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Dear People of Redeemer,

Recently I have enjoyed watching the mini series on John Adams. He is such an appealing character because he is so human, and yet he was able to make an enormous contribution to the birth of our country. What is clear in the series is the sense of integrity that guides him. He is not afraid to stand for those things in which he believes. Sometimes his integrity and his idea of what is right and his inability to see something from another perspective get him into a lot of trouble.

This summer the Bishops will be meeting in Lambeth, which is an international convention of Bishops taking place every 10 years. This year Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, sadly was not invited to the gathering because he is a gay man who is open about who he is and the partnered relationship which he has been in for more than a decade. Again our Bishops will be wrestling with how do they represent the unique polity and experience of the American Episcopal church and at the same time communicate that we take seriously our need for communion with Anglicans around the world who have such different experience and priorities. For the short term our bishops have signed a covenant to refrain from certifying the election of a bishop who is openly gay or lesbian, but for how much longer will they believe this to be the path to which the Spirit is calling us?

The church has seen a lot of tough times

1860	Bishops still writing tracts in favor of slavery based on Bible
1928	Lambeth okayed birth control for the first time
1960s	Division over the Vietnam War
1970	First women deputies

Scripture has advice for us in times such as these...

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another, do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceable with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:9-21

Each of us have relationships in which holding fast to what is good and outdoing one another in showing honor seem like impossible things to hold together. This time as you read the translation, think about your own life and one relationship in which you desire peace.

"Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. 'I'll do the judging,' says God. 'I'll take care of it.' If you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good."

(Translation from The Message)

We all have people with whom we feel continually misunderstood, or worse, with whom we feel hurt again and again. We have those with whom we fundamentally disagree. May God give us the will to get the best of evil by doing good. This is a tall order as we live out our convictions. Whether at home with our loved ones, in the church, or in the public domain, it is the way of following Jesus. It is the narrow path in that it is easy to get off the track, but it also is the way of abundant life. Pray for our church; pray for ourselves that we live this good news.

Faithfully,

Tricia

What Sunday? Whitsunday!



"It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world, that work being done through varieties of gifts, but united in a single Spirit."



Perhaps you know it better as Pentecost, or maybe it's all just Greek to you. Either way, if you come to church on May 11th this year, you will join in the celebration of the feast of Pentecost, a name that comes from the Greek word meaning 'fiftieth'. It is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of wind and flames to the followers of Jesus, as recorded in Acts 2:1-21. Jesus had told the apostles to wait until the Spirit came to them. Fifty days after the resurrection, the Spirit came.

Pentecost is also recognized as the birth of the Christian Church after the apostle Peter preached a sermon on Pentecost that resulted in 3,000 people becoming believers and being baptized. (Acts 2:36-41). Because of this, Pentecost is often one of the days we choose to baptize new Christians in the church. And white being a color associated with baptism, the Sunday is known by some as "Whitsunday".

So why Red? If you have been around Redeemer for a while, you might recognize Pentecost as the day that we all try to remember to wear red. The children learn a song in Atrium about the liturgical colors of the church year: "Purple means 'get ready', the feast is near; white means 'rejoice' – the feast is here! In ordinary time we use green cloth; red is the color of Pentecost!" The color red was chosen to represent the Holy Spirit because it is the color of fire, and God came to us as flames of fire.

For Christians, Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through the Holy Spirit is at work among us. It is a celebration of creation, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world, that work being done through varieties of gifts, but united in a single Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-13).

Christians in some towns and cities in England have traditionally taken part in "Whit Walks". Whitsunday was the time for walks and processions of "witness". It's an opportunity to be witnesses of Christian community, which *finally* brings me to my point: We will have our very own "Whit Walk" centered around our community labyrinth on Whitsunday, May 11th (yes, also Mother's Day!)

Now that our labyrinth and memorial garden space has been fully constructed, we are finally able to integrate its use into our community life. We dreamed of this time over five years ago when we stated our purpose: "to provide a labyrinth as an invitation to the community to the journey, and a memorial garden as a place of rest when those journeys end." We cannot think of a better day than Pentecost and Mother's Day to celebrate our community life.

Therefore, please join us as Redeemer plays host to the wider community:

A Community Labyrinth Celebration Sunday, May 11th 2:00 – 4:00pm

Labyrinth Walks, Dove Kite Flying, Lemonade, Cookies and a time to relax with friends and family as we celebrate our lives together.



We hope you will reach out to friends and family (maybe your mother!) and join us.

Janet Kern

P.S. Turn to page 9 to read why "We're on TV!"

Caring for Our Parish Family

What is Pastoral Care?

Often we think of pastoral care in a parish setting only as visiting patients in the hospital or shut-ins at their home or institution. In reality all of us in this parish are involved in pastoral care. St. Paul teaches us that we are the Body of Christ wherever we are or, as we say now, "24/7."

If I define pastoral care as "being there for the other during times of transition," then talking to a fellow parishioner at a soccer match is pastoral care as you discuss the transition of a child from one school to another. What about reaching out to a fellow parishioner when he or she has just gotten a serious medical diagnosis, and you have some experience with it in your own family? Or inviting a newly-single parent over to share dinner with you, your spouse, and your own children? These and many other small kindnesses are examples of pastoral care.

Pastoral Care Team

During these past few months Our Redeemer has pulled together a talented and committed group of women to be its Pastoral Care Team: Kalpana Dulipsingh, Evelyn Hausslein, Ginny Neumann, Georgetown Sampson, and Peg Wright. Another group of men and women are bringing communion to parishioners: Nancy Williams and children, Doris Kraemer, Rev. Karen Bettacchi, Rev. Roger Moulton, Rev. Louise Forrest, and Rev. Tricia de Beer. Note several other parishioners have indicated they want to join the pastoral care team and Eucharistic Ministers. We have also identified over 25 people who we believe might appreciate some intentional pastoral visiting, and members of the team have been visiting these people on a regular basis.

Pastoral Care Team Meetings

We will have four meetings a year of the Pastoral Care Team to discuss pertinent topics and share resources. Last month we talked about our own lives and how we deal with friends and family who are ill or seemingly falling apart. Of course we need to be really alert to taking care of ourselves in order to care for others. While sharing our experiences we remembered the five stages of grief model that Elisabeth Kubler-Ross identified so long ago. We talked about where we were in that circling maze of denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Our guest speaker was Christine Lojko who is a volunteer for hospice in Waltham. Christine emphasized the gift of presence and strong listening skills. Often people who are very ill or shut-in feel isolated and/or angry, yet by carefully listening to them we may be able to help them feel less isolated.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Team is **Tuesday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m.** Our guest speaker will be parishioner Ginny Neumann, a social worker. She will address calling on elders while not fostering dependency upon the visitor.

Rev. Louise Forrest

*"... talking to
a fellow
parishioner at
a soccer match is
pastoral care..."*



We Remember, We Celebrate

Celebrate or commemorate that special event or person in your life by donating altar flowers! Open dates are:

June 1, 8, 15, 29

July 13, 20, 27

To sign up for a date, contact Mary Nokes at sekon_mary@yahoo.com, or 781-863-1203.



Thank you for recycling!

Back to the Farm

Redeemer is sending a fourth volunteer work team to Talanga, Honduras, this summer, July 11-18. Twelve intrepid parishioners will be taking off for a week to live and work with the 42 young men at the Escuela Agricola de El Hogar, one of the three schools which are the backbone of El Hogar Projects.



What is El Hogar?

A joint venture of the Episcopal churches of Honduras and the United States, the mission of El Hogar Projects is to provide a loving home and education in a Christian environment for abandoned, orphaned and hopelessly poor children, enabling them to fulfill their ultimate potential as productive human beings in Honduras. In addition The Episcopal Relief and Development office has just granted El Hogar significant support to launch a new community development initiative through El Hogar's Agricultural School and Farm. El Hogar students and faculty are now sharing their expertise in sustainable agriculture with their surrounding communities.

Our great friend the Rev. Rich Kunz will be a visiting preacher at Redeemer on Sunday, May 4. Learn more about El Hogar online at www.elhogar.org.

What do the volunteers do?

Wake up at 5:30 in the morning (farmer's hours!), have breakfast (rice and beans) with the boys, and go to work! In past years we have rebuilt the corral, painted the kitchen and other rooms, built bunk beds, and moved a lot of rocks. In the evenings we hang out with the boys and enjoy fellowship and evening prayer in the volunteer house. This year's team will be Bill Voegel, Sarah Voegel, Chris Needham, Linda Kukulich, Stephanie Kukulich, Jessie Maeck, Greg Ruth, Ralf Faber, Karla Faber, Erica Brotschi, Chris Lojko, and Beth Delong.

**Join us for
Spanish Class,
Saturday nights
at 8:00pm in
the library. All
levels are
welcome!**

Bike-A-Thon

How can YOU participate?

Saturday, May 10 @ 10:00am (rain date is May 17), all bikers and walkers will depart from the parish parking lot. The bike ride (and walk) will be a loop from Lexington through Concord, Carlisle and Bedford; about 25 miles. The walk will be a modest loop through Lexington. This is the third year for this event and it has been a tremendous source of mission funds for El Hogar. Last year the proceeds were about \$10,000, over and above the budgeted Mission funds. Our funds support the basic education for dozens of boys – and now girls! – in Tegucigalpa and Talanga.

The Bike-a-thon is an all ages, all abilities event and is plenty fun. All members of the parish – and friends – are invited to participate. It also is a great way to spread the word about our parish outreach and work in the world, and the El Hogar projects. Consider participating or sponsoring a participant – and let your friends beyond Redeemer know.

Participants should collect pledges, including the names and addresses of supporters. Pledges should be made out to "Church of Our Redeemer," with "El Hogar Bike-a-thon" in the memo line. Participants should collect their contributions, which will be processed by Jessie Maeck.

Questions? Please contact...

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bill.voegel@verizon.net
Jessie Maeck: 781-863-8053
jsmaeck@aol.com

Muchas gracias a todos!

J2A FUNdraising Rummage SALE

The J2A class is excited to visit Honduras this summer, but they need our help to get there. So they have taken on a fundraising mission! Track their progress on the chart outside the parish office. This year, they have taken on the great task of organizing the Annual Rummage Sale. 2/3 of the proceeds will go to the Pilgrimage Fund, and 1/3 will go to the church.

There are many ways your family can get involved! Donate items to sell; volunteer your time to set-up, staffing, or clean-up; or come out and shop on Saturday, May 17th, 10:00am-2:00pm.

Item drop-off begins Sunday, May 11.

Please Donate:

Clothing (lightly worn), Books, Toys
Bedding, Linens, Small Furniture
Sporting Goods, Household Goods

Ask yourself:

Is it clean? Does it work?
Would you pay for it?

We can NOT accept:

Computer Equipment, T.V.s,
Microwaves, Stereos,
or large/heavy Furniture

For further information, please contact the youth coordinator, Anna Kern, at 781-861-7102 or

Helping Hungry Kids Grow

By Dorothy Swithenbank

I delivered the "Everything but the Baby Bags" to the Grow Clinic the day after Palm Sunday. The next morning, I received an email from Dr. Frank:

"We were thrilled by the "everything but the baby" delivery -- sorely needed -- two minutes after it was off-loaded a frantic parent of an 8-month old showed up looking for diapers and baby food and we had it! Great for babies and great for staff morale since we hate sending people away."

During the summer months, the 'Heat or Eat' dilemma of poor families is replaced by the dilemma of how to feed their school-aged children an extra ten meals per week. For nine months, free breakfasts and lunches are available at schools five days per week to feed older Grow Clinic siblings. All this food goes away for the summer.

To alleviate this problem, the Mission Committee is asking parish members to contribute money to buy Food Cards during the first three Sundays of June. If you contribute by check, make the check payable to "Church of Our Redeemer" and write "Grow Clinic Food Cards" in the memo. If you prefer to donate cash, put the money in an envelope and write your name and "Grow Clinic Food Cards" on the outside. (This will enable the church to give you tax credit for your donations.)

On June 15, we'll use the money to buy \$5 and \$10 food cards from Stop & Shop or Shaw's and deliver them to the clinic. Then the Grow Clinic will use the cards to address any emergencies that arise from lack of school feeding programs.

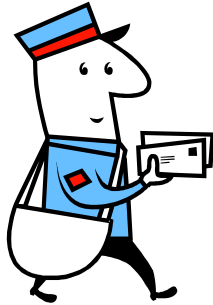
If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Swithenbank at 781-646-9406.

Learn more about the Grow Clinic online:

www.bmc.org/pediatrics/services/specialty/Development/GrowClinic/Index.html



Thank you for recycling!



“The Mission Committee will match [ERD mite box] funds up to \$1,500. Our hope is to have that total collected by Pentecost.”



Delivering a Helping Hand

On Saturday, May 10th, the Lexington Post Office will have its annual food drive. The Lexington Food Pantry, which is housed in the Great Hall at Redeemer, is the recipient of that food. The Food Pantry needs a lot of hands on deck that afternoon in the Great Hall to sort the food, check dates, and pack and stack the food.

The help is needed between 12 noon and 6 pm. The late afternoon gets VERY BUSY, and all the donated food and the tables used for sorting need to be put away so the Great Hall will be ready for Sunday's services. High School students are very helpful as they can unload the trucks as they come by and lift the heavy boxes when they're ready to be put away. Able-bodied adults are also needed – the sorting is straightforward and does not require heavy lifting.

Many hands make light work! Come out and support the Food Pantry, even if only for an hour or two.



Henry Gates, Sr.

International Mite Boxes

We have observed the children's fascination with mission projects, as the participants in many of the church school classes looked through the ERD catalogue and discussed which project they wanted their money to go to. Each class will designate a project of interest. Boxes were distributed to all children the first Sunday of Lent, and will be collected on Pentecost. Already several children have shown us boxes full of change and have discussed how they collected the money. It is not too late for other parishioners to contribute, either to a child they know or directly through a check to the church with ERD written on the memo line. The Mission Committee will match funds collected up to \$1500. Our hope is to have that total collected by Pentecost on May 11.

95 Chances to Be a Friend

Many of you remember Henry Gates, Sr., a longtime parishioner who moved away from Lexington in 2004 to live with his son in New Jersey. You might have caught a glimpse of Henry on television this past year, when PBS aired "African American Lives 2," hosted by his son "Skip." Henry has not forgotten us! I received a phone call from Henry in January and he told me that he is turning 95 on June 8th. What does he want for his birthday? 95 birthday cards! Can we do it? Of course we can! We will have a box at the church to collect birthday cards for Henry during the month of May. We'll try to have some blank cards available to make it easy for you, but you can really help by purchasing your own card, signing it and dropping it in the box. If you want to drop off a blank card to make it easy for someone else, that would be appreciated. ***Even if you didn't know Henry, or weren't at Redeemer when Henry was here, please consider signing a card anyway.*** Henry would be thrilled to know that the Redeemer community at large is wishing him a "Happy 95th Birthday!"

Atrium

Program Info & Training Session

Joyce Sherer-Hoock will visit Redeemer Saturday morning, May 10 for a half day of discussion and demonstration of Atrium materials. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in either being trained as a catechist, or learning more about the content of the program to watch an experienced Formation Leader in action. RSVP to Evelyn Hausslein if you plan to come so we are prepared with material. 781-861-0378 or ehausslein@rcn.com.

The Rev. Joyce Sherer-Hoock is the Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Anne's in Lincoln. Joyce has a Masters of Divinity as well as an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies. She has been an Episcopal priest for 18 years. The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd certifies Joyce as a Level 1, 2, and 3 Formation Leader. She will be teacher courses on Level 1 and Level 2 in Massachusetts next Fall.

Make Classroom Materials

Another opportunity to meet catechists is on Sunday, May 18. Redeemer will host a materials-making day for catechists from around the region. This is sponsored by the Guild of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and organized by Linda Kukulich. At this workshop we will make "The Blue Strip" and begin The Bible Cabinet. Participants will be from churches opening a new atrium in the fall of 2008; however anyone with an atrium is welcome. Parishioners from Redeemer who want to drop by and observe should speak to Linda.

Church School Schedule

Sunday School will continue until June 15, when we will recognize the teachers. There are no classes held on Memorial Day weekend. The final Tuesday Atrium class will be May 13.

Youth

Rite-13 Year-end Recap:

Throughout this year God has actively sought relationship with our sixth and seventh grade students. Whether they admit it or not, God has called each of them by name and claimed them as His own. This year each student has explored how he or she relates to God's commandments, and to God's presence in his or her life. For some this exploration has involved a lot of questioning, for others an abundance of levity! Students have also come up with their own ideas about relating to God, particularly regarding methods of prayer. You see, sometimes you want a long conversation with God so you pick up the phone, but other times you need to send a short message fast so you just shoot off a "text message to God." My prayer for this group is that their heaven-ward text messages grow longer and longer, until they become maybe as long as emails. Also, I pray that they learn to listen for God's answer back.

- Leah Archibald, youth leader

Confirmation

Chris Neumann and Kira Jorgensen are preparing for Confirmation. They, along with other confirmands from the Diocese, attended a pre-confirmation retreat led by Rob Bacon at the Barbara C Harris Camp and Conference Center in March. They are meeting with Bill Vogeles and Janet Needham on Sunday afternoons through the spring, and they will be confirmed with other young people from the Alewife Deanery by Bishop Gayle Harris at Christ Church in Cambridge on Saturday, May 31st at 10:00am. Please keep Kira and Chris in your prayers through this important time.



Congratulations

to our
graduating
high school
seniors! We
wish them well
and look
forward to all
the great things
they will
accomplish!

- ♦ Geoff Cooper
- ♦ Jonathan Huggins
- ♦ Eric Kern



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Music Notes

Emily Burns, Soprano, presents...

"The Art of the Musical"

Saturday, May 10th at 7pm

The program will include songs from Little Women, Oliver, Kiss Me Kate, The Music Man, The Secret Garden, Jesus Christ Superstar, Sweeney Todd, Ragtime, Sideshow, and Les Miserables. Ms Burns is a Junior at Billerica High School, and has performed in Musical Theater at Billerica High School as well as at the North Shore Music Theater, where she has studied voice, acting, and dance. During the intermission, Ms Burns will answer questions about her busy life as a musician, actress and dancer. The program is designed to attract and inspire children of all ages. We hope you can attend.

Robert Ray's Gospel Mass

Sunday, May 18th during Worship

Hear Redeemer ROCK! The choirs will present Robert Ray's Gospel Mass complete with electric bass and drums! Traditionalists—don't be scared off by these instruments—this is probably the most respected Gospel-style major work in the choral repertory today.

As accompanist, Mr. Ray has worked with such outstanding legendary singers Robert McFerrin and the late William Warfield. He is constantly in demand as a clinician and conductor. In St. Louis, he annually conducts the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, along with the Symphony's In Unison Chorus in a special St. Louis style "Gospel Christmas" and Black History concert. As a clinician he travels the world giving lectures, workshops and presentations on African-American music styles. The summer of 2000, Dr. Ray trained and toured with the Europa Cantat European Youth Chorus and performed concerts in France, Brussels, Belgium and the World Exposition in Germany.

Don't miss this electrifying music!



The Gospel Mass has been performed in Carnegie Hall as well as all over North American, Europe, Asia, South Africa and South America!



Think Green

The tall grass will be upon us soon, so once again we are looking for volunteers to help cut Redeemer's lawn. Come share your talents and learn how to operate a riding lawn mower—training provided! We will organize into small teams to cut and trim the lawn, saving the expense of a commercial service. Please sign the sheet in the hallway or contact Claudia Cooper at coop-ers4@rcn.com or 781-860-9396.

Peanuts & Cracker Jacks

The Redeemer Men's Group has arranged another outing to see a Lowell Spinners game at Lelacheur Park Stadium, in nearby Lowell. We have 40 reserved seats at \$5 each for the game on Sunday, June 29th (5:05pm) against the Oneonta Tigers (revenge for last year's 18-7 loss). Watch the game with friends and family, enjoy a sausage or hot dog and peanuts, and wash it down with your favorite beverage. It's a great fellowship-building outing (a.k.a, FUN)! Don't miss it! For information and tickets, email Randy Bowlby or Chris Needham. Randy: squawk5432@verizon.net Chris: needfam@rcn.com

We're on TV!

The DIY Network TV show "Rock Solid" featuring the building of Redeemer's labyrinth last summer will finally be aired in May. Tune in at the following times to catch a glimpse of fellow parishioners and the construction of our labyrinth from start to finish:

May 20	May 21	May 24
9:30pm	1:30pm	11:30am

Dean & Derek find peace and tranquility as they build an outdoor labyrinth in an historic church garden. Using a custom designed kit that includes pavers, detailed instructions, and layout tools, they piece together an ancient pathway that winds from the labyrinth's edge into the center and then back out. It's a journey meant to calm the spirit. And with this easy installation, it's anxiety free.

Adult Education

The adult education committee should be thanked heartedly for their work these past two months, because the Sunday Adult Education meetings have been tremendous. Let's hear it for Jessie Maeck, Susan Emanuel, Dorothy and Tom Swithenbank, Jack Manes, Louise Forrest, Barbara Beinhocker, and Janet Needham!!!

The favorite program was "The Spirit Moving Among Us at Redeemer: *Sharing Our Spiritual Journey Stories*." Sixteen brave souls over three weeks time prepared an autobiographical story of their spiritual journeys and shared it with 25 witnesses in the adult education forum. They told us about a time when the Spirit had moved them in their life and how that has changed them or impacted their life. A variety of high school students and adults each spoke for 8 minutes. As you know, getting your thoughts clearly into an 8-minute time slot is a lot of work.

What we heard was the spirit moving through and revealed in relationships, kindness of friends and strangers, hardship, and sometimes a personal relationship with God.

What electrified us who heard them was the authenticity of their stories. There was no teleprompter, makeup artist, spin-doctor interpreting for us; rather we sat in silence before and after to listen well. We heard our own stories as well as those journeying down a similar path. Clearly next year we will offer a similar program.

During this Eastertide the themes of the adult education are more outward looking and I hope, too, a bit more playful. After a hard winter it struck me that we need to use art and humor as well as the tried and true DVD learning. Art and humor makes me think of the Resurrected Christ and the nascent church finding its voice.

Kerry Emanuel, a parishioner, will be speaking on Sunday, May 11 about the intersection of faith and science. Perhaps you have been lucky enough to hear him before. Kerry Emanuel is a professor of meteorology at MIT. He is the author of *Divine Wind: The History and Science of Hurricanes* and *What we Know about Climate Change*. In 2006 *Time Magazine* recognized him as one of the world's 100 most influential people.

Our last adult education program will be Sunday, June 1. When I asked Peter Koso to lead this "Tea and Sympathy adult education," I was thinking, how would Woody Allen illustrate how to talk to friends and colleagues about bad news? I believe we all can provide pastoral care to others. We might have bad habits about talking about feelings or death, or divorce. So come join us to see what works and what doesn't in our attempt to console and comfort others.

Rev. Louise Forrest



love God

love one another



"Art and humor makes me think of the Resurrected Christ and the nascent church finding its voice."



grow in Christ

go in Christ



Mission Sunday

Sunday, May 4th is the first of two Mission Sundays this year. Our guest preacher will be The Rev. Richard Kunz, who is the Executive Director of El Hogar Ministries in Honduras. He will also speak during the All-Parish breakfast after the service.



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Date	Day	Event Details
3-May	Saturday	Liturgy Team Meeting- 9:00am in the Meeting Room
4-May	Sunday	Mission Sunday- Rev Richard Kunz of El Hogar Ministry to preach
		All Parish Brunch and Info Session on El Hogar Ministries
		"Commit" Class- 6:00-8:00pm in the Meeting Room
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
6-May	Tuesday	Pastoral Care Meeting- 9:30am in the Conference Room
10-May	Saturday	El Hogar Bike-A-Thon & Walk- 10:00am
		Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parents' Meeting- 9:30am-Noon
		Lexington Food Pantry Letter Carrier Drive- 1:00-6:00pm
		Young Artist Series Concert- Katie V.
11-May	Sunday	Pentecost and Mother's Day!
		ERD Ingathering
		Adult Ed - <i>Science & Belief</i> - Kerry Emanuel
		Labyrinth Celebration on the Lawn at 2:00pm
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
		"Commit" Class- 6:00-8:00pm in the Meeting Room
13-May	Tuesday	Last Tuesday Atrium- Pentecost Celebration- 4:00pm
17-May	Saturday	J2A indoor Rumage Sale- 10:00am - 2:00pm
		RAIN DATE - El Hogar Bike-a-thon
18-May	Sunday	Gospel Mass during morning worship
		Choir Recognition Sunday
		Adult Ed - <i>Living the Questions</i>
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
20-May	Tuesday	Men's Group Breakfast- 6:00am
		Ladies Eucharist & Tea- 2:00am
25-May	Sunday	Adult Ed - <i>Living the Questions</i>
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
26-May	Monday	Memorial Day- Office Is Closed (3 day weekend)
31-May	Saturday	Confirmation- 10:00am Christ Church in Cambridge
1-Jun	Sunday	Adult Ed-Tea & Sympathy: Loss Among Friends
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
8-Jun	Sunday	Bishop Harris Visit: Baptisms
		Adult Ed - <i>Biology and Belief</i>
		Lexington High School Graduation
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
15-Jun	Sunday	Grow Clinic Food Cards Ingathering
		Outdoor worship service
		Adult Ed - <i>Biology and Belief</i>
		Last day for Christian Education & Choir
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library

Date	Day	Event Details
16-Jun	Monday	Public Schools - last day of school
June 16 - July 10 Tricia Away		
17-Jun	Tuesday	Men's Group Breakfast- 6:00am
22-Jun	Sunday	Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
24-Jun	Tuesday	Moms' Group- 7:30pm in the Library
Friday, June 27 - Sunday, June 29 Family Weekend at the B.C.H. Camp		
29-Jun	Sunday	Lowell Spinners Baseball Game outing
		Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
24-Jun	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Dorans')
1-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Dulipsings')
4-Jul	Friday	Independence Day (# day weekend)
6-Jul	Sunday	Spanish Class- 8:00pm in the Library
8-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Archibalds')
July 11 - July 18 Trip to El Hogar in Honduras		
15-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Stevens')
20-Jul	Sunday	El Hogar Missioners speak at homily
22-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Kerns')
		Moms' Group- 7:30pm in the Library
29-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Needhams')
3-Aug	Sunday	Outdoor worship service
5-Aug	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Coopers')
12-Aug	Tuesday	Summer Home Communions: 7:30-9:00pm (Kings')
19-Aug	Tuesday	Last Summer Home Communion: 7:30-9:00pm (Peg's)
26-Aug	Tuesday	Moms' Group- 7:30pm in the Library
1-Sep	Monday	Labor Day- Office Is Closed
4-Sep	Thursday	Ladies Eucharist & Tea- 2:00pm
7-Sep	Sunday	Ministry Sunday: Picnic and Ministry Fair
14-Sep	Sunday	Mission Sunday: Homily & Adult Ed- stories from El Hogar
		Church school starts
21-Sep	Sunday	Bristol Lodge - cook & dine (community)
23-Sep	Tuesday	Moms' Group- 7:30pm in the Library
Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5 Fall All-Parish Retreat at the B.C.H. Camp		
11-Oct	Saturday	Esperanza Work Day
13-Oct	Monday	Columbus Day (3 day weekend)
18-Oct	Saturday	"Empty Bowls" Fundraiser Dinner
19-Oct	Sunday	Celebrate "Year of the Organ" during worship
21-Oct	Tuesday	Men's Group Breakfast- 6:00am in the Great Hall
28-Oct	Tuesday	Moms' Group- 7:30pm in the Library

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Fall Retreat

It's time to reserve your place for this year's All Parish Weekend. Join us Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5, 2008, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in New Hampshire. The retreat committee is working on an inspiring and creative weekend for all ages. Come for the weekend or for the day on Saturday. Participate in the planned activities or just surround yourself in the peace and beauty of God's creation. You will leave with your minds and bodies relaxed and your spirits refreshed. Registration forms are in the narthex and side entrance. Deposits and registration forms and are due in the church office by June 15th. Space is limited this year so sign up now to guarantee a space. Financial help is available; contact Tricia. Experience the Redeemer community at its best!

Bishop Gayle Returns

Our Episcopal visitation is scheduled for June 8th at the 9:30 service. That day we will be celebrating Leah Archibald's baptism. This is also an opportunity to re-affirm your Baptismal vows. If you would like to explore this possibility please contact one of the clergy.

The service will be followed by an all parish conversation with the Bishop in the Great Hall. Vestry members and anyone who would like to join us are invited to lunch from 12-2p.m. but advance RSVP is needed. This will be a day to remember.

April's Talent Show

Calendar Notes

Please look over the 6 month parish calendar (pp.10-11). Thank you to all who participated in getting these dates to us and special thanks to Connie Parish for pulling it together. If your committee/ministry is making plans for events not listed here, please contact the office ASAP. The procedure we have adopted is that all staff and ministry/project leaders should check with Emma in the office **before** you announce events. She will check the availability of the room/space on that date, may also consult with the staff to see how that event integrates with other events planned for that time frame. (This would be especially important for larger "whole parish" events.) Please give the office two weeks notice so that these arrangements can get made before you need to publicize. Once your date and space have been confirmed, please send an edited announcement to Emma for publicizing your event. We hope this will help coordinating schedules and planning.

