 boxes total. That first Sunday I ran out of boxes and had 26 names. WOW!!

This continued through October and we had seventy names. One friend told me to expect around 60% to return so I let MEAC know to count on forty boxes. The boxes started rolling in – we passed forty boxes. The grand total of boxes delivered was seventy-five – enough to provide Thanksgiving dinner for at least three hundred! We also collected \$830, which will cover 21 weeks of "Feed and Seed", the Wednesday

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night dinner that is offered to anyone in need. Each week they feed more than fifty people and usually spend only \$25. Redeemer will be allowing a better meal with more “meat or cheese” as the director told me, with our \$40 gift cards. This adds up to 1050 more meals we were able to give.

Thank you to all who filled boxes and gave money. We were thanked and thanked by the very grateful volunteers when we delivered the boxes and filled the room. They were so appreciative. We even rendered the MEAC director speechless with our donations. A special thank you to my committee: Jane Mashburn, Blair Barter, Kate Jackson, Heather Ledford, Leslie Baggish and Peter and David Merten; to loaders and deliverers Keenan and Denise Beauchamp, the Merten Family, David Haffner, Cindy Powell, Jack Barter, Les McNeill, Heather Ledford, Jane and Bill Killen, Myles Lewis, and Carolyn Martin; to my daughter Katie who helped send email reminders; and finally to Bob McGonagle and Missy Darling who helped me to keep track of all the boxes and gift cards.

As you celebrate the Christmas season, be happy in knowing how many people we were able to help by just filling one box at a time.

Kristen Arends

## **Other El Hogar news**

It is a Honduran custom to celebrate the Christmas season, not with the exchange of gifts, but if possible, with a new set of clothes. The Christmas Clothing Fund is designed to allow each boy to select a new outfit, which costs about \$25. All monies in the fund are distributed equally among the boys. To contribute, please send a check payable to Redeemer with “El Hogar Christmas” in the memo line by December 10. For more information, contact Carolyn Martin at 232-6399 or kdmartin@pol.net.

## **LITURGY BOARD**

### **Banquet sacristans**

Call to ministry! We need some more adults who are willing to serve as sacristans for the Banquet. A sacristan is rather like a master of ceremonies – only behind the scenes. He or she checks to see that all the readers, ushers, etc. are present, that the proper equipment and supplies are in order, that nothing falls through the cracks and that (as sacristan Mark Blocher once described it) “everything clicks to the glory of God.” In the Banquet this job is always interesting and varied. One recent Sunday the ushers proceeded up the aisle without the bread and wine; the sacristan grabbed the elements and ran along behind. If you attend the Banquet on a regular or even on an occasional basis, we urge you to consider this ministry. Please contact any of the clergy if you are interested.

**CELTIC EUCHARIST**  
**THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 at 5:00 pm**  
**in the main sanctuary**

### **New website**

The Church of Redeemer’s website (found at [www.redeemer-cincy.org](http://www.redeemer-cincy.org)) has just gone live with a new host and a newly developed site. Because the site had to be constructed quickly (in less than two weeks and with no training!), it is still in process. Basic information should be available, but more complex features and more detailed information will be added to the site in the coming weeks and months. New features already in place are more detailed and user-friendly forms including the event registration form, visitor/newcomer form, membership form, and flower donation form. We need more recent pictures if anyone has them; the old website had a lot of construction pictures. Please check back and watch our progress, but also please call the office if you don’t find the information you need.

## EDUCATION BOARD

### Youth News

There are big changes here at youth central!

Mike Staffiera has joined us as an Adult-Who-Works-With-Youth. He'll be hanging out with us on Sunday evenings and coordinating activities. He's a cool guy and a take-no-prisoners card player. In his spare time, he fights crime as Wonder Lad.

We're planning to split up the Junior and Senior High youth group meetings beginning in January. We'll still meet regularly and the two groups will come together once a month for fabulous fun and games. This means we will need a few more adults who feel called to work/play with our youth. In particular, we'd love to have some folk in their 20's and 30's who can commit to at least two Sunday evenings per month. Please call Mike at 947-8007 if you're interested.

#### Youth calendar

(All events listed below are for Junior and Senior High, 7-12th grades.)

*December 6, 7:30-8:30pm*

*Jesus and IHOP!*

Come eat pancakes and chat about life, the universe, and everything.

*December 9, 12:30-2:30pm*

*Over-the-Rhine Tour with Bob McGonagle*

Come see what life is really like for Cincinnati's poorest. You *must* RSVP to the church office for this event as space is extremely limited.

*December 19, 6-8pm*

*Cookie Party!*

Join John Custer and the Ragases as we make as many cookies as possible in two hours; cookies go to the Drop-In Center in Over-the-Rhine as an early Christmas present.

*December 17, 6-9pm*

*White Elephant Christmas Party*

It's the 3rd annual shindig, so come on down! Bring a bizarre/silly/disgusting/weird gift under \$10.

### *Announcing*

*a very special guest to begin the season of Lent*

## **J. Philip Newell**

- ❖ poet, scholar, and teacher
- ❖ writer-theologian for the Cathedral of the Isles in Cumbrae, Scotland
- ❖ companion theologian of American Spirituality Center in New Mexico
- ❖ former warden of the Iona Abbey
- ❖ author of ten books on Celtic spirituality and prayer

### *Listening for the Heartbeat of God:*

#### *A Celtic Spirituality for Today*

A fascinating two-day presentation about how we can apply the wondrous principles of Celtic spirituality to our lives today

Each part of the presentation can stand alone, but you are invited to any and all of the following –

#### Sunday, February 25, 2007

*Sermon at 8:00 am and 10:00 am*

#### *Made in the Image of God*

Presentation at Adult Forum at 11:15 am

#### *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality*

Sermon at 5:00 pm Celtic Eucharist  
(The liturgy will be Newell's Celtic Mass for Peace.)

*Christ of the Celts: An Ancient Harmony for Peace*

#### Monday, February 26, 2007

Presentation at 10:00 am

#### *Creation and Christ:*

#### *The Twin-loves of Celtic Spirituality*

Concluding presentation at 7:00 pm

#### *Christ and Creation:*

#### *The Twin-loves of Celtic Spirituality*

Freewill offering – but all are welcome!

Mark your calendar now!

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## PASTORAL BOARD

### Young adult fellowship

The CORE group at Redeemer is open to people ages 18 to 35ish, with or without children. We take time out of our busy lives to socialize, to study the Bible, and to volunteer in the community.

Our last event of 2006 will be Board Game Night on December 5 at 7:30 pm at Redeemer. Bring a potluck dish to share and any board game you'd like to play. Children always welcome!

We will kick off 2007 with our second annual Epiphany party on Friday, January 5. Bring an appetizer to share as we party by candlelight. Join us at 5735 Lester Road (Pleasant Ridge).

Please call Chris and Leah at 321-4134 or Alice at 321-6700 with any questions.

### Bookgroup dinner in December

The Redeemer Book Group announces its annual holiday dinner – with book discussion of course! Join us on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 pm at the National Exemplar (the restaurant in the Mariemont Inn on Wooster Pike in the heart of Mariemont). We will enjoy dinner together while discussing *All the Little Live Things* by one of our favorite authors, Wallace Stegner. Please join us for this fun and festive event. Please RSVP to me at the number below.

Nancy Schulhoff  
891-2786

### Finding God through writing

As a further exploration of the Adult Formation program on *Finding God in All Things*, we are offering a series of writing circles on *How God Finds Me*. Come and try your hand at journaling and/or other types of writing as a means of deepening your faith. *No writing experience is needed*. No grades and no blue-penciling. Anni Gibson will use the Women Writing for (a) Change process to guide you through the writing. Anni promises the sessions will be fun and “nothing like school.” Sessions will be offered January 22, January 29, February 5 and February 19 at 7:00 pm at the church. Free journals and pens will be provided. Both men and women are welcome to join the circles. Please sign up by calling the church, by signing up on the event registration page of the website, or by emailing [missy@redeemer-cincy.org](mailto:missy@redeemer-cincy.org).

### Sole Mates in Jingle Bell Run/Walk 5K

On Saturday, December 9, you can run with bells on your toes – even if you are not an elf! Across the country, bells will be ringing as people like you tie jingle bells to their shoelaces, don festive holiday costumes and join friends and neighbors in support of the Arthritis Foundation’s mission to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases. The Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis raises awareness of America’s leading cause of disability, while raising desperately needed funds to prevent, control and cure arthritis. The event begins at 10:00 am at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. For registration information, visit the website <http://jinglebellruncincinnati.org>; register under the team name Solemates if you’d like to join us. On race day we will meet inside the Northern Kentucky Convention Center near the registration tables. If you have questions, contact Tommy Kirk at [thomas.kirk@cinci.rr.com](mailto:thomas.kirk@cinci.rr.com) or Karen Murphy at [r\\_murphy@fuse.net](mailto:r_murphy@fuse.net).

## *It's Advent, so get ready for...*

Christmas

Although we in the Episcopal Church do not recognize the season of Christmas until Christmas, we can still *plan* for Christmas while it is still Advent. In recognition of the impending arrival of the Christ Child, we urge you to put the following items on your calendar.

The next **CONCERT IN OUR 2006-2007 SERIES** will be on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:45 pm. The Holy Cross Immaculata Choir from Mt. Adams will sing their holiday concert which will then be performed in Italy. A wide variety of musical styles will be included on the program; works include *Still Still Still* (a traditional Austrian carol), *What Sweeter Music* (John Rutter), *Mary Did You Know* (Mark Lowry and Buddy Green) and many more. If you would like to attend but need child care, please call the office by Friday, December 8. If you would like to come and do not need child care – there is no need to RSVP. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Another Christmas tradition at Redeemer is the **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** event, which this year will take place on Sunday, December 17, from 6 pm to 8 pm. In order to give our carolers added flexibility, we will travel in cars this year. Thermoses of hot chocolate and cider are encouraged. Mark your calendar now! There is no need to RSVP.

This year's **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** has a few exciting changes. All children from age three up to sixth grade are invited to participate. Fifth and sixth graders are invited to help narrate. Third and fourth graders are invited to play the main characters. Ages three through second grade are invited to be sheep, shepherds or angels. Rehearsals will be Saturday, December 16 at 10 am (for third through sixth graders) and on Sunday, December 17 at 11:15 am for everyone. Please RSVP to Kelli to let her know you (or your child) will participate.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist (4<sup>th</sup> Advent)  
4 pm Christmas Eucharist with pageant  
10:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

11 am Christmas Day Eucharist

## **WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

### Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary  
The Banquet in the Great Hall  
Godly Play for ages 3-5  
St. Francis for 2's  
Child care for under age 2  
11:15 am Education for all ages  
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

### Monday

12:45 pm Noonday Prayer  
1:00 pm Staff meeting

### Tuesday

7:30 pm CORE Bible Study

### Wednesday

12 noon Downtown Bible Study  
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

### Thursday

10:00 am Bible Study  
4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir  
5:30 pm Adult Contemporary Ensemble  
7:00 pm Adult Choir  
8:00 pm Al-Anon meeting

### Friday

8:30 pm AA meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

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| December 3 | 10:00 am | Advent Service of Lessons and Carols            |
|            | 11:15 am | Adult Education: Finding God in children        |
| December 3 | 5:00 pm  | Celtic Eucharist                                |
|            | 6:00 pm  | Advent Potluck; Making of wreaths and Chrismons |
| December 4 | 7:00 pm  | Vestry  |
| December 5 | 3:30 pm  | Facilities Management                           |
|            | 6:30 pm  | Altar Guild Christmas Party                     |
|            | 7:30 pm  | CORE Bible Study                                |

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| December 6  | 12 noon<br>7:30 pm                                | Art Committee<br>Youth at IHOP  |
| December 7  | 6:30 pm   | Flower Guild Christmas Party  |
| December 8  | 9:00 am   | <i>Redeemer News</i> deadline   |
| December 9  | 10:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12:30 pm<br>1:00 pm       | Freestore/Foodbank<br>Sole Mates Jingle Bell<br>Run 5K<br>Over-the-Rhine tour<br>Bread Ministry Meeting   |
| December 10 | 11:15 am<br><br>6:00 pm<br>6:00 pm                | Welcome Tour<br>Adult education: Finding God in giving<br>Youth bake cookies<br>Youth confirmation class  |
| December 11 | 5:30 pm<br>7:00 pm                                | Stewardship<br>Parenting class  |
| December 12 | 7:00 pm   | Spiritual Journeys  |
| December 13 | 10:00 am<br>6:30 pm<br>7:30 pm<br>7:45 pm         | <i>Redeemer News</i> collating<br>Bookgroup dinner<br>Mission Implementation Team<br>Holy Cross Immaculata Choir                                |
| December 16 | 10 am   | Pageant Rehearsal for grades 3 to 6   |
| December 17 | 9:00 am<br><br>11:15 am<br><br>6:00 pm<br>6:00 pm | Lay Eucharistic Visitors meeting<br>Pageant rehearsal<br>Adult education: Finding God in silence<br>Youth Christmas party<br>Christmas Caroling |
| December 24 |   | <i>See previous page for Christmas service schedule.</i><br>10:00 am <b>No Banquet</b><br>11:15 am <b>No Christian education</b>                |