

Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
February, 2007

From the Vicar



Gung Hay Fat Choy! February is a month of many surprises. In addition to Valentine's and President's Days and Ski Week, this is the month that ushers in the Chinese Year of the Pig. Redeemer is going all out to celebrate! Beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 17th, we will host a troupe of Chinese acrobats and the Lion Dancers of the Marin Chinese Cultural Center along with an Asian Barbecue provided by John Chung and his amazing complement of Grillers. Invite your friends and neighbors and come to a party you will long remember!

Lent begins the following Wednesday, February 21, with three services of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 6:30 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. Lent is a holy time of prayer, reflection and companionship and in keeping with Redeemer's mission as a community church, during the season of Lent we will reach both into Marin and out to the world as we explore the theme of One Earth: A Growing Concern. The One Earth Lent began with a question raised by both *An Inconvenient Truth* and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals designed to end world poverty. Given the fact that our species passed earth's carrying capacity in 1980, and that it would now take anywhere from three to five earths to support the American lifestyle, what would our life look like if we lived in such a way that it would only take one earth to support us? What is it about life that has suddenly turned unstable?

The One Earth Lent is about people and nature and faith and community, a single stream with many branches. We will explore it in worship, conversation, study and action. Our Sunday services will be geared to themes of Biblical landscapes and the household of faith. Our March movie will have an environmental theme. We will offer a series of practical, hands on events to help us all live better, and we are producing a One Earth book of Lenten meditations which consider life in community in light of the Lectionary readings of the season. Jesus came to save the world, and the One Earth Lent takes that very seriously. But we have also learned from Jesus that saving the world is less a project than it is an act of love. Thus the One Earth is about celebrating our neighbors. It's about looking after our children and our elders. It's about honoring the cycles of productivity and dormancy that lead to abundant, generative growth. It's about God so loving the world that he gave his only son.

Blessings,



Rev. Carol +

Senior Warden's Report:

My last final letter. I thought my last letter would be my last, but alas, this is my last.

First, I must say, that this year has been a real learning experience for me. I have learned so much from all of you and Rev. Carol. Mostly I have learned to listen. I have listened to the voice of the congregation, and to the voice of Rev. Carol and they seem to be singing the same harmony. I have listened to the BC and also to their newly formed growth and facilities committees, and they too are harmonious.

Now we all have much work to do to keep this harmony going, especially when we have so many decisions to make about community outreach, what kind of facilities can we realistically build, what new programs do we want, and what will we do to fund these. I hope everyone knows that each voice is very important to our Redeemer song, so sing out. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a peaceful, and green 2007.

Peace and Blessings, Cindy Poulos

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING LENT:

ASH WEDNESDAY
is February 21

We will have three services of Communion and Imposition of Ashes:

6:30 a.m. 12 Noon 7 p.m.

COMMUTER COMMUNION RETURNS
FEBRUARY 28TH

at 6:30 a.m. and will continue every Wednesday morning through April 4th.

CONGREGATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

Feb 4 - On this Tree of Life Sunday, we give thanks for all who keep our garden beautiful and green. We pray that this year we may have a Labyrinth in our field.

Feb 11 - On this Evolution Sunday, we pray that our community will evolve and grow in wondrous ways and we give special thanks for all our young people.

Feb 18 - On this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that our homeless brothers and sisters can come out of the cold and find the warmth of home.

Feb 25 - On this Sunday when Jesus went into the wilderness to fast, we give thanks for our coffee hour hosts who help us break our fasts with such delicious fare.



IN FEBRUARY:

- 3 Jim Providenza
- 6 Jenny Luther
- 7 Jean Ballard
- 10 Betty Baird
- 10 Helene Erler '95
- 11 Mike Providenza '90
- 13 John Clark
- 14 Joe Garbarino
- 15 Dana Clark
- 18 Isabelle Ellingson-Moody '92
- 22 Debbie Scullon
- 26 Nicholas Duro '97
- 28 Carl T. Schuler



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 1 Elliott & Liesje Blank 1987
- 14 Lesley Anderson/Paula Zand 1993



SAINTS AND ANGELS

We give thanks for these parishioners who have given of their time, treasure and talents:

Thanks to all the real angels and shepherds and kings and narrators, and innkeeper and Joseph and Mary and the dog in the manger who made our Christmas Pageant the best we've ever had:

Katie Clark, Meg Nakamura, Gina Chiarolla, Mia Samson, Aaron Chiarolla, Haley Godbold, Maddie Gebbie, Carly Bainbridge, Sophie Murray, Anna Murray, Lulu Gebbie, Erika Johnson, Archie O'Dell, Andy Joyce, Ryan Chung, Maggie O'Dell, Christie Clark, Keira Samson, Claire Joyce, Mae Gerlach, Ella Gerlach, Lola Fukushima, Kendra Chung and Hailey Skubecz.

Thanks also to our choir: Lesley Anderson, Liz Chiarolla, Cindy Chung, Sue Clark, Meg Nakamura, Claire Poulos and Joan Westmoreland, and to Jay Wayne for working nights as well as weekends.

Thank you to our outgoing Bishop's Committee members: Liz Chiarolla, Mark Moody, Cindy Poulos and Rick Skubecz.

Thanks to the whole Altar Guild for all the additional work of putting on the holidays: Cindy Smith, Joan Westmoreland, Barbara Smilie, Eileen Erler, Julie Cassettari, Nellie Pamatmat, Ann Zolezzi, Cathy Kirk and Sallie Wood.

Thanks to Sue Clark and Nellie Pamatmat for the Advent centerpiece-making party and to Sue Clark, Nick Clark and Rudy Erler for the beautiful wreath in our window.

And, finally, thanks to Elliott Blank for the Nativity Scene and for mounting the signs in our signboard.

YOUTH NEWS

Wild Young Caribou meet at Rev. Carol's house, Sunday, February 11th, at 5 p.m. for dinner, film and hanging out in various chairs.

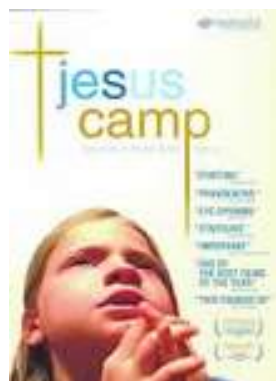
Floating Friday will float Friday, February 16th for a celebration of Galileo's birthday and a night of stars!

LOOKING AHEAD ON WINGS OF SONG

We loved our Christmas choir so much that we're doing a choir for Easter! Rehearsals will be Thursday evenings, March 15th and 29th at 7 p.m. and Wednesday evening, April 4th, also at 7 p.m. Open to all ages who can sing. (Ability to read music helpful, but not essential.)

REDEEMER'S NEIGHBORHOOD FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES

on Friday, February 9th, at 7 p.m. with a showing of *Jesus Camp*. This riveting documentary offers an unfiltered look at a revivalist subculture where devout Christian youngsters are being primed to deliver the fundamentalist community's religious and political messages. Building an evangelical army of tomorrow, the Kids on Fire summer camp in Devil's Lake, N.D., is dedicated to deepening the preteens' spirituality and sowing the seeds of political activism as they're exhorted to "take back America for Christ." Rated PG-13.



WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

The hostess provides drinks and dessert.
**Attendees should bring a sandwich and
RSVP to the hostess each month.**

We are not meeting in February, but get ready for March and April!

March 14th: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards; at Sydney Kennedy's home (454-0526.)

April 11th: *The History of Love*, by Nicole Krauss; at Cathy Kirk's home (457-3841.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR SPEAKER SERIES - WEDNESDAYS IN THE ONE EARTH LENT

This is a community based speaker series featuring local concerns. Everyone is invited and welcome! Programs last an hour and coffee and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, March 7th, 7 pm:

Reduce, reuse, recycle: An evening with Joe Garbarino, founder of the award winning Marin Recycling Center.

Wednesday, March 14th, 7 pm:

Greening your home with environmental engineer Mary Bryan. Simple things with surprising impact that you can do right now.

Wednesday, March 21st, 7pm:

Restoring our rivers and creeks, speaker TBA.

And the Final New Life After Easter Day

Saturday, April 14th, 9 – 1:

Community emergency preparedness day led by our extraordinary team of firefighters, John Chung, Rudy Erler and Bruce Samson.

FIFTEEN LENTEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO LIVE BOTH RICHLY AND LIGHTLY:

1. Shop at the Farmers' Market: Enjoy fresh, local food without chemicals;
2. Give your car a Sabbath rest every week;
3. Start a prayer practice;
4. Do a forty day vegetarian feast for Lent;
5. Be a Burning Bush and don't consume: try to go forty days without buying any stuff;
6. Broaden your perspective: make friends with someone in your neighborhood;
7. Do your errands with a friend;
8. Trade one auto-intensive activity for a family walk by the bay;
9. Resign from one committee that you have to drive miles to get to;
10. Volunteer at the Humane Society and fall in love with non-human life;
11. Share a newspaper or magazine subscription with friends: save paper;
12. Save even more paper and get your books from the library;
13. Drink shade grown fair trade coffee or a locally grown tea;
14. Walk, bicycle or use public transportation to get to work;
15. Get new clothes the easy and sustainable way: trade with a friend!

Want to know how many earths are needed to support you personally?

Calculate your environmental footprint at

www.earthday.net/footprint/index.asp

And remember that your best friend is God.

EXPLORING THE BIBLICAL LANDSCAPE in February and March

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| February 4: | The tree of life |
| February 11: | Our second Annual EVOLUTION SUNDAY |
| February 18: | The Mountain of Transfiguration |
| February 25: | The Wilderness |
| March 4: | Jerusalem |
| March 11: | Beyond the Wilderness: Mt. Horeb |
| March 18: | A Distant Country |
| March 25: | Bethany |

A book of Theological Reflections: *The One Earth Lent*, will be available, God willing, before Ash Wednesday, both in print format at a nominal cost and as downloadable PDFs on our website.

REMEMBER!

TO WELCOME THE
LUNAR YEAR 4705, THE YEAR OF THE BOAR

A special performance by the
**RED PANDA ACROBATS &
MARIN CHINESE CULTURAL ASSN.
LION DANCE TEAM**

Teriyaki Chicken & Asian Rib Platters
will be available for purchase
(\$7.50 per order, day of event or \$6.50 prepaid)
Platters will be pre-packaged and ready to go!
Pick them up anytime between 10:45AM – 1:15PM

Saturday, February 17th,
11:00 AM
Free Admission
Church of the Redeemer
123 Knight Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901



**MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A
FRIEND TO CURSILLO!**

Marin Men's Weekend
Tom Egan, Rector
March 8-11, 2007

Marin Women's Weekend
Meredith Burrell, Rectora
March 22 - 25, 2007

See Elliott and Liesje Blank, Cathy and Wayne Kirk,
Jim Providenza, Terri Leinsteiner, Jay and Carol
Luther, Jay and Maureen Wayne, or John and Joan
Westmoreland for more information on this
wonderful, heart-filled weekend of joy in Jesus!

A REPORT FROM Mary Sparks:

Town Hall Meeting Follow-up

On January 14, a group of parishioners who volunteered at the Town Hall meeting met to discuss how to proceed with the two goals that came out of that meeting: To grow our attendance and to grow our facility. Two committees were formed who will serve for at least the next year.

The Growth Committee has the goal of growing our numbers. They will be looking at immediate and long-term plans to reach that goal. They are led by Kim Johnson, who will also serve as the committee's liaison to the Bishop's Committee. Committee members include Liz Chiarolla, Jay Luther, Gail Spencer, and Laura Scubecz.

The Facilities Committee will be looking for ways to expand our space. Their first step is to interview other churches which have recently built or added on, to get their perspective on how to proceed. This committee will look at a variety of ways to grow our space, as well as look at funding issues. Nancy Ware leads this committee and the BC liaison will be Mary Sparks. Committee members include Victor Chiarolla, Jay Luther, Sallie Wood, Cindy Poulos and Billie Barbash. Its next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 12 at 7 pm at the church.

Elise and Brian Rankin will be joining these committees later this month and additional members will be welcome. There's lots of work to do and we will need help from others in the congregation as we get closer to putting plans into action.

A note from the editor – (Cathy Kirk)

Are you interested in receiving the *Redeemer Review* by e-mail instead of snail-mail? If so, please drop me a note by e-mail, - kindel.odie@comcast.net - and I will switch you over. This is a great way to see all the graphics in COLOR (!) and will, of course, cut back on our printing and mailing expenses. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report

At the Annual Meeting on January 28th, Linda Fox presented a summary of the 2006 financials, as well as a budget for 2007. Below are the high points from her report:

Finance Report

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
# of Pledges	41	34
\$ Income	108,000	76,000

Of the \$108,000 received in 2006, \$4,200 was from individuals who generously gave more than their pledged amount.

The 2007 figures are as of January 15, 2007. The pledged amount is 76% of the 2007 budget for pledges.

Budget Summary

	<u>2006 Actual</u>	<u>2007 Projected</u>
Operating Expense	\$132,679	\$140,813
Net Income	5,770	(12,043)

The projected 2007 operating expenses includes a diocesan mandated salary increase of \$3,300 and a \$4,187 diocesan assessment increase.

The projected net income for 2007 includes pledges: \$100,000; plate (i.e., cash, [not pledged,] given during the services): \$10,000; fundraisers: \$13,000. This totals \$123,000, which when added to the \$5,770 net gain for 2006, results in a deficit of \$12,043.

A REMINDER! If you have not yet made your pledge to Redeemer, now would be a good time to do so. Thank you!

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Please note that the deadline for the March Redeemer Review is Monday, February 19th.

Any submissions after that date
might not be included!

Please e-mail your news to me at:

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REDEEMER SERVICE CALENDAR **SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:15 Kids' Church for children and their families
10:30 Holy Communion with music

Healing prayers are offered at the left hand of the altar
rail at the end of each service

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:30-NOON

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August 5 – 13th, 2007:
Glaciers, Grizzlies, Native Heritage, Huskies, and a
little bit of Heaven

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Sunday, August 5:

Travel from SFO to Anchorage; lunch at the Moose Tooth Pizzeria; drive to Wasilla, check in at Meier Lake Camp and Conference Center

Monday, August 6:

Spend the Day at Meier Lake: Some simple energy gifts, canoeing, visit Knik Ghost Town

Tuesday, August 7:

Drive to Denali National Park, visit Murie Nature Center, Park Kennels, walk through spruce forest, overnight in Denali. It's about now that the first auroras of the year appear in the night sky. The intrepid of us will set our alarms for 3 a.m.

Wednesday, August 8:

Half day wildlife tour; free time to kayak, visit kennels, go on nature hikes. Overnight in Denali.

Thursday, August 9:

Return to Wasilla Anchorage: Visit Native Heritage Center

Friday, August 10:

Seward: Half day glacier cruise

Saturday, August 11:

Sled Dog visit; Hatcher Pass Gold Mine

Sunday, August 12: Worship with our friends at St. David's, Free time

Monday, August 13: Return to SFO

THE COST OF \$1500/person includes airfare, tickets to attractions and accommodations. Does not include food which we will prepare and purchase on site. Please return completed form with payment no later than March 15. Need at least 6 participants. This is practically the same trip that National Geographic is offering for 3x as much!

THE ONE EARTH PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Special Interests _____

Please return this and your check or money order for \$1500 no later than March 15. You will be refunded if trip does not go. Because we are a small, pay as you go group, prices may change somewhat.

For participants under 18 years of age, Diocesan Youth Event standards will be in effect. Rev. Carol Luther is certified as a safe church leader according to the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Youth wishing to participate in this trip without their parents will need to speak with Rev. Carol.

THANK YOU!

