

Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

September, 2007

From the Vicar

August 26, 2007

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you have ever worked in an interfaith community, you will know that at just about any point in the year, except summer when everything's lazy, someone is celebrating a New Year. From Christians in December to Buddhists in April and Jews in the changing days of autumn, almost every month offers the chance to affirm that we are always new, always being reborn, always growing in ways that can surprise us. To be open to the New is what makes all learning and all spiritual life possible. Sometimes, the gift of the new is a joy. At other times, it is, in the words of my friend Sally, who teaches Godly Play, a "hard" gift. In this letter, I want to share some thoughts about newness and gifts, both sweet and hard.

We've been together long enough that you know I am a teacher. I cannot resist poking around in our sacred stories for new meaning, connecting Christ and a traffic jam, finding a metaphor for Christian community in a birch forest in Alaska. While the rest of my young Redeemer friends are off kicking a ball around, or mountain biking, or wading in the streams that water our county, I have my head in a book. Clearly this is what God is calling me to do.

Three years ago, we embarked upon an adventure of learning, of constructing an innovative, neighborhood community of faith, where young and old might come together in life, memory, hope, love and truth. We wanted to see what such a thing might look like, and we did it well. We married, buried, partied, founded two youth groups, celebrated holidays and had a blast with the community at the Pancake Breakfast and Kids' Karnival. But if you have ever lived in time, you know that times change, people change, the nature of being a faith community changes. Children grow into young adults. Elders move into retirement communities or go home to God. Husbands and wives retire from jobs, grandchildren are born and the world cries out to be explored. These are the beautiful rhythms of life. These are the whispers of God. Nothing, except God, is forever.

As you have grown, so have I. I have come to realize that I cannot live without children in my classroom. And so, after a great deal of prayer and discernment, I realize that the time has come to return, full of the gifts the Redeemer family has so kindly bestowed, to full time teaching. I have therefore accepted a call back to St. Paul's Episcopal School in Oakland to serve as Chaplain and Director of their Service Learning program. I will have a chance to spread some of Redeemer's wealth around, to do the best of what we did in Alaska and the best that we did in Bible Study and Dream Group. I will be coordinating an interfaith chapel every Friday morning. In this strange and troubled world, I believe that our future lies in interfaith conversation and learning. I need to be Professor McGonagall again, to bring dreams and creativity into the classroom. I feel blessed to be offered the chance.

My last Sunday at Redeemer will be on September 9, to open a new season of Kids' Church and to help Sallie and Chuck Wood celebrate 40 years of marriage. I celebrate my three years with you. You have taught me things that no one else can. The Diocese will be sending you a wonderful new priest. Happy New Year.

Blessings,

Rev. Carol

August 27, 2007

Dear Members of Redeemer,

As summer ends we approach the beginning of a new season. For us at Redeemer we will have not only a new weather season but also a new season in our Church.

Rev. Carol Luther has been with us for a little over three years. As she has written most eloquently in her letter to us and in her blog (www.godssleddog.blogspot.com directly or via the link on our website at www.redeemermarin.org) she will be leaving Redeemer this month to pursue her call to work in a position at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Oakland. She will serve there as Chaplain and also direct their Service Learning program.

This move will allow Carol to share her many gifts with children and youth from many faiths as she moves more fully into interfaith conversation and learning. In her letter Carol notes that she 'feels blessed to be offered this chance'.

This congregation will move forward to the next chapter of our life and worship together. Your Bishop's Committee has been in close communication with Rev. Michael Barlowe, from our Diocesan office, for several weeks. He has been very helpful to us and has identified a good priest who will serve Redeemer for the next six months.

During this time, we will discern our mission and how we should work to achieve that mission. We believe that together, as we search our hearts and minds, we will clearly see the path we are called to follow.

This will be a shared exploration – so, stay tuned! The members of the Bishop's Committee look forward to input from the whole congregation as together we write the next chapter of our life at Redeemer.

Sunday, September 2nd will be the time to acknowledge Carol's ministry at Redeemer and to share a meal together after the 10 am service. Please try to attend!

In faith and love,

Your Bishop's Committee,

Elliott Blank, John Chung, Sue Clark, Eileen Erler, Sallie Garbarino, Betsy Nakamura, Kim Johnson, Jim Providenza and Mary Sparks

Senior Warden's Letter

With all the changes going on here at Redeemer, it feels like some things might be forgotten. Here are some important dates to keep in mind –

September 2nd: we will have a 10 am service and brunch to celebrate Carol's ministry at Redeemer.

September 9th: we will return to services at 9.15 and 10.30am. At 10.30 Sallie and Chuck Wood will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of their marriage vows. This will be Rev. Carol's last Sunday at Redeemer.

September 12th: Women's Book Club, at noon at Betty Baird's home. Book - *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell.

September 23rd: Kids' Church – 9:15 am -Cindy Chung with the children's choir presenting Music of the Beatles.

September 29th: 11 am. Memorial Service at Redeemer for Phillip Judson, a past member of Redeemer who was one of the founders of St. Mark's School. Rev. Buzz Nern will perform the service.

September 29 - October 1: Camping Trip- contact Mary Sparks for more information 485-0917

October 6th: Kid's Karnival

REDEEMER WEBSITE - IS THERE A BUDDING WEBMASTER IN OUR MIDST?

With Rev. Carol's departure we will also be bidding farewell to Jay Luther - our Webmaster Extraordinaire. Jay took us by leaps and bounds as he formed and maintained our remarkable website.

In this day and time it is vital to our ministry and the preferred way for many to learn about Redeemer and view our events calendar.

Please contact me, Sue Clark, at 454-4115 or sueclarkca@aol.com if you have interest or experience in this area.

CONGREGATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER:

September 2: We give thanks for Carol Luther's ministry with us these past three years and we celebrate with her as she answers a new call to service.

September 9: We give thanks for Sallie and Chuck Woods' 40th anniversary

September 16: We pray for our new priest and ask God's blessing upon our new ministry.

September 23: At the end of the Jewish Days of Awe we give thanks for the prayers of our Jewish brothers and sisters who have prayed that this be a very good year in God's Book of Life.

September 30: We give thanks for all the Kids' Karnival committee members as they prepare for Kids' Karnival next Saturday.

A Meditation for Today

"Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand."

~Psalm 37:23-24

We are climbing up the ladder of life, which reaches into eternity. God would not plant our feet upon an insecure ladder. Its supports may be out of sight, hidden in secret places, but if God has asked us to step on and up firmly, then surely he has secured our ladder. Faith gives us the strength to climb steadily up this ladder of life. We can leave our security to God and trust him not to let us fall. God is there to give us all the power we need to keep on climbing.

A Prayer for Today

I pray that I may climb the ladder of life without fear. I pray that I may progress steadily through the rest of my life with faith and confidence.



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:

Jay Luther for his work on our website, as well as being our Stewardship chair this last year.

Elliott Blank, John Chung, Sue Clark, Eileen Erler, Sallie Garbarino, Betsy Nakamura, Kim Johnson, Jim Providenza and Mary Sparks who serve us so well as our Bishop's Committee.

Everybody who donated backpacks and school supplies for the Ritter Center Back-to-School outreach program.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

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

September 12th: *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell; at Betty Baird's home (457-8543).

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

November 14th: at Liesje Blank's home; book to be determined.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Kid's Church will be **rockin'** on 9/23/07

Songs from **The Beatles** will be featured in the service. A kids' choir of children led by Cindy Chung will sing vocals alongside a band led by John Chung. The music will be incorporated into the usual kid's service. All musicians and singers are from the neighborhood. Come and help us rock the house!

Singers:

Dylan Adler, Max Adler, Ryan Chung, Alex Dalsager, Reagan Dougherty, Jack Fukushima, Lola Fukushima, Lulu Gebbie, Maddie Gebbie, Erika Johnson, Griffin Knee, Emily Lord, Parke Moorehead, Meg Nakamura, Susan Providenza, Kathleen Sheehan, and Katie Tuttle

Band:

Josh Adler - guitar; John Chung - bass, Dean Fukushima - guitar; Kevin Knee - keyboards; Brooks Ilg - drums; Chris Scarabosio - guitar

A note from Billie Barbash:

My Dear Redeemer Friends,

Thank you so much, to all of you who donated new backpacks and school supplies to Ritter Center, to be given out to the children of their disadvantaged clients. We were able to bring 26 new backpacks and supplies enough to more than fill them - all neatly boxed and packaged, thanks to Sue Clark! Ritter House was *delighted* and so appreciates our partnership with them.

Thanks again for your support!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JoAnn Reisinger
- 2 Christina Cassettari
- 4 Danny Smilie
- 5 Cathy Samson
- 6 Pat Eyster
- 10 Jack Baird
- 10 Julia Jackson Clark
- 13 Liesje Blank
- 15 Cindy Smith
- 17 Samantha Kirk
- 19 Catherine Thomason
- 19 Mary Bryan
- 22 Nellie Pamatmat
- 23 Kim Johnson
- 24 Tim Heekin jr.
- 25 Barbara Smilie
- 26 Shayla Heekin
- 27 Kelly Mason
- 28 Jessica Luiz
- 28 Katie Whitten

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. Let Mary Sparks know ASAP if you can attend – 485-0917.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Nick & Betty Lituanio
- 8 Victor & Liz Chiarolla 1990
- 9 Chuck & Sallie Wood 1967
- 22 Rich & Ligia Atkinson
- 22 Rudy & Eileen Erler 1991



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Julie Jensen, our former deacon, sent an e-mail with the following news:

Chuck and I have bought a house near to the one that we found on Craig's List and in a neighborhood we love. I am SO happy at St. John the Baptist with Robert Bryant who was at Our Saviour in Mill Valley, and his associate, Julie Smith, who graduated from CDSP in 2000, so we have many mutual friends. Robert is one of those unique individuals who is so secure in his own skin and so appreciative of what others do that it would be difficult to not be happy serving with him. Jan Heglund, his deacon in Marin, said she and Robert were comfortable with one another immediately. Well, I'm not surprised.

He, Julie, and I work so well together. I have learned that how one "does church" isn't so important as how the team works together. Robert loves high church, and I often wear a dalmatic and cense the gospel. I swore I'd never do either of those things! I have preached with the bishop on Good Friday, sung the Exsultet at Easter Vigil when the bishop was presiding and have become a part of a loving parish.

The difference from Redeemer? just that this is a larger and more active parish - the love at Redeemer was the same. I'm truly thankful that I landed where I am in Portland. Love to everyone!

Sue and Nick Clark welcomed their new grandson, Camden, in July.

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

Please note:

The deadline for submissions to the October *Redeemer Review* is Monday, September 24th.

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

September 2:

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

From September 9th:

- 9:30 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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FROM THE DIOCESE:

If You Have Remembered the Church...

Then Bishop Marc wants to thank you in person.

If you have remembered the parish or another ministry in your will or estate plan, please let the Gift Planning Officer know at Richards@diocal.org or (415) 869-7812. He would like to invite you to The Bishop's Society reception with Bishop Marc on Sunday, October 28 at the Cathedral.

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The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP
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A Very Special Event

The International Maritime Center invites you to a sunset dinner cruise on the San Francisco Bay with special guests: The Rt. Rev. Bishop Marc Andrus and his lovely wife Sheila.

When: Thursday, September 13, 2007,
6 – 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person with proceeds going to support the Ministry of The International Maritime Center in Oakland.

For more information visit: www.sfbayfarer.org or to order tickets call 800-769-8715, tickets are expected to sell out so please reserve early.

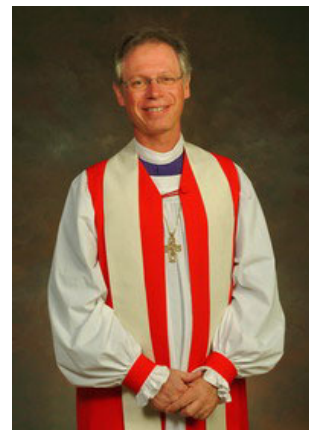
The International Maritime Center is an Episcopal Charities Partner Agency and provides services to seafarers, waterfront workers, longshoremen, and truckers at various Bay Area ports regardless of religion, race or nationality.

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.



Bishop Marc Handley Andrus

**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	Deutronomy 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

PLEASE COME TO OUR BRUNCH

Brunch to honor Rev. Carol's ministry at Redeemer

September 2nd directly following 10 am service

Brunch will be pot luck:

Please bring one of the following - according to the first letter of your surname:

- A-H Breakfast casseroles, quiche or cooked sausages or ham
- J-M Fruit salad, cut fruit
- N-T Mini muffins, mini bagels and cream cheese
- V-Z Breakfast breads and orange juice

Questions: Call Sue Clark @454-4115



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