



Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

October, 2007

From the Vicar

September 23, 2007

Dear Redeemer family,

Greetings! My name is Steve Hassett and I'm the new interim vicar at the Church of the Redeemer. I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you in the past couple of weeks, and look forward to meeting the rest of you and getting to know you all better in the coming months.

In that time there will be plenty of opportunity to get to know me and my family, too, but for the now, here's a little bit about us: My wife's name is Clancy Drake, and we've been married for five years. We have two boys, Elijah, three-and-a-half, and Declan, eight months. As you can imagine, Clancy and I have plenty of free time and are able to sleep in as late as we like every day, and our house is always immaculate and we enjoy spacious and uninterrupted conversation at mealtimes. (Would I lie?) Clancy works as a book editor at a press in Berkeley called Ten Speed (if you like to cook you probably have some of their cookbooks).

In terms of my churchy history, I came into the Episcopal Church about ten years ago, through the church of St Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco. I attended seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, in Berkeley, and was ordained in 2006, first as a deacon under Bishop Swing, and then as a priest under Bishop Marc.

There's lots more I could tell you about the bliss that is my life, but I'd like to dive right in and offer a little theological reflection. (It is my training, after all.) My arrival here represents a sudden and, in some ways, unexpected change in the leadership at Redeemer. I'm aware that sudden change is not everyone's favorite mode, and there are good reasons for that. The unknown is, well, unknown, and that can be unsettling. It's part of our nature to want to know what's going to happen next, so we can feel prepared and ready for whatever God might have in store for us.

For my part, I am fairly certain that God will never give us that luxury, and instead calls us to a life lived in faith — which is to say, trusting in God despite not knowing what the next day, or month, or year will hold. God's promise to us is faithfulness — “I am with you, even to the end of time” Jesus said — and so our response to God must be one of faithfulness, too: trusting that our lives have purpose and meaning, and that there is no change or disruption big enough to alter the fundamental reality of our lives: We are created in God's image, and are called by name to share in the abundance of love that God has for all Creation.

So, I'm delighted to be here, and feel well received by everyone, and am eager to say that I have absolutely no idea what will happen in my time at Redeemer. But by working together, trusting and listening to one another and to God, we can come to a place of following God's plan for this community, even if we don't know how it will all turn out. (Although we can rely on the wisdom of our teachers, including Teresa of Avila, who said “All will be well.”)

If you're looking to connect with me, you can always come to church (I'm there every Sunday), or you can stop by the office Mondays through Thursdays. You'll know I'm in if you see that the doors are open — please stop by if you have time. If you'd like to make an appointment, just call the church (456-0508) or email me at revsteve@redeemermarin.org. If you need to reach me urgently, you can call my cell phone, which is 510-299-7188.

See you in church!
Peace, Fr. Steve

Senior Warden's Letter

This past month has been busy!

Our vicar for a little over three years, Carol Luther, left Redeemer early in September. Your Bishop's Committee had meetings with the diocesan chair of Faith Formation – Julia McCray Goldsmith and also with the Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe who heads up Congregational Development for the diocese. These productive meetings encouraged us to explore the strengths, challenges and opportunities that will be a part of our new beginning.

The Reverend Stephen Hassett has already joined us as our Interim Vicar. We are thrilled that he was looking for a new position at just the right time for Redeemer! Our commitment to each other at this point is for an initial six month period. In December, Steve and the Bishop's Committee members will meet for a mutual ministry review. This will be a time for honest discussion about the performance of both our Vicar and our Bishop's Committee and how we are living up to our expectations and commitments to you.

Many of you may remember that the budget adopted for 2007 projected a deficit of approximately \$10,000. We are currently on target with the budget. Our challenge will begin next month with the beginning of our 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We cannot sustain deficit budgets indefinitely!

The time has come for each of us to evaluate how much Redeemer means to us. We each need to ask ourselves if we would care if Redeemer closed or shrank its commitment to this community. To reach a balanced budget takes commitment from all of us – new members and old.

As I look around during our services and at the coffee hour, I notice many wonderful things:

- An abiding sense of a safe and loving community where all are welcome.
- People who are willing to do old things in a new way.

- People of all ages are able to request prayers for support, healing and understanding.
- People who volunteer year after year to produce Kids Karnival
- People of all ages learning and growing in their faith.
- Parishioners who are stepping forward to strengthen our relationship with our Preschool
- People who support one another in good times and sad
- Members of our Bishop's Committee who are researching ways to: raise additional funds to support our church; commit the time for additional meetings with Michael Barlowe; work with Steve Hassett to do the work that we need to do for Redeemer to grow and thrive.

I know how much Redeemer means to me...

What does it mean to you?

In love,
Sue Clark, Sr. Warden (454-4115)

Upcoming events:

- October 4: Fr. Steve at Clergy Stewardship Training
- October 6: Kids Karnival
- October 7: Blessing of the Animals – 10am, between the two services. Dogs on leash, kitties in crates, birds and rodents in cages, fish in bowls, please.
- October 20: Diocesan Convention at Grace Cathedral
- October 31: Halloween - look for Redeemer's Haunted Narthex!
- November 3/4: Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 5&6: Fr. Steve at Vicar's Retreat
- December 2: Bishop Marc will join us for Redeemer's 50th anniversary celebration. At the service, Bishop Marc will make confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation for our community. If you are interested in any of this, please contact Fr. Steve at the church office soon (456-0508)!

CONGREGATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER:

October 7: We give thanks for all the members of the Redeemer community who planned for, paid for, worked at, and enjoyed the Kids' Karnival; and for all the friends and neighbors who came and partied with us. We pray on this Feast of St Francis for all animals, especially for those who are our companions and minister God's unconditional love to us.

October 14: We give thanks and pray for the ministry of the members of the Altar Guild, who serve our community every Sunday by preparing the church for worship.

October 21: We give thanks and pray for the ministry of our musicians, Jay Wayne, John Westmoreland, Jim Providenza, Mark Moody and everyone who makes it possible for us to make a joyful noise on Sunday mornings.

October 28: We give thanks and pray for the blessing of all those whose lives have ended in this past year, and whom we remember this coming All Saints' Day. May we always remember the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, dancing their joy in the company of angels, and finding rest and peace in the presence of God.

A Meditation for Today

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.'"

~Matthew 19:26

We can cling to the belief that all things are possible with God. If this belief is truly accepted it is the ladder upon which a human soul can climb from the lowest pit of despair to the most sublime heights of peace of mind. It is possible for God to change our way of living. When we see the change in another person through the grace of God, we cannot doubt that all things are possible in the lives of people through the strength that comes from faith in God who rules us all.

A Prayer for Today

I pray that I may live expectantly. I pray that I may believe deeply that all things are possible with God.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Les Ross
- 5 Christian Duro
- 13 Sally Garbarino
- 17 John Westmoreland
- 17 Cindy Chung
- 18 Mario Pamatmat
- 20 Karen Bryan
- 22 Nancy Shepard
- 25 Paula Zand
- 26 Bud Smith
- 26 Bruce Samson



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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Jay & Maureen Wayne 2001
- 17 John & Joan Westmoreland 1966
- 18 Larry & Barbara Smilie 1986
- 28 Nick & Sue Clark 1967



SAINTS AND ANGELS

Every now and then we pause to thank those people in our church who have gone that "extra mile" to make Redeemer a better place:

In the area of Church Administration, Linda Fox has been tremendously helpful with necessary paperwork during our recent transition of clergy. Her record keeping is impeccable and her handling of HR matters was spot on. Linda has also been busy in the evaluation of Kids Karnival in identifying the events that have the highest return. These two areas are in addition to the outstanding job that Linda performs in her current position of Church Treasurer.

Jim Providenza for leading our Stewardship season this year.

Thanks to Mary Sparks for coordinating and promoting the community camping trip at the end of September.

Jay Luther for staying on as our prized website master.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

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

October 10th: *West with the Night*, by Beryl Markham; at Ann Zolezzi's home (454-4337) at noon.

November 14th: *A Painted House*, by John Grisham (and no, it's not a mystery!); at Liesje Blank's home (456-0564) at noon.

KIDS' KARNIVAL IS COMING!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH,
FROM NOON TO 6:00PM

GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD AND FUN

GIANT SLIDE-
OCEAN WORLD COMBO JUMP:



THE S.S. JUBILEE PIRATE SHIP:



(well, maybe not this ship, exactly...)

ADULTS, JOIN US
FOR LUNCH OR DINNER
BBQ, BEER & WINE

PLUS SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

A GREAT DAY FOR
FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS!



THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL THANK YOU TO THESE ANGELS:

(Ed note: These added remarks by Sue Clark, Sr. Warden.)

The Chung Family - Cindy, John, Ryan and

Kendra: Sunday, September 23rd was

an incredible culmination of hard work and commitment!

The Beatles service was AWESOME!



(photo: thanks to Bob Burton)

Our Children's Choir (Dylan Adler, Max Adler, Ryan Chung, Alex Dalsager, Reagan Dougherty, Jack Fukushima, Lola Fukushima, Lulu Gebbie, Maddie Gebbie, Ginger Harn, Erika Johnson, Griffin Knee, Emily Lord, Parke Moorehead, Meg Nakamura, Susan Providenza, and Kathleen Sheehan), **and The Musicians:** (Josh Adler, John Chung, Dean Fukushima, Kevin Knee, Brooks Ilg [whose haircut is a knock-off of John-Paul-George-Ringo!], and Chris Scarabosio.)

What a joyful sound they produced on Sunday, September 23rd! It was a joy to see so many happy faces and to hear such upbeat singing. We rocked! What struck me most was how happy and focused they all looked with feet tapping, and bodies moving to the beat. I believe we were privileged to be in on the beginning of something that will be important to our community and our parish. Thanks, also, to Cindy for organizing their rehearsals and to all the Moms and Dads who got their kids to those rehearsals. What a worthwhile effort! I also want to express my appreciation to all the 10:30 attendees who gracefully accepted the sudden change to a joint service this past Sunday.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 4th is All Saints' Sunday, when we read the names of our faithful departed. Please let us know for whom you would have us pray:

Names: _____

Or e-mail Ann Zolezzi aszolezzi@sbcglobal.net or Rev. Steve revsteve@redeemermarin.org. with your names, or call and leave a message at the church: 456-0508.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Cindy and Bud Smith happily announce the birth of their twin grandson, Victor, and granddaughter, Alexa, born on September 13th to their daughter Erica and her husband Victor, in Corona. We wish all joy to the new parents!

Sue and Nick Clark will be off soon for a much-anticipated trip to India and Bhutan. They will travel with good friends from Nick's days (and years) at Chevron.

Norma Neal Ricker e-mailed from England – "Just had my 60th birthday - my brother did a slide show with lots of photos of my folks*, lots of wonderful memories." [*Ed. Note: Norma's parents, Charlie and Norma, were founding members of our church. Many of us remember seeing Charlie as Head Usher every Sunday sweeping the front walkway, greeting everyone with a blessing.]

[Another Ed. note: Send me your news and gossip, folks!]

Please note:

The deadline for submissions to the November Redeemer Review is Monday, October 22nd.

Please e-mail your news to Cathy Kirk at 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

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 after Communion at the end of each service.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:30-11:30

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Altar Guild	Eileen Erler	456-7255
Musician	Jay Wayne	897-0221
Newsletter	Cathy Kirk	457-3841

The Next Marin Cursillo Weekends are

Men's Cursillo – October 25-28
Women's Cursillo – November 8–11

Homecoming Nov 11, 5:30 at St Isabella's
Reunion Tuesday Nov 27, 7:30 at St John's

WHAT IS A CURSILLO?

A "Cursillo de Cristiandad" is simply a short course in Christian living. A typical Cursillo weekend is attended by about 40-60 people. Christians of all denominations are welcome.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING ON THE WEEKEND?

Reflecting on the values & goals of a Christian life. Celebrating these in meditations, liturgies, song, meals, & laughter. Listening to talks & participating in discussions. Experiencing Christian love & community in many different ways.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

To commit to exploring your faith.
To be open & willing to respond to what you experience.
To arrive on the Thursday evening & stay & participate until late Sunday afternoon.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Information is available at marincursillo.org
Or talk to others in the parish who have already experienced it.



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Those who have already experienced Cursillo are encouraged to sponsor a candidate.

Application deadlines are: Men-Oct. 18, Women-Nov 1
Sponsors take one Sponsorship orientation, either Oct 4, Oct 11 or Oct 23
7:30 pm at Lucas Valley Community Church

SPACE IS LIMITED SO START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!

NEWS FROM REDEEMER PRESCHOOL

Notes from Teresa, school director:

Enrollment: We started the new school year serving 76 children and 68 families (95% capacity). There has been continuous interest in our monthly tour of the school which takes place on every first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Besides a walk through of the school campus, the director and assistant director also meet with the visitors to discuss program philosophy and structure.

Program Updates: We will participate in the Marin Preschool Fair on Wednesday, November 7 at the Jewish Community Center. The preschool brochures and other program information will be distributed. This is a great opportunity for public relations and network-ing. We are in the process of updating the preschool website with a new page for "FAQ" – Frequently Asked Questions - that include our renewed philosophy and the meaning of emergent/play-based curriculum.

Parent Association: The first Parent Association meeting is scheduled for October 4. Kelly Dupree continues to chair the Parent Association

Facility Update: The facility projects are progressing well. Pat Meehan and his crew have been working hard over the past few weekends to restore and repaint our front and back decks.

Important Dates:

Monday, October 1: Staff Development - Preschool
CLOSED

Thursday, October 4: 6:00 p.m. Parent Ass'n Meeting

Saturday, October 6: Kids Karnival at Church

Friday, October 12: 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Pumpkin Patch
in Petaluma (all families are invited)

Saturday, October 13: 9:00am - 12 Parents' Work Day

Wednesday, October 31: Halloween Parade

Saturday, November 17: evening Fall Festival (for
Redeemer children and families)

Tuesday, December 18: evening Holiday Pageant
(performance by Redeemer kids at the church)

Saturday, May 17, 2008: Auction Dinner

We are recruiting board members with expertise in the fields of labor law, construction, and early childhood education. Please contact Teresa if you are interested:
teresarp@comcast.net

FROM THE DIOCESE:

Envision Beloved Community with Bishop Marc

The diocesan strategic visioning, begun at the May "Beloved Community" Visioning Conference, will continue through the fall and spring with a series of intimate conversations about our hopes for the diocese with Bishop Marc. The resulting vision -- to be presented at the special convention in 2008 -- won't be complete without your participation!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a Beloved Community gathering on Saturday, October 6, at Our Saviour, Mill Valley, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

WHO WILL WALK WITH BISHOP MARC?

Which of our parishioners will walk with our new Bishop Marc on Saturday, October 13, 2007 in Episcopal Charities' annual 7.5- or 12-mile Walk-a-thon? This brisk walk through San Francisco enables participants to visit and understand how Episcopal Charities' 14 partner agencies help poor, oppressed and endangered Bay Area individuals break the cycle of poverty and improve their lives. Episcopal Charities hopes to have representation for all 80 churches in the diocese including youth groups.

Episcopal Charities' partner agencies provide food, shelter, healthcare, tutoring and job training, substance abuse counseling, healing ministry and social services to homeless and very low income individuals and families. Walkers will visit Episcopal Community Services, Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, the Family Link, St. Luke's Clinic, Ohlhoff Recovery, Sojourn Chaplaincy, Episcopal Homes' San Francisco Tower and several San Francisco churches where representatives of Berkeley Food and Housing Project, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Canal Alliance, Tri City Homeless Coalition, St. Dorothy's Rest, Clausen House and Bay Area Seafarers' Service will talk about their agencies.

Lunch, a T-shirt and snacks will be provided. Parish teams of 12 or more receive 25% back from the money they raise for their churches' outreach ministries. Registration is \$35 before September 21 and \$45 after. To register and for more information visit www.episcopalcharities.org.

**Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
Schedule of Services – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007**

Date	Lay Minister	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Lessons & Psalm	Lay Reader	Coffee Hour Host	Service Host
SEPT. 2 14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 Sallie W.	10:00 Erika J. & Meg N.	Eileen Erler Cindy Smith	Proverbs 25:6-7 Luke 14:1, 7-14	10:00 Sue Clark	10:00 Johnson & Pamatmat	10:00 Nakamura
SEPT. 9 15th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Terri L. 10:30 Paula Z.	9:15 Susan P. & Griffon E. 10:30 Alex K.	Julie Cassettari Ann Zolezzi	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Luke 14:25-33	10:30 Julie Cassettari	9:15 Poulos 10:30 Smith	9:15 English 10:30 Loudon
SEPT. 16 16th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Joan W. 10:30 Gail S.	9:15 Ali T. & Cat T. 10:30 Jessica L.	Sallie Wood Joan Westmoreland	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 Luke 15:1-10	10:30 Jay Luther	9:15 Baird 10:30 Hamady	9:15 Thomason 10:30 S. Clark
SEPT. 23 17th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Rich A. 10:30 Liesje B.	9:15 Gina C. & Steve B. 10:30 Cody B.	Cathy Kirk Cindy Smith	Jeremiah 8:12-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 Luke 16:1-13	10:30 Cindy Smith	9:15 Joyce 10:30 Kirk	9:15 Kennedy 10:30 Smith
SEPT. 30 18th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Cathy K. 10:30 Terri L.	9:15 Carly C. & Lauren S. 10:30 Mike P.	DIRECTRESS Cathy Kirk & Cindy Smith	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 Luke 16:19-31	10:30 Gail Spencer	9:15 Gerlach/ Moreira 10:30 Zand/ Anderson	9:15 Poulos 10:30 Zolezzi
OCT. 7 19th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Sallie W. 10:30 Joan W.	9:15 Gina C. & Aaron C. 10:30 Jessica L.	Eileen Erler Barbara Smilie	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 Luke 17:5-10	10:30 Sue Clark	9:15 Erler 10:30 S. Clark	9:15 Chiarolla 10:30 Pamatmat
OCT. 14 20th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Paula Z. 10:30 Gail S.	9:15 Sierra K. & Susan P. 10:30 Alex K.	Julie Cassettari Ann Zolezzi	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 Luke 17:11-19	10:30 Julie Cassettari	9:15 Godbold 10:30 Zolezzi	9:15 Ortega/ Kennison 10:30 Cassettari
OCT. 21 21st Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Liesje B. 10:30 John W.	9:15 Meg. N. & Steve B. 10:30 Cody B.	Sallie Wood Joan Westmoreland	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 Luke 18:1-8	10:30 Sallie Wood	9:15 Skubecz 10:30 Hamady	9:15 Nakamura 10:30 Loudon
OCT. 28 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Rich A. 10:30 Cathy K.	9:15 Erika J. & Ali T. 10:30 Aaron C.	Cathy Kirk Cindy Smith	Joel 2:23-32 Sirach 35:12-17 Luke 18:9-14	10:30 Cindy Smith	9:15 Johnson 10:30 Kirk	9:15 Thomason 10:30 Smith

9:15 & 10:30 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS please bring fruit, cheese or a savory snack.

9:15 SERVICE HOST also please bring a snack (10:30 SERVICE HOST/ no food)

PLEASE GET YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

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