



Redeeming Features

Volume XXIV, No. 2

March-April 2008

What to Remember Upon Waking

By David Whyte

You are not a troubled guest on this earth, you are not an accident amidst other accidents. You were invited from another and greater night than the one from which you you have just emerged.

Now looking through the slanting light of the morning window toward the mountain presence of everything that can be, what urgency calls you to your one love? What shape waits in the seed of you to grow and spread its branches against a future sky?

Is it waiting in the fertile sea? In the trees beyond the house? In the life you can imagine for yourself? In the open and lovely white page On the waiting desk?

From the Rector's Office

Dear People of Redeemer,

All Lent we have been looking at the image of the cross covered with the image of the seed already opening into life. So, what shape waits in the seed of you to grow and spread its branches? What is the life that is grounded in your one love? Lent is bringing us to the urgency that God has about our lives. We are scattered, we have too many loves, we have forgotten the seed, but it is still alive in us.

This Lent I hope that each of us finds a way to remember that we are no accident—that God has created each of us with a loving hope that will not be withdrawn. I pray that we will find ways to warm and nourish that seed.

Here at Redeemer, there is the connection that can be developed with the Grow Clinic, there are the children at Esperanza Academy needing tutoring. There are people who need visiting. There is the ecumenical Good Friday meditation service. Week by week, there is the forgiveness that is being offered to us if we are willing to turn and take it. There is the drama of love played out in the special services of Holy Week.

I wish you a blessed Lent in which to plant that seed in the power of the Cross for you and for our world. We are personally invited into this risen life.

Faithfully,

Tricia

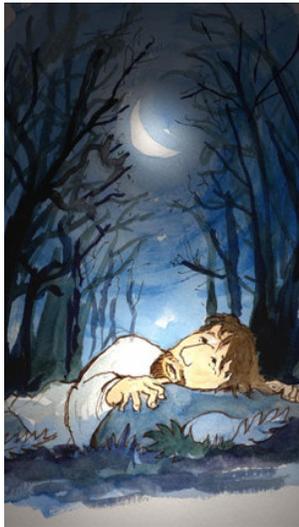
Greening the Church



The staff, vestry, and volunteers are excited about our 2008 commitment to making Redeemer environmentally friendly. We are asking for your help and support as we try new methods of saving energy and resources. You can do your part by recycling (paper, cans, bottles), turning off lights, going online for your news and e-announcements, and by volunteering your time and talents to these new endeavors. Thank you!

Inside This Issue

Easter Activities	2-3
Patriot's Day	4
Talent Show	5
Register for Camp	5
Mission Activities	6
Help Around the Church	7
Adult Education	8-9
Calendar	10-11



A Night in Gethsemane

**9pm Maundy Thursday
thru Good Friday at 7am**

Keep a vigil with us, just as the disciples stayed with Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. Sign up for one hour timeslots on the bulletin boards in both church entrances.

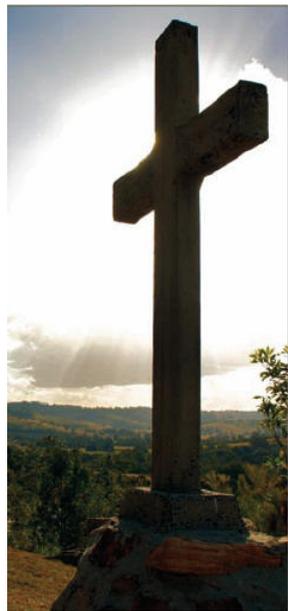
*“Remain here,
and stay awake with me.”*
Mark 26:36-46

Jesus’ Final Words

Good Friday from 12:00-3:00pm

We welcome clergy and members of other Lexington area churches to Redeemer for ecumenical meditations on the last words of Christ.

*“Father, forgive them”
“Today you will be with me”
“Woman, behold your son”
“My God, my God, why...”
“I thirst”
“It is finished”
“Father into your hands”*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 16th
8:00 A.M. Rite One
9:30 A.M. Rite Two

Maundy Thursday

March 20th
7:30 P.M. Eucharist,
Foot Washing, &
Stripping of the Altar
9:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.
Overnight Vigil

Good Friday

March 21st
10:00 A.M.
The Faces of Jesus:
A Children’s Service
of the Word
12:00-3:00 P.M.
Ecumenical Meditations
on the Last Words
of Christ

Easter Sunday

March 23rd
8:00 A.M. Rite One
9:30 A.M. Rite Two
10:30 A.M. Egg Hunt
11:00 A.M. Rite Two



Celebrating Easter with New Life

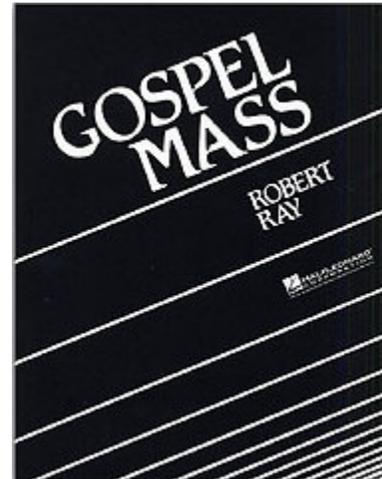
Each year on Easter the sanctuary is filled with beautiful flowers in celebration of the new life that comes with the risen Lord.

Donate what you can and celebrate or remember the loved ones and special events in your life. Fill out the form on the back cover and drop it in the collection plate or in the church office along with your contribution.

After Easter, those flowers will need good homes. Please sign up to deliver a few plants to parishoners with limited mobility, and share with them the miracle of new life!

Gospel Mass

Whether you enjoy singing choral music, Gospel music, or rock, you will enjoy singing Robert Ray's Gospel Mass with us. The Gospel Mass will be performed during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 18th. Join us for rehearsals after Easter, or see me for music and a CD - you will enjoy singing your part along with the music while driving around town - I guarantee it. This music cuts across boundaries, traditions and styles to get to the heart of Christian adoration and praise. Please join us! Contact Cheryl@our-redeemer.net, 860-8893, for further information.



Everything-but-the-Baby Ingathering

The second-annual fundraiser is in full swing! All donations go directly to the children & families served by the Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center. Please pick-up a grocery bags with attached lists of items that are in great demand. Bags are located in the side hallway under the music bulletin board. We will collect all contributions at church on Palm Sunday, March 16th. We urge every household to contribute *something!* Learn more about the work of the Grow Clinic at:

www.bmc.org/pediatrics/services/Specialty/Development/GrowClinic

The Clinic provides a variety of services for children who have been diagnosed with a condition called Failure to Thrive (FTT).

NEEDED ITEMS:

- Sippy cups
 - Baby food (Stage 1 + 2)
 - Duocal (\$ 78 per case)
 - Plastic spoons for babies
 - Poly Vi Sol with Iron liquid vitamins
 - Multi-cultural and/or bilingual books
 - Unisex Diapers for ages 6mos to 3 yrs
 - Flintstones Complete chewable vitamins
 - Bright Beginnings Pediatric Soy supplement
 - * Infant Formulas:
 - Normal
 - Hypoallergenic (e.g., Alimentum)
 - Enfamil Next Step Soy
- Preferably concentrated liquid or powdered*



Join the Bunny Squad

It's almost time for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Redeemer wants to help the Easter Bunny get ready, so we will be collecting plastic Easter Eggs, individually wrapped candy, and small trinkets to place in the eggs. Drop off your donations in the basket outside Louise's office. A helper will collect them on Tuesdays & Sundays until March 18th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dianne Barrucci at 781-221-8515 or Dianne.Barrucci@verizon.net.

Thank you in advance for contributing!





Monday, April 21st

“This is a wonderful opportunity... to show the Lexington community what we are all about!”

Patriot’s Day Pancake Breakfast

Visitors stream into town to watch the Battle of Lexington reenactment. Around 5:45am they all go looking for a nice hot breakfast. For several years, the Redeemer community has rallied to feed scrumptious pancakes to these hungry Reenactment spectators. It’s an activity that is a lot of work and **a lot of fun!**

This year the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast, which average around \$3,000, will benefit the Lexington Food Pantry.

We are just starting to pull our resources together and plan for this year’s Breakfast. We need someone to co-ordinate with Melanie Blower, who is volun-

teering for her fourth year in a row (yeah, Melanie!). The co-ordinator will have great support from veteran workers, who compiled notes and lists to guide the process.

Co-coordinator work begins late March / early April. If you are interested, please contact Connie Parrish (connie.parrish@verizon.net or 781-863-5825) or Melanie Blower (mblower@rcn.com) as soon as possible.

Many other volunteers are needed as well to make the Breakfast a success. There are numerous opportunities for all ages and abilities, both the few days before and the day of the Breakfast.

Ways to Volunteer:

- Great Hall set-up and clean up
- Cooking shifts, starting at 3:00 A.M.
- Kitchen help of all kinds
- Ticket sales
- Dining room helper
- Parking lot attendant

Sign-up sheets will be posted as April 21st nears – meanwhile please check your calendar to see if you will be in town on Patriot’s Day and think about where you want to apply your talents. It is a wonderful community event and a great way for Redeemer to show the Lexington community at large what we are all about.

Check-up on the Church

The Property Committee would like to extend an invitation to new members. We meet once a month on the first Monday at 7:30_{P.M.} to discuss projects and problems then work to resolve the problems and set up the projects. It’s a great opportunity to share in good work with great people. Please contact Karen Schragle at 508-653-4600 or karen@waylandtravel.com.



Altar Flowers

You may have noticed the beautiful new poster for flower donation sign-ups in the side hallway. If you are interested in donating flowers to celebrate or commemorate an event, please check the board for open slots, then contact Mary Nokes. (We ask that you please do not write on the board—Sandy Keshishian’s wonderful design). We also encourage you to make your own creative altar arrangements.

Mary Nokes 781-863-1203
sekon_mary@yahoo.com

Talent Show

Saturday, April 12th
Mark your calendars and break out your talents for Redeemer's Spring Talent Show! Anybody from age 5 to 95 can participate in this program because we will all be sharing our favorite music of our own generations. We are forming generational teams - since we're all part of some generation - we can all participate in this - whether it's swing, rock, or fusion.

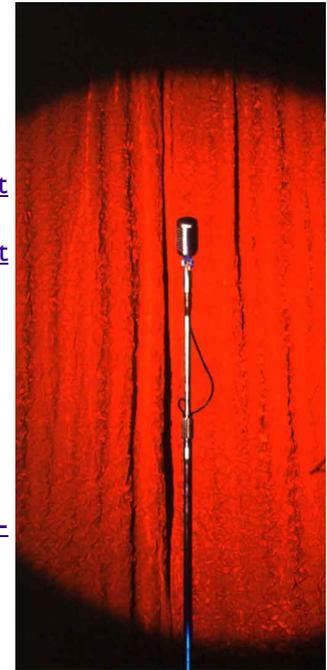
Not a musician? We want you, too! Can you do stand up comedy?

We need you during set changes. Any Elvis impersonators out there? Buddy Hollys? The Doors? Boy I'm really dating myself – and we're encouraging YOU to do the same!

You say you're stage shy? Help us decorate the Parish Hall, or organize snacks. Do any of you have a heart big enough to organize clean up?

Please contact one of the following people ASAP to join the group with which you most identify.

1920s - Cheryl Duerr
Cheryl@our-redeemer.net
1930s - Cheryl Duerr
Cheryl@our-redeemer.net
1940s - Fred Bailey
Fredbailey@comcast.net
1950s - Tony Johnson
jetstream@basicisp.net
or Elizabeth Gable
epbgable@aol.com
1960s - Murray Daniels
mdaniels@gmail.com
1970s - Murray Daniels
mdaniels@gmail.com
1980s - Linda Kukulich
Lindakukulich@alum.mit.edu
1990s - Dan Archibald
dan@squibix.net
or Leah Archibald



Summer on Otter Lake

Brochures for THE CAMP at Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center are now available in the church entrances. Almost 20 children and teens from Redeemer have enjoyed a week or more at this beautiful, magical place, and their attendance has enriched our community.

There are six one-week sessions for children and youth entering grades 3 thru 10. Most programs cost \$525/week. Financial aid is available. For more information, pick up a brochure or go online to www.bchcenter.org

Main Programs:
Explorer
Adventure
Challenge
Base Camp

Specialty Programs:
Art Camp
Choir Camp
Horseback Riding
Monadnock Adventure
YouCan'tDoThat@Camp!

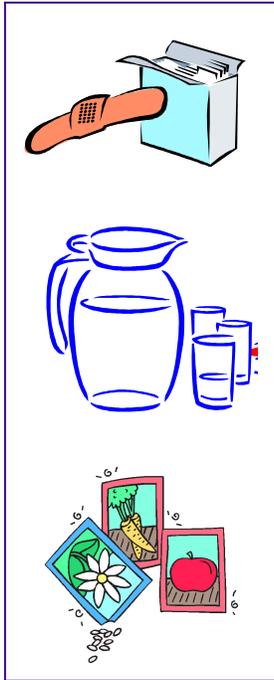


Design Your Retreat

It's never too early to begin planning this year's all-parish retreat weekend scheduled for October 3rd-5th at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center in Greenfield, NH. If you are interested in contributing ideas and/or

planning some of the weekend activities, please contact Cassie & Randy Bowlby at 978-244-0245 or at squawk5432@verizon.net. We want your input!





Children Helping Children

In early Lent, children in Atrium made collection boxes (reminiscent of the Mite Boxes of our youth). In conversation with parents, each child can decide to earn money to put in the box, share money given as gifts, or fill the box as each family decides.

The teachers will introduce the many opportunities listed in the *Gifts for Life* catalogue of ERD, and each class will decide how they want their money to be spent.

Money from this project will be collected on Pentecost, May 11th.

Some examples of things earned through *Gifts of Life* are: chickens, goats, and cows; tools and seeds to help a village start a garden; clean water; family health care services; and micro-credit loans.

Please pick up a copy of the *Gifts for Life* catalogue, available at both church entrances. Page through it and think of the

difference just one gift can make.

Parishioners without kids in church school can help by offering jobs to those children who want to earn money for this cause. Some classes may hold a bake sale or make jewelry to sell to raise money as a group. Talk with the children about what they are doing.



Save the Date!

Sunday, May 4th: Mission Sunday and All-Parish Pot-Luck Brunch

Saturday, May 10th: El Hogar Bike-a-Thon & The Art of the Musical: Emily Burns & Friends

Saturday, May 10th: Lexington Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Sunday, May 11th: Pentecost and Atrium ERD Ingathering

Sunday, May 18th: Gospel Mass

Tuesday, May 20th: Men's Breakfast

Thursday, May 22nd: Ladies' Tea & Holy Eucharist

Saturday, May 31st: Confirmation

10am at Christ Church, Cambridge

Sunday, June 1st: Grow Clinic Ingathering

Saturday, June 7th: Jubilee AIDS Walk

Sunday, June 8th: Bishop's Visit



Join Us in Honduras

Redeemer's summer trip to El Hogar in **Tegucigalpa, Honduras** is set for the week of July 11th-18th. Visit www.elhogar.org to learn more about the El Hogar Projects.

Please contact Chris Needham (781-862-0591) or Bill Robinson (781-777-2284) for information on mission trips.

At an information session held in January we discussed organizing a group work for a week in **Biloxi, Mississippi** as part of the Diocesan Gulf Coast Partnership program. No date has been set. Read more about the rebuilding effort online at www.diomass.org/mission/gulf_coast.

Spring Workday & Garden Clean-Up

We will focus on clean-up of grounds and garden, pruning, and possibly dividing some plants. Lets make everything look nice for Spring and early Summer activities.

Bring your work-clothes to church, We usually spend 1-2 hours; whatever time you can give is appreciated.

The Coopers
781-860-9396
coopers4@rcn.com

Ashley Rooney
& Peter Lund
781-861-9511
earooney@rcn.com

Karen Schragle:
781-862-9452
karen@waylandtravel.com

Garden

Pull dandelions and wild violets weeds and side-dress perennials with remaining compost and spread the rest in the garden, near fire-alarm, bench and front sign.

Divide overcrowded plants and replant

Lawn

Edge along the sidewalks. Give entire lawn a good raking.

Property

Prune forsythia and bushes along the bike path. Weed in around the bushes

Equipment Needed

- Rakes big and narrow for getting around plants, bushes, and trees.
- Trowels; larger spading and regular shovels, and wheelbarrows, buckets and other for moving compost.
- Hand-clippers, loping pruners, tree saws.
- Barrels or paper recycle bags – the Hartwell Ave Facility is open on Sundays from 8am-4pm



Feeding Bristol Lodge

For more than 15 years, the parish has provided dinner for 100 homeless people the 4th Monday of every month. We take casseroles, salad, and dessert to Bristol Lodge in Waltham.

You can help with this ministry by joining a team which cooks at the church, by making salad or desserts at home and bringing it to the church

the Sunday before the 4th Monday, or by signing up to indicate your interest. We will call you to discuss the details of your participation.

This Spring we are cooking on March 24th, April 28th, & May 26th. Mary Ellen Alessandro is arranging for the Bridge School Community to cook on the 5th Monday of March.

If you are interested in having your group of young people cook, (such as Scout Troops, or school groups), please speak to Evelyn Haussein so she can work it into the schedule.

Evelyn: 781-861-0378
ehaussein@rcn.com



Adult Education Spotlight



How Does the Spirit Move Among Us?

March 9th & April 6th

During education hour Five parishioners reflect on this question each week. Listen as they share about the search for meaning, purpose, & companionship. Our hope is that we can all reflect on how the spirit is moving in and through the people of Redeemer.

Socially Responsible Investing

Back by popular demand!

Thursday, April 10th
from 7:00-8:30pm

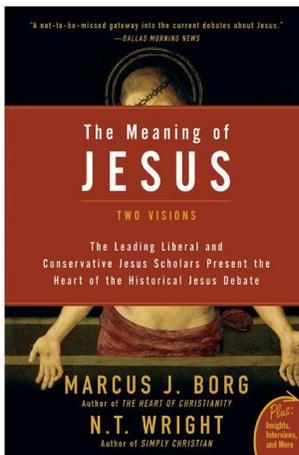
- What is it?
- How does it work?
- How can I get involved?

Led by David Schreiber

Commit

Sunday evenings from
April 6th – May 11th
6:00-8:00 p.m.

This program is an opportunity to participate in a warm, supportive community exploring the big questions about who God is and what it might mean for you personally to live more deeply into who you are in Christ.



Diocesan Book Club

Thursdays, March 20th & 27th at 7:30pm

As part of a diocesan-wide initiative, the congregation is invited to read and discuss

The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions

by Marcus Borg and N. Wright. The two authors represent a wide range of thought from traditional to liberal, and we as individuals and a congregation have a wide range of views. Please see the Rev. Louise Forrest to make arrangements to buy the book (\$13). Make checks payable to Church of Our Redeemer, with "Book Group" in the memo line.

Thursday Art Class

10:30_{A.M.}-12:30_{P.M.}

In the Meeting Room

How much of our world do you ever *really* see? How deep is your understanding when you look at a painting? We are creative innovative people from a creative innovative God. You also get coffee and some coffee cake to keep you fueled!



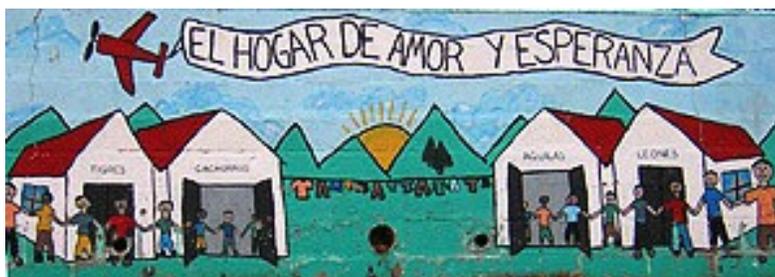
This class has been going for about 30 years. As an experienced teacher who loves the teaching of art, I provide what I call "the tool kit" - a "box" or process filled with the applied fundamentals of drawing and painting. The class works in multi-media, each person finding what is comfortable for them.

There is a \$5 charge for each class, first adventure into this is free. Materials are provided for your first class and for some special projects. Many prefer to pay in 6 week segments. You can join at any time. Just drop on in and see what we are up to. Bring the children during school vacations!

Barbara Beinhocker
617-489-3973

Adult Education Calendar

March	9	How is the Spirit is Moving Among Us? Five parishioners reflect on this question.
	16	Intergenerational Easter Garden Building
	23	Easter Egg Hunt
	30	How is the Spirit is Moving Among Us? <i>Continued</i> Five more parishioners speak.
April	6	Reflections on the Movement of the Spirit Among Us. Wrap-up: What have we learned? Where do we go from here? Commit Class: 6:00pm-8:00pm
	10	Socially Responsible Investing (back by popular demand!) 7:00pm-8:30pm
	13	Youth Group report back on Mission project Commit Class: 6:00pm-8:00pm
	20	Book discussion of <i>The Meaning of Jesus</i> by Marcus Borg & N. Wright Commit Class: 6:00pm-8:00pm
	27	Book discussion of <i>The Meaning of Jesus</i> by Marcus Borg & N. Wright, <i>continued</i> Commit Class: 6:00pm-8:00pm
May	4	All Parish Breakfast & 30-minute presentation by Rich Kunz, Executive Director of El Hogar Ministries
	11	Living the Questions - Reclaiming the World: Restoring Relationships
	18	Living the Questions - Reclaiming the World: The Prophetic Jesus
	25	Living the Questions - Reclaiming the World: Evil, Suffering and a God of Love
June	1	Tea and Sympathy: How to & how not to respond to loss among your friends, led by Louise Forrest
	8	Bishop Harris parish visit
	15	Biology and Belief: Conversations with Scientists
	22	Summer Schedule begins – no Adult Education



STAFF

Rector	extension 5
The Rev. Tricia de Beer	
Assistant Priest	extension 6
The Rev. Louise Forrest	
Music Director	extension 7
Cheryl Duerr	
Administrator	extension 1
Emma Stantz	

VESTRY

Senior Warden

Mary Ucci 781 935-3674

Junior Warden

Connie Parrish 781 863-5825

Treasurer

Jim Neumann 781 862-3655

Clerk

Jed Geyerhahn 781 750-8793

Randy Bowlby 978 244-0245

Erica Brotschi 617 484-1334

Joyce Dufault 781 862-3920

Stephanie Kukolich 781 862-1299

Jack Manes 781 862-8381

Janet Needham 781 862-0591

Kate Needham 781 862-0591

Tom Swithenbank 781 646-9406

DEANERY REPS

Paula Antonevich 781 674-2795

Leah Archibald 781 956-3196

Dinesh Dulipsingh 781 862-4470

Tom Pryce-Digby 781 734-0415

Nancy Williams 781 862-9922

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

March



I

2 Lent 4 Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit	3 Property Meeting Atrium Parent Meeting	4 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir	5 Vestry Meeting	6 Art Class Mother's Group Meeting	7	8 Food Pantry Set clocks ahead tonight
9 Lent 5 Daylight Savings Time! Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit	10 Worship Committee	11 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir Guild o the Good Shepherd	12	13 Art Class	14	15 Food Pantry Diocesan Spring Learning Event: Marcus Borg Lecture @ Boston University
16 Palm Sunday Welcome Team Meeting Easter Garden Planting Everything-but-the-Baby Ingathering of donations Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit	17 Worship Committee	18 Daffodil Day Men's Group Breakfast Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir	19 Vestry Meeting	20 Maundy Thurs. Art Class Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, & Stripping of the Altar Overnight Vigil	21 Good Friday Children's Service Ecumenical Service	22 Food Pantry
23 Easter Sunday Easter Services: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt	24 Reconciliation Retreat Executive Committee OFFICE IS CLOSED	25 Annunciation Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir	26	27 Art Class The Spirit in You	28	29 Food Pantry
30 Easter 2 Baptism Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit	31 Reconciliation Retreat					

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



April

		<p>1 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir</p>	<p>2 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>3 Art Class</p>	<p>4 Reconciliation Retreat</p>	<p>5 Food Pantry Liturgy Team Meeting Reconciliation Retreat</p>
<p>6 Easter 3 Commit Class Socially Responsible Investing Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit</p>	<p>7 Property Committee</p>	<p>8 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Art Class</p>	<p>11 Confirmation Retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp</p>	<p>12 Food Pantry Talent Show! Confirmation Retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp</p>
<p>13 Easter 4 Commit Class Youth Service! Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir</p>	<p>16 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>17 Art Class</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Food Pantry</p>
<p>20 Easter 5 Commit Class Finance Committee Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Art Class</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Food Pantry</p>
<p>27 Easter 6 Commit Class Youth Group Dinner Dancers of Spirit</p>	<p>28 Executive Committee</p>	<p>29 Atrium Children's Choir Adult Choir</p>	<p>30</p>			

**CHURCH OF
OUR REDEEMER**

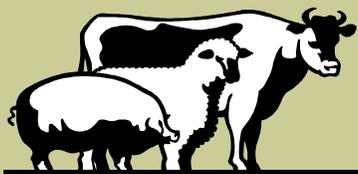
Donate to the Atrium
students' collection for

781-862-6408
office@our-redeemer.net

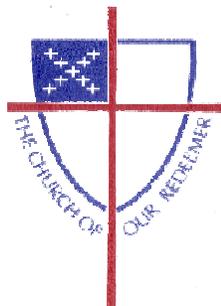
www.our-redeemer.net



**Benefitting the
American Cancer Society**



Donate to the Atrium
students' collection for
Episcopal Relief &
Development
(see page 6)



Cut on dotted line and return portion below to church office with your donation.



Easter Flowers

Place your form with payment in the collection plate, leave in the office, or mail to the church by Palm Sunday, March 16th. Please make checks payable to Church of Our Redeemer.

Donated by: _____ Qty. _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

After Easter Services...

- I will take them home
- Please donate to a shut-in