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Greetings from Rev. Andrew Goldhor

Go with your love to the fields.

Lie down in the shade. Rest your head

in her lap. Swear allegiance

to what is nighest your thoughts.

As soon as the generals and the politicians

can predict the motions of your mind,

lose it. Leave it as a sign

to mark the false trail, the way

you didn't go. Be like the fox

who makes more tracks than necessary,

some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

Dear Friends,

I attended a wedding recently. During the reception, a mutual friend of the couple read this poem, *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*. The final stanza is printed above. The poet, Wendell Berry, is an American novelist, poet, environmental activist and farmer. The final line resounded in my ears, "Practice resurrection" After the resurrection of Jesus on Easter day, we read of his appearances to the disciples for the following days until his ascension to heaven some fifty days later. In these resurrection appearances Jesus reconciled with his friends who had deserted him in the hours of his persecution and crucifixion in Jerusalem, ate and drank with his followers, unfolded the scriptures, and prepared his followers for ministry in his name.

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Greetings from Rev. Andrew (continued)

As we celebrate the fifty days of Easter, we too look for the risen Jesus to be in our midst. Graduating high schoolers are looking forward to big changes and challenges in their lives. Three teenagers are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at the end of May at Emmanuel Church in Boston. The Diocese of Massachusetts is welcoming a new bishop, the Rev. Alan Gates, who will be consecrated in the fall. Redeemer leaders are working together to move forward with our campaign to revision our Great Hall and facilities in general. And all of us are seeking to know how God is moving in our lives. Whether you are leading a Redeemer ministry (or several), attend worship services as you are able, or have not been physically present with the community for an extended period, take time this Easter season to pay attention to what God is doing in your world, and to practice resurrection.

Peace,

Andrew



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.

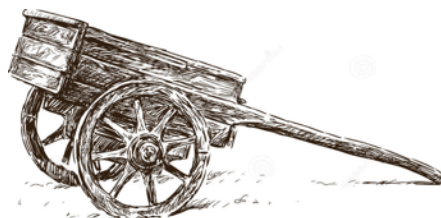
If you have any questions, please call or email Lisa Bozkurtian, 781-862-6408 or office@our-redeemer.net.

Redeemer at the Interfaith Garden

Sign Up Now!

The Lexington Interfaith Garden is a large organic garden located at 5 Harrington Road, near the Lexington Battle Green. Over thirteen faith communities share in tending the garden twice per week from April through October, providing organic produce for donation to the Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry. Last year over 1500 pounds and over 50 varieties of produce were harvested and given to the food pantry.

Dates for Redeemer volunteers to work in the Interfaith Garden have been set through June, and remaining workday's are on the following Saturdays: April 26, May 10, May 31, June 14 and June 28. Redeemer has committed two people for each of our assigned dates, so please sign up here: http://bit.ly/IG_SignUp2 if you want to get digging in the dirt to grow food for the Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry. Call or email Janet Kern with questions: janet@mackhillfarm.org



Music News



Congratulations to our adult choir for its successful community initiative last month in collaborating with the Lexington Chorale at Brookhaven. In observance of Lent, 60 plus singers graced our sanctuary on a Sunday morning to present service music on the theme of **"Life's Journeys,"** followed the next evening by a full length public concert on the same theme for the Brookhaven community in Lexington. Both events were well attended. For all those participating, and based on accounts from congregation and audience members, the venture was a big success.



Thank you to our Atrium Singers, Adult Choir, guest musicians and adjunct singers who joined forces for Holy Week and Easter services. Job well done by all! Your contributions are much appreciated!

Coming up:

The music committee will meet Sunday **May 4th at Noon, in Room 208** to review and evaluate the music program of 2013-2014, and to look ahead to planning for 2014-2015. The meeting is open to all who are interested in coming. If you can not attend, but you'd like to send us feedback, or give us suggestions, please contact any member of the music committee:

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Atrium Singers present their last musical offering for the season on Sunday, **May 18th**, when they will sing two pieces by Mark Patterson. **Adult Choir** presents anthems by Alice Parker, William Byrd, Paul Christiansen, William Croft, and Benedetto Marcello, before ending for the season on Pentecost Sunday June 8th. Please join us in thanking all of Redeemer's musicians on **Music Appreciation Sunday, June 1st**, when Bernadette will also give a music-themed sermon for that day.



MEN, MEN, MEN, MEN!! - It's that time of year... Once again, **ALL** the men of the parish are invited to present the musical offering on **Father's Day, June 15th**. There will be ONE rehearsal, the preceding Sunday, June 8th, with Bernadette, from 11:15-11:45 in the Choral Room 208. Interested singers are welcomed to join us, regardless of musical background. We had a good-sized group of varying experience last year (our initial attempt...), and you sounded wonderful! Again, this year's music will be easily learned in one rehearsal.

Lastly, it's not too early to begin thinking about what musical talents you, or your family members, want to contribute for **Summer Musical Offerings** in July and August, as our choir takes its well-deserved break. All styles of vocal or instrumental contributions are welcomed on the **Redeemer Roster**. Contact Bernadette to discuss a date, and music specifics.

Realizing Our Vision

Room for the Spirit, Room for All

CREATOR GOD, who has given us magnificent space prepared over thousands of years in which to take joy and to do the work of your Kingdom. Be with us now as we stand on the literal threshold of change in our Great Hall. You know the hopes within each of our hearts, as we step into the next creation, not only of this space, but of each of our souls in this congregation and in those we serve. Let us take new joy in every unfolding of our dream, and in the future let us take our shoes off humbly, proudly and with eagerness to walk, jump and dance together with you in this holy space. **AMEN**

It is time for us to make our vision a reality! Over the last two years we have participated in inclusive and prayerful discernment and are ready to embrace the opportunity to create a truly welcoming space for all. The Realizing our Vision Campaign Team is excited to kick off our parish-wide efforts to bring our Great Hall and kitchen up to 21st century standards. A modern space will ensure that we have room to: welcome everyone, be a base for outreach and Mission activities in Lexington and beyond, and be a place where our parish members can come together as a community.

There is much more information to come, but most importantly right now, the Realizing our Vision Campaign team would like to invite everyone to attend our **kick off event** on **Saturday, May 31 at 6 p.m.** in our Great Hall. Celebrate this exciting time for our community with dinner and dancing to Highway 49 playing classic oldies and featuring our own Randy Bowlby with Linda Kukolich, Murray Daniels, and Jamie Burnside!

There is no cost to attend this event, but it's very important for planning purposes that you let us know you'll be able to attend. Invitations will be coming, but it's never too early to RSVP! To RSVP, you may email kickoffparty@our-redeemer.net. We look forward to seeing you there!

Help us to work together to ensure that the Church of Our Redeemer can continue to be a place that welcomes everyone, a place that serves as God's hands in the world, and a place for the Holy Spirit to be felt and heard.



Mission News

Annual Pancake Breakfast a Success!!

Young and old alike came out on Monday, April 21 (the day after Easter!) to show support for the **Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry**. Redeemer was excited to have the chance to welcome 273 adults and 109 children to the Great Hall for our Annual Patriots' Day Pancake Breakfast.

Led by the Three Musketeers, including Charlie Coons, Hao Doan, and Sam Stevens, many Redeemer volunteers participated to make it all possible. From shopping, to setting up tables on Saturday, to waking up early to flip pancakes, direct traffic, or collect the money, to coming in as needed relief on clean up duty – it would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers, and the whole community would like to offer thanks for the contributions and good cheer of all! This hard work earned Redeemer's pancakes and sausage the *Lexington Minuteman's* highest rating!

We are excited to announce that the pancake breakfast brought in over \$2,400, and are excited to pass on the net profits of that to the Food Pantry. The Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry, which operates out of our own Great Hall, opened its doors in 1990. Currently, the Food Pantry is open Saturday mornings and distributes food to 60-65 families from Lexington, Winchester, and Lincoln. The Food Pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers and relies on donations from the Lexington community. Food bins are placed around the church. Check out Redeemer's weekly e-announcements for the "Food Item of the Month." Please consider making a contribution to the Food Pantry part of your weekly or monthly routine. Supporting the Food Pantry is a great opportunity for us to support our neighbors in need.

-by Sarah Ritchie Conrad



Patriots Day 2014



Ministry Profile

Redeemer Knitters – Doing Good While Having Fun!

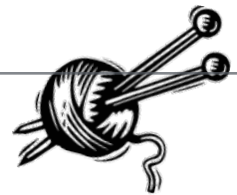
If you've ever found yourself at Redeemer on a Tuesday morning and heard gales of laughter issuing from the Handley Library, you've probably stumbled upon a "meeting" of the Redeemer Knitters.

The Knitters, who first came together about three years ago, consists of about fifteen parishioners of all different knitting skill levels. Interest in the group has increased to the point that they now have both Tuesday morning and Thursday evening sessions to which drop-ins are always welcomed. The group is completely informal although its activities are coordinated by Sue Burkhardt and Evelyn Hausslein.

All the knitted creations of the group are given away to support the mission of the parish. Beautiful scarf-like prayer shawls are knitted and given to the clergy who take them to the sick and disabled as symbols of the love and support of the parish. The Knitters also produce most of the hats, scarfs and mittens that adorn the parish Mitten Tree during Christmastide and are later given to the Grow Clinic.

The Knitters also reach out beyond the walls of the parish. They have shared knitting patterns with St. Andrew's parish in Wellesley and collected yarn for the Walnut Street School. A member of the group has even coached acting students at Tufts University who needed to be able to knit during an opera they were producing.

The Knitters welcome all members of the parish regardless of their knitting skills, or lack thereof. They claim that there's not a truly expert knitter in the group although some members of the group recently attended a private lesson, "Mittens 101", that was given by Mary Ann Wedlock of 'The Knitten' Kitten store in Cambridge. During their meetings the more experienced knitters work with those just beginning and serve as knitting problem solvers.



Redeemer Knitters

Meet monthly on the
first Tuesday and the
second Thursday

May Meetings

Tuesday, May 6
Thursday, May 8th



The Knitters claim that one of the advantages of knitting is that you can chat while doing it and the social interaction and fellowship that result is one of the main reasons the group has flourished. Members point out that joining the Knitters is a wonderful way for newcomers to get to know people and learn about the parish.

by Duncan MacQueen

Mission News

Redeemer Greeners Clean Church Yard and Install New Fence

Saturday, April 26th was another rainy and raw spring morning in Lexington, but that did not deter the Redeemer Greeners from their annual spring garden clean-up. Flower beds along the Memorial Garden, Labyrinth, along the sides of the church and along the property were cleared of weeds and debris and fresh black mulch was spread. The Giving Garden expansion project also got underway that morning as fence installer Jim Rawls worked with the Redeemer volunteers to install the split rail fence that will enclose the Giving Garden starting this year.

Work began at 7:30 AM and the wet weather did not deter the spirits of the volunteers which included John Bernhard, Steve Burns, Lance and Janie Conrad, Christopher Huggins, Bob King, Donna Moltroup, Jim Neumann, James Surprenant, John Worrell, John Wright Jr and John Wright III. Working together the team made short work of their tasks and the majority of the work had concluded by 10:30 AM.



Spring Yard Clean Up



Palm Sunday 2014



REDEEMER CANDIDS



The Great Vigil of Easter



Parishioner Profile

Meet Peter Jacoby!

If you've seen the new Church of Redeemer website (www.redeemer.net) than you have firsthand the handiwork of Redeemer parishioner Peter Jacoby. (And haven't seen it yet, you should!) Peter was the creative force behind the design and development of our redesigned Redeemer homepage which has quickly become the go-to place to learn all about what is happening at the Church of our Redeemer. But, who is Peter Jacoby?



Peter spent the first 10 years of his life in Ann Arbor, MI where he was "indoctrinated into Big Ten sports." When he was in 5th grade his family moved to Belmont where he lived until leaving for college. Peter attended Belmont High School and Middlebury College in Vermont.

Peter met his wife-to-be, Jeanne, when they were students at Middlebury. They had both grown up in the Boston area - Jeanne in Burlington and Peter in Belmont. After graduation they moved back to the area - first to Somerville and then Brookline.

Peter and Jeanne married in 2004 back on the Middlebury campus by the head of the religion department who was an ordained Episcopal priest. Peter and Jeanne hadn't decided on the Episcopal Church at this point, but Peter reflects that it was a nice coincidence that the presiding minister's background "fit" where they were headed religiously.

Their family had been living in Vermont from 2005-2009 and occasionally attended the Episcopal Church near their home in Quechee, VT. In 2009 they moved back to Massachusetts and in 2010 moved to Belmont.

Peter and Jeanne came from divergent religious traditions. Peter was raised Jewish and Jeanne's

family was Catholic. Peter recalls of his upbringing, "while it was an important part of our family, we (like many American Jews) were more culturally Jewish than religiously so. We would celebrate major holidays and were active members of Beth El Temple in Belmont, but didn't regularly attend weekly services." Peter was Bar Mitzvah'd when he was 13, an important milestone for Jewish

children, but after that his connection to the Jewish faith slowly faded, another common occurrence for teenagers and young adults. Growing up Catholic, Jeanne was very active at St. Malachy's in Burlington. By the time the couple met in college neither was very connected to their parents' faiths. Peter had drifted away from organized religion, and Jeanne had become frustrated by the Catholic Church social teachings.

During their wedding planning they were living in Brookline where we occasionally attended All Saint's Parish. They discovered that the Episcopal Church was a good fit for them as a young couple combining the structure and formality to which Jeanne was accustomed along with the social values (female clergy, gay marriage, and interfaith inclusion) that were important to both of them. As they put together their wedding ceremony incorporating both Christian and Jewish traditions, they learned how much we shared in common on our views on religious observance.

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Parishioner Profile

Today they have two daughters, Hannah, 6 years old, is in the first grade and Caroline is two. Hannah did and Caroline does attend Lexington Playcare Center downstairs in the church, so they spend a lot of time at the Redeemer building. Both Peter and Jeanne love the care provided at LPC and hope to foster more connections between Redeemer and LPC.

Peter and his wife Jeanne first came to Redeemer in 2011 when Hannah was ready for religious education. Peter loves the warmth and welcoming atmosphere at Redeemer which originally attracted them to our faith community and continues to impress him. For a family with young children, Peter and Jeanne feel the presence of the soft space in the back is a big deal, showing that the community values that children are a part of the service. According to Peter, they “have attended services elsewhere where young children are not as welcome during the service and it makes us appreciate how inclusive Redeemer is.”

At this point in his life, Peter states that he doesn't really identify with one faith. “While I feel very connected to Redeemer as a contributing member of the community, I don't share the same religious beliefs. The way I am welcomed and included in the church is one of the things that impress me most about Redeemer.”

Peter works as a software engineer. After seven years at the GPS company, TomTom, he recently started a new job at Novartis, the pharmaceutical company based in Cambridge. His work involves developing web applications to help research scientists track their projects during the drug discovery process.

I asked Peter what he loves about his work and he told me that he loves “helping people solve problems. In my current role that involves building

web-based software to help make the Novartis research process as efficient as possible. I don't understand much of the science around me, but I'm fascinated by it. I can contribute to developing revolutionary medical treatments by giving the scientists the technical applications to do their jobs.”

Peter recalls that about a year ago he responded to a church announcement about a new website. Since he creates and manages websites professionally, he figured it would be a good way to use my skills and to become more involved in the church community. Working with Nancy Grayson and Kate during the fall and winter, they made decisions on the content and technical framework for a new website and they launched it in March. Peter says it was a really enjoyable process, and he is very pleased with the result. “I think we made a great choice with WordPress as a technical framework as it has been flexible enough for needs while being simple to maintain. I hope to see the website grow in the coming months and years and adapt to meet the changing needs of the community.”

Peter's “free time” is family time. He loves being a parent, and has a lot of fun with his girls. Other than that, his biggest hobby is soccer. He plays coaches and watches as much as possible (which he says is never enough). “Part of the reason you don't see me at Redeemer in the spring and fall months is I play on a men's league team that plays Sunday mornings. It's a very high-quality league and I have enjoyed staying connected to a sport I love.”

Peter also coaches Hannah's 1st grade team which has been a lot of fun for him as he is introducing kids to the sport he loves.

If anyone is interested in keeping up with my kids (and my take on parenting) I keep a blog at www.peter.jacoby.name

Ministry News



Seeking Green (and Not-So-Green) Thumbs!

Giving Garden Shepherds: The Redeemer Giving Garden provides nutritious and delicious vegetables and herbs for our neighbors. Won't you consider volunteering for a week of service watering, weeding and harvesting this year

The Green Team (mowers): It's once again, time to think about Redeemer's lawn. We are looking to save the church precious resources by cutting the lawn ourselves, and need volunteers to help out. We organize into small teams to cut and trim the lawn and generally cut on Saturday mornings. Training on the riding mower is provided!

Memorial and Labyrinth Garden Caretakers: This is a new volunteer opportunity to weed and provide some TLC to both these areas.

You may sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities by accessing the volunteer page of our website: <http://www.our-redeemer.net/church-life/volunteer-sign-up/>

Redeemer Knitters

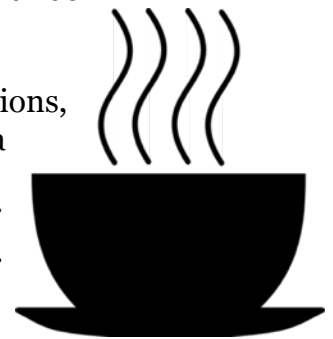
Redeeming Knitters will meet on Tuesday, May 6th at 9:30 am and Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 pm in the Handley Library. We will be making hats, mittens, scarves and prayer shawls.

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

Take Them a Meal

We are looking for volunteers to serve a hearty lunch on Sundays to a parishioner, right after the church service. If you are interested, please go to www.takethemameal.com. The name is Barret and the password is 5150. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Burns at 978-667-0006. Thanks so much in advance!!

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



Food Pantry volunteer needed!

One volunteer needed to pick up donation at Panera, Alewife, one Friday night per month at 10:00 pm and deliver to the Food Pantry at 8:30 am on Saturday. Any night owls out there? Contact Carolyn, carolynwortman@verizon.net.

Write for Redeeming Features!

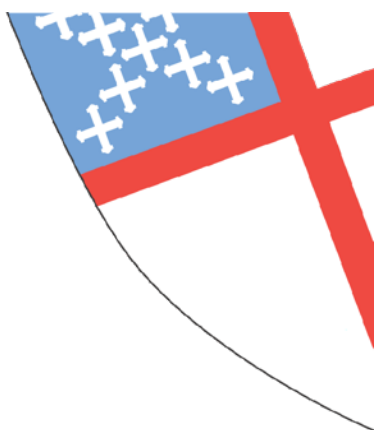


We are always looking for parish news items and monthly features.

Contact James at RF@our-redeemer.net

Calendar

MAY 2014		
SUNDAY	4	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Youth Sunday 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Adult Formation - Education for Ministry 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Meeting
MONDAY	5	7:30 PM ROV Training Meeting
TUESDAY	6	9:30 AM Redeeming Kniters
THURSDAY	8	7:30 PM Redeeming Kniters
SUNDAY	11	MOTHER'S DAY, ROGATION SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Blessing of Giving Garden & Seeds 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Adult Formation
MONDAY	12	7:30 PM Property Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	14	7:00 PM Alewife Deanery Meeting
THURSDAY	15	DEADLINE FOR JUNE RF ARTICLES - email RF@our-redeemer.net
SATURDAY	17	6:00 PM El Hogar Fundraising Dinner
SUNDAY	18	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Christian Formation and Acolyte Recognition Sunday (last day for child/youth formation) 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Adult Formation 12:00 PM Executive Committee meeting
MONDAY	19	7:30 PM Finance Committee meeting
WEDNESDAY	21	6:30 PM Vestry Dinner & Meeting
SUNDAY	25	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Givng Garden Planting Day
MONDAY	26	MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 1:30 PM Cook for Bristol Lodge 7:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	29	ASCENSION DAY
SATURDAY	31	10:30 AM Confirmation (at Emmanuel Church, Boston) 6:00 PM Great Hall Campaign Kick Off Dinner



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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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