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Eric Kern watches while the Rev. Tricia de Beer blesses the new Memorial Garden

# Redeeming Features

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This summer I worshipped at the American Cathedral in Paris, and at St. Martin's in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square, London. Both of these seem to be living, thriving communities of faith, unlike many churches you find in Europe. Many are literally museums, or in some, it feels like a museum of some religious observance that has long lost its spirit. Church going in England is now 6.3% of the population! And here at home we have witnessed steady decline also. While 40% say they go to church, researchers suggest that the number is actually closer to 20%. They also think that if things continue as they are, by 2050, the church going population in the U.S. is likely to be half of what it is today. It is clear the steeple is no longer the center of town, and the church is no longer the center of American life. Our post Christendom culture has caused me to do some thinking about what is it that we are about? What is our purpose? Amidst all the institutions that thrive in our society, what is it that a church can uniquely provide?

Tony Robinson, author of Transforming Congregational Culture, notes that there have been three paradigms of what church is for. One is that it is a kind of conscience for the community. The church was to articulate the moral claims and requirements, calling the culture to accountability. This is not wrong, but in a secular and religiously pluralistic society, no one group or even one religion can lay claim to being the exclusive voice of conscience in the community. There are many voices and perspectives. We can and should be one of the voices at the table, but we are no longer the table's host, nor is it our table.

Sometimes I hear residues of that earlier way of seeing the church. Someone will say, "He's a good Christian man", meaning that this person is "nice" or "friendly", or "helpful", rather than saying anything about the person's theology or related faith practices. But this moralistic way of seeing the church does not make room for seeing ourselves as a fellowship of the forgiven. The gospel is primarily a message about grace; it says "You are loved—so be who you are, a beloved child of God. First and foremost, ours is a religion of grace."

Another way of seeing the church's purpose has been that the church is primarily an instrument of aid and assistance to the least fortunate in the society. Again, it is not that this isn't and shouldn't be part of who we are, but it is not the core. Sometimes this view has distorted the relationship between givers and receivers. Church people think of themselves as the



Sarah & Monisha compare notes from their day at the youth retreat at BCH.

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givers: the receivers are “the other.” But the gospel tends to tell us that we are they: we are all in need of grace; we all need forgiveness and mercy.

A third role of the church in a previous era was to be a center for community and family life. Here the community gathered for celebrations, rites of passage, and remembrances. In some way the church was often part of the great national holidays and festivals—Mother’s day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving. And the church was the place where people went as a family.

Today there is no one center of the community. There are many centers, and most people’s lives are lived with multiple loyalties.

Our primary purpose is to change lives—to be the community in which spiritual transformation happens. We might incorporate elements of each of the former roles, but they are not the main thing. We are here so that the Christian story of grace and response becomes the lens, the perspective, through which we can see and understand all of life, and respond to the God of grace. In a way you could say we are here to make possible the process of transformation in which each of us can experience a conversion of the heart, turning around, being born anew, made new, and given a new heart and a new mind as we become followers of the One who makes all things new.

Our purpose is to change lives. However timid we are about owning our need for change, I believe that each of us deep down is looking for a change in our lives. We bring questions like “How can I have a spiritual life?” “How do I find God in my life?” “How can I give and receive love more?” “How do I forgive those who have hurt me?” “How do I live with the losses in my life?” “How do I find peace that is not dependent on getting what I want?” “How do I find hope?”

Seeing our purpose as the transformation of lives gives me energy because it reaches to the heart of things. We are not here to acquire some spiritual insurance policy. We are not here to give the kids a little more moral foundation, or even to be a conduit of mercy in which we are only the givers. We are here to be part of a community in which we can be healed and helped to see reality differently.

This year we are just beginning to put together the opportunities in which this can happen. I will be offering the second part of Commit, (for those who took the first series, and for those who have not.) Jack Manes and I are busy planning ways in which his skills as a coach might be more available to those who want to discover more the gifts which God has given them. Our J2A and Atrium teachers are already making plans to offer what I believe is the very best in formation opportunities for young people and children. We will be offering four special services for healing. Our music



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*... Letter from the Rector (continued)*

program is gearing up for experiences in which our hard hearts can be opened to God. Mission is opening yet more ways in which our giving becomes the way we receive so much more than we give and we are transformed.

Our purpose is to change lives. Nothing less. I hope you will help us make it more and more our reality. We can't control the future, but we do not need to because that is in God's hands. We can come bringing the reality of our desire for God and a new way of being. We can come bringing our gifts and our faith. May God empower our work together that this may be so!

Faithfully,

*Tricia*

September 7<sup>th</sup>

## Welcome Back! Sunday

Worship Services at 8:00am and 9:30am

BBQ at 10:30am on the Lawn

Welcome back from the summer!

We're celebrating the start of another season together at Redeemer.

This is your chance to learn about our exciting fall program of  
Adult Formation offerings, the Parish Retreat,  
Music Programs, and Youth Group.  
Register for Sunday School and Catechesis.

Come meet new people and see old friends.

Featuring the master BBQ skills of  
Redeemer's Men's Group!

## Redeemer's Autumn Getaway



**Join us October 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>!**

Don't miss your chance to attend this year's Parish Family Weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, NH, on the shores of Otter Lake.

Arrive on Friday night for social hour, compline, and S'mores around the campfire. The next day includes time for group discussions as well as time for fun and relaxation where you may choose from a variety of recreational activities--or simply relax on the porch, stroll along the lake, or spend quiet time in the chapel. There are nature trails, a mile-long lake for canoeing and kayaking, and volleyball and soccer fields. Look for a climbing wall and the ropes courses! Nearby are mountains for hiking or driving, pumpkin patches, and a pony farm. Saturday evening may include music, dancing, or even a trip to Oz but we promise it will be fun! We close on Sunday with a beautiful outdoor worship service overlooking the lake, followed by a hearty lunch.

If you have not yet registered, please join us for the day on Saturday! Registration forms are in the narthex and side hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Randy & Cassie Bowlby. (978) 244-0245

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## Redeemer Loves Kids...

**... and they love kids in worship!**

You could see it in the responses to the parish questionnaire last January; you could hear it in our discussions; you can feel it at worship. This year our parish retreat is focused on creating worship inclusive of all ages.

The Rev. Caroline Fairless, author of Congregations in Bloom, and a nationally recognized expert in creative liturgy, will lead our retreat this year. Carolyn spent 10 years developing a congregation which fully integrated children in worship and brought their gifts of awe, trust, wonder, and thankfulness to the whole congregation.

We will be learning ways to create inclusive liturgy in which all generations can participate. This year we will not split up children and adults for Saturday morning as in years past. We'll explore the fruits of God's kingdom in song, in story, in dance, in play and draw some of those elements into our outdoor Eucharist on Sunday. We hope as we come back, we will have great things to share!



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## **“Commit?” Class Returns with Part II**

**How** do we meet those situations we cannot change and what does that have to do with God as Creator?

**How** do we create a life with more authenticity and what does that have to do with God as Redeemer?

**How** do we expand the way we open to relationships and what does that have to do with God as Holy Spirit?

- \* lively presentations
- \* dinner conversations
- \* small groups
- \* time to make relationships
- \* time to grow in faith

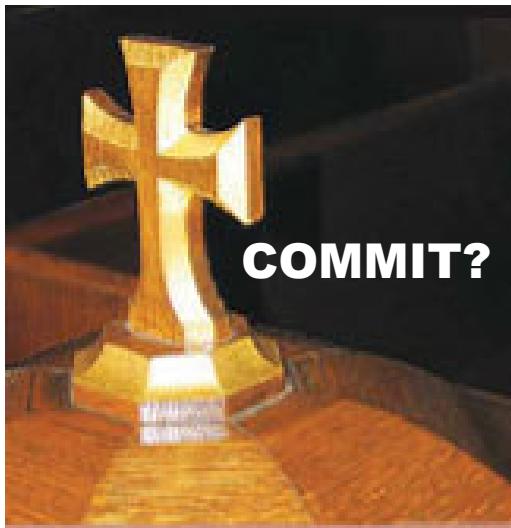
Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm  
Dinner and babysitting are provided.  
Dates are as follows:

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

(part one is NOT a prerequisite)

**Turn to page 10 for more information about Adult Formation fall programs!**



## **The Presiding Bishop Reflects on Lambeth**

Many bishops came to this gathering in fear and trembling, expecting either a distasteful encounter between those of vastly different opinions, or the cold shoulder from those who disagree. The overwhelming reality has been just the opposite. We have prayed, cried, learned, and laughed together, and discovered something deeper about the body of Christ. We know more of the deeply faithful ministry of those in vastly differing contexts, and we have heard repeatedly of the life and death matters confronting vast swaths of the Communion: hunger, disease, lack of education and employment, climate change, war and violence. We have remembered that together we may be the largest network on the planet — able to respond to those life and death issues if we tend to the links, connections, and bonds between us. We have not resolved the differences among us, but have seen the deep need to maintain relationships, even in the face of significant disagreement and discomfort. The Anglican Communion is suffering the birth pangs of something new, which none of us can yet fully appreciate or understand, yet we know that the Spirit continues to work in our midst. At the same time patience is being urged from many quarters, that all may more fully know the leading of the Spirit. God is faithful. May we be faithful as well.

† The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Read the dispatches from the Bishops:

[www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/  
bishops-letters-home-lambeth](http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/bishops-letters-home-lambeth).

Watch video clips of the conference at:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/ELife](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ELife)

## Worship

### Praying for Wholeness and Healing

*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? Let that person call for the elders of the church and let them pray, anointing that one with oil in the name of the Lord. (James 5:13-14)*

One of the gifts the church has had for centuries is the laying on of hands for healing. God wants us to be whole and sometimes we need the outward and visible sign of God's care in prayers for healing, and the community of faith around us to experience that care. Cure, as relief from symptoms may or may not come, but healing always does.

This year we will have four special services of prayer for healing, the first on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the second on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. This is one way I hope we can experience the power of the Spirit among us.

† Tricia



### Baptism Dates

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 28<sup>th</sup>

April 19<sup>th</sup>

May 31<sup>st</sup>

We are happy to receive your child in baptism. Please contact the rector to discuss any alternative date. Preparation sessions with one of the clergy are required.

## Children's Ministries

### Sunday Education Programs

Church School, J2A, and Adult Formation begin at 10:45am, following coffee hour in the Great Hall.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

For our early childhood program, we use the Montessori-based program called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. All of our teachers receive ongoing training. As an alternative to the Sunday class, we also offer the same Catechesis curriculum on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30pm. Learn more about it at [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org).

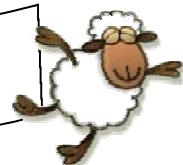
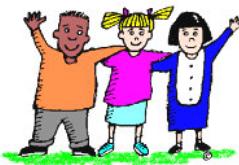
- **Three to Six year olds** are invited to the Good Shepherd Atrium. Children work with materials of their choice in response to the proclamation of God's word.
- **Six to Nine year olds** are invited to the True Vine Atrium. This second level of the program focuses on the moral stage of development. Parables, maxims, Eucharist presentations and the History of God's Plan of Salvation all speak to the child's curiosity about how to live as a moral being. We invite the class join in a Reconciliation Retreat in the Spring as we practice building connections through the Eucharist.

### 9-12 CLASS

Nine to twelve year olds meet Sundays to explore the history of the people of Israel, with storytelling, acting, music, and games. The curriculum is created by Redeemer's adult leaders and serves as a bridge between the Catechesis and Journey to Adulthood programs.



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## Worshipping with Children

The Church of Our Redeemer hopes that worship will be a nourishing place for souls of all ages. These guidelines can help us all to enjoy each others' company during worship.

**We promise at baptism to uphold children in their life in Christ.**

**We commit ourselves as a parish to incorporate all ages into our worship.**

- ♥ Before worship, we **introduce ourselves to children and adults nearby**.
- ♥ We **make room for families to sit closer to the center aisle** to help children see and focus on what is happening in the service.
- ♥ Children learn worship etiquette by participating. We **whisper instructions**, and guide them in following the bulletin, prayer book, and music to help them learn.
- ♥ We support children's creative responses to all they absorb in worship, by **providing crayons, paper, and guided activities**. We help them gather what they need at the beginning of worship, to prevent getting up repeatedly for extra needs.
- ♥ We **invite children to stand at the altar for the Great Thanksgiving** to involve them in the Eucharist. We **help them walk in the sanctuary**, remembering that it is a special place.
- ♥ We **expect children to wiggle and move** and take delight in being active. It is expected that children may make some noise. Parents may need to move a particularly wiggly child to a window or aisle. If a child is distressed, we encourage parents to take them to the library (through the front left door) or outside (if the weather is nice) until they are ready to re-enter worship.
- ♥ We **invite families with children to sit on the main floor of the sanctuary**, rather than in the balcony where the architecture creates a megaphone that projects every wiggle and whisper into the sanctuary.
- ♥ We **offer professionally-staffed childcare** in the nursery on the ground floor for children up to kindergarten age from 9:00am to 12:00pm, so that parents may be attentive to their own worship and formation needs. Children may stay in the Nursery for all or part of the service.

## Youth Ministry

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

We use the *Journey to Adulthood* program with our young adults. It keeps students and mentors together for a 2-year curriculum, which centers around an important milestone for each age-group. Learn more at <http://leaderresources.org/J2A>.

**Rite 13 (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> gr.)** works toward a Christian type of bar/bat mitzvah, celebrating a first step toward becoming young men and women in the Christian community. They meet Sundays and join in the Youth Group Friday night dinners.

**J2A (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> gr.)** works towards a spiritual pilgrimage and confirmation, as continuing steps to deepen our relationship with God and the Christian community. They meet Sundays and join in the Youth Group Friday night dinners.

**Young Adults in Church (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.)** focus on developing leadership skills and becoming active members of the church. YAC students are encouraged to participate in service projects, mission trips, and a celebration of adulthood as they graduate from high school. They join in the Youth Group Friday night dinners and meet periodically for projects and activities.



### J2A Update

The J2A leaders, Sandy Keshishian and Beth and George Murnaghan want to welcome back the J2A class and look forward to seeing you soon. We would also like to invite all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth to join us for fellowship, lively discussion, and refreshments as we talk about God, community building and our own spiritual journeys. Even if you haven't joined us before, come and find out what's happening!

We want also to share with the congregation the exciting news that our Pilgrimage planning team, comprised of youth, parents and leaders, has identified a pilgrimage destination for next summer's trip. We will be journeying to the Borderlands Ranch in South Dakota's Badlands area for a week of spiritual exploration and discovery, departing on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and returning on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about the pilgrimage opportunities and resources we will have available to us at Borderlands Ranch, please visit

[www.borderlandsranch.org](http://www.borderlandsranch.org).

All of us involved in J2A have been gratified by the enthusiastic support we have received from the congregation and beyond for what will be the Church of Our Redeemer's first youth pilgrimage of its kind. We truly appreciate the support we have had for our fundraising activities over the past year-it has been terrific! We hope we can count on that support as we plan our fundraising efforts for this year. Look for some interesting fundraisers in the coming months!



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# WANTED ALIVE AND CURIOUS



## Acolyte Recruits

### WANTED FOR:

Sundays  
Sept. 2008 - June 2009

### DESCRIPTION:

- Be an active member of the parish
- Learn something new
- Have Fun!

### See:

Joan Charlton or email [jecldc@aol.com](mailto:jecldc@aol.com)

Sandy Keshishian or email [skeshishian@hkgraphics.com](mailto:skeshishian@hkgraphics.com)

### Acolytes

Young people grades six and above are invited to serve at the altar as acolytes. After training, students may participate by carrying the cross, the torches, and the offering plates, and by assisting clergy at the Eucharist. Acolytes may fly the dove kites for special services, such as Easter & Pentecost. Training for all acolytes, new and old, is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Please contact Joan Charlton for details.

781-862-8084

## Youth Ministry

### YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group welcomes all high school students! We meet most Sunday evenings in the church kitchen from 5:30pm to 7:15pm to make dinner together, talk about whatever is on our minds, plan events, have prayer time and generally have a good time together.

**Our first dinner is  
Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Other activities:

- ◆ Game nights, bowling, movie nights, and rock climbing
- ◆ Read the lessons at the Christmas Eve Crèche Service
- ◆ Shopping for the families served by the Grow Clinic
- ◆ Christmas Eve Teddy Bear drive delivery to children
- ◆ Ski trip
- ◆ Diocese High School retreat (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2009)
- ◆ Youth service with your music, liturgy, and senior sermons
- ◆ Service projects
- ◆ Mission trips

We warmly welcome our new Youth Group clergy leader, the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, and Emily Burns, Eric Dufault, and Kate Needham our new youth leaders.

This year there is a Youth Group registration form that must be completed and signed by a parent. Please register after church on September 7<sup>th</sup> or at the first Youth Group dinner that evening.

## Adult Formation, Fall Program

### 2008-2009 ~ ABUNDANCE OF GIFTS

Sundays, after the 9:30am service

Please Join Us for Adult Formation! Bring your coffee and come meet new friends. Ages 13-103 are welcome to participate. If you have a topic you'd like to see as part of the Adult Forum, a presentation, or skill to share, please contact the Adult Formation Committee or the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons. [Sabeth@our-redeemer.net](mailto:Sabeth@our-redeemer.net)  
781-862-6408

We hope to see you one Sunday soon!

The Adult Formation Committee:

Barbara Beinhocker, Susan Emanuel, Jessie Maeck, Jack Manes, Greg Ruth, Dorothy Swithenbank

### CALENDAR

#### September 7: Welcome Back! Sunday

We will gather on the front lawn to celebrate our reunion after summer.

#### September 14: Mission Sunday

The Mission Committee will share about this summer's trip to El Hogar in Honduras.

#### September 21: Gifted and Called-1

This is the first session of a 6 session series on exploring and discovering our own gifts and places to use them in church and community. Led by Jack Manes and the Rev. Tricia de Beer. (see opposite page)

#### September 28: Gifted and Called-2

#### October 5: Children at Worship:

*Congregations in Bloom*

Mirroring some of the conversation at the Parish Retreat this weekend, we'll explore how we welcome and engage children in worship.



#### October 12: Stewardship Forum

Do we give out of a sense of our abundance, or a sense of obligation? Do we give from the first fruits of our labors, or the left-overs? What is the spiritual component of giving? What are some of the opportunities and challenges Redeemer faces in 2009? This year's Stewardship team hosts the forum.

#### October 19: International Organ Sunday

The organ is a wonderful and amazing instrument. Come learn more about the workings of the organ and its history, and enjoy a short concert. Cheryl Duerr presenting.

#### October 26: Gifted and Called-3

See description for September 21.

#### November 2: Gifted and Called-4

#### November 9: Gifted and Called-5

#### November 16: Gifted and Called-6

#### November 23: How do we become a Radical Welcome Congregation?

The Rev. Stephanie Spellers is being invited to facilitate our conversation about becoming a Radical Welcome Congregation, where we actively seek out and engage the gifts of a broad diversity of people.

#### November 30: Advent Rituals for the Home

Following the Parish Breakfast, we will make Advent wreaths and explore some simple rituals we can do at home (no matter what our family size) while we anticipate the birth of our Savior Jesus.



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## Discover Your Gifts

### The Gifted and Called Workshop

*Now there are varieties of GIFTS, but the same spirit; there are varieties of services but the same Lord; and there are a variety of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good. (I Corinthians 12: 4-7)*

God calls us all to ministry numerous times in our life journey though the challenging place which is our world today. As Christians in our global community, we want to be ready to respond to the call of our gifts and fortified with the courage to follow our path! You may see yourself as a “steward” of gifts you’ve been given to use in service to the world, but it is important to understand that the journey of discovering our gifts is an ongoing one. Studies tell us that we never lose the ability to develop gifts which may be lying dormant, just waiting for us to connect their call with the needs of the world.

Our workshops will help you discover your gifts -- as well as how to connect them with your own individual ministry, with our church’s ministry, or perhaps even with a ministry in the larger world. You’ll be able to learn more about what your gifts are and the opportunities that may allow you to actually apply those gifts. In the spirit of the Welcoming Team’s Dream for Redeemer, we will also begin to build an environment of acceptance in which we can release our personal giftedness for the good of our church, our families, friends, and the world.

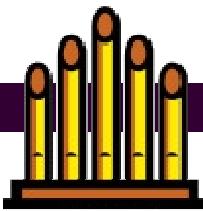


Jack Manes will lead this series of six workshops entitled **Gifted and Called** with the help of several members of our congregation. Jack is an Executive Coach and led the very popular and life-changing workshop **Taking Charge of Your Life** in spring ‘07.

*“I have never thanked you for the class Take Charge of Your Life – though I’ve credited you and your class in my own mind for having been a gift from God coming into our lives at a critical time of transition and helping Bruce and me see a path through it all. I don’t think it would have worked for us outside the church setting; the class opened us up to Redeemer and the support and example of the caring people around us. Our transition (the move to DC) is exciting and scary, involves some loss, and we trust and pray there will be some new doors, but I will always believe the class made Bruce and me allies with a common vision.”*

(Julie Anderson, parishioner who recently moved to the Washington, D.C. area)

The first three workshops are scheduled September 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, during the Adult Education hour, 10:45-11:45am on Sunday morning; the concluding workshops will take place in October and early November. We hope you will make plans to attend and get involved. Successive attendance at the workshops is suggested since they will be presented sequentially. Watch your Sunday bulletin and online announcements for further information about this quality program.



## The International Year of the Organ

For centuries the organ has remained the foundation of church music, so closely related to the spirit by the very air which animates its pipes. This year churches, communities, professional organizations, universities, schools the world over are celebrating the International Year of the Organ. The AGO website currently lists over 80 summer opportunities for workshops, seminars, and tours all over the world. The organ is clearly experiencing a renaissance of popularity.

This past summer, all seven American Guild of Organists-sponsored Pipe Organ Encounters – week-long intensive summer programs to study organ - were filled and had waiting lists. Next summer we will be adding adult camps and a technical camp for those interested in exploring pipe organ building and maintenance. My colleagues who teach at the university level say most all their students now have attended a POE.

As a church musician in a parish concerned with mission, and in a year when discovering our gifts and utilizing them is a high priority, I hear very strongly the call to use the gift of music to build up the body of Christ for service. During this coming season, in my role as New England Coordinator for Education, I will be giving workshops and talks all over New England, mentoring and guiding organists in the improvement and certification of their professional skills, as well as coaching seminars for their gifts and life changes, which will culminate in a seminar at the Regional Convention held next year in Boston. For more information on the programs and

concerts of next year's regional convention, log onto Agoboston2009.com.

The Young Organists Initiative sponsors several events which nurture young musicians including Pedals, Pipes and Pizza – a Saturday workshop, this year held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, for children of all ages who would like to explore the organ – keyboard skills useful, but not necessary. Then in January we hold auditions for scholarships which are good for 10 lessons, culminating with recitals at First Parish here in Lexington, and King's Chapel in Boston. Auditions may be given on piano. It's exciting to work with these young people and watch their musical and personal growth. For further information about these programs, please contact me at Cheryl@our-redeemer.com.

In June at the AGO convention in Minneapolis, I was introduced to a thrilling young organist who, I believe along with Paul Jacobs and Felix Hell, will revolutionize the organ scene. This young man, dressed like a rock star, used the most creative and innovative registrations (combinations of stops – pipes), has a formidable technique, and plays everything from memory. He will be playing at First Parish Church in Dover, NH on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope to be there, and I hope some of you will plan to attend as well. You can see Cam performing Stars and Stripes Forever on YouTube, or check out his website cameroncarpenter.com.

For those of you who don't know Paul Jacobs – he made his reputation as a student playing a series of all the works of Bach by memory, and was the youngest head of



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## *Music News continued*

a department at Julliard at age 27. Paul is now in his early thirties and has not only changed the face of organ teaching, but has also revolutionized organ concerts with close-up video projections of himself, especially the feet, and has spent the last 2 summers teaching and living in the dorm with students at POEs. Felix Hell is another wunderkind who just turned 20 and in making a name for himself playing all the works of Bach as well.

### **Organ Spectacular**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, International Organ Sunday, we will present a festive celebration of music highlighting the organ in music alone, with instruments, and with choir during the morning worship service. Children of all ages are always invited around the organ, but especially on this day. If you would enjoy joining the choir for this festive occasion, please contact Cheryl.

### **Redeemer Has A Music Group for YOU!**

*The soul – that part of us that is infinite and eternal – is always working to find the best way to draw us into situations that will wake us up to our potential. (Kathy Freston)*

In this age of i-Everything, when we can access everything anywhere and instantly, and the disposal of technology is almost as fast - the study of music offers us a path to real lasting beauty, joy, and mastery, and the soul. Music has staying power - and beyond that - choral music also gives us an instant link into community and service. Give yourself, your children, your fellow parishioners, and, most importantly, God this gift of communal music-making and regular access to the soul.

**Children's Choir** rehearses Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00pm, including after-school snack.

### **Join Us for Our Annual**

#### **Children's Choir Trampoline Party!**

I welcome children grades 3 and up to join me and the Junior Choir at my house Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for a Trampoline Party at my house. Parents are welcome to join in and talk about the coming season.

### **The Adult Choir**

Rehearsals Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm

Adjunct singers are welcome to join us for any of these programs and rehearsals. If you cannot commit time to rehearsal, please join us for our regularly scheduled Pick-Up anthems.

### **It's a Treat to Beat Your Feet with our Band!**

Anyone who plays an instrument is invited to toe-tappin' with the Band. We play on the first and third Sundays of the month (approximately) and rehearse about twice a month on Saturdays at 4:00pm, and about once a month we have dinner afterward at the Duerr or Daniels residence – though we could do it at your house if you have a piano and some space!

### **CALENDAR of PROGRAMS**

October 19<sup>th</sup>: International Organ Sunday

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: All Saints festive worship

December 7<sup>th</sup>: Advent Procession (evening)

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Christmas Lessons and Carols during morning worship

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Crèche Service and Christmas Eve Late Service

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Talent Show

April 12<sup>th</sup>: Easter with brass music

May 10<sup>th</sup>: Contemporary Mass



## Mission Activities

### Mission and Outreach Committee

The Mission and Outreach Committee meets monthly and our next two meetings are September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Church. New members are welcome! Please call Chris Needham (781-862-0591) or Bob King (781-862-8437) the committee co-chairs if you are interested in the committee. At each meeting we will focus ways to grow and develop a particular outreach project. In our next two meetings we plan to focus on our ministry with El Hogar and Esperanza Academy. We are also working on an Empty Bowls dinner to support the Lexington Food Pantry and will let everyone know about that as that program comes together.

### The Grow Clinic

We raised \$1,035 for Stop and Shop food gift cards to be given by the Grow Clinic to families it serves. The clinic gives the gift cards to these families to help them buy food during the summer months when they do not have access to programs like the school lunch program.

The Grow Clinic for Children is an outpatient subspecialty clinic at Boston Medical Center that provides comprehensive specialty medical, nutritional and social services and dietary assistance to children from the Greater Boston area referred with Failure to Thrive by their primary care physician.

The children in the Grow Clinic are mildly to moderately malnourished. The families served by the grow clinic lack the means to provide food, clothing, shelter and

other basic necessities. Because malnutrition is both a medical problem and a social/economic condition, the clinic takes a multidisciplinary approach to the care of FTT children and their families. This approach recognizes that there is a relationship between a safe and secure family environment and the nutritional status of the child.



We are planning a work day at the school Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kathleen Mirani at (781) 674-2229 if you would like to help out that day. Esperanza Academy in Lawrence provides a quality education in the Episcopal tradition, welcoming girls of diverse faiths, races, and cultures. The school challenges each student to realize her potential by developing academic competence, confidence, curiosity, integrity, and hope. It is a tuition-free school that creates an enriched environment fostering individual success and community commitment for fifth through eighth grade girls.



We are planning a Habitat for Humanity work day September 27<sup>th</sup>. As we have in the past, parishioners are encouraged to sign up to work on the project. If you would like to work on the project, please contact Peter Koso at (781) 863-8047.



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## Redeemer Gets Cookin!

**Parish supper to cook for Bristol Lodge**  
**5:00 – 7:00pm, Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**All ages welcome!**

Once again we will gather as a parish to cook for the people served by the Bristol Lodge homeless shelter in Waltham (the only one in the western suburbs)! About 100 of us will cook ham and macaroni & cheese, prepare salad, and bring desserts for us and 100 homeless men and women at the shelter who will be served the next day. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to serve our neighbors. Sign up on bulletin board to bring salad makings, brownies, or money to cover the ingredients for the main dish. We need to know how many are coming so we'll have enough chairs and food for us all. For more information speak to Evelyn Hausslein [781-861-0378] or Dorothy Swithenbank [781-646-9406].

### About Bristol Lodge

Every day, about 100 individuals gather in a church basement in Waltham. They are served dinner, offered a warm place to socialize, and have a health clinic there once a month. These individuals sleep in other places, either shelters or rooming houses without kitchen facilities.

Redeemer prepares and serves dinner there on the fourth Monday of every month, and has done so for twenty years. We currently have two teams of people who cook three times a year. We are looking for another team to help us two or three months throughout the year. Sunday School classes and Boy/Girl Scout troops help once a year. We also welcome summer teams of families who prepare at home and/or deliver late afternoon.

## A Note from the Grow Clinic

Dear Friends,

We were so excited when Dorothy Swithenbank delivered your very generous donation of Stop & Shop gift cards. This is a very hungry summer with soaring food costs and many people losing their jobs and having their electricity turned off. Thus we are more than grateful for your life saving donation which will be used to help the families of malnourished children put much needed food on the table. We welcome a visit from your group anytime to see your generosity in action.

With warm best wishes,

Deborah A. Frank, M.D.

Director  
 Grow Clinic  
 BMC



**HARBOR TO THE BAY**, an AIDS benefit bike ride, will take place Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning in Boston and finishing in Provincetown on Cape Cod. Parishioner Steve Burns (rider #20) will be participating in the 1 day/125 mile fundraiser to benefit Fenway Community Health Center. To donate to Steve's ride, please visit: [www.harbortothebay.org/personalpage.asp?ID=962](http://www.harbortothebay.org/personalpage.asp?ID=962)

## Summer in Tegucigalpa

### El Hogar Mission Trip

In July, ten people spent a week living and working at the Escuela Agrícola (Agricultural School) of the El Hogar Projects in Honduras. The group included nine Redeemer parishioners and a friend: Chris Needham, Jessie Maeck, Bill Vogeles, Sarah Vogeles, Linda and Stephanie Kukolich, Erica Brotschi, Karla Faber, Greg Ruth, and Beth DeLong.

As in past years we went with excitement (and some trepidation) and returned full of hope and enriched by the great gifts we received in sharing the lives of the school community. What did we do? What did we learn? What do we do now?

Our week mixed work, learning, and living with the boys. Every morning we joined them for breakfast at 5:30am (this is a working farm as well as a school, after all!) – usually beans, cheese, tortillas and sweet coffee. Monday through Friday they work on farm projects, all of which have an educational component, until 11am. Most days we worked on our projects. While they were clearing weeds and tending the pigs we were painting the outside of the school's chapel and painting a new mural for the volunteer house.

On Saturday three boys gave us a detailed tour of the farm. We saw their fields and learned about their irrigation and pest management; we visited with the pigs and chickens (and collected a few eggs for the kitchen). On two other days we were taken on trips. The first trip visited the homes of three boys – about a



two and a half hour drive, the last bit on a mountain track and then down a steep path on foot.

These families had very modest means – outdoor sanitation, wood-fired oven, modest homes with dirt floors, no running water –, but worked incredibly hard to support their families. And they were extremely proud of the accomplishments of their children. Marlon's family home has a wall filled with diplomas, awards, and certificates of the three children. William's father is very industrious and creative – he planted fruiting and flowering bushes around the house "for beauty" and installed a very small solar panel to provide some electricity.

Our second trip let us spend some time in a tourist village with crafts and artisans – and we did our part supporting the Honduran economy. We also visited the El Hogar school for 6-12 year olds in Tegucigalpa. Here they have a significant building project to create a new dormitory and improve some of the other facilities. Although it is proceeding well, the global rise of commodities and the falling value of the dollar have pinched the budget; not all aspects originally planned may be completed in the near future. At El Hogar twelve girls have joined the 90 boys and the Board has committed itself to sustaining this service to girls.



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### *El Hogar continued*

In our days on the farm and our trips we learned more about the boys' lives, the far-sighted vision of the El Hogar Projects, and the incredible commitment of the staff and organization. We were pleased to know that seven of the eight 2007 graduates from the Escuela are continuing their educations to gain a terminal degree which will position them for good jobs in agriculture, in imports, or in service to the agricultural sector. Their success will provide needed resources to their families and communities. And we learned – again for some of us – about the depths of generosity and spirit that fills these places.

We have returned seeing first hand the enormous impact of Redeemer's relationship with the El Hogar Projects and feeling anew the love that inspires them and us. We plan to work hard at keeping the parish up to date on this valuable mission – and to planning next year's trip!

### Combat HIV/AIDS in Africa

#### Jubilee Walk and Worship

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

We look forward to welcoming walkers, riders, and Bishop Gayle Harris to the Church of Our Redeemer for the fourth Walk and Worship in support of Jubilee Ministries. Please join us for a day of fun, food and fellowship that supports people who are struggling with the effects of HIV/AIDS but have few of the resources that we are blessed to have.



The *Electric Posse* are folks in all kinds of wheelchairs and scooters who aren't about to let mobility constraints keep them from taking part in the celebration!

Teams will gather Saturday morning at three locations and head along the Minuteman Bikeway towards Lexington Center. Waiting for us at Redeemer will be a hearty meal and a party!



Visiting a local home



The boys in the school fields



## PARISH LIFE

### Women's Tea

Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm

All the women of the parish are invited for tea, fellowship, and Eucharist at Peg Wright's home. Please contact Peg at (781) 862-0389 to RSVP.

53 Hancock Street, Lexington

### Fun & Funds Bridge Group

Join Redeemer's round-robin bridge group! All levels of skill are welcome. Play with another couple in your home or theirs once each month at a mutually convenient time. A gathering of the entire group for dinner and bridge concludes the year. It's a great way to meet others in a small group setting. We collect \$5 from each player each month for the parish Mission Fund. Please call Mary Etta or Bob King by September 14<sup>th</sup> if you are interested. (781) 862-8437

### Moms' Group

Join us for an hour each month to share our stories about the joys and challenges of motherhood. Open to mothers of children at all ages and stages. Contact Mary Ann Burnside for more information.  
[zenmommy2004@yahoo.com](mailto:zenmommy2004@yahoo.com)  
(781) 860-9857

### Mindful Parents

This fall, we will offer a workshop on mindfulness that is designed for parents and caregivers of children. Join us and learn how to use mindfulness to nurture yourself and your children in the ordinary moments of each day. Dates to be announced.

### Thursday Art Class

10:30am-12:30pm in the Meeting Room  
Classes resume September 11<sup>th</sup>. Come learn, draw, paint, drink coffee, eat coffee breads, meet interesting people, and surprise yourself as you discover a new creativity in the language of applied art. All levels of experience are welcome. We work in a variety of mediums; each person finds what is most comfortable for them and develops their own style of expression while learning the basic tools involved in seeing the world in its true glory and dimensions. There is a small fee per class, and supplies are provided for the first few classes. Contact Barbara Beinhocker for more info at (617) 489-3973 or [bbeinhocker@aol.com](mailto:bbeinhocker@aol.com).

### Garden Notice

All are welcome to use our new labyrinth and memorial garden. We ask that you not climb, walk, or run on the memorial garden walls! Labyrinth informational brochures now available in the narthex!

### Get Your Hands Dirty

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8am - noon

Help us care for our beautiful grounds and join in our Fall Cleanup and Bulb Planting! We invite parishioners of all ages for a morning of service to the parish and community. Grab some gloves and join the fun. SIGN UP in advance: We'll order and plant 5 bulbs in the garden for each person who signs up by September 15<sup>th</sup>!

### Drop JoAnne Setzer a Note!

She is getting settled in Asheville and would love to hear from you!

14 Edwin Place, Asheville, NC 28801

[Josetzer@gmail.com](mailto:Josetzer@gmail.com) (828) 252-4496



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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE DAY

#### "Tools for Parishes"

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Bentley College, Waltham  
8:30am – 2:30pm



#### Workshops for All Kinds of Interests:

- † Making Faith Practical: Doing Environmental Stewardship
- † Welcoming People with Special Needs into Your Church Life
- † From the Kitchen Table to the Eucharistic Table, Spirituality in Daily Life
- † Stewardship Campaigns
- † And more...

#### Workshops with our Bishops

- † Conversations with Scripture and with Each Other: Spiritual Formation for Lay Leaders (Bishop Shaw)
- † Worshipful Work for Vestries and Committees (Bishop Cederholm)
- † Anglican Evangelism: Telling our Stories (Bishop Harris)

#### Online Registration begins soon at

[www.diomass.org/event/diocesan/  
resource-day-clergy-and-lay-leaders](http://www.diomass.org/event/diocesan/resource-day-clergy-and-lay-leaders)

Think about taking a team of friends from your favorite ministry!

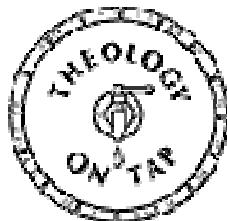
**Questions?** Contact Amy Cook in the Diocesan Resource Center:

(617) 482-4826 x645

[acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org)

### Theology on Tap: a 20s & 30s Ministry

If you are interested in learning about and discussing issues involving Christian faith in a casual and relaxed atmosphere, then Theology on Tap is for you! This exciting program, sponsored by the Church of the Advent on Beacon Hill in Boston, will be serving challenging ideas from phenomenal speakers to young adults, both singles and couples.



Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampshire House (84 Beacon Street, Boston), above Cheers, and they're free.



- Sept. 9: *The Trinity*
- Sept. 16: *Incarnation & Resurrection*
- Sept. 23: *The Holy Spirit*
- Sept. 30: *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Visit [www.friendsattheadvent.org](http://www.friendsattheadvent.org) for more information, or contact Fr. Patrick Gray at (617) 523-2377 x32.

### Conversation on Slavery

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston

This diocesan conversation on slavery includes a showing and discussion of the documentary film, "Traces of the Trade," followed by a Liturgy of Purpose. Visit [www.diomass.org/news\\_events](http://www.diomass.org/news_events) for more information.



## Labyrinth/Memorial Garden News

### Benches, Trees and a Book

If you've been around me this past year, or read anything in the paper or on the web about our labyrinth and memorial garden, you're familiar with these words "The labyrinth is our invitation to life's journeys, and the memorial garden is intended as a place of peace and rest when those journeys end." That's always sounded good to me, but does it actually represent current reality? Have you walked the labyrinth and then sauntered over to the memorial garden to rest? If so, you've noticed that something is definitely missing... Where are we supposed to sit????

Right now, the options are to sit on the ground or on the low walls of the garden. Over time however, we will be installing eight benches: five around the labyrinth and three in the memorial garden. The benches will be part of a memorial gifts program that invites donations in order to fund perpetual maintenance of the grounds.

### A Little Background

The original plan for the labyrinth and memorial garden was to build as much as possible with the Dreams Campaign funding. The remaining items would be provided over time funded by memorial gifts, that is, money given in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of those special events in our lives. As of today, the items that will be added over time based on donations are: additional perennial plantings for the garden, landscaping and tall grasses along the Playcare fence, an "information box" to hold brochures for the public about the labyrinth and memorial garden, and of course, the benches.



*From Janet Kern, Chair of the LMG*

In addition, we have laid conduit under the entrance pavers of the memorial garden so that we might provide a "water feature" and/or electricity for lighting at some point in the future when we dare to dream again...

### Memorial Gift Program

Our memorial gift program actually began in June, 2007 when Peg and Ken Wright celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their four daughters asked whether they might donate two of the trees planned for the garden in honor of their parents. After having been welcomed in so many ways by Peg and Ken over those sixty years, the committee could not imagine anything more fitting than having the community be greeted by the two Star Magnolias at the entrance of the garden.

There are eight additional trees that are available as memorial gifts: six White Eastern Redbuds around the memorial garden, and a single Kousa Dogwood and a single Hinoki Cypress at opposite ends of the landscaping around the labyrinth.

All additional monetary donations to the Memorial Gift Program will be used to maintain the garden. Although there will be no plaques associated with individual benches or trees outside, a complete biography and pictures of those being memorialized will be provided as part of a Memorial Gifts Book available to the public inside the church.

### Memorial Gifts Book Project

This fall I will be collecting stories and biographies of all those in whose names our memorial gifts are given - to be compiled



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## Garden News continued

in a Memorial Gift Book. The book will begin with stories of Vivien Murray, Cynthia Logan Saakvitne, Albert Gordon and Ula and Jerry Bowen—all of whom already have trees and gardens planted in their name at Redeemer. As new memorial gifts are given, those offering the gifts will be invited to provide stories and pictures so that they may be added to the book. In this way, future generations will have the opportunity to learn about our history and our community as it has grown and changed over the years.

If you would like to contribute to the Memorial Gift Book Project, either by offering a story or by collecting one, please contact me (information below).

If you would like to contribute a memorial gift, you can do so today, by sending this form to the church office. Of course, monetary gifts to the Memorial Garden Fund are always welcome and appreciated: please clearly indicate "MEMORIAL GARDEN" in the memo line!

If you have any questions about any of these projects, please contact me any time:

Janet Kern

(781) 861-7102 [Janet@mackhillfarm.org](mailto:Janet@mackhillfarm.org)



Photo: The Rev. Tricia de Beer blesses the Memorial Garden



Cut out form and return to the church office with your payment

## MEMORIAL GIFT FORM

Yes, I wish to make a memorial gift.

(Please print clearly.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift:      Memorial Bench (\$1500)\*  
              Memorial Tree (\$1000)  
              Monetary Donation

In memory / celebration of:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

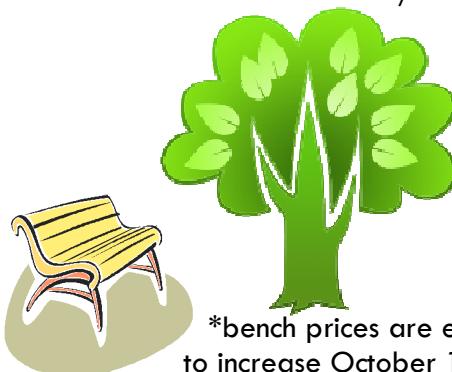
Indicate any preferences regarding bench location or type of tree:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

Church of Our Redeemer

with the memo line:

Memorial Garden Bench/Tree



\*bench prices are expected to increase October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Monday	1	Labor Day- Office Closed
Thursday	4	Ladies' Tea & Eucharist
Sunday	7	Welcome Back Sunday & BBQ, Registration for Church School, Youth Group Resumes
Tuesday	9	Choir Resumes, Children's Choir Trampoline Party, Theology on Tap Resumes: The Trinity
Thursday	11	Art Class Resumes
Sunday	14	Mission Sunday, Acolyte Training, Education Hour Resumes, Adult Formation: El Hogar Trip
Tuesday	16	Men's Group Breakfast, Atrium Resumes
Sunday	21	Parish-Wide Cooking for Bristol Lodge, Adult Formation: Gifted & Called
Thursday	25	Mission Committee Meeting
Saturday	27	Habitat for Humanity Work Day, Congregational Resource Day
Sunday	28	Adult Formation: Gifted & Called
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Thursday	2	Deadline for Nov./Dec. Redeeming Features
Friday	3	Parish Retreat
Saturday	4	Parish Retreat, Diocesan Conversation on Slavery
Sunday	5	Parish Retreat, Adult Formation: Children at Worship
Sunday	12	Stewardship Sunday, Adult Formation: Stewardship Forum
Monday	13	Columbus Day
Saturday	18	Empty Bowls Dinner, Esperanza Academy Work Day
Sunday	19	Organ Spectacular at Worship, Adult Formation: Cheryl on the Organ, Commit Class (evening)
Monday	20	Healing Service
Tuesday	21	Men's Group Breakfast
Thursday	23	Mission Committee Meeting
Saturday	25	Jubilee Walk and Worship
Sunday	26	Adult Formation: Gifted & Called, Commit Class (evening)
Friday	31	Halloween

Day	Date	Event
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Saturday	1	All Saints Day, Fall Grounds Cleanup and Bulb Planting, Reset Your Clocks Tonight
Sunday	2	“Fall Back” Daylight Savings Time, All Saints Festive Worship, Baptism Service, Adult Formation: Gifted & Called, Commit Class (evening)
Tuesday	4	Don't Forget to VOTE!
Sunday	9	Adult Formation: Gifted & Called, Rite 13 Ceremony, Commit Class (evening)
Tuesday	11	Veteran's Day
Sunday	16	Pledge Ingathering, Adult Formation: Gifted & Called, Everything-but-the-Turkey Ingathering, Commit Class (evening)
Thursday	20	Thanksgiving Service, Office is Closed
Friday	21	Office is Closed
Sunday	23	Adult Formation: Radical Welcome, Commit Class
Sunday	30	All-Parish Breakfast, Adult Formation: Advent Rituals for the Home
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Sunday	7	Advent Procession (evening)
Thursday	18	Healing Service
Sunday	21	Christmas Lessons & Carols during Worship
Wednesday	24	Christmas Eve Crèche Service, Late Service
Thursday	25	Christmas Morning Service
Sunday	28	Baptism Service



### Get Your Event on the Parish Calendar...

Please call Emma in the office and see what rooms are available on that particular day. Once she *confirms* that space is available, then you may request that the event be put on the calendar.

### ... Then Submit Your Announcement

Once you have booked space and put your event on the calendar, please submit your announcement for the bulletin and email list to Emma *via email*. Announcements should be in the bulletin for the three Sundays prior to the event. All submissions for the weekly bulletin are due to the parish office no later than Wednesday afternoon by 4:00pm.

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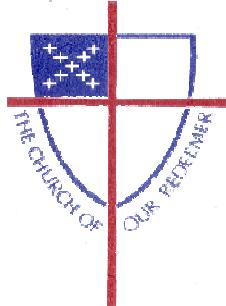
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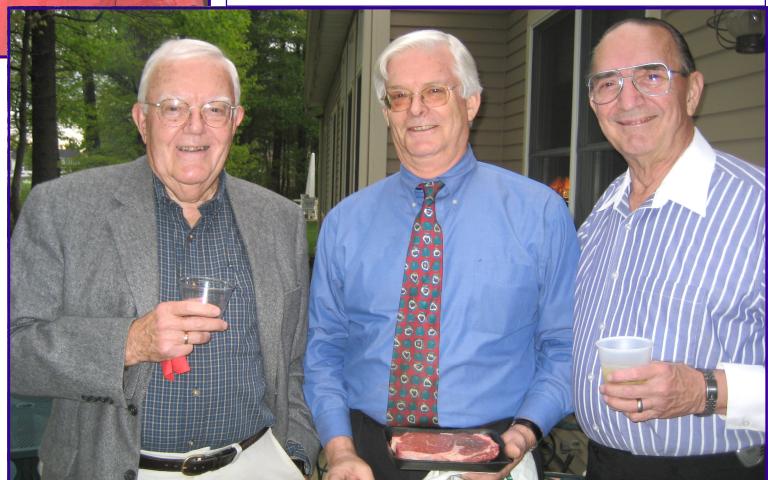
Memorial Garden & Labyrinth



Above: Evelyn Hausslein and Seddon Beaty place stones around the Memorial Garden after the blessing



Left: Tony Johnson shows off his laurel wreath and ribbon at the Choir party



Below: Singers Fred Bailey, Jim Beaty, and John Steiner enjoy steak and wine at the Choir party