



# Redeemer Review

## The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

### July-August, 200

#### From the Vicar

Through the bonds of community, death is transformed into energy for life.

—Parker Palmer, *The Active Life*

Shortly before Sam Fletcher's final illness, he invited me up to the house, as he often did on Sundays after church. He had something he wanted to tell me. He wanted me to know that he did not believe in God. (I had kind of guessed.) He wanted me to know that the reason he came to Redeemer even though he didn't believe in God was because he loved the people and that this was his community. I think he thought that I might be shocked, but I remember smiling and saying, "Sam, that is enough. In fact, it is more than enough."

When Jesus came from Nazareth and gathered together his *ekklesia*, the word we translate as "church," he did not come to found, or even particularly change, a religion. He came to build a community of people who loved one another. He knew that love for one another is what brings people closer to God, not religious leadership. Indeed, the religious leadership of his day was driving people apart. Jesus called his friends the *ekklesia*, which is the Greek word for assembly. In classical Athens, the *ekklesia* was who governed the first ever democracy in the world. Jesus wanted the same kind of face to face life. Jesus made friends. And that was enough. In fact it was more than enough.

During the years I have served the Church, I have discovered that there are things far more important than religious belief. Love is more important. Showing up is more important. Making a commitment to people is more important. I don't need a Creed, but I do need a connection. When I was a chaplain in Oakland, people were reluctant to talk about religion, but they were passionate about community. With them I realized that spirituality was another word for community, for walking the walk with others, about not being afraid to make mistakes in their presence, about coming back, about learning how to be me and not be ashamed. I learned that community was enough. In fact, it was more than enough.

Spirit also means breath. The spirit, the breath, is what we humans and animals, and indeed all life, share. Spirit brings us together as life. There can be the breath without the religion, but there can be no true religion without the breath. That is what Jesus knew. He did not say, "I come to teach you to worship God correctly," he said, "I come that you might have life in abundance." Life is enough. In fact, it is more than enough.

This summer, I invite us all to think about the life of our community. I know that when I walk through the doors of Redeemer and enter the peace of a place shaped by prayer, the place where Sam came to be with his friends, I know, in some profound way, that I have come home. And home is enough.

Your friend in Christ,

*Rev. Carol +*

## SENIOR WARDEN'S LETTER

Happy Summer everyone! I hope that you all find the time for relaxation and a change of pace during these next two months. If we are lucky we have the opportunity to try something new, visit a new spot, try a new sport, relax reading a new book, or skip rocks on a lake or the ocean.

I enjoyed attending our "new" 10 am service on June 17th. There was some familiar stuff (music) and some new wording in the liturgy which made me more intentional in the participation. At first glance it was both familiar and new. I hope that all of us will have the chance to participate in the service this summer.

The Pancake Breakfast put on by the Men of Redeemer provided the usual enormous wonderful pancakes and a chance for parishioners and neighbors to relax with each other. The crowd seemed a little smaller than usual, but the enjoyment was high. Very, very special thanks to Glenn Godbold and Greg Poulos who underwrote the expenses of this event. Many underwriters merely write a check - but these two purchased food, schlepped equipment and cleaned up afterwards! Many others ably assisted with set up, cooking and monitoring of the wonderful bounce-slide combination. **THANKS TO ALL!**

The ladies jumped in to maximize the offerings with a bountiful bake sale. **28** people baked for this event, Betsy Nakamura and Kim Johnson staffed the booth and together we brought in just over \$400. **THANKS TO ALL!**

Don't forget to send a postcard to the church if you are off traveling - it's a wonderful way for us all to share in the joy of summer. And remember services are at **8am** for the early birds wanting a more contemplative experience and **10am** for the rest of us!

Sue Clark, 454-4115, [sueclarkca@aol.com](mailto:sueclarkca@aol.com)

## CONGREGATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

July 1: We give thanks for Mollie Taylor as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.

July 8: We pray for our nation and for all of our ministries as citizens of a free country.

July 15: We pray for all who traverse the country of summer: for travelers, campers, hikers, those who counsel children in tents, cabins and under the stars, that all may find refreshment, beauty and peace.

July 22: We give thanks for Bishop Marc on the first anniversary of his investiture on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

July 29: We give thanks for all who work in healing professions, for health care aides, nurses, doctors, and pharmacists.

August 5: On this Friendship Sunday, let us give thanks for all the friends in our lives, past, present and future. Help us to remember that friendship is a gift from God and that Jesus called us to be friends.

August 12: As we approach the feast day of Mary the Mother of God, we give thanks for all who mother and care for the young of this world including our preschool teachers.

August 19: We pray this week for all our children who are preparing to start another school year.

August 26: On the fifth anniversary of the first UN Earth Summit, we pray for our earth and for all those who work to keep her well, our firefighters and police officers, our naturalists and veterinarians, our gardeners and our habitat restoration volunteers.

## SAINTS AND ANGELS



We give thanks for these people in our parish who go out of their way to make Redeemer the special place it is:

Greg Poulos and Glenn Godbold for the Pancake Breakfast which they made possible in myriad ways; Jay Luther for getting table and chairs for the Pancake Breakfast; Rudy Erler and Jeff English, for their cooking at the Pancake Breakfast.

Rick Skubecz for all his organizational help and for his untiring work with the preschool.

Elliott Blank for all the signs for the Pancake Breakfast and for his help with many other signs, wonders and environmental ministry.

Sue Clark and Kim Johnson for organizing the bake sale.

Sue and Nick Clark for their help with buildings and grounds.

Sally Garbarino for her gift of lawn mowing.

To EVERYONE on the Altar Guild.

To Kit Culleton for keeping the vicar honest.

To Cathy Kirk for making sure the vicar remembers to laugh.

To Billie Barbash for her gracious support of family ministry.

To all the members of our contemplative prayer group.

To Jack and Betty Baird for their incredibly faithful support and participation in all the ministries of Redeemer.

To Edy Loudon for showing us that getting older can be the most adventurous of all things.

To Mollie Taylor for modeling to us all the strength of faith.

To Billy Devers for having the courage to ask the real questions.

To Kendra Chung for her ministry to all who are celebrating birthdays.

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**REDEEMER FILM FESTIVAL**  
is on Summer Vacation.  
Watch for our Fall reopening!

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## WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

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

**July 11<sup>th</sup>:** *March*, by Geraldine Brooks; at Sallie Wood's home (454-0162) at noon.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>:** *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make A Big Difference*, by Malcolm Gladwell; at Betty Baird's home (457-8543) at noon.

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## Healing Mondays with Rev. Carol

Healing services will now be done by request.  
Call Rev. Carol at the Church, 456-0508.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 John W Macmeekin
- 3 Mollie Taylor
- 7 Sierra Kennison '94
- 15 Francis Geddes
- 16 Molly Skubecz
- 17 Alessandra Lituano '95
- 23 Aaron Chiarolla '95
- 23 Christie Clark '00
- 24 Nicolas Cassettari '91
- 24 Joan Westmoreland
- 25 Cari Gerlach
- 30 Griffin English
- 30 Larry Smilie

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Wayne Kirk
- 7 Robin Wythe Jereb
- 6 Dustin Joseph Ruiz
- 15 John P. Macmeekin
- 18 Julie Godbold
- 18 Iris Ross
- 20 Jeff English
- 24 Chuck Wood
- 25 Carol Luther

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**SUMMER PICK A HYMN**

It's summer again! Time to pick your favorites to sing. Please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate.

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Mario & Nellie Pamatmat 1961
- 16 John and Sue Oranje 1983

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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**OUTREACH:**

**JULY:**

Backpacks and school supplies for our annual donation campaign for the children served by Ritter House.



**ALL SUMMER (and YEAR also):**

Save your "money back" cans and bottles and leave them in the can marked "RECYCLING" outside the back of the church. The money earned goes to help children in both Sonoma (orphans with life-threatening illnesses) and Africa, served by the brothers and sisters at Starcross Monastery in Sonoma County.



## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

Ann and Steve Zolezzi are planning a wonderful 3+ week safari trip to Kenya and Tanzania in August.

Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, Wayne and Cathy Kirk are off to Rev. Carol's beloved Alaska – with stays at Denali National Park, and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July barbeque at a gold mine on the Katmai Peninsula. In August they will return to South Africa where Wayne has several meetings, then to Kruger Nat'l Park for a 3-day safari.

Pat Eyster e-mailed, “ I leave for Europe on July 1 and return July 24. We are taking the other end of the river cruise David and I took from Amsterdam to Vienna. Now my friend and I are flying to Bucharest and going up the Danube from the Black Sea, stopping in places I can't pronounce and ending with 4 days in Prague. This will be my first trip without David to carry my bags, so I intend to look helpless with the luggage. (Maybe I will learn to pack lighter – ha!) As soon as life here settles down Cairo and I will be back for a visit.”

Sue and Nick Clark are eagerly awaiting the birth of their daughter Caroline's 2<sup>nd</sup> child in August.

And Cindy and Bud Smith's daughter, Erica, is expecting twins this fall!

Send me your gossip and news, folks!

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## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **FALL FAITH FORMATION**

Opportunities for Children and Adults

The Church makes a distinction between education and formation. Education is what I know. Formation describes who I am, where I am grounded, what I mean. Education measures and strives for “success.” Formation asks what it really means to be successful. Education sets standards and

rules. Formation gives me the freedom and the skills to reflect upon those standards and rules and to work with them for the good of myself and others.

Everything is a gift from God and everything can be used and given to the good. But until our hearts are awakened, we will only see the good through a glass darkly. To that end, Redeemer invites all its members, young and old to a time of formation and reflection.

## **STARTING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:**

### **The Way of the Child**

For grades 4-6, in which you will learn how to talk to the Universe and how to listen to its Song. We will focus on three things: Quiet, Imagination and Respect. Children will learn to meditate, to create stories and works of art, to reverence all creation and one another. We will create a community in which our own unique gifts can be nurtured and fully given. Space is limited and calendars even more so. Please register now. Meets Friday afternoons, 3:30– 4:30. Cost is \$75 per child which will make possible the purchase of materials.

After the first session, all are invited to dinner with Rev. Carol. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will join with other young people in the first Floating Friday of the School Year.

### **For Adults: Companions in Christ**

A 23 week course in 6 week modules which explores the spiritual journey. The small group meets once a week to pray and bond. Participants are expected to spend about 10-15 minutes a day keeping a simple journal of reflection and reading short passages of scripture and tradition. This is an amazing course which engages mind, heart and spirit.

Begins at Wednesday Bible Study on September 12<sup>th</sup>. If there is interest, a second session can be arranged, either in the evening or on Saturday or Sunday.

Cost is for materials, approximately \$9.00 per module for those who wish to do a partial series, or \$29 for the single volume participant's book and journal.

Please watch your email boxes for an announcement and a chance to hit the “reply” button.



## Redeemer Camping Weekend

September 29, 30 and October 1  
 Saturday, Sunday and Monday  
 (Monday is a school holiday)

Mt. Tam State Park  
 Alice B. Eastwood Campground

We have reserved a group campsite at Alice Eastwood Campground on Mt. Tam. It is located between the Mt. Home Inn and Muir Woods and is a tree-shaded hillside with lots of room to spread out.

So put this weekend on your calendar and sign up at church. Bring your kids after Saturday soccer practice or other activities, because it is only 30 minutes away.

Nearby activities include hiking, watching the sun go down from the Mt. Home Inn, campfires, shared meals, excursions to nearby Mt. Tam, Stinson Beach and awe-inspiring trails.

Cost: \$15 per person, payable as soon as you sign up.

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### KIDS' KARNIVAL

is coming

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>!**

### Please note:

The deadline for submissions to the September *Redeemer Review* is Monday, August 20th.

Please e-mail your news to Cathy Kirk at [kindel.odie@comcast.net](mailto:kindel.odie@comcast.net)

Anything received after the deadline *might not be included!*

Want your *Review* by e-mail instead of snail-mail? Send me a note at the above address.

### REDEEMER SERVICE CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

June 17- September 2:

8:00 Contemplative Service with Eucharist  
 10:00 Summer Seekers' Service with music and Eucharist

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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### A PRAYER FOR TODAY

May today be all that you need it to be today. May the peace of God and the freshness of the Holy Spirit rest in your thoughts, rule in your dreams tonight and conquer all your fears. May God manifest himself today in ways that you have never experienced. May your joys be fulfilled, your dreams be closer and your prayers be answered. I pray that faith enters a new height for you, I pray that your territory is enlarged and I pray that you step sure into your destiny within the ministry.

**Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Schedule of Services –  
JULY/AUGUST 2007**

Date	Lay Minister	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Lesson & Gospel	Lay Reader	Coffee Hour Host	Service Host
<b>JULY 1</b> 5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Terri L.</b>	10:00 <b>Susan P. &amp; Carolyn D.</b>	<b>Eileen Erler Barbara Smilie</b>	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Luke 9:51-62	10:00 <b>Sallie Wood</b>	10:00 <b>Skubecz &amp; Zolezzi</b>	10:00 <b>Kennedy</b>
<b>JULY 8</b> 6th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Paula Z.</b>	10:00 <b>Carly C. &amp; Erika J.</b>	<b>Julie Cassettari Ann Zolezzi</b>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	10:00 <b>Julie Cassettari</b>	10:00 <b>Johnson &amp; Kirk</b>	10:00 <b>Chiarolla</b>
<b>JULY 15</b> 7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>John W.</b>	10:00 <b>Meg N. &amp; Steve B.</b>	<b>Cathy Kirk Joan Westmoreland</b>	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Luke 10:25-37	10:00 <b>Gail Spencer</b>	10:00 <b>Poulos &amp; Hamady</b>	10:00 <b>Nakamura</b>
<b>JULY 22</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Cathy K.</b>	10:00 <b>Ali T. &amp; Cat T.</b>	<b>Cathy Kirk Cindy Smith</b>	Genesis 18:1-10a Luke 10:38-42	10:00 <b>Jay Luther</b>	10:00 <b>Baird &amp; Zolezzi</b>	10:00 <b>Thomason</b>
<b>JULY 29</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Sallie W.</b>	10:00 <b>Mike P. &amp; Griffon E.</b>	DIRECTRESS <b>Sallie Wood Cindy Smith</b>	Genesis 18:20-32 Luke 11:1-13	10:00 <b>Cindy Smith</b>	10:00 <b>Joyce &amp; Zand</b>	10:00 <b>English</b>
<b>AUGUST 5</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Liesje B.</b>	10:00 <b>Cody B. &amp; Billy D.</b>	<b>Ann Zolezzi Barbara Smilie</b>	Hosea 11:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	10:00 <b>Sue Clark</b>	<b>Gerlach/ 10:00 Moreira &amp; S.Clark</b>	10:00 <b>Poulos</b>
<b>AUGUST 12</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Rich A.</b>	10:00 <b>Jessica L. &amp; Lauren S.</b>	<b>Julie Cassettari Eileen Erler</b>	Genesis 15:1-6 Luke 12:32-40	10:00 <b>Julie Cassettari</b>	10:00 <b>Erler &amp; Hamady</b>	10:00 <b>Kennedy</b>
<b>AUGUST 19</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Joan W.</b>	10:00 <b>Aaron C. &amp; Gina C.</b>	<b>Sallie Wood Joan Westmoreland</b>	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Luke 12:49-56	10:00 <b>Sallie Wood</b>	10:00 <b>Godbold &amp; Kirk</b>	10:00 <b>Chiarolla</b>
<b>AUGUST 26</b> 13th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 <b>Gail S.</b>	10:00 <b>Sierra K. &amp; Alex K.</b>	<b>Cathy Kirk Cindy Smith</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Luke 13:10-17	10:00 <b>Cindy Smith</b>	10:00 <b>Skubecz &amp; Smith</b>	10:00 <b>Ortega/ Kennison</b>

**PLEASE GET YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ASSIGNMENT**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP**

Please call Ann Zolezzi at 454-4337 with any changes to this schedule.

# July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Mollie's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday!	<b>4</b> No Bible Study – Fourth of July	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> BC Meeting	<b>10</b> Dreams	<b>11</b> Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>NO</u> Movie tonight	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Dreams	<b>25</b> Bible Study	<b>26</b> Churches with Schools	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Faith Formation Retreat	<b>30</b> Faith Formation Retreat	<b>31</b>				

# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Eucharistic Minister Training St. John's, Ross
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Faith Formation Meeting	<b>28</b> Dreams	<b>29</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>2</b> Last "Summer Sunday"	<b>3</b> Labor Day – Office Closed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bible Study	<b>6</b> Online EFM begins	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Wedding
<b>9</b> Regular Worship Schedule Resumes	<b>10</b> Marin Deanery	<b>11</b> Dreams Live EFM Group begins	<b>12</b> Bible Study; <i>Companions</i> begins; <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b>	<b>13</b> <b>RAMADAN</b> begins	<b>14</b> The Way of the Child, 3:30; Floating Friday	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> BC Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> The Way of the Child	<b>22</b>  YOM KIPPUR
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Dreams	<b>26</b> Bible Study Clergy Conference	<b>27</b> Clergy Conference	<b>28</b> Clergy Conference; The Way of the Child	<b>29</b> Camping Trip: Alice Eastwood campground, Mt. Tam
<b>30</b> Camping Trip						