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Greetings from Rev. Kate Ekrem

Dear Friends,

As we approach Easter, Spring is finally busting out all over and it seems like mission is busting out all over at Redeemer. That's not to say that Redeemer hasn't always had a strong mission focus, but these days it seems like our mission activities are growing like weeds.

Redeemer members have helped with the food drops for the transitional families housed in the hotel in Lexington, we hosted the first Lexington Community Meal for needy families in March, Redeemer members have been getting involved in the B-Peace anti violence campaign, the El Hogar mission team is forming, we sent 11 people (including 4 judges) to the Esperanza Academy Science Fair, Bernadette returned from a mission exploration trip to South Africa, and we are looking forward to a June visit from our former deacon Ted Gaiser to learn how we can support his mission in Columbia. Whew! And that's not even counting our regular mission work of cooking for Bristol Lodge, building for Habitat for Humanity, or many other activities I'm probably forgetting.

I don't think it's a coincidence that all this mission activity is happening at the same time as we are thinking about renovating our Great Hall. In fact, I suspect that the Great Hall conversation is the reason all this mission activity is happening. Talking about

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Greetings from Rev. Kate (continued)

making changes to our building makes us re-think our purpose as a church: why are we here, and is it worth re-investing in our presence in this place? It seems to me that we are finding that our answer is yes, we are re-committing to what it means to God's church in this place, and we are re-focusing our vision outwards, to serve God's people outside our walls and to invite them in to our community.

It seems strange to remember that when I first arrived at Redeemer, the idea of renovating our building was almost a taboo subject. Maybe we were just feeling too worn out to contemplate such a large task. It's exciting now to see how much energy there is, not just for this particular project, but to engage in living out our faith in many ways. It's also exciting to see how engaging in these tough conversations has helped us to grow and thrive as a church community.

The church is not the building – the church is the people. I can't think of another church where I've seen a group of people so actively engaged in their faith journey and in figuring out how to live out their God-given mission in the world. The Holy Spirit seems to be on the move at Redeemer. May Easter bring us all renewal, refreshment, and new energy for all the many missions that God has called us to be part of.

Peace,



Join Us For Noon Day Eucharist

Wednesdays during Lent



Easter Flowers

Don't forget to order your Easter flowers for the altar!

Celebrate, remember, and give thanks for the important people in your life, and help decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning!



Keep an eye out for the order forms that will be available at both entrances of the church. In order to make sure all names are included in the Easter Service Bulletins, please submit your form to the office, or email the information to office@our-redeemer.net, by **Friday, April 11.**

Holy Week & Easter Worship

You are invited to fully participate in all the services of Holy Week

In Holy Week, the church revisits and relives the events surrounding the last days of Jesus' life, and his death. Like a movie with several scenes, Holy Week does not always make sense if you skip directly from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without experiencing the drama of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, or kneeling at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. So please join us for all of the special services of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

The word "maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. It refers to Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another" (John 13:34). At the Maundy Thursday service, we commemorate the Last Supper and the first Holy Communion. We also wash one another's feet as Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, remembering Jesus' commandment to acts as servants to each other.

Overnight Prayer Vigil, Thursday, April 17

As Jesus asked his friends in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before died, he asks us also to "stay here and keep watch" [Mark 14:34b]. All are invited to spend an hour in prayer during the Vigil from the end of the Maundy Thursday service until the Stations of the Cross service on Friday. The youth group will be keeping vigil in the Library. Adults are invited to pray in the church. Books for prayer and meditation will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church. The outside door is kept locked through the night; those coming in for their hour of prayer should ring the doorbell to be admitted.

Stations of the Cross for Children, Friday April 18 10:00am

Join us to symbolically walk Jesus' journey from his trial to his tomb. Hands-on prayer materials and a walk around the church make this an interactive prayer walk for kids and adults. This service is appropriate for ages 5+.

Good Friday Service, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is called "good" because of the new life brought about by his victory on the cross. At this service we read the entire story of Jesus' arrest, trial, and death and spend time praying at the foot of the cross. Beautiful music from our choir makes this service particularly moving and meditative.

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

This is the first service of Easter. In the Vigil, we sacramentally "pass over" from darkness to light, from penitence to rejoicing, from death to life. The service begins with a bonfire, the New Fire of Easter, at the Memorial Garden, and continues with a candle-lit procession into the church. We renew our baptismal vows, then joyfully celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. To many this is the most beautiful and important service of the entire year.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 8am and 10am

Celebrate Easter with choir, guest musicians, and a festive Holy Eucharist. Bring a basket for the Easter Egg Hunt after the 10am service.



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Music News

Our adult choir has busily been preparing for Redeemer's 2014 *Music and Community event*. In observance of Lent, a joint musical venture themed "***Life's Journeys***" will be presented with the chorus at Brookhaven-at-Lexington retirement community, conducted by Dot Didomenico. The music will take form at two different events.

On **Sunday morning, April 6th**, the Brookhaven Chorus joins Redeemer singers to present four choral selections by John Ylvsaker, Gabriel Faure, and Randall Thompson, during our 9:30 service. The following day, on **Monday evening April 7th 7:30-8:30 p.m.**, we travel to Brookhaven to present a concert of music celebrating the life cycle from birth to death. Proceeding from "Protection and Care" to "Connection and Relationships", "Introspection and Faith", "Vocation and Work", and finally, "Repose and Legacy", the musical selections on the Monday night program include varied sacred and secular repertoire ranging from classical to Broadway, and a few sing-alongs.

The public is invited, so we hope you can come! No admission charge.

Lastly, it's not too late to think about **joining the choir for any of the special services** for Holy Week and Easter. Interested singers are welcomed to join us at Wednesday night rehearsal, **April 9th or April 17th**, from 7:30-9:00 in Room 208, or on Sunday mornings 8:30-9:15. Trumpeters Jason Stein and Ben Scammell from Lexington High School will join the choir and guest singers on Easter Sunday once again in the Hallelujah Chorus, and a Gospel arrangement of "What the Lord Has Done in Me" by Reuben Morgan.

by Bernadette Colley



Redeemer's choir
under the direction
of Bernadette on
Easter Sunday
2013.

Communications News

New Website for Church of Our Redeemer!

You may have noticed the new appearance and content on our church website, which was recently converted to provide you with more current information about the church and its many programs.

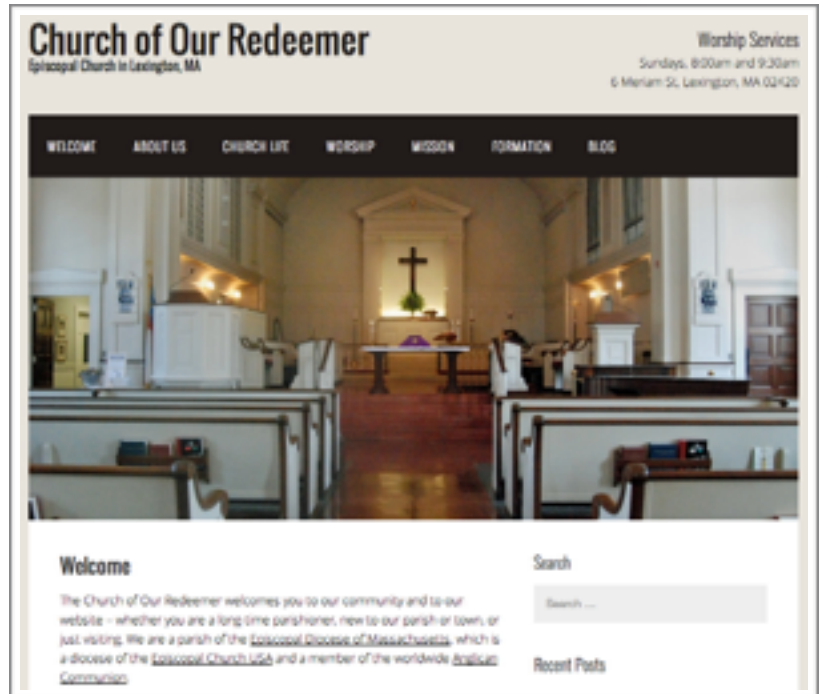
A little over one year ago, Paula Antonovich, James Surprenant and Sarah Neumann joined together as Vestry members to consider how to better communicate church information with parishioners. The church website, as it was then functioning, was outdated and required one person to provide all content updates.

The group determined that changing to a web platform that would allow ministry leaders to update content as needed would be the best fit for our parish. Nancy Grayson joined the conversation on how to make this change happen.

Thankfully, Peter Jacoby answered the call for help, and using his talents with technology, helped to convert the website to a WordPress platform. Peter also trained a group of church leaders on updating content for the new site, and worked closely with Janet Kern, who had been managing the church website for the past several years. The new church website went live on Wednesday, March 12th.

Please visit our new site at the same address: www.our-redeemer.net. We hope you enjoy the new content, which includes several blogs, social media, and updates on current church activities!

by Nancy Grayson



Redeemer's new website is content driven containing blogs, social media updates and news you can use!
www.our-redeemer.net

Coming in May to
**Redeeming
Features**

- Who are the Redeeming Knitters?
- News from the Vestry
- Capital Campaign Kick-Off
- Meet Peter Jacoby
- Much Much More!

A New Bishop!

Massachusetts Diocese set to elect 16th Bishop on April 5th

After many months of planning and preparation, the clock is counting down toward the election of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Massachusetts to succeed Bishop Thomas Shaw who is retiring in September. The election will take place on Saturday, April 5 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. All canonically resident clergy of the diocese and lay delegates (two elected from each of the diocese's parishes and missions) vote separately as "orders"; a majority of votes on the same ballot from the clergy and lay orders is required for election. (April 12 has been set as the date for reconvening, should the electing convention not complete its business on April 5.)

A diocesan search committee placed five names in nomination for Bishop and two additional candidates were nominated by petition. The complete list of candidates includes:

- Rev. Holly Antolini, Rector, St. James's Church, Cambridge
- Rev. Timothy E. Crellin, Vicar, St. Stephen's Church, Boston
- Rev. Ronald Culmer, Rector, St. Clare's Church, Pleasanton, California
- Rev. Alan Gates, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
- Rev. Ledlie Laughlin, Rector, St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia
- Rev. Canon Margaret (Mally) Ewing Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Massachusetts
- Rev. Sam Rodman, Project Manager for Campaign Initiatives, Diocese of Massachusetts.

The election will be the culmination of the selection process which began last June. Redeemer will be represented in the election by our two clergy, Rev. Kate and Rev. Andrew, and two lay electors, Beth Murnaghan and James M. Surprenant, with Linda Kukolich as alternate.

After the election is completed and the new bishop is named, the Diocese of Massachusetts will observe a season of celebration and service from April 9 through June 21 in honor of Bishop Shaw. The newly named 16th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts will be consecrated on September 13, 2014 at Agganis Arena at Boston University.

You can learn more about the selection process, get to know the candidates, and learn more about the role of bishop at the Diocesan website for the new bishop search: <http://mabishopsearch.org/>

-by Duncan MacQueen



THE NOMINEES FOR THE 16th BISHOP OF MASSACHUSETTS

(Top) Rev, Holly Antolini, Rev. Timothy Crellin, Rev. Ronald Culmer; Rev. Alan Gates

(Bottom) Rev. Ledlie Laughlin; Rev. Mally Lloyd; Rev. Sam Rodman

Ministry Profile

Coffee Hour & Hospitality

We all love Coffee Hour – the conversations, the connections, and most of all, the food.

But how does it happen? Do elves magically appear at 9 AM to set up? Do they then prepare all of those delicious snacks – cheese and crackers, fruit, cookies, coffee, juice, etc.? And when Formation is finished, do the elves appear again to clean up?

Well, there are elves – but they do not magically appear. They are members of the Redeemer community. For many years, just a few people oversaw the set-up, clean-up and provision of coffee and food. However, for these few folks it had become too burdensome. So last year, as part of the Vestry's "Building the Church" goal, a new plan was developed to engage parishioners in Coffee Hour and to spread the work more equitably.

Paula Antonevich established an on-line sign-up through VolunteerSpot and placed the sign-up sheets in the side hallway to enable and encourage more in our community to participate in this important ministry. Several people have signed up and helped this past year, but like a lot of volunteer efforts, the same people were volunteering over and over again, and soon only a few were doing the tasks with little assistance.

Recently a planning meeting with many of those who have participated this year in the Coffee Hour ministry was held, and a decision was made to try a new format – between now & June 8th.

Based on our Liturgy Team model, each month Coffee Hour will be led by 2 or 3 captains. Sign-ups can still be done on-line or on the sign-up sheets in side-entry. BUT, if there are empty slots, the co-captains will be calling parishioners requesting help. The Captains for April are: Mary Etta King, Susan Dresley and Cassie Bowlby, and for May Connie Parrish and Sam Stevens will co-captain. June 1 & 8 will be captained by Paula and then Vestry will plan Lemonade-on-the-Lawn for the summer months.

We give thanks for the service of Mary Ucci who provides snacks and drinks for the children before Atrium every Sunday morning.

If you enjoy the good food, beverages and conversation we share during hospitality hour each Sunday, won't you consider volunteering a bit of your time to help make it happen? The hope is that "many hands will make light work." The work is not difficult, you stand to gain the satisfaction of helping build our community, and you may even get to know your fellow parishioners better. We are hopeful for more wide-spread support and participation in the Coffee Hour ministry over the next few months, but should it not happen, we will again rethink how we do Coffee Hour.

Also, everyone should be aware that you can be reimbursed for food and beverages purchased for Coffee Hour. Forms are available in the kitchen as well as the church office. . You just need leave your receipt and completed form in the envelope for the Treasurer.

If you wish to sign up, you may do so using the Volunteer Spot website here: <http://vols.pt/j1RZad>. If you have any questions, please **call Paula at 781-674-2795**.

by Helene Sullas Huggins



Remembering Bob Blue

Noted artist's legacy lives on at Redeemer



Robert G. "Bob" Blue
Seascape artist and
former Redeemer
parishioner

Have you noticed the picture of Church of Our Redeemer on your new name tag? That picture is taken from a woodcut done by one of our former parishioners, and local artist of note, Robert G "Bob" Blue.

Bob Blue was born in Newton on March 13, 1924 and throughout his lifetime painted a variety of subjects ranging from docks, harbors, seascapes, and the mountains and villages of Vermont and Maine.

During World War II, Bob worked at MIT's Draper Lab in Cambridge alongside Doc Edgerton and others who were pioneering in radar. For 28 years Bob did illustrations for the publications department at Jackson & Moreland Engineers in Boston.

He completed the first illustrations of the Nautilus submarine in 1968 and won a top prize for that illustration. Later, Bob joined GTE's government communications systems designing ads for technical journals such as the Army's *Signal* and Navy's *Sea Power* magazines. Throughout his ten years illustrating for GTE's trade shows, his full-color illustrations traveled around the world.

Bob graduated from Vesper George School of Art and, later in life, studied painting with Emile Gruppe. Gruppe, a very close friend for over 30 years until Gruppe's death in 1978, introduced Bob to painting. Bob loved to paint "plein air" oils of Gloucester's waterfront and became a well-known member of the Cape Ann arts community and he had a close relationship with the Rockport Art Association.

A longtime member of the Redeemer community, Bob not only created the woodcut of the church that appears on your name badge, he also created the illustration that appears on our coffee mugs, at the request of Betsy Whitman. Bob also donated an original oil painting to the church.

Elizabeth Gable recently reminisced about living on the same road as Bob and his wife "Nan" in Rockport and meeting him once as she was shepherding a snapping turtle across the road. She recalls sharing a pleasant conversation about the artists who were around Rockport at the time of her childhood.

Bob died at age 84 in Rockport, Massachusetts in 2008 and is survived by his wife, Nancy "Nan" Blue who still lives at their home on Eden Road where she enjoys gardening and is active in the gardening club in Rockport.

- by Kathy Mockett w. Janet Kern & Elizabeth Gable



Bob Blue's woodcut of Church of Our Redeemer is featured on our new name badges.

“Everything But The Baby” Bags to Benefit the Boston Medical Center Grow Clinic for Easter

We encourage everyone to participate in our Lenten practice of donating "Everything but the Baby" Bags to the Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center.

Late winter is a tough time for the Grow Clinic families, and this winter has been a particularly difficult one. Heating costs are high and the Grow Clinic Emergency Cupboard, which is well stocked at the end of the winter holidays, is badly depleted.

Grocery bags with lists of needed items stapled to them are available at the entrances to the sanctuary (the list is also copied to the right – the boldest items are in greatest demand).

Take a bag, fill it and return it to the sanctuary by Sunday, April 6 and members of the Mission Committee will deliver the bags to the clinic to help make the Easter season a little brighter for Grow Clinic Families.

The Grow Clinic welcomes cash donations so that their staff can buy urgently needed items. There will be Mission envelopes in the pews on April 6 for anyone who would like to contribute cash.

by Sarah Ritchie Conrad

The Grow Clinic for Children, www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm, is an outpatient subspecialty clinic at Boston Medical Center that started in 1984 to provide comprehensive specialty medical, nutritional, developmental and social services and dietary assistance to children from the Greater Boston area referred with Failure To Thrive (FTT). Children with FTT do not gain weight or height at rates comparable to other children leading to very significant health and developmental problems.

Grow Clinic needed items...

- Thermos, Straw Bottles, 12 oz, Foogo – Target
- Rain covers for strollers- WalMart, Target, Toys R Us
- 16 and 32 oz Calibrated Plastic Bottles with Cap
- Baby Bottles with Nipples- Avnet, Dr. Brown's
- BPA free Sippy Cups- Non Spill – (All Ages)
- Cups with Straws, Attached
- Spoons for Babies
- Spoons and Forks for Toddlers
- Toddler Plates, Suctioned
- Blenders
- Gerber Graduate Meals
- Stage 3 and 4 Baby foods
- Flintstones Complete Chewable Vitamins w. Iron & Zinc
- Poly-vi-sol with Iron- liquid
- Tri-vi-sol with Iron- liquid
- **Diapers, (Sizes 2, 3 & 4 in greatest demand)**
- Pull Ups- All sizes
- **Wipes**
- Cereal Bars, (No Nuts)
- Cook Books for Kids
- Spanish Books for Babies and Toddlers
- Board Books, Picture Books
(Food related would be great!)
- **Umbrella Strollers**





THE PATRIOTS' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUPPORT THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY!

Mark your calendar!

A great event, serving a great cause, and the chance to build fellowship within the church awaits.

Redeemer looks forward to the Annual Patriots' Day Pancake Breakfast on **Monday, April 21, 2014!**

This event can't happen without many volunteers. Now is your chance to join the team!! We are looking for volunteers to help – from flipping pancakes to crowd control to set-up and clean-up – all opportunities available! Keep an eye out around the church for sign-up sheets requesting volunteers for specific tasks. This is an open invitation to all in the Redeemer community. Don't miss this great opportunity for service and fellowship!

If you have any questions, please call or email one of the organizers:

- Charlie Coons
781.861.7067, coonsfamily224@yahoo.com;
- Hao Doan
808.554.7940, marcia.hao@yahoo.com;
- Sam Stevens
781.271.9029, yosemite-sam@version.net

Not only is the Pancake Breakfast a great opportunity to build community as we work together, it also serves a great cause. All proceeds from the breakfast go to the Interfaith Food Pantry housed in our own Great Hall.

DONATE FOOD STAPLES

April Food of the Month

CANNED FRUIT

Another way to help the Food Pantry...the April Food of the Month is **canned fruit**. Please bring a donation this month; bins are available in the side stairwell and by the office window.

*Did you know that Food Pantry distributes
60 – 75 cans of fruit per week?*

Visit the website to learn more:
www.lexingtonfoodpantry.wordpress.com.

Thank you!

Redeemer Giving Garden to Celebrate Its 5th Year with Expansion & New Program

This year will mark the fifth year for the onsite Giving Garden at Redeemer and the ministry is planning some exciting changes for 2014.

The Giving Garden was envisioned by Kathy Mockett who saw the possibility and heard the call for us to transform a portion of our unused lawn to help feed the hungry. (See Parishioner Profile, pp. 11.) After three years leading the Giving Garden, Kathy passed the baton to James Surprenant last ministry year.

James works closely with Donna Moultrup, a lifelong gardener who serves as our Farmer-in-Chief and Alan Kalf. Both Donna and Alan donate much time and talent behind the scenes to make this ministry a success and guarantee that our volunteers are never overwhelmed.

At their winter planning meeting this year, Donna, Alan and James decided to take a long hard look at what the Giving Garden means to Redeemer. With several other organizations providing vegetables to the Interfaith Food Pantry such as the Interfaith Garden and Wilson's Farm, they sought to clearly define what the Giving Garden's role is.

Seeking input from Carolyn Wortman who runs the food pantry and Janet Kern who is Redeemer's liaison to the Interfaith Garden, they concluded that while the quantity of produce the Giving Garden provides may pale compared to that provided by other donors, our on-site garden plays a unique and valuable role as a hands-on classroom where the Redeemer children learn creation care hands on by participating in planting day and volunteering with their parents to tend the garden over the summer.

Looking to enhance and expand on this unique aspect of their ministry, the team reached out to Evelyn Hausslein, who leads Redeemer's Bristol Lodge ministry and Rev. Andrew who coordinates the formation programs. Together they are

developing a new project which will involve using vegetables harvested in the Giving Garden to prepare a dish for the Bristol Lodge clients. This exciting program will help teach our children yet another aspect of creation care - caring for our neighbors.

To help accomplish these new goals and provide for future generations of the Giving Garden, the leadership team has approached the vestry with a modest expansion plan which was approved in March.

After four years, the time has come to replace the raised beds in the garden. The expansion proposal calls for expanding the size of the existing 4x8' beds to address issues of plant crowding and to enclose the garden with a fence that will keep the rabbits from out of the garden. The Giving Garden team is currently working with the Property Committee to determine the proper dimensions to achieve their goals without encroaching on the Memorial Garden space or using up too much of the lawn space used for outdoor events. The proposed fencing will have the added benefit of improving the appearance of the garden as it will match the style of the existing LPC fence that borders the garden.

This proves to be an exciting year for the Giving Garden and there will be much work to do. We invite you to join us in any capacity you are able and willing to help. We will need volunteers to help build the new beds and fencing in the next few weeks and soon we will be looking for sign-ups for weekly volunteer slots for the summer.

Please email James M. Surprenant at jmsurprenant@gmail.com or give him a call at 617-595-6207 with your thoughts, ideas and offers to help.

by James M. Surprenant

Parishioner Profile

Meet Kathy Mockett!

Kathy Mockett has been a friendly face and active in various ministries at the Church of Our Redeemer since she first joined in 1978. Most recently she created the new name badges for everyone and five years ago it was her inspiration and initiative that launched the COOR Giving Garden. She is often 'on the go' with her husband John Oberteuffer, but she found time this month to sit down with me to share with us the story of her life.

Kathy grew up in Short Hills, New Jersey, and attended public schools there as a child. She remembers Short Hills as a very Republican town that had only one church, which was Episcopal. Kathy's father grew up in England and emigrated to the United States alone at the age of seventeen. Kathy's mother grew up in Scotland and emigrated with her family. Kathy was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Louisiana and attended the Episcopal Church in Short Hills.

Kathy fondly recalls the formative role of the church and how it served as the center of the community. "Everyone in school went to same church, sang in the choir, attended Sunday school together and joined the youth group. It was fun, the whole town went to church when I was little."

Kathy attended Sweet Briar College in Virginia, an all-women's school with an excellent math program. Her first love is language and she spent her junior year in France. She majored in mathematics and French.

Kathy is now retired but spent 35 years working in the computer software business as a self-employed consultant. She designed, programed and installed a variety of inventory, accounting and finance packages for IBM mainframes. She recalls the software industry niche she was in as being a high-risk environment and spending many a New Year's Eve at work.

She loved the challenges of her work: to develop the best systems and dig through thousands of lines of code to find a bug. She worked with many languages such as COBOL and assembler and she really loved the people she worked with. She retired after Y2K, but continued working as a tutor in French, Italian and Spanish for the next 12 years.



Kathy has two adult children from her first marriage: Alyson MacInnes and Amanda Palmer, and two stepchildren from her marriage to John: Lisa and Karl.

Alyson is a molecular biologist doing basic cancer research investigating leukemia in children. She lives in Utrecht in the Netherlands with her husband. Many members of the Redeemer community know that her youngest daughter, Amanda Palmer, is a popular musician and songwriter. She is the co-founder of the duo The Dresden Dolls and now also tours as a solo artist. Amanda is married to writer Neil Gaiman.

Karl and Lisa shared their growing up years with Kathy and John and their mom, Inez. Kathy has been their stepmom ever since they were 6 and 8, respectively. Today Lisa is married and teaches in a performing arts school in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The couple have a 7-year old son, Ronan.

Both Alyson and Amanda attended Redeemer with Kathy all through their school years, spending time in the youth group and singing with her in the choir from age 6 to 16.

Tragedy struck Kathy and John's family when Karl contracted amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and passed away at the age of twenty-seven, four years after being diagnosed. The loss was very difficult for the family, but Kathy takes comfort seeing that Karl's spirit lives on in his three sisters. Karl wanted to be a scientist, loved English and Kathy says he definitely encouraged Amanda to pursue her love of music.

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Parishioner Profile

In addition to being active in the Redeemer community, Kathy also participates in events at First Parish Unitarian Church, where John is an active member. Kathy enjoys participating in both churches. She likes the focus on the community in the Unitarian Church and she feels very comfortable practicing her faith at Redeemer.

I asked Kathy about the inspiration to create the Giving Garden at Redeemer five years ago. She recalled being in church one Sunday the October before starting the garden and hearing Jesus' charge in the Gospel to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. She knew that through Habitat, Redeemer was sheltering the homeless and participated in various clothing drives. But what about feeding the hungry? She felt the call right then and immediately reached out to see what we could do with some of the vast unused lawn space. She enlisted the help of Alan Kalf and the next spring the first Giving Garden was planted with two raised beds. Five years later the Giving Garden is going strong and is planning an expansion this year (See related article.)

These days Kathy and John spend time visiting family in Santa Fe, Scotland, Holland, and

France. One of their favorite places to visit is France as they both speak French fairly well.

They both enjoy research and discovering their family histories. Kathy is collaborating with many other "cousins" putting together a huge family tree of all the families in the south end of the Isle of Skye around the 1700s and 1800s. John is writing a book about his grandfather, the impressionist painter, George Oberteuffer.

Kathy also enjoys spending time with John at their little house on Cape Cod, going to art movies, and seeing her girlfriends. She also goes to the gym, swims, and practices yoga. Indulging her love of languages, Kathy also participates in a French conversation group and a Spanish book group.

Their home, which they share with their two cats, Shadow and Vacca, is the old historical Muzzey house. It was built in 1835 at the corner of Mass Ave and Grant Street. The Muzzey family were one of the five founding families of Lexington. In 1913, Clifford Muzzey had the family home cut in half and moved to its current location on Glen Road South.

by James M. Surprenant





Help Fold Bulletins for Holy Week and Easter!

We have lots of wonderful services planned. This means, lots of bulletins, and only one pair of hands to do all the folding!

Folding day is Wednesday, April 16. Any time you can spare is greatly appreciated and light refreshments will be served!

Please contact the Church Office to volunteer, office@our-redeemer.net or 781-862-6408.

Redeemer Knitters

Redeeming Knitters will meet on Thursday, April 12th at 730 pm in the Handley Library. We will be making hats, mittens, scarves and prayer shawls.

Redeemer Knitters welcomes new recruits. Join us or speak to Susan Burkhardt for more information.

Parish Yard Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 26 8:00am to noon

Dress in your work clothes, and bring gloves, a rake, if you've got one, and energy to jump start the glorious days of summer!

Altar Flower Donations

You can sign up online, <http://tinyurl.com/n57yew2>, to donate altar flowers, or at the church on the sign-up sheets located in the hallway.

Please remember to drop-off or mail your \$45 check to the Church Office. The check is payable to Church of Our Redeemer.

If you have any questions, please call or email Lisa Bozkurtian, 781-862-6408 or office@our-redeemer.net.

Liturgy Team

Redeemer is looking for new members to serve on the monthly liturgy teams that support our Sunday worship services.

This is an opportunity to learn about the celebration of the Eucharist, as well as build fellowship within the Redeemer community. Our goal is to achieve 100 percent parishioner participation of all ages.

If you would like to serve or have questions, please contact Charlie Coons at 781-861-7067 or email coonsfamily224@yahoo.com.

Write for Redeeming Features!



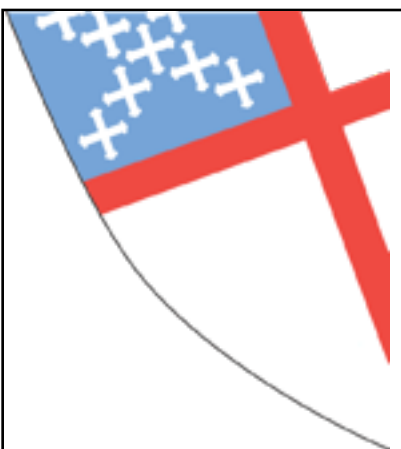
We are always looking for parish news items and monthly features.

Contact James at RF@our-redeemer.net

Calendar

APRIL 2014

WEDNESDAY	2	12:00 PM Noon day Eucharist
SATURDAY	5	9:00 AM Diocesan convention to elect our next bishop
SUNDAY	6	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Life's Journey Service w/ Brookhaven 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation - Aging & Dying Part IV, Funeral Planning 12:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
MONDAY	7	7:30 PM Redeemer Singers concert at Brookhaven-at-Lexington 7:30 PM Church Community Team Meeting 7:30 PM Property Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	8	12:00 PM Noon day Eucharist
THURSDAY	10	7:30 PM Redeeming Kniters
SUNDAY	13	PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
TUESDAY	15	RF DEADLINE FOR MAY - send your content: RF@our-redeemer.net
WEDNESDAY	16	9:00 AM Holy Week/Easter Bulletin Folding
THURSDAY	17	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service 9:00 PM Overnight Vigil
FRIDAY	18	GOOD FRIDAY 10:00 AM Children's Good Friday Service 7:30 PM Good Friday Service
SATURDAY	19	HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 PM Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	20	EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
MONDAY	21	OFFICE CLOSED (Patriots Day) 5:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 7:30 PM Finance Meeting
TUESDAY	22	OFFICE CLOSED (Easter Monday transferred)
SATURDAY	26	8:00 AM Spring yard clean up
SUNDAY	27	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting
MONDAY	28	1:30 PM Cook for Bristol Lodge 7:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	30	7:30 PM Vestry Meeting



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Church of Our Redeemer, are a warm and welcoming Christian community of faith and a parish of the Episcopal Church. As members of the worldwide community of Christians, we accept God's call to be Christ's living presence through the celebration of the Eucharist and the sharing of the Gospel.

With God's grace, we are dedicated to creating a community that listens to one another, that encourages strong leadership and participation among our members, and that fosters trust by recognizing each person's gifts.

We are committed to ministering to one another and to nurturing our spiritual growth so that we may go forth to serve Christ in Lexington and other communities in which we live and work.

Further, we are committed to contributing to the work of Christ throughout the world.

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