



# Redeeming Features

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## Greetings from Rev. Kate Ekrem

Dear friends,

It's strange to think this will be my last Redeeming Features letter to you before my sabbatical this fall

The first time I went on a sabbatical, at my previous parish, it was at the same time of year September through November. At that parish, like many others, people weren't very regular about church attendance in the summer and tended to drift back to church sometime in September or even October. Imagine my surprise when I returned in November and someone asked me "So, isn't your sabbatical coming up soon? When do you leave?" Apparently I was not missed!

I feel confident that Redeemer also will barely notice I'm away for three short months while your wonderful vestry and many, many lay leaders continue to do God's work here with the help and support of Andrew and an interim priest associate. That priest, I'm very pleased to announce, will be the Rev. Frank Fornaro, who recently retired from a long ministry as Rector of St. Paul's in Bedford and was dean of our Alewife Deanery. Many of you know Frank and I'm sure you will love having him at Redeemer to be available for any pastoral needs. He will also be assisting Andrew in worship leadership on Sundays and providing any advice and support he can. Andrew will be our clergy in charge while I'm away, and the vestry has said this will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know him even better.

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## Greetings from Rev. Kate (continued)

This past year, a sabbatical planning committee has been meeting regularly to make sure we plan adequately for a smooth fall. That group has been Mary Ucci, Bob King, Frank Kern, and Nancy Grayson. Many thanks to them for helping to think through all the possible issues and helping the vestry create a strong plan.

One question many have asked is: what about the Great Hall renovation? Our timeline is such that not much is actually going to happen while I'm away -- that will be the point at which the architect will be working hard on making up construction drawings. No construction will occur until well after I return. We have a fantastic Building Committee – George Murnaghan, Lance Conrad, and Christopher Huggins with other members to be added soon – who have a huge depth of knowledge about building issues and will be making sure everything rolls along smoothly.

One thing that the sabbatical committee helped me think about is, what would happen if a beloved parishioner happened to pass away while I was on sabbatical? This is often one of the hardest decisions for a clergy person to make. After much discussion, we decided that in the case of death of active parishioner, Andrew will plan and lead the funeral and be main pastoral contact for family. After all, he will be clergy person in charge. I will privately reach out to the family as needed, and will attend the funeral and sit in a pew. I will want to be there for my own sake to mourn someone I care about. Between Nov 2 and Nov 21 I will be in Jerusalem and not able to return, but will reach out to the family when I get back.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns about these plans or other details (many of which can be found in the sabbatical brochures put together by the vestry, which are available at church and on the church web site) please don't hesitate to talk to me or any member of the vestry.

Peace and blessings,

### 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](mailto:office@our-redeemer.net).

### PENTECOST

On Sunday June 8 we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear **RED** to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit.

If you speak (or even just read) a language other than English and would be willing to help out with the simultaneous multilingual reading of the Pentecost story, please contact Kate or email the church office.



## Music News

**Music Appreciation Sunday THIS Sunday, June 1st**, when our music director and others will give a music-themed sermon. In addition, **Atrium Singers** and **Adult Choir** members will each be recognized for their amazing gifts of song over this past year. The choir breaks for the summer after Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.

**MEN, MEN, MEN, MEN!!** 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.

**Outdoor "Guitar" Service Sunday June 22nd.** Calling all guitarists, bass players, and others playing "outdoor-appropriate" instruments -- You are invited to join Bernadette in accompanying the music for this morning's outdoor service. Please **let Bernadette know by June 8th** whether you plan to participate, and what instrument you play, so she can coordinate the music and rehearsing. We may have another service of this type (indoors or out...) during the summer, if enough players are interested, and available on one date...

Think about what musical talents you, or your family members, might 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**. Names and dates are already flowing in, so do contact Bernadette to discuss a date, and music specifics, as she will be confirming the summer music schedule by mid-June.

**Heads UP!!** - Beginning in Fall, 2014 - 2015

Our Adult Choir's regular **weekly rehearsal night** is moving from Wednesday to **Tuesday, same time 7:30-9:00**. New singers are always welcomed, if you've been wanting to join and have Tuesdays free.

**Lastly, some news!** It's official!! Bernadette is pleased to announce and share with the Redeemer community that beginning July 1st, in addition to her position at Redeemer, she has been offered, and accepted, the position of **Music Teacher at the Esperanza Academy in Lawrence**, a new salaried faculty position created by the Esperanza Board for the 2014-15 academic year. In addition to teaching music classes at the school on Mondays, Bernadette will be responsible for developing and implementing all aspects of Esperanza's music program, including designing an interdisciplinary arts curriculum, establishing collaborations with Lawrence community musicians, and beginning an Esperanza vocal ensemble. She is delighted both to be embarking on this new professional adventure at this stage in her career, while simultaneously being an additional link in Redeemer's connection to this wonderful school. Onward!



### FAREWELL COOKOUT & CELEBRATION

The Murnaghans invite our Redeemer friends to help us say goodbye to Greg Barnhart and Trey, Nancy, Alex and Kate Grayson as they move back to Virginia and Kentucky over the coming weeks. Please join us for a casual cookout and celebration of the time we've shared.

**When: Sunday June 15 from 5pm to 8pm**

**Where: The Murnaghans, 34 Wachusett Drive, Lexington**  
Please RSVP to Beth at [eliordpar@aol.com](mailto:eliordpar@aol.com) to let us know how many to expect. We hope you can join us!

# What your vestry is working on

from the approved minutes from the April 2014 meeting



Senior Warden George Murnaghan and Property Committee chair Lance Conrad listen to parishioner concerns at the May 18 Adult Forum.



Bob King, Peg Wright, Greg Barnhart, and Evelyn Hausslein participate in the May 18 Adult Forum with the vestry.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income was slightly down from pledges in April and expenses were higher because of the need for extra snowplowing

**Property Report:** The dishwasher leak has been repaired and the church fire alarm system will be re-wired. The Lexington Playcare Center will be replacing hood vent and fan in their kitchen. The spring property cleanup along with the Giving Garden fence installation has occurred. Repairs to the front steps and walkway are planned for June and we are receiving bids for exterior painting.

**Mission Committee:** Requests to accept donated funds for completion of the Giving Garden expansion and fence and to place mission envelopes in the pews for Ted Gaiser's June visit were approved.

**Christian Formation Activities:** Adult forums are planned through May, the youth group is planning Youth Sunday and another Atrium teacher is being sought for the fall.

### **Review of Vestry Task Force Groups:**

*The Building Task Force* will be overseeing the work of the ROVT Great Hall renovation and Capital Campaign, communicating with the parish, planning for functioning around construction.

*The Leadership Task Force* will be preparing for the rector's sabbatical along with the Sabbatical Planning Committee.

*The Community Task Force* is working on an IT policy, and surveying church staff and committees regarding their IT needs and usage of website and other communication technologies.

### **Topic of the Month for April: The Great Hall Renovation and Capital Campaign**

The training of solicitor volunteers was scheduled to be held on May 5 with the ROVT kickoff event on May 31. Campaign solicitations will occur in June. A separate fund for receiving donations will be established and the contract for the next phase of architectural design services with Bechtel Established a separate fund to receive donations. Approved the contract for the next phase of architectural design services with Bechtel Frank Erickson.

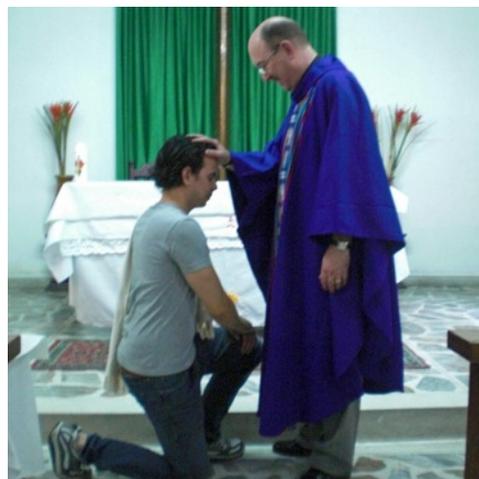
## Mission News

### Ted Gaiser Returns to Redeemer in June

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, our guest celebrant and preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Ted Gaiser, who previously served as our deacon. Last year Ted was ordained to the priesthood and now serves as the Director of Mission Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia.

Ted's focus in 2013 was developing organizational structure, helping increase the capacity of the church to develop mission programs and consulting on mission projects. Missionary work in Colombia is spread across various sites in several communities including Armenia, Bogota, Cali, Cartagena, Cucuta, Faca, Ibague, and Medellin.

Ted will update us on his growing ministry in Colombia at the Adult Forum following worship on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and share with us how we can continue to support his ministry as individuals and a faith community. You can follow Ted's blog at [www.tedabroad.wordpress.com](http://www.tedabroad.wordpress.com).



## Deanery News

The Alewife Deanery met on May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Church in Bedford, MA. The agenda included voting on deanery grants, election of new co-conveners for the deanery, Diocesan Council update, thanksgivings for those leaving the deanery Steering Committee, and celebration of the Eucharist.

The diocese made \$4,000 available for Sending/Serving Grants and \$2,400 for House of Mercy grants for each deanery in the diocese. Sending/Serving Grants which are intended to help support domestic and international programs that enhance the outreach ministries of congregations, supporting the vitality of congregations, youth and urban-ethnic-multicultural ministries were made to seven Alewife churches. House of Mercy grants were awarded to four deanery churches to help support programs and projects that serve women and children in need.

Eliza Menniger of St. Paul's Church in Bedford and Rev. Jonathan T. Eden, the Associate Rector of Christ Church Cambridge were elected as the new co-conveners of the Alewife Deanery, replacing our own Mary Ann Burnside, and Rev. Amy McCreath, both of whom are retiring after having served the maximum two two-year terms. Co-conveners are responsible for scheduling, programming and presiding over the deanery meeting agendas. Mary Ann and Amy were recognized and thanked for their service along with Jackie Drapeau, the Diocesan Staff Liaison, whose term also ended.

The meeting concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist, with Rev. Christopher Wendell presiding.

The next Alewife Deanery meeting will be held in September. If you have more questions about deanery happenings, please be sure to speak to one of Redeemer's deanery representatives: Murray Daniels, Linda Kukolich, Beth Murnaghan, John Steiner, or James Surprenant.



Rev. Amy McCreath and Mary Ann Burnside recognized for their service as Alewife Deanery co-conveners.

### CELEBRATION HONORING BISHOP TOM SHAW

Saturday, June 21, 2014 – 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Pinebank Promontory on Jamaica Pond

Corner of Perkins Street and the Jamaicaway, Jamaica Plain

Everyone in the diocesan community is invited to this celebration honoring Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE as he prepares to retire. A diocesan family picnic and worship celebration on Saturday, June 21 will be the culmination of a Season of Service and Celebration in Bishop Shaw's honor. It will be a tribute to Bishop Shaw to have every congregation of the diocese represented at this joyful and fun celebration. Bishop Frank T. Griswold III will preach, and Bishop Barbara C. Harris will offer her remarks in tribute.

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy; ice cream and beverages will be provided.

## Mission News

### El Hogar Trip Coming Soon



The 2012 Redeemer Mission Team with students at El Hogar in Honduras.

Church of Our Redeemer will once again be sending a mission team to to Escuela Agricola of El Hogar, a farming school for boys ages 12 to 18 located about an hour outside of the capital city of Tegucigalpa in Honduras this July.

The school serves the very poor, which is the only requirement for admission. Students are taught how to farm growing their own corn and beans. Redeemer missionaries work with the students in a variety of ways and will be bringing along blue jeans and other personal items the school requests.

Please watch for announcements for what you can donate to help the students at El Hogar. The ingathering and offering will be on June 29 and July 6 and the team will be commissioned on July 27.

### COOR Awarded Dana Home Foundation Grant



Senior Warden George Murnaghan addresses those in attendance at the Dana Home Foundation award ceremony at the Lexington Depot on May 28.

The Realizing Our Vision team is very grateful to the Dana Home Foundation for awarding a grant of \$50,000 to Redeemer to replace the elevator and improve access to the Food Pantry.

The Dana Home Foundation is a private foundation that provides grants to organizations that provide services to the elderly, with an emphasis on programs that serve seniors in Lexington.

Redeemer was one of eleven recipients of community grants which were awarded at a ceremony at the Lexington Depot on May 28.

The grant recognizes how important the new elevator and dignified access are to fulfill our values and

commitment to the community, particularly for seniors.

The Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry is an important mission activity of our Parish and the elevator replacement will allow seniors and other Food Pantry patrons easier access to receive food assistance each week. The renovation of the Great Hall will also ensure that appropriate storage is available to support the Food Pantry into the future.

Improved access will allow all members of our congregation to participate in worship, fellowship, Christian formation and community events. We are extremely grateful to the Dana Home Foundation for the grant and their partnership in our renovation and accessibility projects.

## Mission News

# Food Pantry Hits the Jackpot!

Every Spring the Lexington Post Office organizes a town wide collection for the Food Pantry. Normally residents receive a postcard announcing the food drive. This year they distributed red plastic bags. Bingo! Apparently, these bags were just what was needed to motivate homeowners to collect and drop off food to the P.O. collection center. On Saturday, May 10th, Post Office personnel delivered two and half times what they collected last year. By 5PM food filled boxes lined the right side of the Great Hall, up along the hallway past the meeting room and out the door to the ramp.



Carolyn reacts to all the donations!

Our own Carolyn Wortman, coordinator of the Food Pantry, was pulling her hair out! (see photo). She commandeered two strong boy scouts to bring everything into the Great Hall, and stood there amazed at the unprecedented quantity.

Over the next week some members of the Food Pantry volunteer staff came in to sort and box the food. Step one was to be sure the can goods were not out of date (a surprising amount was). Step two was to sort by type of food. The last step involved boxing up the food by category to be used in the coming weeks (and months).

Carolyn still needed volunteers to sort the following Saturday. With Bob King's organizational outreach, volunteers from Redeemer came to the rescue on Saturday the 17th.

Thanks to Bob's email plea, David Ekrem, Peter Ekrem, Tom Ekrem, Lucy Ekrem, Charlie Coons, Evelyn Haussein, Connie Parrish, Bill Vogel, Christopher Huggins, Tony Johnson, Ginny Neuman, Steve and Cathy Burns, Bonnie Ramage, and Randy Bowlby all volunteered to finish the sorting and boxing.  
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Donations from the postal service drive line the wall of the Great Hall.



Dave Ekrem and Charlie Coons sort food donations.

## Mission News

### Food Pantry, *continued*

Also volunteering were Regina and Andy Rockefeller, Ashley Rooney and her two grandchildren , Peter and Chrissy Benson, along with Mary Etta King.

Everything was completed by early afternoon. You will notice the boxes lining the walls of the Great Hall behind the movable partitions and in the stairway leading to the back of the church.

- by Christopher Huggins



Thanks to all those who volunteered to help sort!

### DONATE FOOD STAPLES *June Food of the Month*

The June Food of the Month is

### **PEANUT BUTTER**

16 or 18 oz jars

Please bring a donation this month; bins are available in the side stairwell and by the office window.

Visit the website to learn more:  
[www.lexingtonfoodpantry.wordpress.com](http://www.lexingtonfoodpantry.wordpress.com).

*Thank you!*



### *It's time to pre-register for* **REDEEMER'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL WEEKEND**

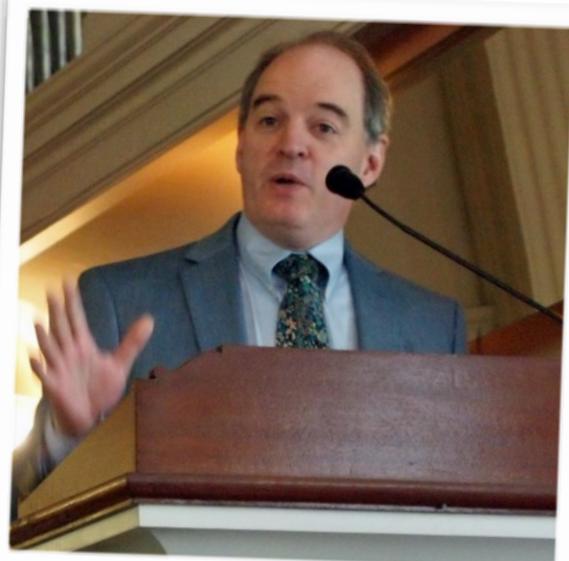
September 26-28, 2014

We will soon be taking reservations for our tenth anniversary all-parish Redeemer Fall Weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center in Greenfield, NH. There are a limited number of adult cabins and lodge rooms available so those who pre-register will likely get their first choice. If you know you will be attending please pre-register now online at this link, or call Janet Kern (781 861-7102) or Connie Parrish (781 863-5825)



# REDEEMER CANDIDS

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION RECOGNITION**  
Peter Koso addresses the congregation on May 18, Christian Formation Appreciation Day when we celebrated our wonderful formation leaders in the Atrium and youth programs and all the hard work they have done this year.



**ACOLYTE RECOGNITION**  
During worship on May 18, our acolytes were recognized with ribbons and crosses signifying their years of service. The 2013-14 Team is:  
Front: Keira Fox, Henry Lozier, Ashley Wright, Sofia Koso Tom Ekrem.  
Back: Rev. Andrew Goldhor, Thanh Dona, Andra Doan, Alex Grayson, Joe Williams, Kate Grayson, Kate Williams, Eliza Koso  
Not pictured: Christie Burnside, Colin Cantwell, Brendan Cantwell, Pamela Chiakpo, John A. Wright, Jr. (Director)

**DINNER FOR 8**  
Claudia and David Cooper hosted Ellen Cosgrove, James Surprenant, Helene and Christopher Huggins and Nancy and Trey Grayson for their final Dinner for Eight event on May 17, 2014.





# REDEEMER CANDIDS

**LEMONADE SALE**  
The Redeemer Youth raised over \$60 for the Lexington Food Pantry selling lemonade on the bike trail on May 18th.



**ROGATION SUNDAY**  
Children line the new Giving Garden fence during the blessing of the garden and seeds on Rogation Sunday, May 11th.

**ACOLYTE "GO TIME"**  
The Acolyte team (Ashley Wright, Pam Chiakpo, Eliza Koso, and Henry Lozier, clockwise from lower left) is ready to go before worship on Easter Morning!



## Parishioner Profile

# Meet Cathy Burns!

This month's Parishioner Profile is Cathy Burns, a life-long member of Church of Our Redeemer who shares some of her memories of growing up in our faith community.

Cathy recalled fleeting memories of different events from when she was young such as "being in the youth choir and singing a solo in church. I remember attending a children's service in the Great Hall and I arranged the flowers for the altar. I remember attending "Sunday" School on Thursday afternoons, after school."

She also remembered Reverend Handley very well and said she was in awe of him. "He had a commanding voice and I remember his sermons being very long - but I was a kid, so who knows whether they were really that long!"

Some of Cathy's other fond memories included our many ministers and interim ministers over the years and what they accomplished here: Ted Petersen, Jep Streit, Retired Bishop Ben Arnold, Ted Todd, and Alden Flanders to name just a few. I asked Cathy about what it was like to grow up in Lexington when she did. She told me that her parents moved to Lexington from Baltimore in 1963, when she was 5 years old. In Baltimore they lived close to Cathy's maternal grandparents and her father was an engineer and he got a job in Massachusetts. She recalls her father commuting from Baltimore for a while and eventually her mother moved up here to be with him.

Cathy's parents separated a year or so later and divorced when she was a teenager. Today her mother lives in Billerica and my dad now lives in Sedona, Arizona. Cathy has a younger brother, Joel who is married and lives in West Springfield, and a younger sister, Sue, who lives in the Baltimore area, near her daughter and her husband.

Cathy attended three elementary schools in Lexington, Franklin, Fiske, and Bridge School and attended Diamond Junior High (now Diamond Middle School) for 3 years and Lexington High School for 3 years. Her freshman year was spent at



Diamond, doing double sessions while the Clarke School was being built.

I asked Cathy what role did faith and religion play in her life growing up. She told me that, "Church was really important to us. We grew up attending Sunday services and going to Sunday school. Church was the center of our lives. My mother sang in the choir and we often socialized with church families."

She met Steve when he was a sophomore and she was a freshman at Lexington High School and they started dating in 1974. Both graduated from LHS and both attended Ohio Wesleyan University. They graduated a year apart, Steve in 1979 and Cathy in 1980.

On June 20, 1981 they were married at Church of Our Redeemer, with Reverend Ted Petersen officiating. Cathy says, "Steve will tell you that I chased him down until he proposed but it wasn't quite like that. We were very young when we started dating and basically grew up together."

Steve and Cathy have two daughters, Jennifer and Emily. Jen will be 26 in June and Emily will be 23 in August. Both are out of college but still living at home with Steve and Cathy. They grew up in the church and were baptized and confirmed at Redeemer. Jen and Emily show up at Redeemer from time to time; Emily often sings in the choir at Christmas and Easter.

Cathy is a third grade teacher at the Thomas Ditson Elementary School in Billerica. When asked what she likes about her work, Cathy replied, "Almost everything! I love working with 8 and 9 year olds. That age is so much fun and the curriculum is fun to teach. One of my favorite subjects is social studies and I get to teach my students about the American Revolution. I love sharing with them "the rest of the story" – the role that Billerica played in many of the events in 1775 and beyond."

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## Parishioner Profile

In her free time, Cathy likes to sew, read, garden and travel. She is a member of “Sewing For A Cause,” a group of women who meet monthly to make dresses for little girls. The dresses are sent all over the world to needy children. Cathy took dresses on two of her trips to El Hogar in Honduras. Cathy also loves to read, garden and travel and spending time with her daughters, mother and Steve’s father.

Cathy is active in various ministries at Redeemer. Currently she chairs the Casserole Patrol and serves on the Community Team.

She and Steve have been working with the Redeemer Youth Group for five years, starting when their daughter Emily was a senior in high school. Cathy says she “loves working with the teens and getting to know them through our many meals and adventures together. It’s fun and they put up with us!”

Steve and Cathy have been on mission trips to El Hogar 3 times. I asked Cathy what she liked best about the experience and what the biggest challenge was. She told me that they loved it and would love

to go back someday, if possible. “We loved the relationships we built with the boys and with the team that went each year. The most challenging part was that neither of us speaks Spanish. We managed to communicate despite our deficiency.”

Cathy has always been active in the Redeemer Community. In addition to her current ministries in the community she has, in the past, served on the Nominating Committee, Worship Committee, and served as President and Treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women when it still existed at Redeemer. She has also taught Sunday school, cooked soup luncheons and helped with rummage sales over the years.

As someone who grew up at Redeemer and raised her family here and continues to be active in the community, I asked Cathy what she loves most about Redeemer.

“I’ve been at Redeemer so long that it definitely feels like home. Many of our older parishioners have known me since I was a little girl. Steve and I have made lots of friends at church over the years and we both feel loved by the people of Redeemer.”



## **STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS IN JUNE**



Join us on Saturday June 7 at 1130 – 1230 for The Episcopal Network for Stewardship webcast workshop, “Faith & Possessions: Stewardship in the New Testament.”

The workshop facilitated by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson will examine the tension between the two topics joined in the title and makes the argument that thinking about the faithful use of possessions means much more than what we usually mean by stewardship.

Mark your calendar to join us for the three following Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Rite 13 classroom for the remaining workshops in the series...

- JUNE 12: Communicating Stewardship Year Round
- JUNE 19: Launching a Legacy Society (Planned Giving)
- JUNE 26: Walking the Way Annual Giving Campaign: A Path Ahead

## 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/>

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## Redeemer Knitters

Redeeming Knitters will meet on Tuesday, June 10th at 9:30 am and Thursday, June 12th 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.



## HABITAT WORK DAY AND OFFERINGS

Redeemer will have a work-day opportunity on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Merrimack Valley Habitat site we've helped construct over the past several years. Please contact Steve Burns if you'd like to volunteer. If you cannot volunteer but would like to contribute, you may do so via check or cash in the mission envelopes in the pews on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## SIGN UP for Redeemer Dates at the Lexington Interfaith Garden

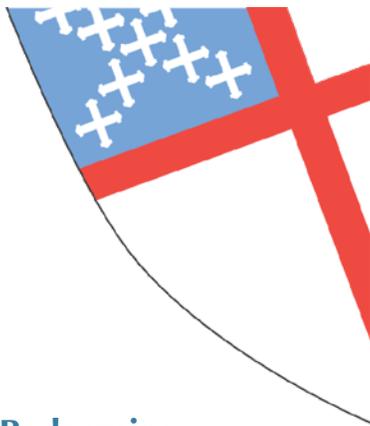
The Lexington Interfaith Garden is a large organic garden located at 5 Harrington Road, near the Lexington Battle Green. Over thirteen faith communities share in tending the garden twice per week from April through October, providing organic produce for donation to the Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry.

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: 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](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](mailto:janet@mackhillfarm.org)



# Calendar

JUNE 2014		
SUNDAY	1	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Music Appreciation Sunday 10:45 AM Coffee Hour
MONDAY	2	7:30 PM Church Community Team Meeting 7:30 PM Property Committee Meeting
SATURDAY	7	11:30 AM Stewardship Webcast: Faith & Possessions: Stewardship in the New Testament
SUNDAY	8	<b>PENTECOST</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:45 AM Coffee Hour
MONDAY	9	<b>WHIT MONDAY</b>
TUESDAY	10	9:30 AM Redeeming Kniters
THURSDAY	12	7:30 PM Redeeming Kniters 7:30 PM Stewardship Webinar: Communicating Stewardship Year Round
SUNDAY	15	<i>DEADLINE FOR JULY REDEEMING FEATURES</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Adult Formation - Realizing Our Vision Team Update
MONDAY	16	7:30 PM Finance Committee meeting
WEDNESDAY	18	7:30 PM Vestry Meeting
THURSDAY	19	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 7:30 PM Stewardship Webinar: Launching a Legacy Society (Planned Giving)
SATURDAY	21	10:30 AM Diocesan picnic to honor Bishop Shaw at Jamaica Pond
SUNDAY	22	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Guest Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Gaiser 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 11:00 AM Adult Formation - Ted's Ministry in Colombia
MONDAY	23	1:30 PM Cook for Bristol Lodge 7:30 PM Atrium Catechesis Meeting 7:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	26	7:30 PM Stewardship Webinar: Walking the Way Annual Giving Campaign
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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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