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# Redeeming Features

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Greetings from Rev. Kate Ekrem

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Dear friends,

I promised in the last issue of Redeeming Features to write in each issue about one of the defining characteristics of Redeemer, as outlined in our strategic plan. Our strategic plan notes the "key characteristics that define who we are as a parish: we are a *Christ-centered community* and we approach the *Episcopal* tradition with a *contemporary* outlook that celebrates and honors the contributions of *all generations*". Last month I wrote about how Redeemer is intergenerational, which means that this month's topic is "contemporary".

Now, contemporary is a word that can mean a lot of things. So let me unpack a little what I think the strategic planning task group was pointing to with this word. Jaraslov Pelikan has famously said, "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living. Tradition lives in conversation with the past, while remembering where we are and when we are and that it is we who have to decide." I think this is just what the task group was trying to get at in putting both "contemporary" and "Episcopal" in our list of key characteristics.

So, being "contemporary" means that we know we are here and now – in Lexington, Massachusetts, in the year 2011 – and that it is we here and now who have to decide how to take from our rich and supportive Christian and Episcopal tradition and figure out how to live as Episcopalians and Christians today. It means we know we can't continually be looking back or be stuck in the



## Greetings from Kate (continued)

“golden ages of the church” of the 1950’s. It means that we know that the environmental crisis, global economy, and growing technology are things we need to address. It means we know that Jesus calls us to move beyond past discrimination in the church based on race, class, or sexual orientation. As the strategic plan said, “the baptismal covenant to ‘...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being...’ resonates strongly at Redeemer.”

We are “contemporary” across all three of our core ministries of worship, formation, and mission. Our worship committee has spent a lot of time thinking about worship that is rooted in ancient Christian tradition, our Prayer Book heritage, relevant across four or more generations, and speaks to today’s concerns and issues. We realize that this is not about “deciding” one way or another but about managing polarities and finding balance. That is why our worship includes classic Anglican organ music, anthems from South Africa, contemporary composers, and more. The Prayer Book is also an evolving tradition that is re-written every 50 years. At Redeemer we use both the 1979 Prayer Book and the newer Episcopal Enriching Our Worship liturgies. We are not trying to re-capture the worship of our childhood, but worship in a way that speaks to us today.

Our formation programs are also “contemporary” in that we use the best up-to-date curricula, like Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Journey to Adulthood, that reflect modern understandings of being child-centered and relational. We don’t make children sit in rows and memorize facts, but help nurture their own exploration of their faith life forming spiritual habits to last a lifetime. In adult formation, we examine current issues like our consumer culture (in last year’s Advent Conspiracy), how the Federal food stamp program affects those in our community (with a speaker from the Grow Clinic) and how our faith influences the decision we make in our workplaces (in the recent Questions of Faith series). If our formation programs aren’t helping us live as Christians in today’s (not yesterday’s) world, they aren’t really formation.

Mission is especially contemporary since it’s all about the here and now – who here in our world and our community needs help right now from us. Mission especially keeps us connected to the “contemporary” real world and the real needs out there: the need to be good stewards of our environment, to help those in need, and to reach out with God’s welcome to all, even those different from ourselves. Redeemer’s commitment to mission is a big part of what makes “contemporary” one of our key characteristics.

Having been part of many Episcopal parishes over the years, I find Redeemer a lot more “contemporary” than most. This isn’t a haven where we hide from what’s going on in the world (although sometimes it can, and should, be a place of refuge) but a community where we are strengthened and renewed for living life in the here and now, where God has put us.

Peace and blessings!



Kate



## Summer Home Worship

The summer is a special time to slow down and savor each moment. It's time for relaxation and enjoying the company of friends.

If you have some extra time this summer and want to spend it eating and worshipping with your Redeemer friends, please join us for Summer Home Worship on Wednesday evenings. It's also perfect if your summer plans take you away from Lexington on the weekend. Just because you're somewhere else on Sunday doesn't mean you have to miss church! Each Wednesday night we'll meet at 6:30pm at the home of someone in the Redeemer community. We'll enjoy food (either a potluck supper or lighter refreshments) and worship (either Eucharist, or, a service of Compline or Evening Prayer).

Date	Home of	Contact Info	Food
20 July	Sabeth Fitzgibbons & Julien Goulet w/ The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons	19 Pilgrim Rd, Reading 781.942.0658	6:30 pm potluck
27 July	Jamie & Mary Ann Burnside w/ Prayers	19 Cedar St, Lexington 781.860.9857	6:30 pm fair weather potluck
03 Aug.	Peter Lund and Ashley Rooney w/ The Rev. Kate Ekrem	20 Hancock St, Lexington 781.861.9511	6:30 pm potluck
10 Aug.	Evelyn and Bob Hausslein w/ The Rev. Kate Ekrem	20 Slocum Rd, Lexington 781.861.0378	6:30 pm potluck
17 Aug.	Claudia and David Cooper w/ The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons	2 Marlboro Rd, Lexington 781.860.9396	6:30 pm potluck
24 Aug.	Frank and Janet Kern w/ Prayers	72 Lowell St, Lexington 781.861.7102	6:30 pm potluck
31 Aug.	Peg Wright w/ The Rev. Kate Ekrem	53 Hancock St, Lexington 781.862.0389	6:30 pm potluck

RSVP's to the host are helpful but not necessary



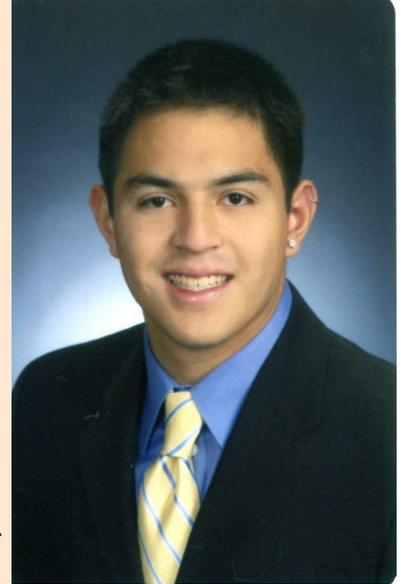
## Redeemer's 2011 High School Graduates



study Math Sciences.

**Rose Bennett**, daughter of Dan and Alice Bennett, graduated from Bedford High School, June 9th. Rose received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO and will

**Alexander Davis**, son of Judith Downes and David Davis, graduated from Lexington High School on June 5th. Alex will be a freshman at the College of Charleston in South Carolina this fall.



He is interested in biology but is open to exploring other areas of study.

**Katherine Mirani**, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Mirani, graduated from Lexington High School on June 5th. Katherine is going to Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois) to study journalism at the Medill School of Journalism. This summer she is an intern at the Internet site [www.hercampus.com](http://www.hercampus.com) in Cambridge.

**Noah Bacon**, son of Robert Bacon and Sonia DeMata, graduated from Lexington High School on June 5th. Noah will attend the University of Colorado, Boulder, majoring in philosophy.



**Abigail Hannah Martell**, daughter of Robert and Lori Martell, graduated from Lexington High School, June 5th. Abby will attend the Rhode Island School of Design, in Providence, majoring in Photography.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

**Lindsay Koso**, daughter of Peter and Calie Koso, graduated from Lexington High School on June 5th. Lindsay will attend Wheaton College in Norton, MA to study Classics and Studio Art.



## Endowment Committee

The Parish has an endowment which is invested and from which we receive an annual income. The Endowment Committee of the Parish is empowered to recommend the expenditure of the income from the Endowment for projects that are outside the normal operating budget of the Parish. In the past these projects have included expenditures on such items as summer camp and youth programs and programs and property capital projects. The Committee has about \$3000 to spend during 2011. The Endowment Committee does not originate any proposals – those come from parish members and committees. We are currently looking for proposals for worthy projects to be supported by the Endowment income.

The criteria the committee uses to evaluate proposals include:

1. Fit of the projects with the mission of the Parish
2. Project support and logistics
3. Passion and enthusiasm of the project champion

Please submit proposals to Tom Swithenbank, [tom@swithenbank.org](mailto:tom@swithenbank.org) or 781-646-9406.

## REDEEMER'S RELINQUISHED RICHES

On October 28 and 29, the parish is mounting a fundraiser at which we will sell donations from our members for the benefit of the Capital Fund. We hope to make this a parish-wide event, with some fun built in. Friday evening will feature finger foods and aperitifs, and a preview sale for parishioners, while Saturday will have more informal refreshments and be open to the public. If you are downsizing (and who isn't), set aside your items for this sale. Pick-up of items will be available for those who need it. **NO CLOTHING OR ELECTRONICS, PLEASE.**



Don't forget to save the dates and items for what promises to be a parish-wide social event. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Ashley at [ea-rooney@rcn.com](mailto:ea-rooney@rcn.com) or Claudia Cooper at [cooper.claudia.g@gmail.com](mailto:cooper.claudia.g@gmail.com)



## Renewing Your Spirit This Summer

While we may crave the relaxation of summer, it can be a wonderful time to explore more in our own Christian formation – not a chore, but a luxury. Some things you can do to continue your own (and your family's) Christian journey in the summer are:

- Visit an Episcopal Church, or another denomination, wherever you are in your travels. Note the similarities and differences in their worship service and space with ours. What touched you differently when you were a visitor worshipping somewhere?
- Take advantage of the short readings, reflections and activities of the SummerTime email series (probably coming in July). We used this series last summer and it has lovely ideas for incorporating spiritual reflection in our summer activities -and it can be used by families of any structure (individuals, couples, with younger and older children, even grandchildren).
- Worship with the Redeemer community when you're at home on Sundays. Sunday morning worship is usually shorter and less formal (it's okay to wear your shorts) in the summer, and we always have Lemonade on the Lawn in the shade of our big tree after the 9:30am service.
- Gather with the midweek worship group on Wednesday night. Starting on June 29 and continuing through August 31, a group will gather in someone's home for worship and fellowship. It's a lovely way to meet a few new people and see friends, and there's either a potluck before or refreshments afterward. See article on page 3 for more details.



Wishing you a peaceful, restful, and renewing summer filled with fun and fellowship,  
Kate and Sabeth



## 2011 Fall Parish Retreat Weekend September 30 - October 2 "Eat, Pray, Live: Growing in Community"



This year will mark Redeemer's 8th annual parish weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center in Greenfield, NH. EVERYONE in the parish is invited to join us!

This year's theme is "Eat, Pray, Live: Growing In Community." The weekend will include the usual outdoor and indoor worship, singing and s'mores by the campfire, crafts, walks in the woods, canoeing and ropes course, with a Saturday morning program focused around spiritual practices that help build community.

The center is an hour and a half north of Lexington on a beautiful lake in New Hampshire, with facilities that range from the rustic (cabins for 10) to comfortable, motel-style lodge rooms for 1 or 2 adults with cots for small children.

Scholarship assistance is available by seeing a member of the clergy. And just as cost should not be an impediment to anyone who would like to attend, neither should age! Every year we've had someone under 6 months and someone over 85. Finally, if you cannot commit to an overnight but want to join in for Saturday's activities, that's also an option (see below).

You can download the registration form on the retreat page of our website: [www.our-redeemer.net/retreat.htm](http://www.our-redeemer.net/retreat.htm) or pick up a printed copy at church.

	Per Person Rates	Adults/ Teens	Youth (3-12)	Youth (0-2)
<b>Cabin</b>	5 sets of bunk beds & two bathrooms BYO bed linens & towels	\$100*	\$50*	Free
<b>Lodge Room (shared)</b>	Hotel-style room w/ private bath (2 double beds, or 1 double & 1 single)	\$160	\$80	Free
<b>Lodge Room (single)</b>	Hotel-style room w/ private bath (2 double beds or 1 double & 1 single)	\$250	N/A	N/A
<b>No Overnight</b>	Sat Lunch, dinner, and activities Sat Lunch and activities only	\$35 \$25	\$35 \$25	Free



## 2011 Fall Parish Retreat Weekend (cont'd)

**Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend!** The camp requires that we guarantee a minimum number of rooms by August 15th, and we need to have a preliminary count by then. Also, there are only 12 lodge rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please sign up soon, especially if you are interested in a lodge room.

**Final payment is due September 1st.**

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 781 862-6408.



## Two Ways to Support El Hogar!

A group of 12 teens and adults are excitedly preparing to visit El Hogar August 5 -12, for a week of volunteering and fellowship at The Agricultural School in Talanga, Honduras. Redeemer will be commissioning them as missionaries on Sunday, July 31, and supporting them with special prayers all month.

**There are two additional ways YOU can support El Hogar in the coming weeks:**

### 1. Donate items for volunteers to take directly to the boys in August.

This year El Hogar is especially requesting the following 3 items:

Jeans, new or gently used, boys' sizes 6 to 14 and men's sizes 28, 30, 32, 34, 36

[Please, no shorts or torn or stained denims]

Sox, new, white or colors, boys' and men's sizes

Antifungal cream – for feet

The ingathering for these items will be July 24-31. Baskets for your offerings will be in the church and in the office.

### 2. Donate directly to El Hogar by sponsoring a rider or walker at the annual walk/bike-a-thon Sunday, October 23, 2011.

Parishioners will be soliciting your sponsorship beginning in September.

Of course, you may also opt to ride or walk yourself!

### What is El Hogar, and how is Redeemer involved?

El Hogar Ministries, a joint project of the Episcopal Churches of the United States and Honduras, provides education to 250 poverty-stricken boys and girls at three different schools in Honduras. See [www.elhogar.org](http://www.elhogar.org) for more information.

The August 2011 trip will be Redeemer's 6<sup>th</sup> group of volunteers since 2006. Several parishioners directly sponsor students at the school. Redeemer is currently sponsoring two young men at the Agricultural School through the Mission Committee.

For more information, contact: Contact:  
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*Redeemer-sponsored student, Olvin Anibal Chacon Davila at graduation, Nov. 2010, with his mother.*



## Retreat Opportunities

The slower summer season reminds us that taking time for rest, refreshment and renewal is actually one of the 10 Commandments: Remember the Sabbath! We are blessed to be close to two places, Bethany House of Prayer in Arlington Heights and the monastery of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Harvard Square, that offer retreats and opportunities for spiritual learning and growth. Now is a good time make a commitment to yourself and sign up for one of their fall offerings:

**SSJE** has recently re-opened both the Cambridge monastery and their guest house in West Newbury after extensive renovations. You can find out more details and registration information at <http://www.ssje.org/workshop.html>. They are offering a 5-part series of workshops in Cambridge celebrating the gifts that God offers us. Attend one, some, or all five. All are 9am to 12pm on Saturdays.

*The Gift of Intimacy with God:* October 15, 2011

*The Gift of Meditative Prayer:* November 19, 2011

*The Gift of Gratitude:* January 21, 2012

*The Gift of Forgiveness:* March 17, 2012

*The Gift of Sabbath Rest:* April 21, 2012

There are also weekend retreats at Emory House, West Newbury. It's a beautiful farm on the banks of a river, about 45 minutes away.

*The World Charged with God's Grandeur:* October 13-16, will focus on the beauty of God's creation through poetry, silence, and the farm and woods at Emory House.

*Behold the Beauty of the Lord:* March 6-11, 2012, will be an intensive arts workshop on the process of creating an icon.

Closer to home, **Bethany House of Prayer in Arlington Heights** has several regular offerings which are open to all. These may be on break for the summer, but will resume in the fall. Visit <http://www.bethanyhousearlington.org/> to get updated information.

*Evening Contemplative Eucharist* 7:00 pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month. An evening service of song, silence, readings, prayers, and Eucharist, in the Chapel of St. Anne.

*Refreshment Days:* usually the first Tuesday of the month, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
The day begins with an opening meditation from area leaders and colleagues. Individual time for prayer or study follows, with an opportunity for shared reflection, worship and a meal. Suggested donation: \$40 includes the midday dinner. Registration required.

*Contemplative Prayer Group: Awaken to Mystery:* 2nd Thursday mornings, 10:00-11:30 am. Held in the Chapel of St. Anne. Please pre-register.

*Centering Circle for Mothers* Fridays, 9:30-11:00 am

A weekly drop-group for mothers of all ages and expectant mothers. A supportive circle for mothers who want to connect with others and reconnect with a sense of wholeness and balance; share stories, wisdom and humor; and explore a sense of the holy amidst the chaos, cares and joys of daily life. Led by *Dr. Mary Ann Christie Burnside*, a member of Redeemer.



## The “D” word

By the Rev. Kate Ekrem

There has been a lot of “discernment” at Redeemer in the past few years – so much so that we often joke that we are tired of the “D” word. But there is more discernment on the horizon as we enter into the Priest-in-Charge discernment process. This fall, the vestry will appoint a discernment committee (much like a search committee) to discern the next steps in Redeemer’s clergy leadership.

As we are often reminded by our bishops, this discernment process is a two-way street. As the parish spends time discerning what it wants and needs in a new rector, it’s also time for me to spend time discerning where I feel God is calling me to serve and if Redeemer seems like the right place from my perspective. Since I’m spending a good bit of my time this summer doing that, I thought I should share with you what I’m up to. Firstly, I’m coming to empathize with what many at Redeemer often say: Why do we have to “discern” so darn much? However, there is a good reason for being careful about discernment. When we don’t do it, we tend to fall into, in this case, what either I may feel like I “want” to do or what the congregation wants. But then we’ve forgotten all about what God wants. Discernment is about listening to **God’s** opinion about the decisions before us. And that takes time, and prayer.

So, you may wonder what kind of praying I’ve been doing. I’m blessed to have a spiritual director who is very knowledgeable about Ignatian Prayer (the prayer tradition founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in the 15<sup>th</sup> century), a new way of praying to me. Ignatian prayer has a lot of wisdom about discernment. St. Ignatius firmly believed that God works actively in our lives and in our hearts, and when we feel drawn towards something or have a strong reaction against something, we should dig into those emotions to find out what God might be speaking through them. There’s a lot of focus on prayer and preparation to frame things, as well. I have to admit when my spiritual director handed me a 12-step, many-page, discernment process, each step seeming like it could take several hours or even days to work through, it was a bit daunting. But it also made me realize that, by the end of the process, I would really be clear about God’s call to me. The process (very much abbreviated) looks something like this, and you may also find it useful for major decision in your life:

1. Preparation: Spend time praying for honesty of heart and freedom from destructive habits that might interfere with your discernment.
2. Holy Indifference: pray for a holy indifference about the outcome of the decision. This does not mean you’re uninterested in the outcome, but that you are willing to leave the outcome in God’s hands.
3. Frame the question: It’s important to be very specific and clear about the question at hand.
4. Look at the question rationally: Make lists of pros, cons, etc. Make a tentative decision based on those lists.
5. Look at your life situation: Holding that tentative decision in mind, examine how it would affect family, spiritual journey, etc.



### The "D" word (continued)

6. Look at your beliefs and values: Holding that tentative decision in mind, examine how your personal and spiritual values are honored. Bring scripture stories to bear on the decision. What does Jesus have to say to you about this decision?
7. Listen to your intuition. Spend time getting in touch with your feelings and intuition and unpacking your emotions about the decision.
8. Use your imagination. Imagine yourself living out the choice you are leaning towards. Then imagine the opposite course. Imagine you are very old and looking back on the decision. Imagine your best friend was making a similar decision: what would you advise?
9. Examine your consolations (feeling of peace, love for God), and desolations (darkness of soul, turmoil of mind, restlessness), (these are technical terms in Ignatian spirituality for listening to where God is moving in our hearts).
10. Make your decision. Live with it for a few days without sharing it with others.
11. Test your decision. Share it with those close to you. Test some initial actions. Do you feel closer to God or further from God as a result of your decision?
12. Finalize your decision.

As you can see, this is a great way of praying through any important decision in your life – and very long! I spent a few days in June on retreat with my regular group of clergy colleagues working through the first several items and getting their feedback, and will be spending my regular monthly quiet days this summer working on the rest.

Bishop Bud reminded us that everyone has an important role in this discernment process: to pray. I ask for your prayers for me as I do this work of discernment, and I will be praying for you.



## On flags, worship, citizenship, and faith

In response to questions from parishioners, the Worship Committee has recently been discussing the issue of displaying American and Episcopal flags in our sanctuary. The flags were moved to make room for the Giving Tree at Christmas, and when we forgot to put them back right away, some members asked that they be returned, to honor our service people. When they were put back, that drew attention to them again and some other members asked that we reconsider having flags in the sanctuary as, to them, it was in conflict with the idea of separation of church and state. So, as always when five or six parishioners ask about something worship related, the worship committee discussed it. One of the things the worship committee concluded is that, as a parish, we should think a bit more about the reasons why we want to have flags in or out of the sanctuary. What does the presence of the flags mean to us and why? - unpack with American and Episcopal.

For some, the presence of the American flag honors our country, our freedom to worship, and especially those who serve in the military. For others, the presence of the flag hints that we might believe God favors our country over others or might be misunderstood as an object of worship.

Thinking about the flag in our worship space does bring us face to face with the question of what is the right relationship between our faith in Jesus Christ and our loyalty to our country. I actually think at Redeemer we're in close agreement about that. While there may be a misperception that those in favor of the flag in the sanctuary believe we can somehow have an equal relationship between these two things, I am sure that all of us – pro-flag or anti-flag – know that our commitment to God always, always comes before our commitment to our country. We know it's important to not fall into the trap of thinking "God's our side" (I've always liked Abraham Lincoln's point: it's not about whether God's on our side, but whether we're on God's side). And we're all saddened when it seems like American war casualties are counted more carefully and held to be more important than casualties from other countries. We know that we are, regardless of where we were born, all God's children, and God has no nationality.

And, likewise, while there might be the misperception that the those who want to remove the flag aren't very patriotic or don't appreciate the service of people in the military, I've noticed that everyone on all sides of this discussion has said how important it is that we pray for our service people and government leaders out loud in church each Sunday. So, I think we can agree that we're all equally supportive of our service people, and equally aware that God is more important than country.

The question still remains: what does having the flag in the sanctuary say (as symbols are worth far more than a thousand words) to us, our children, and those who visit our church? Does it say "we support our service people" or does it say (to put it bluntly) "we worship America as well as Jesus".



## On flags, worship, citizenship, and faith *(cont'd from p. 14)*

This may be a question to talk about more. But in the meantime, here's some food for thought, from the Bible and Christian history:

- St. Paul said that Christians should be good citizens, obey local authorities, and pay taxes (Romans 13:1-7).
- Early Christians were persecuted because they refused to say "Caesar is Lord," which was required by the Roman government to show allegiance to the emperor. Christians insisted the "Jesus is Lord" and therefore went to jail or were executed (including St. Paul).
- Christians from St. Paul (Philippians 3:20) to St. Augustine (in his book *City of God*) to the present day have affirmed that we have "dual citizenship" in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Most mainline Protestant churches have issued statements that flags generally should not be in worship spaces, but when they are used should be clearly below the cross. The Episcopal Church has not issued any statement on the subject.
- Some churches display the American flag alongside the flags of other countries where they have missionaries serving or flags of the home countries of members of their congregations.

What does the flag say to you? What do you think it says to visitors to our church? Could there be confusion or misunderstanding about what it is communicating? As we talk about larger issues of making changes to our worship space, the worship committee would like to hear what others think about these questions.

### Remembering September 11<sup>th</sup>

There will be two opportunities to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Trade Center tragedy this year on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association will sponsor a service of remembrance on Battle Green at 6:00pm. Redeemer clergy will be taking part in this service. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, together with our bishops, will host an interfaith service of reflection, healing and prayer, also at 6:00pm, as a way to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events on that day in 2001 that have so deeply affected us all. We hope you will join in one of these services.



# Calendar



<b>July</b>		
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event Details</i>
Monday	11	7:30 pm - Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday	13	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
Thursday	14	7:30 pm - Vestry meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Monday	18	7:30 pm - Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday	20	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Monday	25	1:30 pm - Cook for Bristol Lodge
Wednesday	27	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Commission El Hogar Mission Team
<b>August</b>		
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event Details</i>
Monday	1	7:30 pm - Property Committee meeting 7:30 pm - Executive Committee meeting
Tuesday	2	7:30 pm - Stewardship meeting
Wednesday	3	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
Friday—Thursday	5 - 11	El Hogar Mission Trip
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	9	7:30 pm - Vestry meeting
Wednesday	10	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Monday	15	7:30 pm - Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday	17	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist, El Hogar Preachers at 9:30 am
Monday	22	1:30 pm - Cook for Bristol Lodge
Wednesday	24	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	8:00 & 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	31	6:30 pm - Summer Home Worship

Please send all announcements by email to [RF@our-redeemer.net](mailto:RF@our-redeemer.net) or for those without email, call or send to the church office, with "RF" clearly marked.

The **monthly deadline** for all Redeeming Features submissions is the **15th of the Month.**

**The deadline for the Sept. issue is August 15th.**