



Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

A caring community offering opportunities for spiritual growth
by knowing, loving and serving God through each other

July/August, 2004

As I write this, I am coming to the end of my second week at Church of the Redeemer. We have worshiped together, pondered the scriptures, shared meals, discussed books, celebrated the preschool community and much, much more. Most important of all, you have made me feel welcome. Even in this short time, Redeemer feels like home. I am deeply thankful to God and you for calling me here.

It is clear, even to this newest of newcomers, that Redeemer is a growing community. Kids' Church is a fine family liturgy, brimming over with hope and fun - I know if I were a kid, I'd bring my friends to this one! And our 10:30 liturgy as well is a wonderful opportunity for face to face worship, reflection and communion, as appropriate to adult seekers as Kids' Church is to the young at heart. I've had wonderful conversations with many of you about this community's hopes and dreams and I look forward to having many more.

During his ministry, Jesus taught us a lot about being a community of faith: service and healing and welcoming the stranger. All of these wonderful activities, however, were never intended as ultimate ends in themselves. They are the road we travel on our quest toward God, healing and wholeness. Jesus gives us a taste of that wholeness in John's Gospel when he Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this. . . I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father." Or, to put it slightly differently, servant ministry leads to friendship. As we practice the presence of our loving God through prayer, worship, study and service, as we do this together, we also become truer friends. This is one way I know that we at Redeemer are on the right track. As new family in Christ, you have so wonderfully befriended me even as you have cherished and grown your own deep and fine friendships. Many thanks and blessings,

Rev. Carol L⁺

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Official Acts:

We have new leaders in our community of faith! Greet those who were confirmed or received into the household of faith at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 12th:

Confirmed:

Cody Christopher Blank
Christopher William Burton
Nicolas Joseph Cassettari
Catherine Lynne Fox
Cynthia Marie Poulos
Michael James Providenza
Meredith Catherine Sherrill
Dannie Dean Smilie

Received:

Billie Anne Barbash
Kelly Ann Mason
Sallie Ann Magruder Wood

For a copy of Rev. Carol's sermon preached at confirmation,
you may go to: <http://www.oldstpauls.org/redeemer/sermons.html>

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

This past Saturday, June 12th I was officially "received" into the Episcopal Church at a lovely ceremony at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. I am so honored and proud to have served God and the Church of The Redeemer for the past three years that I only thought it was befitting to be formally acknowledged as an Episcopalian. We were wonderfully surprised to see our very own Rev. Carol take the lectern at Grace Cathedral to preach the sermon that day. What an honor and gift you gave us all in your first week at Redeemer. Thank you Rev. Carol. And congratulations to all that were Confirmed, Reaffirmed and Received by the Bishop.

In case you missed Rev. Carol's opening début on Sunday, June 6th, it was a lovely day filled with hope and joy. Thank you to Sue Clark, Ann Zolezzi, Julie Jensen, Billie Barbash, Liz Chiarolla, Glenn Godbold, and Betsy Nakamura in helping make the day run so smoothly.

As if we couldn't pack enough into the Vicar's first week, we also held our Annual Meeting. Voted in as Deanery and Convention Delegates were Jon Nakamura, Terri Leinsteiner, Virginia Geddes and Kelly Mason. The nine new 2004 Bishop's Committee members were approved as follows: Kelly Mason, Senior Warden; Rick Skubecz, Junior Warden; Cindy Poulos, Secretary; Linda Fox, Treasurer; Cathy Kirk, Elizabeth Chiarolla, Mark Moody, Ann Zolezzi and Billie Barbash. Thank you all for stepping up to these important leadership positions. Special recognition goes to Jay Luther and Rev. Carol for the diligent work in setting up the electronic logistics of the slide show.

Kelly Mason

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

& YARD SALE**

AUGUST 21ST

8.30 AM - \$5 each

Invite your friends & neighbors!

Save good stuff for sale, check church for eligible items!

LETTER FROM DEACON JULIE

I am writing this at the end of May because I will be away for 10 days in June when usually I would be writing my segment. I'm feeling reflective as it is five days until the second anniversary of my ordination. So much has occurred in our church family since that time. Because I did my "field ed" work at Redeemer, I have been a part of the congregation for almost 3 years. Much has changed! During my time, I have served with two priests as well as serving with the "supply priests" who are with us from time to time. Each of those people has enriched our worship. I have enjoyed hearing various sermons and homilies. Each of the long time priests has had different gifts to offer, and I have learned from both of them. We are about to be enriched with yet another priest who will share her gifts with the congregation. Carol brings boundless energy and a style that is uniquely her own. As we welcome her, we can reflect on how each person who has helped lead the congregation has enriched our lives over the years.

Three educational series are times that stand out for me. I was so blessed to be able to present the interfaith series during Lent 2003. Each faith leader who was with us was outstanding. This last Lent it was my privilege to provide education for three women who soon will be received or confirmed in our church. I am about to complete the confirmation series with 7 youth who will be confirmed before you read this. Teaching each of those classes has challenged me to grow in my knowledge and faith. When I began my time at Redeemer, I had never worshiped in a church with a small congregation. It has been a new and very rewarding experience. I now cherish the fact that I have come to know so many people so well. That is one thing that can't be done so easily in a larger congregation. We have grown in our journey of faith together.

I hope all have a restful and rejuvenating summer as we look forward to another enriching year together.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Julie

Have a Great Summer and Don't Forget to Write

Send us a postcard at church from whatever summer adventure you're on and help us map and savor the Country of Summer.

YOUTH NEWS

Summer Opportunities:

Are you looking for something awesome and unforgettable? A chance to meet kids from other schools? For friends that you'll keep for years? If this appeals to you, **BREAD** camp at the Bishop's Ranch is just the thing! You'll spend a week having fun, sharing stories and bonding. Everyone I know who goes becomes an instant lifer.

For more information or to register, go online to www.bishopsranch.org/summercamp.html or call Carol at 456-0508.

And while you're online, do check out www.myyaya.org. It's the website of the Diocese of California youth and young adult ministries and it's your ticket to some very wonderful stuff for Middle School and High School students.

River Rafting Down the Waters of Life

Well, maybe the American River isn't quite that grand, but we're planning a rafting trip during August. Want to come? Call Rev. Carol or Mary Sparks.

Alaska in '05

"A land set apart," said Bishop of Alaska Mark MacDonald, "a land set apart so that the beauty and power of creation can always be visible." To enter this land in summer is to enter a kingdom of light.

Next summer, Redeemer teens and a few select adult leaders have the chance to learn a way of life from a Native American community, come face to face with wildlife in Denali National Park, and meet Marin's champion dog musher Jeff King. We will earn all money for the trip through community projects and fundraisers and I promise you will come back with a whole new outlook.

If you want to do this, we will need to start planning almost immediately. Watch your mailboxes for a letter in August.

Kids' Karnival

An opportunity to help our Parish, give some community service hours and have fun at the same time. Sign up to help with the games - watch for more information at church.

Save the date: September 18th!

Back Packs and Supplies for back to school

It's become a tradition for us to provide filled back packs for kids in San Rafael whose parents cannot afford that expense.

Remember this summer when purchasing stuff for your back to school needs - check with your parents if you can purchase a couple of duplicate items to donate. There will be a place at the back of the church to drop off backpacks & supplies.

Look for information from Billie Barbash later this summer on the day for stuffing all the new backpacks.

HOMELESS CHAPLAINCY DINNER

August 31st is the next time our church helps with this. If you would like to help set up, serve or clean up Rev. Carol will be happy to complete the paperwork for recording service hours for you.

And a Reflection from the Rev

The spiritual life is about power. It's about finding the place inside yourself that is most truly you. The more you find that place of strength the less power does the trials of the world hold over you. It's a new and very lasting definition of success. We'll keep talking about this.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT THIS SECTION IS SHARED WITH THE YOUTH IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD!!!!!!

THOSE LAZY DAYS OF..

Summer are finally here and you just can't wait to relax! No lunches to make, no morning carpool, no safety patrol and best of all no morning temper tantrums by kids or parents, trying to "beat the clock" and get to school before the bell rings! Ah, summer - glorious summer!

There are still a few morning duties to take care of, though, and Church is one of them! Please look ahead and check the summer duty roster for acolytes, LEMs, service and coffee hour hosts. If you know you'll be away, please arrange for a sub now! Don't wait until you're stopping the paper, getting someone to feed the cat, shopping for shoes (because someone grew two sizes overnight), and rushing around taking care of last minute chores, because it will be forgotten. If you've lost your schedule, there is one posted on the board at the back of the Church near the coffee pot and also in the Sacristy. Also, if you get a sub, please leave a message on the machine at Church so the schedule can be changed, otherwise, if that person forgets, it'll look like you're the one who flaked out!

One last thing about summer. We all kick back, we all relax, we all shed our school time responsibilities, but God never does. He is always there for us 24/7. Give to him one hour a week, even in summer, for all that he has blessed us with. Enjoy!

Billie Barbash

OUTREACH

RITTER HOUSE:

Backpacks and supplies -

(paper, pencils, pens, crayons, kleenex, binders, & backpacks)

Deliver to church by Sunday, August 1st.

HOMELESS CHAPLAINCY:

August 31st we will be providing Salads and Dessert for the dinner at 1st. Presbyterian Church.

Needed: Food donations, people to set up tables, people to serve and clean up.

Food to be delivered at 4.45, dinner is served at 5.30, clean up by 6.30.

Adults and youth welcomed to help at this event.

CONGREGATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

July 4 -we pray for our beloved Country and all those who have given their lives to protect our freedom.

July 11 -we give thanks for our musicians who so enhance our worship.

July 18 -we pray for safe travel and a safe return for all who will spend vacation time away from home.

July 25 -we give thanks for Whistle Stop Wheels and its service to the elderly in our county.

August 1 -we give thanks for the 25 years that Bishop Swing has led our Diocese so well.

August 8 -we give thanks for those who prepare our Service Bulletins each week.

August 15 -we give thanks for those who have prepared food for the Homeless Chaplaincy dinners and for those who have served the dinners to homeless people in Marin.

August 22 -we pray for all our young people who begin a new school year this week.

August 29 -we give thanks for all those who donated so generously to the drive for filled backpacks for students served by Ritter Center.

REDEEMER LUNCH BUNCH

July 1st, August 5th

12 to 1 in the church

- Everyone is welcome.
- Bring your own sandwich (bag lunch)
- Coffee and tea provided

Questions?

Call Betty Baird - 457-8543

REDEEMER PRESCHOOL

The Board of Trustees is delighted to announce the appointment of our new Director, Theresa Chan.

Theresa has recently served for three years as Program Director and Acting Site Director for Novato Enrichment Care, a non profit with five locations in Novato, Terra Linda and Petaluma. Previously she was with Edgewood Center for Children & families in San Francisco and from 1977 - 84 taught at Leung Shek Chee School in Hong Kong. Theresa will be joining us officially on June 28th.

Graduation will be on August 20th. We are currently enrolling students for Fall and beyond.

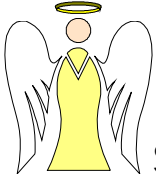


WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN

Hostess provides drinks and dessert. Attendees should bring a sandwich and RSVP to hostess each month.

July 14th Book is *The Pursuit of Alice Thrift* by Eleanor Lipman. Hostess is Cindy Smith.

August 11th Book is *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. Hostess is Betty Baird.



SAINTS AND ANGELS

From time to time we remember those who ascend slightly above to hover for a while and buff their halos.

All who brought such great food for our brunch on June 6th!

Everyone who was recognized at the Annual Meeting for giving of themselves to some part of our church life.

Betty Baird & Sue Clark for cooking and Jay Luther & Nick Clark for setting up for Homeless Chaplaincy dinner on June 15th.

KIDS' KARNIVAL

Saturday, September 18th

Note the date,

Plan to work, eat and play,

Watch for more information!

If you are new to Redeemer.... this is really an amazing event. Gives us great presence in the community and great joy to our neighborhood.

And, it's fun!

Call Billie Barbash @ 495-2303

To have communion brought to you please call Julie Jensen, 924-2073

ANNIVERSARIES

July:

- 3 Chuck & Julie Jensen 1965
- 7 Mario & Nellie Pamatmat 1961
- 16 John & Susan Orange 1983
- 23 Gil & Mollie Taylor 1946

August

- 15 Steve & Ann Zolezzi 1964
- 17 Greg & Cindy Poulos 1986
- 20 Wayne & Cathy Kirk 1966

BIRTHDAYS

July

- 1 David Ewell
- 3 Mollie Taylor
- 7 Sierra Kennison '84
- 23 Aaron Chiarolla '95
- 24 Nicolas Cassettari '91
- 24 Joan Westmoreland
- 25 Cari Gerlach
- 26 Eric Bryan '96
- 29 Betty Lituanio
- 30 Griffin English
- 30 Larry Smilie

August

- 1 Wayne Kirk
- 7 Robin Wythe Jereb
- 6 Dustin Joseph Ruiz '82
- 16 Dylan Browne '96
- 18 Julie Godbold
- 20 Jeff English
- 24 Chuck Wood
- 25 Carol Luther
- 31 Gil Taylor

Congratulations to our Graduates!

From High School:

Joe Curtis
Cameron Tuttle

From Middle School:

Cody Blank
Ben Crosby
Katie Fox
Mike Providenza
Meredith Sherrill

From Elementary School:

Aiden Bane
Ryan Erler
Jessica Luiz
Claire Poulos

From Pre-school:

Christian Duro

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday Services: (followed by healing prayers)

- 9.15 Kids' Church for children and their families
10.30 Holy Communion with music

Wednesday Bible Study

- 11.00 Bible Study and Noonday service

July

- 1 Lunch bunch, noon @ Church
4 Independence Day
7 Women's Spirituality
14 Book Club, noon
19 Preschool Board mtg. 6.30 pm @ Church
20 Bishop's Committee mtg. 7 pm @ Church
21 Women's Spirituality
31 Bishop's Swing's 25th @ Bishop's Ranch

August

- 1 DELIVER PACKPACKS, ETC. TO CHURCH
5 Lunch bunch, noon @ Church
11 Book Club, noon
16 Preschool Board mtg. 6.30 pm @ Church
17 Bishop's Committee mtg. 7 pm @ Church
21 Pancake Breakfast 8.30 am @ Church
22 ONE SERVICE ONLY, 10 am.
31 Homeless Chaplaincy Dinner @ 1st Pres.

DEADLINE

for September Newsletter is August 15th

Articles received after that date may not be included until following month.

Please email articles to sueclarkca@aol.com

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FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

As the newly elected Junior Warden I am learning the ropes of what needs doing around our church and grounds.

This is the time of year that both the grass and plants (also weeds) grow vigorously. I'd appreciate your help in controlling both!

If you can mow the grass occasionally, pull weeds alongside the driveway or on the edge of the sidewalk or water our plants once a week I would love to hear from you.

Please call me if you see anything that needs attention.

Rick Skubecz, 482-0731

The people of the Diocese of California are invited to gather in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Bishop Swing's Episcopate!

Saturday, July 31, 2004 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bishop's Ranch, 5297 Westside Road, Healdsburg
Website: www.bishopsranch.org

- Gather for prayer, music & fun activities
- BBQ lunch, incl. drinks & dessert provided
- Spend time reminiscing with Bishop Swing or meeting him for the first time!
- Plenty of seating in the shade
- All ages welcome & encouraged

Marin County churches are working on lining up bus transportation.

For additional information
check with Julie Jensen or Kelly Mason.
Watch for sign up sheets at the church.

Join in this great summer outing

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE PLACE - DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO CELEBRATE AT AN EVENT WE HAVEN'T EVEN HAD TO PLAN!!!!

OUR ACOLYTES

(new and continuing)

We welcome some new acolytes this summer, please be sure and thank them when you see them serve at the Altar.

Aaron Chiarolla, Lauren Shepard, Travis Tissell, Haley Skubecz, Meredith Sherrill, Karen Bryan, Griffon English.

They join our seasoned group:

Sierra Kennison, Alex Kennison, Mike Providenza, Susan Providenza, Helene Erler, Cody Blank, Ali Thomason, Jessica Luiz and Steve Burton.

You will notice that Shannon and Samantha Kirk are acolyting a couple of times this summer - we welcome them back from the East Coast as they visit their grandparents Wayne and Cathy.

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123 Knight Drive
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Address Correction Requested

HELP FOR SHEILA TRITT

An account has been set up with Room Service of Marin, 389-8871, for Sheila Tritt. If you would like to donate to this fund you can phone and charge a donation of any amount to this account (either by name or anonymously)

This is an organization that contracts with certain restaurants for home delivery service - something that the Tritt family can access as needed. This account has been set up by several alumni preschool parents.

You may also write a check to the church, marking it for Sheila and it will be forwarded to her.

Please continue to keep Sheila and her family in your prayers.