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Greetings from Rev. Andrew Goldhor

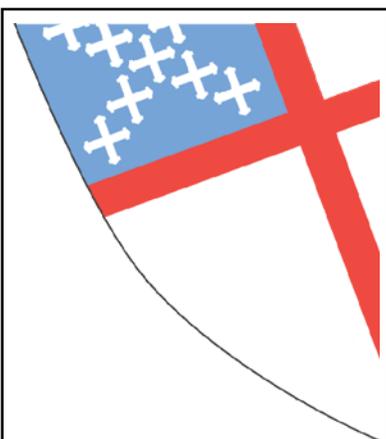
Dear Redeemer community,

As I write this, the snow from yesterday's blizzard is still settling. Many schools are closed today, and the sidewalks and streets are still piled high with snow banks. Jack and I spent some quality time yesterday in my parents' driveway, shoveling out. They have a long driveway without much space to throw snow, and we got most of the job done before going inside to eat an early supper. When we came out, the rest of the driveway was clear, because my parents' neighbor had finished shoveling his own driveway and come across to finish theirs. This act of generosity was just one sign of the way our communities tend to come together in a storm.

Our modern culture is more and more isolated and divided in many ways; we spend less and less time interacting with actual human beings on a personal basis, and even in tightly packed suburban neighborhoods like Watertown or Lexington, I have found that fewer people know their neighbors. Yet, in a blizzard, when the majority of folks are out shoveling there is a great sense of community. We talk to our neighbors, we shovel for those who need help, maybe we check on our elders. Why does this happen?

I believe part of it is that when a big storm comes we stop and pay attention. Schools close, meetings are postponed, extracurricular activities are canceled, and instead we focus on the essentials (and not just milk, bread and toilet paper). We spend more time with our families and neighbors. And I think that focus helps us to be thankful for what we have, and especially for the people that are in our lives.

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The monthly newsletter of Church of Our Redeemer, a member of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts located in Lexington.

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Greetings (continued)

As we approach the season of Lent this blizzard model seems particularly helpful to discerning how we might be during a forty-day period of fasting and contemplation. Give yourself time to think and pray about what the most vital parts of your life are, and how you can go deeper into those things. What are the parts of your comfortable routine that might distract or obscure how God is acting in your life? How can you make space to appreciate Christ' presence in those around you? We have three weeks until a Holy Spirit blizzard; how shall we get ready?

Yours in faith,

Andrew

Adult Formation Lenten Series: Finding Jesus for Real

Who is the “real” Jesus? Have the writings of the New Testament, historical documents, archaeological evidence, and the traditions of the church left us enough to go on to find out who the Jesus of history really was? Or should we be more focused on finding out who the Risen Christ is for us today?

Rev. Kate spent her sabbatical searching for the answers to some of these questions. This Lent, she will lead a 4-part series on the search for the historical Jesus, and Jesus in our own lives as well. Who is Jesus for us? Bishop N. T. Wright has written, we have often “remade [Jesus] in our own image and then wondered why our personal spiritualities have become less than exiting and life-changing...we are not at liberty to manufacture a different Jesus” than the one show in scripture. But we must “do the hard, historical work” of understanding what the Gospels actually say about Jesus.

Come learn what current Biblical scholars are saying about what we can and can't know about Jesus, and what that means for the church today. This Lenten series will be meeting during Adult Formation, 11:00-11:50, on March 1, 8, 15, and 22.

The Beginning of Church of Our Redeemer

When Two or Three Are Gathered Together

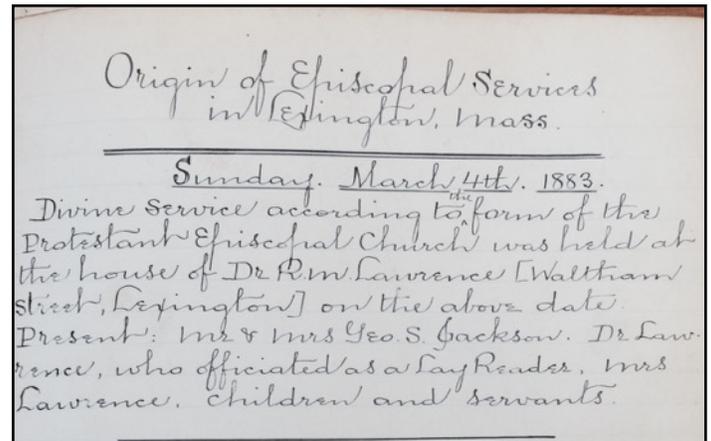
A Year of Firsts: Mid-March to December 1883

“Now that it is the Lenten season, I realize how much I miss the services at the Episcopal Church when we were living in Boston”, Dr. Robert Means Lawrence most likely said to himself sometime in early 1883. “It is quite a long way to go to church services in Waltham and while we enjoy the Sunday service at the Hancock Congregational Church, why not have our own Lenten service right here in our house?” So less than a year after he and his family had moved to the Fair Oaks section of Lexington, he gathered a few other people who were Episcopalians and had the first Lexington service in his house on Sunday, March 4, 1883. All of his household servants were at the service also.

Dr Lawrence was born in 1847 in Boston, one of a long line of New England Lawrence families going back to the late 1600s. He was educated at Harvard and studied in France. He married Catherine L. Cleveland in 1870. They had four children, two of whom died very young. His two surviving daughters, Madeleine and Isabel were 11 and 9 years old respectively when the house was built in Lexington. They moved there in 1882. Dr. Lawrence was the surgeon to the first Regiment of Massachusetts and and as a respected citizen of Lexington, served as a School Committee member in 1884 and 1885. He and his wife, Catherine, were instrumental in starting what is now the Church of Our Redeemer. Various families offered their houses for services for several months in 1883. Dr. Lawrence kept very good notes as our first Clerk and we are fortunate at Redeemer to have the original copy of the minutes he wrote.



The home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence where they moved in 1882, now 35 Wachusett Drive



The first page of notes from the Record of the Episcopal Chapel in Lexington, Mass

Just a few weeks after the first service, Mr. Asa Cottrell offered his house for an evening service. Twenty people were present and for the first time a child was baptized, the child of Mr and Mrs. C. Byrnes.

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Asa Cottrell's house on Massachusetts Avenue, to the right of the Baptist Church

presently) on Sunday, April 8. Forty people attended and a total of \$9.27 was collected at the service. Now that services were at a specified time and place, it meant that the congregants were able to announce publicly where the services were to be held. Dr. Lawrence noted soon after the services were held in a public setting that “there are more Church people in the town than was expected.”

Only one week after that, on April 15, a meeting was held after the service to start a Sunday School which would meet Sunday afternoons. One week after that the first gathering of children for Sunday School occurred.

Dr. Lawrence was made a lay reader by the Bishop so he could officiate at services. Quite often ministers or students at the Cambridge Theological Seminary came to Lexington to officiate. Music was provided by the attendees and once or twice the Hancock choir sang at evening services.

By the beginning of April another Episcopalian member of the group, Mr. Jackson, offered his house for services. At that time, Mr. Jackson became Treasurer of this growing group.

Just two months after the first Episcopal gathering, this enthusiastic group, with permission of the Selectmen in town, conducted services in the Selectmen's room at Town Hall (where CVS is



Lexington Town Hall in c. 1880 now the site of CVS Pharmacy. Photo courtesy of The Lexington Historical Society Archives

By Sunday, May 20, 1883 this growing congregation had the use of 40 prayer books given by the Margaret Coffin Prayerbook Society. It was noted that the prayer books were given to the “Episcopal Chapel”. Despite the growing enthusiasm and congregation, this first group in Lexington decided to proceed cautiously and to not yet organize into a church but to remain independent for a bit longer. It is noted that “The Bishop approved heartily of our work here and is surprised at the strength developed.”

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The Jackson house, on Oakland Street

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This enthusiastic and growing congregation then decided they wanted a permanent place for their worship services. Only two months after the first service in the Lawrence house, the congregation leased a space for one year. The lower floor of a building on Main Street, owned by Horace B. Davis, was leased by the Episcopal Chapel and with a seating capacity of over 100. Dr Lawrence wrote “The hall has been thoroughly renovated, plastered and tinted and furnished with gas fixtures. St. John’s Church, Jamaica Plain gave the communion table of which Church the writer’s father, Dr. Wm. R. Lawrence was the originator. A lectern has been presented by St. Paul’s Church, Boston. The Chancel Chairs are loaned by Mr. A. Griffiths. The communion set is a gift of Mrs. Wm. R. Lawrence. Altar-linen from Miss Wilson.” The first service was held on Sunday, May 27 in the new Episcopal Chapel with 34 people present and a collection of \$8.33.

It was noted that the services in the summer had many more attendees than in the spring. The reason is that many people traveled to Lexington for “summer vacation”. They wanted to leave behind their city lives in Cambridge or Boston and go to the countryside. In 1883 Lexington was still mostly farmland even though it was becoming more of a suburb with the introduction of the railway in the mid 1840s. The population was only about 2,700 people. On June 10, 68 people came to the service. It was noted that “mainly summer residents attended.” The collection was \$16.51. The summer services continued with very large numbers attending and a generous collection at each service. Dr. Lawrence often wrote that there were always more than enough funds to meet expenses.

On July 11, 1883, a “public entertainment” was held in the evening in the Lexington Town Hall by the Episcopal congregants and consisted of “tableaux and music.” Over 400 persons were present and the receipts were nearly \$100 above expenses.”

On July 22, 1883, when the Rev S. B. Duffield officiated, he remarked upon “the earnestness and interest shown in the services”. 40 people were present with a collection of \$10.25.

Another family in the congregation was the Bliss household. They lived on Oakland Street right next to the Jacksons.



Horace B. Davis Building. The first permanent location for the Episcopal Chapel Massachusetts Avenue across from the Post Office



The Bliss house, Oakland Street

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On September 12, 1883 another public entertainment like the one that was held in the summer took place once again in Town Hall, Proceeds went to the maintenance of the Chapel. The entertainment netted over \$50.

On Monday, September 24, 1883 a children's fair was held at the Massachusetts House in Lexington. This inn had been the building that represented the state of Massachusetts at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. It was later moved in 17 pieces to the center of Lexington (close to the electrical substation across from the Post Office) and was owned and run by the Muzzey family as an inn for many years.

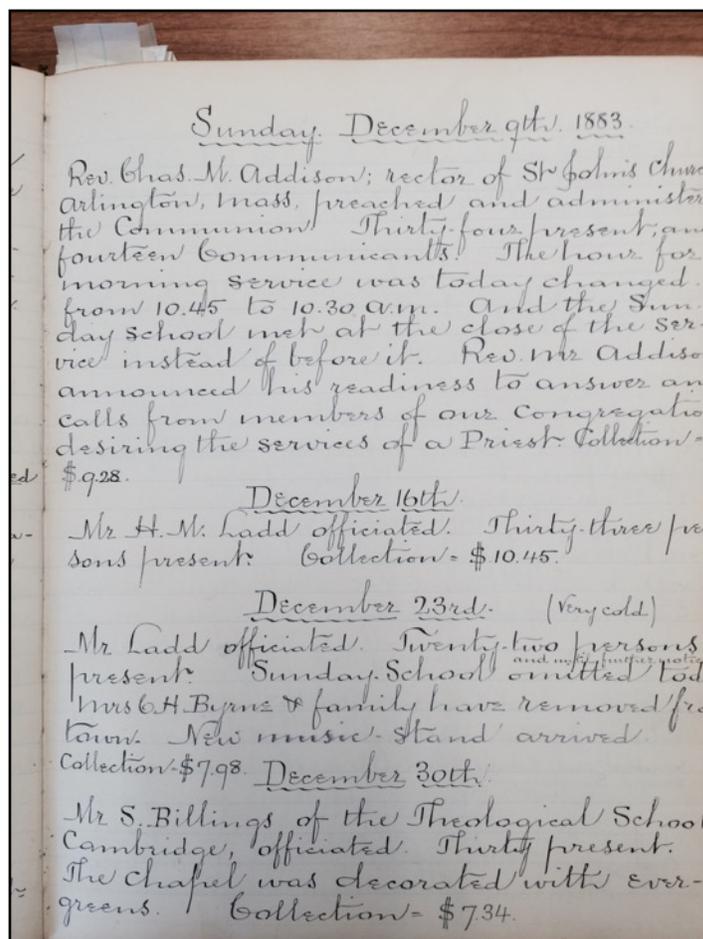


Massachusetts House, 1889 on Massachusetts Avenue near where the electrical substation is today. The house in the background on the right belonged to the Muzzey family. Photo courtesy of The Lexington Historical Society Archives

On Sunday, September 30, 1883, the furnace was used for the first time. On Tuesday, October 9, at a meeting it was voted to print a new series of "pledges to extend for six months from November 1, 1883 and to issue an appeal urging all members of the congregation to place a specific weekly contribution in the collection plate".

On November 18, 1883, Rt. Rev. Benjamin Paddock, Bishop of the diocese officiated at the service and confirmed Miss Helen Josephine Blinn. "The congregation numbered 74 persons being the largest number thus far. Music was furnished by a special quartet composed of Mrs. William Donovan soprano, Miss Whittier alto, Mr. Tufts tenor, and Mr. Clark bass. Collection \$15.91."

It is interesting to note that there did not seem to be any service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Perhaps Dr. Lawrence and his family were enjoying the Christmas time so he did not write anything down.



The last page of notes in 1883 from the Records of the Episcopal Chapel, Lexington, Mass

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In less than one year, members of the Episcopal faith in Lexington came together with joy and enthusiasm and went from a few families gathered at different houses to meeting in the Selectmen's room in Town Hall and finally to renting their own space. They had morning and evening services, started a Sunday School and held three fundraisers.

What happened in 1884? When was the church built on Oakland St. and Meriam St.? Who actually named the church "Church of Our Redeemer?" Dr. Lawrence?

These questions may be answered in the next article. Stay tuned.

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Research: Sam Doran and Katharine A. Mockett

Sources:

All material in quotes is taken from the "Record of the Episcopal Chapel in Lexington, Mass" written by Dr. Robert Means Lawrence.

Recollections of Marcia Dane, An Interview by David Boyd, 1992

Marcia was a long time and active member of the Church of Our Redeemer

History of the Town of Lexington by Charles Hudson (2nd ed.), 1913

A History of the Lexington Municipal Buildings

Prepared by Town of Lexington, 2011

The Lexington Historical Society

Lexington Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey

Lexington Historical Commission, 2010

And last but not least, a huge thanks to Sam Doran who furnished all the information about the houses of some of the early congregants and meeting places for the chapel. Thanks to Mary Bicknell, archivist at Redeemer. Also, thanks to Lisa Bozkurtian, administrative assistant at redeemer

Note....if you see any historical inaccuracies, please contact me to correct them. KAM

PANCAKE DINNER - FEBRUARY 17!

The Youth Group invites all members of the Redeemer community to the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, to be held in the Great Hall between the hours of 5:15 and 7:15.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of 4+. The menu includes pancakes and warm syrup, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, coffee and milk.

At the end of the evening Kate will lead us in prayer and burn palms branches to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Proceeds from the pancake dinner will go to help fund the J2A Pilgrimage to Yellowstone National Park this July. You can learn more about it on their blog: <http://www.our-redeemer.net/blog/j2a-blog/>



Adult Formation News

Join us after Coffee Hour on Sunday for Adult Formation! Here's what is happening this month...

Sunday February 1: Holy Land Slide Show with Rev. Kate and Mary Ucci

Rev. Kate and Mary Ucci will share images and stories from their recent journeys to Israel-Palestine. During Kate's sabbatical she traveled to St. George's College in Jerusalem, and also traveled to other sites in Israel. In the company of Bishop Gayle Harris and others from around the diocese, Mary too made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is a rich opportunity to hear and see their memories of the people, the city, and the land that have captured so much religious imagination and devotion over the centuries.

Sunday February 8: Great Hall update with the Building Committee

Join us for an important forum on the Great Hall renovation project. Contractor bids have been submitted to the Building Committee, and this is your chance to have the latest news as we move closer to construction. This promises to be an exciting step towards our vision of a new space at the heart of our church.

[NO FORUM on 2/15 - School Vacation week]

Sunday, February 22nd: All Parish Hymn Sing

Music Director Dr. Bernadette Colley hosts an All-parish Hymn-Sing. Please see Music News on Page 9 for more details!

Be sure to join us for our Lenten Series, Finding Jesus For Real, when it begins on March 1st. (See page 2 for more details!)

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.

Music News

Music Events in February, Here and About ...

February 4th:

Music Field Trip Opportunity! Minnesota's internationally renowned St. Olaf College Choir (www.stolafchoir.com) will make ONE stop in Massachusetts on its 18-concert winter tour, in Worcester's Mechanics Hall, on Wednesday February 4, at 7:30. (www.mechanicshall.org). Choir member Ingrid Klimoff is organizing a group to take advantage of the discount we have been offered. If interested, please contact Ingrid at iklimoff@rcn.com. More info also on bulletin board outside Music Room, and on tables outside sanctuary.

Sunday, February 8th:

9:30 Service - Atrium Singers will sing both Introit and Anthem, as our choir will be singing that afternoon in the ...

9th Annual Lexington Choral Festival - Sunday February 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Hancock Church On-the-Lexington-Green. Redeemer's Adult Choir will be one among many singing in this grand choral event. As the Festival Finale piece this year the combined choirs will sing the beautiful and and ethereal "Sanctus" from Gabriel Faure's Requiem Mass. All are invited, and a reception with delicious refreshments follows.

Sunday, February 15th:

For those of you who missed the wonderful classical guitarist who played on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 service: Matthew Sowersby is giving a solo concert at The Cabot, in Beverly, on Sunday February 15th at 3:00. For more information and a very cool video of Matthew's playing, visit <http://thecabot.org/event.cfm?id=185359&cart>

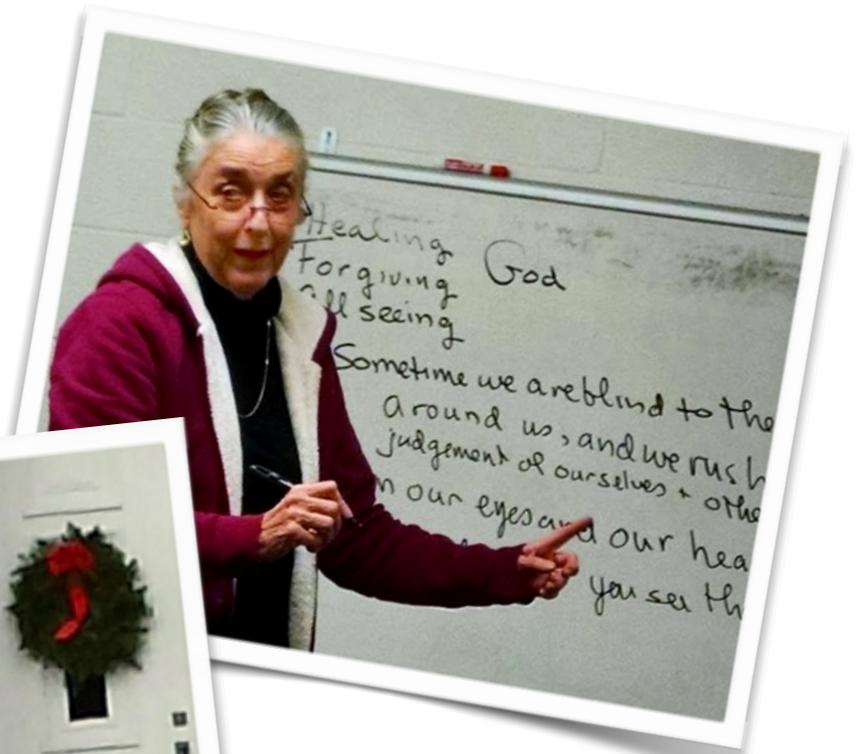
Sunday, February 22nd:

For Adult Forum Music Director Dr. Bernadette Colley hosts an All-parish Hymn-Sing, and discussion of what we like, and why we like it, in expressions of faith and gospel through music. So, come prepared with your short and long list of favorite hymns, (and hymnal numbers, if possible) to share, sing, and chat about. If possible, email your lists to Bernadette by Sunday 2/15. Held in Room 208. [Even if you don't have a prepared list, or you haven't emailed in a list, do come anyway!]





REDEEMER CANDIDS



Evelyn leads a Theological Reflection at EfM (above); Tony clears a path (left); Mary Etta addresses the annual meeting (below)





Scenes from the Church of Our Redeemer 2015 Annual Meeting held after worship on January 26

Ministry Opportunities



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, February 3rd at 9:30 am and the next evening group meeting is Thursday, February 12th 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.

Volunteers Needed

The **Meals on Wheels** program of Minuteman Senior Services provides a hot lunch to homebound seniors. Meals are delivered 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year, excluding holidays.

These meals assist the older adult who is not capable of preparing at least one hot nutritious meal a day. In many cases, Meals on Wheels allows them to live in the dignity and comfort of their own homes.

For more information on volunteering, or to apply, call 781-221-7093, email volunteer@minutemansenior.org, or check out our website at www.minutemansenior.org

Have you considered a mission trip for 2015?

The Church of Our Redeemer is planning a mission trip to the El Hogar agricultural school in Honduras July 31-August 7, 2015. This will be Redeemer's tenth trip to the El Hogar schools in Honduras. Those of us who have visited Honduras have found it life-changing. The trips have broadened our perspective of the world, helped us focus on what is truly important in our lives, and brought us closer to others in the parish.

Adults and teens age 15 and over are welcome; often a parent and teen have volunteered together. We are planning a meeting at church on Sunday February 15 at 7:30pm to provide information about El Hogar and the "farm school" to anyone who may be considering joining the trip.

For further information, please contact Erica Brotschi (617) 484-1334 or Calie Koso (781) 863-8047.



DONATE FOOD STAPLES

The February Foods of the Month are...

15 oz. Canned Fruit &
20 oz. Canned Pineapple

Please bring a donation with you to church 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!

What is your vestry is working on?



The Vestry met on January 21 in the Great Hall beginning with a light supper and introduction of the newly nominated officers and vestry members: Bill Vogele, junior warden, Russ Antonevich, treasurer, Sarah Conrad clerk, Lee Noel Chase and Karen Schragle three year vestry terms, and Christopher Huggins, one year vestry term. Departing vestry members gave their insights and Kate Ekrem distributed vestry handbooks with an explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the vestry.

Frank Kern gave the 2014 year-end financial report showing income \$7,844 ahead of budget but expenses \$15,494 over budget, resulting in a deficit of \$10,213 for the year.

Lance Conrad submitted the annual property report which will be included in the handouts for Annual Meeting.

Andrew Goldhor reported that the Journey to Adulthood youth class is working on the plans and financing for their pilgrimage trip and will be putting on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper this year.

Christopher Huggins reported for the Building Committee that bids for construction of the Great Hall renovation and elevator are due in the next two days. The committee will be presenting the latest updates to the parish in the Adult Forum on February 8.

George Murnaghan and John Bernhard reported on their initial exploratory meetings with interested parties in Lexington for beginning a Community Meal to provide food and fellowship for those in the community who need it. The newly renovated Great Hall **could be an attractive place to have such a meal.**

The Topic of the Month was finalizing the 2015 budget. After much discussion, the Vestry approved a budget with a projected deficit of \$10,000, **reflecting the challenge of lower pledge income than forecast and the desire to balance ongoing expenses and our funding of long term capital maintenance.**

Acknowledgements were made to Cathy Burns for organizing the Creche Service, to Murray Daniels and Mary Etta King for musical support during Bernadette's absence, to the departing officers and vestry members for their service (George Murnaghan, Frank Kern, Mary Etta King, Tony Johnson, Lance Conrad, Elizabeth Coons, Kevin Antonevich).

The next vestry meeting will be February 11.

by Mary Etta King, Clerk of the Vestry

Following the Martin Luther King legacy Youth and Hispanic ministries unite for "Building the Dream"



Ninety young people and adults from a dozen parishes gathered for "Building the Dream/Construyendo el Sueño," a cross-cultural exchange to showcase youth-led justice-seeking efforts.

The Jan. 17 event, hosted by St. Luke's-San Lucas Church in Chelsea, was led by the St. Luke's-San Lucas Youth Group and the diocese's Hispanic Ministries, and sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Parishes from Massachusetts and New York were represented. Dinner was prepared by parents of the youth group, and was followed by a service of Holy Eucharist, with liturgy planned by the youth group in collaboration with the Rev. Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte. The intent was to provide a transformative learning experience, calling on everyone to commit to taking action toward justice, peace, mercy and truth.



"This was such a great event because so many people stepped in and stepped up," said the Rev. H. Mark Smith, Director of Youth Ministry. "The leadership of Hispanic Ministries were great and generous partners, bringing their gifts and relationships to the effort. The people of San Lucas, particularly the young people, took the lead with enthusiasm. The whole community has such a beautiful passion for service. And then adults and young people from a dozen parishes came together and entered risky and critical conversations, speaking their own truths with love. I think Dr. King would have been pleased. I know Jesus is!" Smith said.



Smith noted that the feedback he received was overwhelmingly positive. "The event organizers created a safe and welcoming environment for important cross-cultural conversation to take place," he said. "Also, nearly everyone left with their own sense of themselves as a 'builder of the dream' reinforced or deepened, and most also felt their sense of themselves as disciples of Christ was similarly expanded."

The next diocesan youth event is the High School Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, Feb. 6-8. Also coming up is a training for adults working with young people, "Youth Ministry and the Internet," at Trinity Church in Bridgewater on Jan. 31. For more on these and other Youth Ministry events, click [here](#).

Parents from St. Luke's-San Lucas Youth, with the Rev. Ema Rosero-Nordalm, missionary for Hispanic/Latino ministries, center, prepared dinner.

All photos by Michelle Porche.

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Calendar

FEBRUARY 2015		
SUNDAY	1	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation: Images of the Holy Land
MONDAY	2	7:30 PM Church Community Meeting 7:30 PM Property Committee Meeting
TUESDAY	3	9:30 AM Redeeming Knitters 9:30 AM Education for Ministry - Morning Group 7:00 PM Education for Ministry - Evening Group 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice
SUNDAY	8	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation: Great Hall Renovation Update 12:00 PM Excecutive Committee Meeting 3:00 PM Lexington Choral Festival
TUESDAY	10	9:30 AM Redeeming Knitters (snow date) 9:30 AM Education for Ministry - Morning Group 7:00 PM Education for Ministry - Evening Group 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	11	7:30 PM Vestry Meeting
SUNDAY	15	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour
MONDAY	16	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY <i>Redeemer Office Closed</i> 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting
TUESDAY	17	SHROVE TUESDAY 9:30 AM Education for Ministry - Morning Group 5:15 PM J2A Pancake Supper 7:00 PM Education for Ministry - Evening Group 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	18	ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM Noonday Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Evening Ash Wednesday Service
SUNDAY	22	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Adult Formation: Our Favorite Hymns by Dr. Bernadette Colley 5:00 PM Lift Up Lexington Meal
MONDAY	23	1:30 PM Cook for Bristol Lodge 7:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting
TUESDAY	24	9:30 AM Education for Ministry - Morning Group 7:00 PM Education for Ministry - Evening Group 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	26	7:30 PM Redeeming Knitters (snow date)
FRIDAY	27	6:00 PM Vestry Overnight Retreat
SATURDAY	28	9:00 AM Diocesan Adult Pre-confirmation Retreat

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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.