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Greetings from Rev. Andrew Goldhor

Dear friends,

This weekend marks our celebration of All Saints day, when we remember and rejoice in our communion with the Body of Christ throughout time. In particular this year, we bring to this festival day cause for both joy and sadness. The funeral for our recently deceased Bishop, the Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, takes place Saturday, November the first. And the next day we will gather to give thanks for all the Saints, and to baptize two new brothers and one sister, into that same communion. This tension is truly a picture of what it means to be a follower of Christ, in the face of the reality of death.

In the Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-2) we read that because “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith”. This great cloud of witnesses is that community of the faithful who have come before us, who we are still connected to in memory, in prayer and in the thin places where we sense God’s holy presence. And of course we look to Jesus because he has given us a paradigm of faithful life. Jesus also knew death, and shows us over and over that death does not have the final word. Following in Jesus’ example we gather to baptize, to pray, and to break bread, sharing a meal that unites us to the living and the dead, over and through the boundaries of death and geography.

I hope you find this new life, wherever you are in your journey with God. We draw together to pray for it, for Bishop Tom, and for our little sister and brothers, and to ask God to come into our midst, for all the ways that we need healing. For our great community of prayer and love, let us give thanks.

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Andrew

Adult Formation News

Please join us for Adult Formation on Sunday mornings following Coffee Hour. Here's what we are offering in November!

Note: There is no Adult Formation on November 2.

November 9: Karen LaFrazia from St. Francis House

Continuing our focus on issues of social justice and homelessness, we are excited to introduce Karen LaFrazia, Executive Director of St. Francis House, who will be our preacher and adult forum leader for November 9. St. Francis House is a residential and day program for the homeless and a transitional program for former prison inmates.

Ms. LaFrazia has worked as a counselor, caseworker, advocate, community organizer, and program developer for over 25 years. Under her leadership, St. Francis House has become a model of integrated programs and services for poor and homeless men and women. Ms. LaFrazia also serves on the Leadership Council of the Boston Regional Network to End Homelessness. The Network looks for innovative ways to eliminate family and individual homelessness in Boston.

Please come to learn more about this mission with the homeless in Boston. We will be joined in the Adult Forum by Laura Derby from Temple Isaiah, a Lift Up Lexington volunteer. "Lift Up" is our local organization assisting homeless families in Lexington.

November 16: Restorative Justice

The field of Restorative Justice offers a fresh perspective on our preoccupation with crime and punishment, providing a voice to victims, and bringing offenders face to face with those they have hurt. We'll discuss the possibilities of this approach, and consider where it might serve as an alternative or correction to our modern criminal justice system. Rev. Andrew will moderate this forum, and we'll hear an excerpt from a lecture by Suffolk Professor Carolyn Boyes-Watson, Director of the Center for Restorative Justice.

Nov. 23: Christian Parenting

Rev. Frank will lead a conversation on how we establish spiritual and social values with school aged children. Speaking from his background as an educator, parish priest and former Director of Educational Formation with the diocese, Frank will point to practical ways that parents can impart their values in our busy culture, encouraging patterns of behavior that reflect our faith, guiding our kids in how they act with family, at school and in the world.

Nov. 30: Advent Wreath Making

As we enter into the Advent season, light your home with a fresh, hand-made Advent wreath! We will gather children and adults together to enjoy a parish potluck breakfast and time for making wreaths to welcome our season of preparation.

Mission Feature

Esperanza Academy Harvest of Hope Dinner

by Kathleen Mirani

On Friday, October 24th eight members of Redeemer attended the Esperanza Academy Harvest of Hope dinner and auction to show our parish's support for the school and its mission. The annual dinner is the school's largest fund raiser. Bob and Mary Etta King, Linda Kukolich and her nephew Tim, Helene Sullas Huggins and Christopher Huggins, Peg Wright and Kathleen Mirani represented Redeemer at the event at the Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown. Nearly 400 people joined the dinner, including several from area Episcopal churches. Esperanza honored Rosalyn Wood, a founder of the school, and Tom Maher, the second president of the board of trustees and his wife, Nancy. We enjoyed a wonderful student choral performance under the direction of Redeemer's own Bernandette. The music was terrific!

We were thrilled by a very impactful speech from an 8th grader at Esperanza. The student spoke about her fears when she started at the school. She thought she was "stupid and couldn't do math". Over time her teachers gave her confidence to keep trying, and eventually she developed a love of science, and a strong desire to excel in the classroom across subjects. Now this student is working toward gaining acceptance to a private high school. Her speech was inspiring and really brought the school's mission to life.

We were also delighted by the keynote address by Jill Dougherty, formerly CNN's Moscow Bureau Chief, White House Correspondent and Managing Editor of Asia/Pacific. Ms. Dougherty addressed the students about openness, curiosity and believing in ourselves. It was a fabulous night!

Thank you to everyone at Redeemer for supporting Esperanza. The school experienced a fire in September that temporarily closed the school. The electrical fire started in an unoccupied room on September 15th. The Lawrence Fire Department quickly contained the fire and limited damage to an area of the second floor. The school leadership team implemented its fire response plan. There were no reported injuries.

"We are, above all, thankful no students, faculty or firefighters were hurt in this event" wrote Lillian Leggio, Esperanza's director of communications. "We are grateful for the poise of the school's leadership team during this crisis, and for the support of our students, their families, our teachers, members of the Lawrence community and especially Lawrence Firefighters."

The students returned to the school a week after the fire. "We are ecstatic and grateful that the repair work was done and we can return to our important mission" said Leggio.



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Mission Feature

Photographs taken at the Esperanza Academy Harvest of Hope Dinner held at the Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown. Church of Our Redeemer sponsored a table at the event.

Photographs by Mary Etta King



What is your vestry is working on?



The Vestry met on Wednesday, October 15 in the Handley Library. Andrew Goldhor led us in the service of compline.

Treasurer Frank Kern indicated that we are still showing a significant deficit relative to 2014 budget related to late pledge payments and some cost overruns for personnel expenses and snowplowing last winter.

Lance Conrad reported that the exterior painting of the front and north sides of the church has been completed as has re-gilding of the cross over the front door. (see more from Lance on page 7.)

A fall parish cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, for yard cleanup, waterproofing the cement repairs to the front steps and cleaning the sanctuary chandeliers and replacing the bulbs with energy efficient LED bulbs.

John Bernhard reported that the Mission Committee remains very active with many different outreach projects.

The Building Task Force continues to work with the architect on plans for the Great Hall renovation, currently focusing on HVAC design options in the ceiling and ideas for storage for the Food Pantry. The current design diagrams and materials from the September 21st Adult Forum are available on the website.

The next step is to develop an RFP for general contractors to find a contractor for work to begin in summer of 2015. The Topic of the Month concerned issues related to insufficient employer contributions to employee pension funds for lay staff. The Finance Committee is preparing a final accounting of the amount due and the Vestry is committed to reimbursing the amount required.

by Mary Etta King, Clerk of the Vestry



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.

Property Committee Update

Property Committee Chair Lance Conrad presented the following status update on the various operational and capital property projects at Redeemer.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS FROM LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER:

- LPC completed the installation of their new backdoor LPC sign by the red shed.
- LPC completed the cleaning of our downstairs meeting room carpeting.
- Gold leaf painting of cross over the main front exterior church door.
- Removal of the two remaining dead tree trunks along Patriots Drive.
- Necessary electric upgrades and rewiring to accommodate new lighting solutions.
- Electric wiring repair at rectory.
- Window washing and gutter cleaning.
- Riding lawn mower has been repaired (new blades) and serviced by Steve Burns.
- Replacement of an exterior entrance light fixture that was broken by accident by T-Mobile workmen while bringing down old back-up batteries from cell cabinet in steeple.

OPERATIONAL “IN PROCESS” PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:

- Fall Clean-Up Day has been scheduled and publicized as Saturday, November 15th from 8-11am.
- Lopez Brothers “to do” list on Thursday, 11/13:
 - Final cut of grass.
 - Removal of all leaves.
 - Trimming back parking lot bushes.
 - Trimming of tree by side entrance.
 - Removing chunks of black top and two piles of branches from the property’s far back parking lot.
- Items for Clean-Up Day on Saturday, 11/15:
 - Waterproofing sealant of front steps to church.
 - Cleaning out the various garden beds.
 - Packing away the grills and hoses into the shed for the winter.
 - Cleaning the sanctuary chandeliers and replacing the light bulbs with LEDs.
 - Minor tile repair in the chancel of the sanctuary.)

CAPITAL “IN PROCESS” PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:

- Installing new high efficiency sanctuary lighting. The LED lights have been purchased. The ceiling spotlights from the attic above the sanctuary have been replaced. The chandelier lights will all be replaced during Fall Clean-Up Day. The chimneys to the candelabra lights will be cleaned at this time, as well.

FUTURE OPERATIONAL PROJECTS/PROJECTS ON HOLD:

- Repairing the floor of the red storage shed.
- Repainting the main church sign on the front lawn.
- Creating a new property database spreadsheet which will be maintained in the cloud.

FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS/PROJECTS ON HOLD:

- Re-insulating the church attic. This is a possible 2015 Green Grant project.
- Parking lot repairs/repaving are projected for 2015 and/or 2016.
- Replacing steam pipes in the ceiling of the Great Hall when the renovation of the hall takes place.
- Great Hall, Kitchen and Accessibility Renovations (partnered with the Realizing Our Vision Team and the newly formed Building Committee.

Thanks to one and all for your fantastic work in keeping the property agenda full and fulfilled. Once again, I’d like to especially recognize Christopher Huggins for his outstanding project management over the past several months. Thank you!

by Lance Conrad

Building Committee Update

On Sunday, September 21st, Gerry Frank, our architect from Bechtel, Frank and Erickson, and the Building Committee, represented by Christopher Huggins, Lee Noel Chase and Bruce Francis, provided an update on the development of the design for our Great Hall renovation.

Lighting

The architects are designing dimmable LED lighting for our new ceiling to enable us to have a variety of ambiances depending on the occasion and use of the room. The plan calls for three sources of light: 1.) reflective lights around the borders within the coffered ceiling 2.) downward focused lights from recessed cans, and 3.) four hanging pendant fixtures placed at the corners of the room. Sample pendants are forthcoming.

Flooring



Improving the acoustics of the Great Hall is a vital part of the renovation. To meet this need, the ceiling will have acoustic tiles, and the floor will have high quality, non-staining commercial, padded carpet covering our old linoleum floor. Regular use of a carpet extraction cleaning system will keep the carpet looking beautiful. The church may choose to purchase an extraction carpet shampoo machine for the sexton's use or schedule an outside vendor to do the carpets several times a year.

The architects are in the process of narrowing down carpet choices to present to the committee. Once the carpet is selected, other surface colors can be picked to coordinate. They will be careful to pick colors that tie into the rest of the church and are focusing on warmer tones. An additional goal is to pick colors that will not go out of style.

Elevator

In July, the Building Committee and architect took a "field trip" to the Aloft Hotel in Lexington to see an elevator similar to the one we are considering installing. Everyone agreed it was of high quality. Our new elevator would be smaller than the hotel's. We have outlined the parameters of the proposed elevator in blue tape on the floor inside the entrance to the Great Hall. For comparison, the contours of our current elevator have also been outlined on the Great Hall floor also.

Food Pantry

Also this summer, the Building Committee and architects met with Carolyn Wortman and members of the Food Pantry Board to discuss storage solutions. We have proposed having cabinets along either side of the Great Hall that would store chrome adjustable shelves on wheels. (There is a sample in the Great Hall now.) The shelves would be rolled out around the room to display items each Saturday saving them set up time. The Building Committee and architects will continue to work closely with the Food Pantry to

Building Committee Update

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Steam Pipe Replacement

The Building Committee has been meeting with mechanical engineers to explore replacing the old steam pipes that run in the ceiling of the Great Hall to the church radiators. Over 56 years the inside of the steam pipes have narrowed to a fraction of their original size. We are pricing out changing the church radiators from steam to water. An explanation of the options, rational, and costs for this work is being researched now and a report will be forthcoming. These changes will be paid for through the Capital fund. Meeting with Board of Health

The Building Committee and architects also met with Kathy Fox from the Board of Health to discuss our kitchen. She complimented us on the relative completeness of our kitchen, noting that we have a compliant kitchen (especially compared to other churches). Kathy stated we should feel free to upgrade the kitchen flooring, replace the electric stoves, add or change cabinetry, and paint. If we were to use gas stoves instead of electric, we would need a new expensive exhaust hood and an Ansul fire suppression system because of the open flame. What we can afford to do at this time remains to be seen. At a minimum, we would want to replace the floor and paint during the renovation.

Asbestos Removal

We know there is asbestos on the pipes in the ceiling, as well as the floor tiles in the lower hallways and side stairs that will need to be safely abated. Christopher has an estimate of \$10,000 for this removal.

Old Elevator/Machine Room

The old elevator and machine room off of the Great Hall will be demolished and finished as storage space for all of our chairs. The street level elevator entrance will be converted to storage room for items such as the BBQ grills.

The architects and Building Committee will present again in the near future. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Christopher Huggins, Chair of the Building Committee at (508) 395-4085 or email christopher@HugginsandCompany.com.



by Christopher Huggins



REDEEMER CANDIDS



Thanks to Claudia Cooper, Ian Fox and Mary Eames Ucci for providing the photographs for this month's expanded *Redeemer Candid*s section!



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Ministry News



Redeemer Knitters

The Redeeming Knitters meet twice a month, once in the morning and once in the evening. Our next morning group meeting is Tuesday, November 4th at 9:30 am and the next evening group meeting is Thursday, November 13th at 7:30 pm. Bring your yarn and needles and meet in the Handley Library. If you have any questions, please call Susan Burkhardt at or Evelyn Hausslein, 781-861-0378.

DONATE FOOD STAPLES *November Food of the Month*

The November Food of the Month is
**15 oz. Canned Legumes
& Dried Legumes**

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.

Thank you!

Fall Family Property Clean-Up

Saturday, November 15
8:00 am to noon

This year, we have three property clean-up projects that need your help.

Autumn means it's time to put our gardens to bed for the winter and tidy up our beautiful church property.

For those who prefer interior chores, we need volunteers to help clean the sanctuary chandeliers and wash their glass chimneys as we upgrade to LED light bulbs.

Finally, we need a volunteer or two to help waterproof the newly grouted areas of the front steps to the church. We hope that many parishioners will be able to help us any time from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday, November 15. Bring gloves, yard tools, as well as friends and family...



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!!

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2014		
SATURDAY	1	ALL SAINTS DAY
SUNDAY	2	ALL SOULS DAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - All Saints Sunday 10:30 AM Coffee Hour <i>Note: No adult formation</i>
MONDAY	3	7:30 PM Church Community Team Meeting 7:30 PM Property Committee Meeting
TUESDAY	4	9:30 AM Redeeming Kniters 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Education for Ministry
THURSDAY	6	7:30 PM Vestry Budget Meeting
SUNDAY	9	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation: Karen LaFrazia from St. Francis House 12:00 PM Executive Meeting
TUESDAY	11	VETERANS DAY - Redeemer Office Closed 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Education for Ministry
THURSDAY	13	7:30 PM Redeeming Knitters
SATURDAY	15	8:00 AM All Parish Property Clean-Up REDEEMING FEATURES DECEMBER DEADLINE
SUNDAY	16	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation: Restorative Justice Forum w. Rev. Andrew 12:00 PM Worship Committee meeting
MONDAY	17	7:30 PM Finance Meeting
TUESDAY	18	7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Education for Ministry
WEDNESDAY	19	7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
SUNDAY	23	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Atrium Singers Introit 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation: Christian Parenting w. Rev. Frank
MONDAY	24	1:30 PM Cook for Bristol Lodge 7:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting
TUESDAY	25	7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Education for Ministry 7:30 PM LICA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - at Hancock UCC
THURSDAY	27	THANKSGIVING - Redeemer Office Closed
FRIDAY	28	Redeemer Office Closed
SUNDAY	30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 AM Potluck Parish Breakfast 10:50 AM All Ages Formation: Advent Wreath Making

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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.