



Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
November, 2008

From our Interim Vicar:

Dear Friends,

Christian stewardship encourages us to give because we receive. All that we have comes from God, and we thank God in many ways.

We gather for worship, we give our time to advance the work of God in the world, and we give our money to support these and other activities. We do this in grateful response to God, who has given us not only our material possessions, but the rich spiritual gifts we gather to celebrate. It is part of our covenant with God.

The concept of stewardship goes beyond our giving of time, talent, and treasure. It also includes how we manage those things. When people give to the Church, they are not only giving to an individual congregation. They are giving to God because they experience the congregation as a place where God's work is being done. It is thus the responsibility of the congregation's leaders to ensure that its resources are treated as God's and to discern how God would have them be used.

This translates, of course, into many seemingly worldly decisions:

Should we build a parish hall?

Should we build a deck to have outdoor services?

Should we create a labyrinth in the side yard to invite and welcome seekers on their spiritual journey?

The Redeemer community needs to ask God to help determine what to do and pray and discern where God is calling us. Then, we need to ask our members to help make this possible.

Area Ministry will require the Redeemer community to use our time and talents to engage in the ancient Christian practice of discernment—attending to the Holy Spirit in our decision-making. We will begin with an honest assessment of who we are, what resources and capacities we already have, how God is calling us and what we need in order to respond faithfully.

This will be an incredible journey of discovery and growth for the Redeemer community.

Blessings!

Father Mark

Senior Warden's Letter

When I was growing up in England I remember the excitement when summer ended and a new school year began. There was no celebration of Thanksgiving there! Our next celebration was of Christmas.

Harvest Festival was celebrated in August - rather akin to the American Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving" what an appropriate word to remember as we begin the season of the year that our church asks each of us to share the results of our "harvest", to give back to God a share of what we have each received.

Soon, we will fill out our pledge cards - it's hard to know where we are going financially and politically. Not knowing - that's something that is hard for us mortals! The Redeemer family has sustained me on more than one occasion. There is a special "welcoming feeling" at Redeemer that newcomers often comment on when they enter our church.

Please join with me and the other members of our Redeemer family in keeping the welcome alive as we provide a safe place for new and established, and the young and old in our community to avail themselves of this welcoming place where we can all grow and come to know God's love.

Sue Clark,
454-4115

WE'LL BE ASKING YOU...

questions..... As part of the search process we will be examining what is important to the people of Redeemer. Everyone will have the opportunity to be a part of the process as each of us has the opportunity to share what we want to keep, what we might like to add or change. Coming soon, look for the "question of the week".

Adult, Youth and Infant Baptism

The First Sunday After All Saint's Day

Sunday November 2, 2008

9:15 AM – Kid's Church or
10:30 AM – Rite II Eucharist

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on this Sunday for Infants, Youth and Adults at both services. Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church and inheritors of the kingdom of God. (BCP, p. 858).

A class will be scheduled prior to the service for those who are seeking baptism.

Please contact Father Mark to arrange for a baptism for infants, youth, or adults at (415) 456-0508 or email at mrUYak2000@comcast.net.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 10/29 Bible Study at 10:30 am
- 10/31 Halloween – The Haunted Narthex
- 11/2 All Saint's Day celebrated, please submit names of the deceased for prayers
Baptism of Lindsay Shepard at 9:15
Baptism of Edy Loudon at 10:30
Daylight Savings Ends – set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, and enjoy some more sleep!
- 11/4 Election Day - **VOTE!**
- 11/4-6 Father Mark at Vicar's Retreat at Bishop's Ranch
- 11/5 **NO** Bible Study
- 11/8 Confirmation Service at Grace Cathedral – 10:00am
- 11/10 Bishop's Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 11/11 Cub Scouts at 5:30 pm
- 11/12 Father Mark at "Fresh Start" (**NO** Bible Study)
- 11/13 Marin Clericus at Redeemer - 12:00 noon
- 11/15 Preschool Fall Festival
- 11/19 **NO** Bible Study
- 11/25 Cub Scouts at 5.30 pm
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day - Office closed



All Saints' Sunday

November 2nd is All Saints' Sunday, when we read the names of our faithful departed. Please let us know for whom you would have us pray by signing up their names on the list at the back of the church, or e-mail Ann Zolezzi (aszolezzi@sbcglobal.net) or call and leave a message at the church: 456-0508.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Richard Clark
- 9 Cathy Kirk
- 11 Ann Moreira
- 12 Liz Chiarolla
- 13 Terri Leinsteiner
- 16 Haley Godbold
- 22 John Thomason
- 22 Mei Sirui Gerlach
- 23 Tom Jereb
- 26 Sallie Wood
- 29 Cynthia Poulos
- 31 Kate Tuttle



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Joe & Sally Garbarino 1954
- 5 Glenn & Julie Godbold 1989
- 30 Nicholas & Jenna Minton 2003

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

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

November 12th: *The Memory of Running*, by Ron McLarty; at Sallie Wood's NEW home in Kenwood. (707-833-1027)

Confirmation at Grace Cathedral

Saturday, November 8th at 10 a.m.

Come celebrate with our young confirmands and their families as the young people become "adults" in the Episcopal Church.



(A window in Grace Cathedral)

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 5 pm on December 24th. It will be a special evening of music with our Redeemer children and youth. If your child is interested in singing that evening, please e-mail Cindy Chung at:

cindy.chung@comcast.net

Older kids may read some Christmas stories. If you're interested in helping the youth on this portion of the service, please contact Betsy Nakamura at:

bates18@comcast.net



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:

Thanks to Cindy and John Chung, John’s musical friends and all the wonderful young people, the “Tie-Dyed Beatles,” (all listed below) whose hard work at many practices paid off so well at both the Kids’ Karnival and at our Sunday service on the 19th of October. What a wonderful, spirit-filled service it was!

Herewith, the “Tie-Dyed Beatles”:

Dylan Adler, Max Adler, Cade Breslin, Kendra Chung, Ryan Chung, Charlotte Constantin, Alex Dalsager, Reagan Dougherty, Rachel Dougherty, Jack Fukushima, Lola Fukushima, Erika Johnson, Zoe Kelly, Griffin Knee, Emily Lord, Ella Gerlach, Mei Gerlach, Eva Harn, Ginger Harn, Meg Nakamura, and Maia Perry.

and the band:

Keyboard: Rob Evans, Synthesizer: Kevin Knee, Guitar: Mike Lem and Dean Fukushima, Bass: John Chung, and Drums: Eric Kuhn.

and the songs:

“Let ‘Em In”, “Got to Get you Into My Life”, “Let It Be”, “In My Life”, “Long and Winding Road”, “We Can Work It Out”, “Here There and Everywhere”, “Drive My Car”, and “Can’t Buy Me Love”.

And, from Billie Barbash, for the Kids’ Karnival, we are thankful for the following:

“everyone who participated, attended or sponsored something for Kids' Karnival. It was a tremendous

success and a wonderful day to be a part of Redeemer!”

Special Thanks to our generous Donors:

Andy's Market, Redeemer Preschool, and the following families:

Anderson, Baird, Blank, Burton, N. Clark, J. Clark, Devers, Erler, Fox, Garbarino, Godbold, Johnson, Kirk, Mason, Nakamura, Pamatmat, Poulos, Ruyak, Skubecz, Smilie, Smith, Thomason, Westmoreland, and Zolezzi.

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



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

(A note – again - from your editor, Cathy Kirk:)

Wayne and I are in the process of moving for one half of each year to Orcas Island in Washington, where the house we have been building is now finished. Our intention is for us to be there from mid-February through August every year. As a result, my last issue as editor will be February’s, and Redeemer is going to need a new Review editor beginning in mid-February. Please give me a call if you are interested - 457-3841 – and I’ll tell you what is involved. Thanks!

FROM THE DIOCESE

Day On Campus at School for Deacons

On Saturday, November 15 the School for Deacons will host the third annual Day On Campus where prospective students, clergy, lay leaders and members of vocations committees can visit the school to meet and talk with faculty and students, attend classes for the day, and learn about the diaconate and the formation program that the School offers. The day begins with Holy Eucharist at 7:45 am in the All Saints Chapel at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. The day includes lunch.

When: Saturday, November 15; 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: [Church Divinity School of the Pacific](#), Berkeley, 2451 Ridge Road

***Deadline:* RSVP by Thursday November 13, 2008**

Contact: The Rev. Mary Louise Hintz, mlhintz@sfd.edu, 510.848.1723

MLK Youth Nightwatch 2009

Youth (12-18) from across the Bay Area, and those who work with them, will celebrate the life, faith and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement at this overnight stay focused on justice, nonviolence, and reconciliation. King preached at Grace Cathedral in 1965; we'll listen to his words, learn about his life, and consider how we might be part of building a more just and peaceful world today.

When: Sunday, January 18 through Monday, January 19

Where: [Grace Cathedral](#), San Francisco

Contact: Will Scott, wills@gracecathedral.org

“What Do You Expect? An Advent Bible Study for the Diocese of California.”

Get ready for a season of great expectations, as Diocese of California Episcopalians and companions from all walks of life engage Advent Bible stories with provocative questions and an ongoing invitation to deeper communion with God and each other. “What Do You Expect” is a project of the

Diocese of California Area Ministry Initiative, and is designed to make it easy to invite friends into dialogue with the Christian tradition and open up familiar scriptures in new ways. Look for the Study Guide and Leader Resources online the week of 11/3, and start thinking now about the small group (of 8-12 people) you would like to share your own great expectations with.

(For more information contact Father Mark at (415) 456-0508 or mruyak2000@comcast.net)

A Lifeline Amid Financial Turmoil

A church member who purchased a charitable gift annuity in July looks back on his decision with gratitude, because all the tumult in the financial markets has not touched his annuity income. His gift annuity is rock solid.

This sixty-nine year old now has a guaranteed lifetime annuity payout of 6.3%. Since most of this is tax-free, this is equivalent to income from a CD with a payout of 9.7%.

Best of all, he accomplished this by making a gift to benefit his parish!

A gift annuity is part gift, part annuity. The income from an annuity is paid quarterly and depends upon the donor's age when the gift is made. The income payments are a fixed dollar amount that will not vary no matter what may happen in the stock market or to interest rates. The annuity amount is fixed by contract and guaranteed by all the assets of the Diocese of California. Upon the donor's death, the remaining principal becomes a gift to the parish or whatever ministry the donor has designated.

To see how much a gift to your parish might earn for you, contact your Gift Planning Officer for a complementary personalized illustration. A gift annuity may be a win-win for you and for your church. Lock in an income for yourself and support your church at the same time. Give generously and give wisely.

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP
Gift Planning Officer
Episcopal Diocese of California

We ask for comfort, guidance and healing for these people on our Redeemer prayer list:

Juliette, Kathy, Anabella, Jean L., Danny, Caroline, Cheryl, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Amanda and Gail, Rob, Faith, Tara, John, Michelle, Mary, Jean K., Joseph, Pam, Justin, Adrienne, The Rev. Dan White, Ligia Atkinson, Jack and Betty Baird, Pat Eyster-Ewell, John and Mary Macmeeken, Mollie Taylor, and Katie Whitten, and for those who serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, including David Camera

A Simple Prayer

"Dear Lord...

Allow me to see good in the lives of people today. So many find fault, criticize and major on the minors of life. Help me to see the potential you see in others.

And speaking of potential, allow me to see my own unique potential for making a positive difference in my world. Jesus, you know me -- you really know me. Show me what could give us great joy while working together in the ways of your choosing. A great need of mine is to trust you -- completely. I don't want "I'm trusting God" to be a cute catch phrase I use as a Christian. Give me a trust that causes me to hope in you at all times, brings peace to my soul as needed, and remains a part of my life for all my life.

Teach me to recognize your voice in my hurried, everyday world. Oh, that sounds so very simple: but it's not. Strengthen me from the inside out. Help me to know you, love you, hear your voice, and follow you.

I want to finish strong, Lord. Really strong. Protect me, go before me, and strengthen my heart to avoid being sinful and sinfully complacent.

Give me a big, long-lasting portion of laughter! Help me to always help others discover you as the delight of their lives.

I love you, Lord. Thanks for listening, answering and sharing your life with me.

In your name I pray, Amen!"

[This is from a friend from Cursillo, who sends along occasional inspirational messages.]

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Please note:

The deadline for submissions for the combined December '08- January '09 *Redeemer Review* is Sunday, November 30th.

Please send your news to Cathy Kirk at: kindel.odie@comcast.net.

If you have MS Word on your computer, and want your Review by e-mail instead of snail-mail?
Drop me a note at the above e-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