

Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
March, 2008

Easter falls early this year, on Sunday March 23rd.



Join us as we welcome Rev. Donald Schell as our celebrant during our Holy Week services:

March 16th: Palm Sunday: ONE combined service at 10:00 a.m., with the traditional Procession of the Palms

March 20th: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., with Eucharist and the Washing of Feet

March 21st: Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., including Communion with Reserved Sacrament

March 23rd: Easter Sunday - Services will be at 9:15 and 10:30, both with Eucharist and Traditional Music

AND we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour between the two services. Please bring plastic eggs filled with candy - preferably individually wrapped, to the Church at 9:00 am that morning. Also, remember to bring flowers to decorate the cross that will stand in front of the church doors.

Senior Warden's Letter

Update on the Interim Vicar Search

We have received several applications from Priests interested in serving as Interim Vicar at Redeemer. Interviews have already been scheduled with two of the candidates. Please hold the Bishop's Committee members and the candidates in your prayers as we continue the discernment process.

Greg Poulos has graciously taken on the coordination of the interview process. He will be working with other members of the Bishop's Committee. We are in frequent contact with Rev. Michael Barlowe's office and some additional candidates may be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Bishop's Committee.

Upcoming Services

March 2nd: Rev. Donald Schell will join us as celebrant and preacher.

March 9th: Rev. Skip Fotch will join us as celebrant and preacher.

March 16th, the beginning of Holy Week, and through Easter, March 23rd, Rev. Schell will again serve as celebrant and preacher.

A Personal Note:

As many of you know already, our daughter, Caroline has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is scheduled for surgery Tuesday, Feb. 19th. I will be going down to the San Diego area to be with her and our son-in-law Neil and help with their 7 month and 2 year old boys. I will probably be commuting up and down over the next several months.

You can email me - sueclarkca@aol.com. My cell phone is (415) 847-0659.

Lastly, I am enthused by the quality of support we are receiving from the Diocese and encouraged by it. I know that some of you feel uncertain that Redeemer will move forward. I invite you to toss out those fears and come to worship with your friends at Redeemer. This place offers to us all a welcoming, warm spiritual atmosphere. Come and find the inspiration that will enable this wonderful church family to move forward. Peace, Sue

A Note from our Kids' Church Coordinator

My Dear Redeemer Family,

I'm just checking in as your Kids' Church Coordinator and general Redeemer Cheerleader. I can already tell that it's going to be a wonderful Spring at Redeemer! We started by chasing away the winter doldrums with a fabulous January evening viewing the private Military and Train Collections of the Garbarino Family and dining on scrumptious Spaghetti ala Providenza. Then Lent began on February 6th with three Ash Wednesday Services led by our Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joan Westmoreland, Cathy Kirk and Paula Zand. That was followed on Saturday, February 9th with an amazing Chinese New Year Celebration, complete with Lion Dance and Chow Mein! Before you know it, Easter and the ever popular Egg Hunt will be next, on March 23rd! As you can see, we have a lively schedule planned and hope that each of you will be here, too.

As I attended each of these events though, I was again reminded why I came to Redeemer and stayed 12 years ago. Initially, I came on that first Christmas Eve, because I knew our then-priest, Father Jack Schanhaar, from serving on the Preschool Board of Directors with him. As I look back, I now realize that what kept me here didn't really have anything to do with Father Jack. As much as I liked him, I know that it was instead the people who make up our Redeemer Family that drew me here each week. Somehow, I had managed to stumble into a place that I felt safe, comfortable and at home. I knew that here, with these people I could strengthen my boys' sense of community and help them forge a spiritual relationship with God. Twelve years and several vicars, interims and supply priests later, I'm still here and those *little* boys are now 18, 16 and 13. They, too, are a vital part of the Redeemer Community and carry it in their hearts wherever they go, all because of their relationship with each of you. I thank you for making such a difference in our lives.

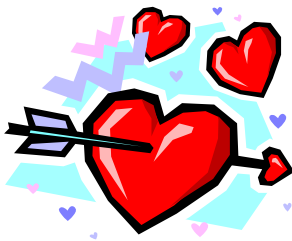
I'm looking forward to the exciting changes that lie ahead for our Redeemer Family and hope that you will continue to join us on our journey together. I encourage you to not miss the opportunity to see old friends, or experience the warmth and love of your Redeemer Community, while waiting for what God has in store for us. We continue to be - *well us*, as we look for the right person to join us in celebrating our love of God. So, don't miss out on the fellowship and spiritual renewal offered here each week with your Redeemer Family, regardless of who happens to be preaching.

See you soon!
Billie



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Lauren Ware Shepard
- 4 Carly Jackson Clark
- 5 Erika Johnson
- 6 Larry Reisinger
- 6 Pam Crosby
- 7 Nick Minton
- 11 Justin Johnson
- 12 Sophia Ellingson-Moody
- 13 Claire Poulos
- 14 Mark Moody
- 18 Betsy Nakamura
- 22 Eileen Erler
- 20 Allison Curtis
- 28 Chris Burton
- 28 Casey Jereb



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Jack & Betty Baird 1946 (!!!)

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

The hostess provides drinks and dessert.
**Attendees should bring a sandwich and
 RSVP to the hostess each month.**

March 12th: *Suite Francaise*, by Irene Nemirovsky; at Cindy Smith's home (456-1733) at noon.

April 9th: *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks; at Sallie Wood's home (454-0162) at noon.

April 9th: (Postponed from February) *I Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*, by Fannie Flagg; at Sydney Kennedy's home (454-0526) at noon.



SAINTS AND ANGELS

Every now and then we pause to thank those people in our church who have gone that "extra mile" to make Redeemer a better place:

Rich Atkinson and Joan Westmoreland for their faithful serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers to people on the "outside" – Rich every month at The Tamalpais retirement home, and Joan every week to Father Jack Schanhaar at his care facility in San Rafael.

John Chung and Teresa Chan, (Director of the Preschool,) for providing the exciting Chinese New Year's Lion Dancers in February.

Jay Luther for continuing as Redeemer's webmaster extraordinaire.

Ann Zolezzi for her weekly production of the Sunday Orders of Service.

(If there's someone in the community who you think should be recognized for their contribution to the life of Redeemer, please let us know! Contact Cathy Kirk – 457-3841 or kindel.odie@comcast.net)

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS FOR 2008

Happening! Is April 18-20 at the Marin Headlands Center.



Happening! is an annual youth retreat weekend sponsored by the Diocese. The weekend is planned for and led by youth (with the assistance and on-site supervision of adult volunteers), and includes food, fun, music, prayer, and witness to the challenge and excitement of following Jesus in the world today.

This year's **Happening!** is taking place at the Marin Headlands Institute, which is about the coolest location you can imagine for the retreat, and will take place the weekend of April 18-20.

If you or your teen has never done a **Happening!** weekend, this would be a GREAT year to start. To find out more, you can visit the Diocesan Youth ministry's web page at:

<http://isite79454.web05.intellisite.com/272783.ihtml>

From there, you can register, sign up for youth leadership positions, and sample the musical stylings of Sam Hensley, who will be leading the music for the weekend. Contact information is listed on the website if you have other questions or concerns.

In addition, the menu on the left side of the page includes a whole list of other events happening in 2008, sponsored by the Diocese, and open to all Diocesan youth (and their friends!)

30 Hour Famine

We have received the information on this event, but currently we do not have a Youth Leader. We have checked with the other youth leaders in Marin County and unfortunately none of the Marin churches is planning to do this event. Please know that the Bishop's Committee considers youth leadership an important part of our mission at Redeemer. The ability to nurture our

youth is a strong consideration as we consider who our interim priest will be.

Summer Plans!?! Summer Camp anyone?

We have received the Summer Camp bulletin for **St. Dorothy's Rest**. The camp/retreat center is an institution of the Episcopal Diocese of California (as is Bishop's Ranch, whose camp information should be received soon.) St. Dorothy's is near Camp Meeker/Russian River, and the Bishop's Ranch is outside Healdsburg surrounded by lots of acreage for hiking and exploration and a swimming pool.

Check the bulletin board at the back of the church!

Redeemer Preschool Director's Report:

Annual Fundraiser—May 17, 2008

Please mark your calendar! It will take place at the **San Rafael Community Center at 618 B Street from 6:30—11:30 p.m.** Bring your friends to this fun-filled evening with music, sit down dinner, raffles, live/silent auction, bar and much more. . .

New for the 2008 Auction Dinner

Grandparents can come for FREE!! Friends are also invited for \$25 per person. (No admission fee for current Redeemer families –it's prepaid at the beginning of the school year.)

WE NEED ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION !!

We will need products, gift certificates, services or special events for the auction. More details of the event will be distributed soon.

Sunday, March 16, 2007: 3:00—10:00 PM

Redeemer Night at the Crepevine Restaurant
50% of the proceeds will benefit the preschool
Join us for a late lunch or dinner with your fellow Redeemer families and staff, or plan a night out with your friends at this fabulous San Rafael restaurant on Fourth Street. Delicious dishes include savory and sweet crepes, salads, sandwiches, pasta, kids menu, beer and wine. A coupon will be distributed before the dinner event.

For more information call Teresa at the Redeemer Preschool: 457-9500.



Cursillo Sponsor Workshops
 Location: Lucas Valley Community Church
 Las Gallinas & Lucas Valley Rd.
 Time: 7:30-8:45 p.m.
 When: March 6, 2008 or
 March 13, 2008 or
 March 18, 2008

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

We received an e-note from our former seminarian, Janet Fullmer, who wrote: "I love getting the news-- and will send a short bit to you later, I think, since Ron and I just returned from the January medical mission to Haiti, and I am now in the midst of the search for my first parish placement as vicar or rector. It's exciting, scary, and feels as if God is both very distant and very present-- all at once!" (Please see Janet's report on Haiti a little further along.)

Laurie Goodwin, a long-time former parishioner (now in the East Bay) e-mailed, "I still want to get over there one Sunday for a service when you and my other 'girlfriends' are not traveling. In the mean-time, thank you for keeping me in the loop and please pass along my love and best wishes to those 'old-timers' who remember me."

Congratulations to Max and Arlene Bushner, friends of Sally and Joe Garbarino, who bought a Superbowl Pool square at the Spaghetti dinner in January! They were the only winners of our pool, winning the first-quarter's \$100. As the other 3 quarter's squares were not picked, the church realized a profit of \$740.00!

[Ed. note: Send me your news and gossip, folks!]

CURSILLO NEWS

April 3-6: Men's Cursillo weekend.

April 17 – 20: Women's Cursillo weekend - Liesje Blank will be serving on this team.

These 2 weekends are the only ones planned by the Marin Cursillo community in 2008.

The Cursillo weekends are held at a former convent in San Francisco, at St. Ann's in the Sunset, and run from Thursday evenings through Sunday after-noons. If you are interested in attending, speak with any former Cursillistas, including Jay and Maureen Wayne, Elliott and Liesje Blank, Jim Providenza and Terri Leinsteiner, Gail Spencer, John and Joan Westmoreland, and Cathy and Wayne Kirk. (And a note to these Cursillistas from Kathy Frizell [892-9074] regarding sponsor workshops.

Deadline for applications:
 Men's Weekend-March 27
 Women's Weekend- April 10
 5:00 p.m. at
 P.O.Box 4101
 San Rafael, CA 94913



**EXCERPTS FROM RON AND JANET FULLMER'S
 REPORT ON THEIR JANUARY HAITI TRIP:**

"We're back from another successful, tiring, rewarding medical mission trip to Haiti, and we'd like to thank everyone who supported us with medical supplies, funds and especially prayers. Every trip to Haiti is unique, yet many things seem to be constant - the hunger, poverty and disease that we encounter, the love and faith of the Haitian people, and the joy of reunion with our Haitian friends. . .

We had an especially large group of people on this trip - 17 - and most were off to Haiti for their first time. On Saturday, the 19th, we headed down the hill to rendezvous with our camion, which was a backup for one that had broken down. This one was a little smaller and our 80 bags and 20 mattress pads filled it to the top of the rails - the passengers on the camion would have a great view, but would also be holding on to their precarious perch with both hands. Port-au-Prince seemed both the same - congestion, charcoal smoke, noise - yet different - most of the traffic lights were working, traffic cops and U.N. troops were everywhere and the streets were 'clean'. The first-timers, as well as us, got an eyeful as we drove by the outskirts of City Soleil, along the river/dump and headed out to the country side. . .

Unfortunately, the hospital has fallen into general disrepair and disuse - we used to send our 'emergency' cases there, but not on this trip. The beautiful views of the Caribbean belied the poverty that we were driving through. . . a major part of the Haiti experience is coming to terms with an entirely different culture and way of living, and the enormous near-universal suffering of the

Haitian people. We also experienced much joy throughout this week. The school with its 700+ students was wonderful, and watching the cooks prepare the enormous mid-day meal of beans and rice reassured us that many things around St. Paul's were improving.

By the end of the week, we'd seen nearly 800 patients (not counting many of the school kids), treated hundreds of cases of scabies, worms, ear infections, head aches, tummy aches, infections, malaria, 'women's complaints', etc., and had provided some comfort to those who we could do nothing else for. We gathered around a grandmother to pray for her dying grandchild (starvation), we provided transportation or funds and referrals for people destined for Port-au-Prince or Cange, and hopefully we offered love, hope and joy to everyone we worked with and met. . . It was another uniquely successful trip - as usual, the blessings that we received from our trip partners and our Haitian friends were awesome, and we know that in return we impacted the lives of many people who are living daily on the edge of despair.

[Ed note: if you would like, I can e-mail the entire letter to you.]

**FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF
PLANNED GIVING**

Celebrating Your Personal Easter

While we celebrate the anniversary of our birth many times with loved ones in the course of our life, our personal Easter is generally observed only once—and that is soon after we have died, so we best plan ahead. A gift only we can give to our family is to have provided some direction at what will be for them a time of grief.

Fortunately, direction is easy to come by. “The liturgy of the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.” (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 507) A fill-in-the-blanks planning form is included on-line at www.EpiscopalGift.org, under “Make a Will.” Or you may request one at (415) 869-7811 or Adairh@diocal.org.

This “Instructions for My Family and Friends” form also organizes other information that will be immediately helpful to our survivors—such as our preferred disposition of the body, where important papers may be found and who we have named to represent us in carrying out our instructions regarding the disposition of our property. After completing this form, provide copies to your priest as well as to your loved ones. These directions are only helpful if someone knows what they are!

Consulting with your priest in advance concerning your wishes for your personal Easter celebration is always a good idea and may lead to a more satisfying outcome. Being intentional about the time when we leave this earth is a grace of God and expression of faith. This is but one way that we may thoughtfully shape our legacy and make a final gift of love to our family and friends.

The Gift Planning Officer is always available for consultation on these matters.

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Please note:

The deadline for submissions to the
April *Redeemer Review* is
Wednesday, March 26th.

Please e-mail your news to Cathy Kirk at
kindel.odie@comcast.net

Anything received after the deadline
might not be included!

Want your Review by e-mail instead of snail-mail?
Send me a note at the above address.

REDEEMER SERVICE CALENDAR

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:15 Kids' Church for children and their families
10:30 Holy Communion with music

Healing prayers are offered at the left hand of the altar rail
after Communion at the end of each service.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:30-11:30
(Please note: Bible Study is on hiatus through March.)

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