



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
September, 2004

FROM THE VICAR

In honor of all those making their way back to school this month, I thought I'd write a little bit about education, both in general and about some upcoming offerings at Redeemer. As you may know, I serve as Diocesan chair of the Education Department, where we work together "to support the confident and joyful telling of God's story within the Diocese of California, by giving lay and ordained teachers the information, connections, forums and training that equip them to create a vibrant faith formation culture within their congregations."

The word "education" comes from a Latin verb *educere* meaning to "lead forth" or "lead out." God educated Abraham out of Haran and made him the father of a people of faith. Six hundred years later, Moses educated the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt and into the wilderness of freedom. Jesus educated the world from sin, disease, and even death. Wisdom, says Jesus, is the one thing you *can* take with you.

Christian education begins by learning this wonderful story. Unlike more linear forms of information, stories contain multiple characters and multiple points of view. The best of them are open to thousands of different interpretations. Just look at all the various ways in which people over the ages have read and interpreted the Bible Stories are the ultimate expression of community, because stories cannot live in solitude. They cry to be told and heard.

In the spirit of stories, Redeemer will offer two afterschool programs this fall that weave the world of imaginative literature with the story of our faith. Each program will meet every other Tuesday. Beginning September 29th, "Through the Wardrobe Door" for children in grades one through three will use the Narnia stories of C.S. Lewis as a way of exploring imagination, values and beliefs. Beginning the following week, October 5th, "Wizards and Wonders" will use the Harry Potter novels to help fourth and fifth graders discover the magic that lies at the heart of life. Both programs will include games and crafts as well as learning and will culminate in a beautiful liturgy.

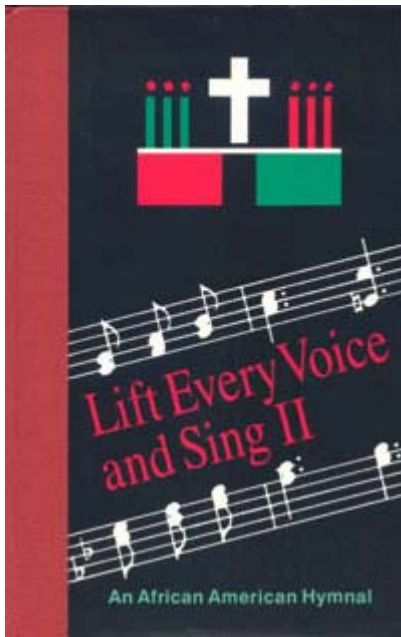
Adults, too, will have a chance to engage the questions of their faith. In addition to our weekly Bible study which is currently looking at Buddhist teachings in relation to our own, we will this fall be presenting a curriculum prepared by the California Council of Churches which developed the very popular "Building Bridges" series given at Redeemer during Lent, 2002. This year, the theme is Health Care. Jesus came as one who healed, but today seventeen percent of Californians lack any health insurance. Health care is therefore an important place to engage the story of Christian service to the world. You will see more about this elsewhere in the "Review." And finally, Dominican University is offering a wonderful, low cost course in World Religions on Wednesday nights beginning September 22.

Which is to say, that when your children go back to school, you are invited to join them in your own adventure of learning.

Rev. Carol L⁺

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NEW, MAKE A NOTE OF IT: Redeemer Website is www.redeemermarin.org



Sponsor a New Hymnal!
We need 15 more.
Your gift of
\$17.00 makes you a Friend of
Music at Redeemer!
Put a check in the Offering Plate
and mark it
"Hymnal Fund."

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Thanks!

OFFICIAL ACTS

Death:

Loretha Sharkey died on August 7th after a stroke. Funeral service was held at The Baptist Church in Healdsburg on August 13th. Loretha had been a long time member of Redeemer and will be remembered for her wonderful stories of her family and for her gift of cooking.

Baptisms:

Caitlin Grace and Lauren McKenna O'Leary were baptized on August 15th with many of their friends in attendance. Daniel and Kathryn O'Leary are their proud parents.

new priests. It was determined that this was not a good time to lay plans until each of the new priests had a chance to become better acquainted with their own churches. Thus the summer meetings were cancelled. The next meeting will be September 26 when all the clergy will be able to sit down together and map out where we go from here. That decision will include time for each of the two vestries and our own bishop's committee to meet together and help decide the future of our combined efforts.

From my perspective, this is an exciting effort. The great joy that I have seen in being part of this combined work is a blessing. It is unusual and wonderful to see our congregations working to better all of our members. You will all be kept apprised of our progress.

Yours in Christ,
 Deacon Julie

LETTER FROM DEACON JULIE

THE WORK OF THE THREE CHURCHES

A little over a year ago the clergy of the three churches in San Rafael began working collaboratively. Each of our congregations is small, and the clergy felt that so much more could be available for all Episcopalians if we joined forces. To that end, some goals were set up: work together for youth activities, have regular pulpit exchanges so all can know each other, pray for the three churches, share news through each others' bulletins, share in outreach efforts. There has been a measure of success in each area, so far. Much of the combined work was done by clergy and senior wardens from each of the churches. This summer both Redeemer and St. Paul's called

FALL CLEAN-UP and BBQ

Saturday -October 2

8:30AM -3PM

Volunteers needed.

contact Rick Skubecz @ (415)717-3009

Bring your work gloves, clippers, & rakes
 You'll be rewarded with great fellowship and
 BBQ lunch - meat provided.

Sign up at church for salads and desserts!

YOUTH NEWS

Surfing the Web?

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 going on a rafting trip on September 4th. Want to come? Call Rev. Carol or Mary Sparks.

Alaska in '05?

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.

We've just had our first meeting - there's still time to be a part of this. Call Rev. Carol

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 - sign up sheets are at church.

Save the date: September 18th!

Back Packs and Supplies

You stuffed 40+ back packs for youngsters who really needed your help! Thanks!

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.

KIDS' KARNIVAL

**The sixth annual Kids' Karnival
Saturday, Sept 18th, 11 am to 7 pm.**

There will be games, prizes, food, fun and of course the Giant Slip & Slide! It's going to be a great day of fun, fundraising and just hanging out with friends and neighbors. Note that we are staying open an hour later, so plan to come back for dinner, too! Why cook when you can have tasty BBQ ribs or chicken, juicy grilled burgers or hot dogs and enjoy a nice glass of wine or icy cold beer from the tap with it? And don't forget the cotton candy and snow cones for dessert!

The Steering Committee has lots of great ideas and plenty of enthusiasm, but we still need your help. We are again asking for sponsorships of the games, prizes, food, and rental items. We also need plenty of volunteers. This year, in an attempt to simplify the staffing process, we have decided to ask individuals to Adopt a Booth to staff for the day. An adult would be responsible for setting up the booth at 10:30am, arranging for 4 to 5 people to staff it for the day and overseeing its smooth running. This way you can work with your family and friends and have a great time while helping the Church to raise the funds needed for our general operating expenses. We are also looking for individuals to work shifts, as well. As always, kids are welcome to help. Middle school and High School students can work alone. Those younger must work with a parent. Those students needing community service hours can fulfill them at the Karnival while having a great time with their friends. (Remember, we give double hours for clean-up!) To volunteer, sign up at Church or call Eileen Erler at 456-7255.

Another change will be the clean-up process. Rev. Carol has agreed to one service, the day after the KK (9/19) at 10am - outside! This way we won't need to have the Church perfect for services the next day. Instead, we'll have a lovely service, have a brunch of the left over food and join together to clean up and put everything away for next year. I hope you'll join us then, as well. In addition to the food, we'll have some *rewards* for the kids, too! So mark your calendars and tell your neighbors and friends to come and be a part of the Sixth Annual Kids' Karnival!

OUTREACH

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.

Ritter House - Backpacks

We provided 40+ backpacks for this program.

Thanks to our youth members who stuffed them and thanks to all church members who donated to this annual program.

Milkcare

Over 300 gently used (and new) stuffed animals and about 120 hot wheel cars were sent to the non-profit group Milkcare, for distribution to orphanages in Vietnam. The orphanages are run by both Christian and Buddhist Sisters and cumulatively take care of over a thousand children, who would otherwise be homeless. Thank you to everyone who donated their "treasures". I know they will now be treasured by very happy and appreciative little ones. If you'd like to learn more about Milkcare, visit their website at

www.milkcare.org .

Billie Barbash

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

August's Pancake Breakfast and Yard-Sale was successful due to the hard work of many volunteers and committee members. Thanks to all!

Committee members: Greg Poulos, Jeff English, Jay Luther, Glen Godbold, Mark Moody, Nick Litanio, Victor Chiarolla, Rudy Erlar, Bob Burton, Jim Providenza and Rick Skubecz.

Ed. Note: special thanks to Rick Skubecz for taking on the leadership of this event.

CONGREGATIONAL

CYCLE OF PRAYER

September 5 - We pray for all workers that they may earn sustainable wages in satisfying employment.

September 12 - We pray in thanksgiving for the tireless work of those on the Kids Karnival steering committee.

September 19 - We pray with joy for the success of Kids Karnival.

September 26 _ We give thanks for those leading Congregational Care and Concern and Hospitality, whose efforts keep our congregation connected.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS: FALL 2004

"Waking Up in a New Religious America"

Working together over the past year, a dedicated group of people in Marin representing many different faiths has created a course designed to build bridges of interfaith understanding. They have created a program whose title is "Waking up in a New Religious America". It is being offered under the sponsorship of Dominican University, the International Association of Sufism and the Marin Interfaith Council.

Paul Chaffee of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio will be the lead instructor. Other participants will include Dr. Nahid Angha (Sufi Muslim), Rabbi Michael Barenbaum (Reform Jewish), Shema Deamer (Baha'i) Seide Lee de Barros (Zen Buddhist), Andrew Galvan (Ohione Indian, Roman Catholic), Imam Souleiman Ghali (Sunni Muslim), Rev. Canon Charles Gibbs (Episcopal Christian), Rev. Carol Hovis (Presbyterian Christian), Nipun Mehta (Hindu), Dr. Philip Novak (Buddhist), Sister Elizabeth Padilla (Brahma Kumaris), Rita Semel (Reform Jewish), Waheed Siddiqee (Sunni Muslim) and Swami Vedananda (Vedanta).

The course will begin on Wednesday, September 22 at Dominican University and continue in bi-monthly meetings until December 1. A final workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 at the Jewish Community Center.

The course will cost \$60 and the follow-up conference (including dinner) \$25. Brochures with additional details are available in the church office or you can obtain information and register online at www.interfaith-presidio.org. You can also call Interfaith Center at the Presidio at (415) 775-4635 or Marin Interfaith Council at (415) 456-6957.

FROM THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

One of the core beliefs shared by California Council of Churches and California Church IMPACT is that a society, to be moral and just, must provide all people with access to health care. We are currently developing a congregational study guide, funded by the California Endowment, that will examine faith principles that shape our understanding of health care not as a commodity but as a human right. Created by former Interim Director, Nancy Nielsen, the guide will examine the links between Biblical precepts and our creation of a social ethic on the development of a healthy society where no one goes without adequate medical care.

The social contract since World War II provides that the majority of Californians receive health care through their employers. Today 50 percent are covered through their or their spouse's workplace. Twenty-eight percent receive some form of public coverage (Medicare, Medi-Cal, Healthy Families.) However, seventeen percent of Californians and their families have no health insurance at all, despite the fact that they are nearly all working. Without health insurance, families delay medical care, then obtain it through costly emergency room use billed at the highest rates. Medical debt is the cause of half of all personal bankruptcy, and unpaid bills fall to insurance rate payers and tax payers to absorb.

REDEEMER LUNCH BUNCH

September 2nd, October 7th
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



WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN

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

September 8th, Hostess is: Sydney Kennedy. Book is Blue Latitude by Tony Horwitz.

October 13th, Hostess is: Ann Zolezzi. Book is Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

GONE MISSING!!

One acolyte alb - 44".

Did you take it home to wash? Please return it to the church.

WANTED!!

Storage home for Christmas Pageant costumes.
Preferably hanging (about 3 feet) or can be folded.
Call 456-0508 to offer space.



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 donated Backpacks and supplies for the children served by Ritter House.

Rick Skubecz for taking on the leadership of the Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale

Mollie Taylor and Betty Baird who for years telephoned Loretha Sharkey each morning and were in fact her lifeline to the outside world.

Julie Godbold, Stephanie Kennison and Linda Fox Who coordinated the stuffing and delivery of backpacks for Ritter House.

Lesley Anderson for her very generous donation of many copies of our new songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Nick & Betty Lituanio
- 8 Victor & Liz Chiarolla 1990
- 1 Chuck & Sallie Wood 1967
- 22 Rich & Ligia Atkinson
- 22 Rudy & Eileen Erler 1991
- 28 Christopher & Jamie Browne 1991

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JoAnn Reisinger
- 2 Christina Cassettari '88
- 4 Danny Smilie '91
- 6 Pat Eyster
- 13 Liesje Blank
- 10 Jack Baird
- 15 Cindy Smith
- 19 Catherine Thomason '96
- 22 Nellie Pamatmat
- 23 Kim Johnson
- 24 Tim Heekin
- 25 Barbara Smilie
- 26 Shayla Heekin
- 27 Kelly Mason
- 28 Jessica Luiz '93
- 28 Katie Whitten

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9.15 Kids' Church for children and their families
- 10:30 Holy Communion with music
(Healing prayers are offered at the end of each service)

Note: On Sunday September 19th there will be one service only at 10.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

NEW! Dates of events scheduled for the next six weeks are on the enclosed calendar

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

DEADLINE for October Newsletter is September 15th

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

Please email articles to sueclarkca@aol.com

AT THE THREE CHURCHES

Church of the Nativity

September 12th Welcome Home Sunday 10 AM

See how another church does homecoming or just drop by at the world famous Family BBQ and Chili Contest at 5 PM to meet a few good Episcopalians!

St. Paul's

August 28th, Family Fun Day 10 - 3 PM

October 2nd, Book Sale, 10 AM - 2 PM

October 2nd, Wine & the Spirit Gala at Marin Yacht Club.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

They enhance our worship services. This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one, to celebrate an event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life in a special way. To donate flowers sign up on the Flower Chart in the back of the church or call the office at 456-0508.

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Fundraising		
Social/Worship Groups		

REGISTRATION/REPLY

Redeemer Tuesday Afterschool

Child's Name & Grade _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Email _____

(Please drop off at the church or mail to Church of the Redeemer, 123 Knight Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901

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Address Correction Requested