



Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

September, 2008

From our Interim Vicar:

Dear Friends,

To be a Christian, is to be on a journey. A journey with Jesus, a journey called discipleship. We do not always know where the journey will lead us, but we know who leads the way. We do not know everything about Jesus when we begin the journey, but who he is will be revealed along the way.

Our Redeemer community is on a journey together during this interim period. We follow Jesus through the seasons of the Christian year in worship and prayer. At the same time, we are reflecting and discerning who we are as a community and imagining our future as a vibrant and welcoming spiritual community. Like our journey with Jesus, we must trust that our path will be revealed along the way.

At the end of the summer at our Wednesday morning Bible study, we were reflecting on a passage from Romans that we felt related to the interim process at Redeemer.

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”

Romans 12: 4-8

Each person's gifts are important to the wholeness of the Redeemer community. We need to believe that each of us has gifts that can be offered to the benefit and growth of Redeemer. We need a variety of gifts to support the growth and continuation of a Christian community at Redeemer. Gifts of leadership, hospitality, working with youth and children, training acolytes, serving on the altar guild, stewardship, buildings and grounds, pastoral care, liturgy and music. All these gifts are important to the wholeness and holiness of our Redeemer community.

During an interim period in the life of a congregation there are always choices to be made. Do we build walls to protect ourselves and circle the wagons or do we throw open the doors to welcome others and new ideas about being church by creating communities and circles of trust and understanding? If we trust and follow Jesus, we know the path will be revealed.

So each time we worship on Sunday, we come to the holy table to offer ourselves with our challenges and struggles, our thanksgiving and joy, and we lift up our hands with hope to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. As we gather around the communion rail, we know that we are on a journey with Jesus together. We do not always know where the journey will lead, but we know that Jesus will lead the way.

Blessings!

Father Mark

Senior Warden's Letter

Summer is winding down - schools are back in session. I frequently have mixed emotions about this time. The excitement of new beginnings usually wins me over, though I must admit the relaxation of those lazy, hazy days of summer are important to our minds, bodies and relationships. However, the excitement of back to school, seeing all our friends again and hopefully the exciting learning challenges that lie ahead are things that many of us thrive on!

I look forward to seeing many of my "church" friends back from travels to family or exciting places. I look forward to Fall and the following seasons. I hope you are refreshed.

The Bishop's Committee will be meeting with Canon Michael Barlowe towards the end of September. We will be exploring exciting possibilities for our growth as a community of faith. We will be exploring some different ways to "do church" and to grow.

Father Mark is looking forward to working with our youth and we'll look forward to a reprise of last year's inaugural Beate's Mass. PLUS, Kid's Karnival is coming with some new surprises! YES, IT MUST BE FALL!

Special Thanks to Billie Barbash, Linda Fox, Joan Westmoreland and Paula Zand for serving on the Music and Liturgy Committee. They are in the process of visiting several churches that have services which target young children and families. Their experiences will help us decide how we may want to change, expand or freshen our current worship services.

We Bid Farewell to Liesje, Elliott and Cody Blank at the middle of this month. The whole family has been active in Redeemer's worship and social life in so many ways. Cody and Elliott worked many a carwash, and were heart and soul of the mission trip to Alaska. Elliott's name will be engraved on our hearts for the absolutely incredible amount of work he performed on our church building. Liesje became a dedicated lay minister, and member of the book club and women's spirituality. We shared concern with both Elliott and Liesje over health issues. Through those times we gained the knowledge of how a parish nurtures its members. Cody grew up at Redeemer in so many ways and we share in his excitement as he gets ready to begin his university education at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. We are excited that their home here is selling and that a dream home in Redding is under contract. **Know that you take with you our best wishes for this next stage of your lives. New places to camp and explore, new friends to discover.**

WE'LL BE ASKING YOU...

questions..... As part of the search process we will be examining what is important to the people of Redeemer.

Everyone will have the opportunity to be a part of the process as each of us has the opportunity to share what we want to keep, what we might like to add or change.

Coming soon, look for the "question of the week".

Sue Clark, (415) 454-4115
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Adult, Youth and Infant Baptism

The First Sunday After All Saint's Day
Sunday November 2, 2008
9:15 AM – Kid's Church or
10:30 AM – Rite II Eucharist

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on this Sunday for Infants, Youth and Adults at both services. Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church and inheritors of the kingdom of God. (BCP, p. 858).

A class will be scheduled prior to the service for those who are seeking baptism.

Please contact Father Mark to arrange for a baptism for infants, youth, or adults at (415) 456-0508 or email at mrnyak2000@comcast.net.

Pastoral Counseling with Father Mark Ruyak

Many times during a period of change, people have questions about the search process, the Redeemer community, or where we are going. During this time, it is natural to have questions about your spiritual journey or life in general.

I am available for pastoral counseling to listen to your concerns, answer questions, or to help you discern the direction of your spiritual journey.

Please contact me if you would like to meet and talk: (415) 456-0508 or email at mrnyak2000@comcast.net.

Or just pull me aside at a coffee hour to talk for a few minutes!



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
- 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



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

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

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

September 10th: *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin; at Cathy Kirk's home (457-3841) at noon.

LOOKING AHEAD

Youth Confirmation Classes

Sundays – 5:00 – 7:00 PM
September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26,
At Church of the Redeemer
For Youth: Grades 6, 7 and 8

This is a program of spiritual formation for youth that will focus on confirmation in the Episcopal Church. It is open to all youth in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Everyone is welcome to attend. We encourage those who are exploring the sacrament of confirmation or have questions about their faith journey, in addition to those who have decided to seek confirmation.

The evenings will begin with a simple meal, fellowship and prayer. The program will be following the Episcopal Church curriculum for Confirmation: "I Will with God's Help". The classes will focus on what it means to be a Christian in the world today and the beliefs and traditions of the Episcopal Church.

The classes will be taught by Father Mark and lay members of the Redeemer community.

Those seeking confirmation will be confirmed at Grace Cathedral with other parishes in the Diocese at the General Confirmation Service on Saturday November 8, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

To enroll in this class, please contact Father Mark at (415) 456-0508 or email at mryak2000@comcast.net.

Kids' Karnival

We're gearing up for the Tenth Annual Kids' Karnival on Saturday, September 27th, from Noon to 7pm. There will be games, prizes, food, fun and, of course, a few new surprises! This year Kids' Karnival will again feature our talented neighborhood musicians and singers (young and *not so* old), with a repeat concert of their Beatles performance from last year!

In addition, we will have all the usual stuff – games, prizes, a 22 foot Giant Slide, a Bounce just for our littlest ones and the 35' square

“Jurassic Adventure Zone.”



It's going to be our biggest and best Kids' Karnival yet! It will be a great day of fun, fundraising and just hanging out with friends and neighbors. We will again be grilling juicy burgers, hot dogs, BBQ'd Korean Spare Ribs and Teriyaki Chicken, both at the Karnival and by pre-paid meals (only for our Redeemer families). Also, don't forget to enjoy a nice glass of wine or an icy cold beer from the tap, while you're at it, too!

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 food, and rental items. We also need volunteers for set-up on Friday afternoon at 4pm; for the food court; and clean-up at the end of the day; and to Adopt-A-Booth and staff it for the day. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available and we are very generous with school or college application-required volunteer hours. (Remember, we give double hours for clean-up!)

As in past years, the Adopt-A-Booth Chair will oversee the set-up, arrange for staffing and the clean-up of the booths on the day of the carnival. As always, kids are welcome to help. Middle school and High School students can work alone. Those younger must work with a parent present.

If you'd like to donate or volunteer you can call me - Billie Barbash - at 459-2303 or e-mail me at

billie.barbash@comcast.net. There will be sign-up sheets at the Church and they will go out through our email group, as well.

So, don't miss out on one of our very best Redeemer events! Mark your calendars and tell your neighbors and friends to come and be a part of the Tenth Annual Kids' Karnival!

FROM THE DIOCESE

Episcopal Charities Walk-A-Thon

Episcopal Charities invites you to join Bishop Marc on Saturday, October 11th for an eight-mile walk through San Francisco. Over 200 Episcopal clergy and parishioners from the Diocese of California annually participate in this walk, visiting agencies and churches that provide support for homeless and low income individuals living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Walkers return to Grace Cathedral to partake in a multicultural-lunch along with entertainment from Jambory, an Afro-Peruvian percussion and dance ensemble. Jambory originated from collaboration between Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, an Episcopal Charities partner agency, and Tradición Peruana Cultural Center, San Francisco.

When: Saturday, October 11; registration and continental breakfast, 7 a.m.; walk begins, 8 a.m.; lunch and entertainment, 1 p.m.

Where: [Grace Cathedral](#), 1100 California Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$35.00 includes breakfast, T-Shirt, celebration lunch, entertainment, and raffle

Contact: For more information, to register, and create your own fundraising page or your team's fundraising page, visit www.episcopalcharities.org, or email info@episcopalcharities.org or call (415)869-7813.





REHEARSAL DATES FOR THE “BEATLES”

- 8/24 Sunday 4-5 pm
- 8/31 Sunday 4-5 pm
- 9/7 Sunday 4-5 pm
- 9/14 Sunday 4-5 pm with the Band
- 9/20 Saturday 4-5 pm
- 9/26 Friday 6:30-8:00 pm with the Band
(location TBA)
- 9/27 PERFORMANCE --KIDS KARNIVAL --
perform in mid afternoon
- 10/12 Sunday 4-5 pm
- 10/18 Saturday 4-6 pm with the band (N.B.:
longer rehearsal)
- 10/19 PERFORMANCE --Sunday - Redeemer
Church Service 10 am

All rehearsals will be at the Redeemer Church except 9/26/08 (which is TBA).

Thanks,
Cindy Chung (453-8244)

Disaster Preparedness Class

The people of Marin County face a multitude of hazards including: earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, and landslides. To address these public safety risks, a simple and free two-hour emergency preparedness program is being offered to all households in Marin County through the **Get Ready Household Disaster Preparedness Program.**

THE BENEFITS OF TAKING THE CLASS:

Gain the necessary information to protect you and your family during a disaster.

Learn how to create emergency supply kits for your home, work, and car.

Learn how to become a survivor and feel empowered to take care of yourself and those around you.

COME AND TAKE THE CLASS:

When: Saturday, October 4, 2008
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: Redeemer Church

To RSVP please contact:
Angela Del Ponte at 458-5002





NEWS FROM THE PEWS

In August, Mario Pamatmat e-mailed from Baguio City, in the Philippines, the following:

“The good news is that during this last week of continuous wind and rain there has not been a drop of water anywhere inside the house --- so far! Yesterday there was no electricity, which means no tv, no internet, and I found it too dark to read away from the window.

The weather turned bad a few days after the boys and their families flew back to California. We still couldn't believe how fortunate they were to have picked that window of 3 weeks of pretty good weather to come here. There were some rainy days but no storm. Actually the 2 youngest, Melissa and Ryan, were enthralled by the heavy rain the 2 afternoons we had them and they rushed out in the rain in their bare feet. That reminded me of my

younger days when we ran naked in the streets in the rain and stood under some downspouts.

We had 2 family reunions, one here in Baguio (with Nellie's relatives) and another in Manila (with my relatives). We wanted the kids to know they have hundreds to thousands of kin in different places here. Both sides obviously enjoyed visiting with each other.

We took them to an island resort in Palawan (the infamous Dos Palmas where the American missionary couple were abducted by Abu Sayaf, but now security is much better), visited the underground river and a crocodile farm there, and everywhere we went they swam in the pool or in the ocean. That was a nice vacation not just for the kids but for Nellie and me as well. We hadn't had a vacation like that in years. With all of them gone it is now all too quiet in our house.

Sorry to hear about our old friends who are not doing too well. Please give them our regards and good wishes. We'll miss Sallie, Chuck, Liesje and Elliot.

See you all back there soon enough.”

And news of Pat Eyster-Ewell, who now lives in (wet, rainy) Florida, as related by Sue Clark:

“I spoke with Pat Eyster this morning [8/21]- Her home is ok - she has periodic flooding from her swimming pool (which is in a patio surrounded by her house on three sides). Her wonderful neighbors are pumping the water down daily for her. Drainage is good for the actual property so she doesn't expect problems for the structure.

An Occupational Therapist was coming to the house today. Pat still has considerable pain from the break. Her doctor said yesterday that the socket is "working well". She may be able to begin driving within six weeks.

If any of you want to send her a note - her address is: 1427 Ballinton Drive, Melbourne, FL 32940.”

[From your editor:] “Wayne and I spent 9 days in Bali in July. We were in a village just outside Ubud, and were most fortunate to be there when cremation ceremonies for several members of the royal family of Ubud were held. An estimated 250,000 people (including the president of Indonesia and the American [and other] ambassadors) crammed their

way into this small city, because such a spectacle is highly unusual, the last royalty having been cremated some 35 years ago. Very elaborate papier-mache 9-storied towers (45 feet high), black bulls, and one dragon were fashioned, and then carried through the streets on their way to the cemetery. Each of these “structures” was carried on thick bamboo poles by 150 men at a time; they were so enormous, the trees on the main street were cut down to allow them to pass! At every corner, the men would spin the towers (which contained the embalmed bodies of the family members) around and around, in order to keep the souls of the departed from returning to the palace. The bodies were moved into the bulls for the cremation ceremony, then afterwards, all ashes were gathered by family members and returned to the ocean. It was a fascinating journey for us.”



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**Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
Schedule of Services – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008**

Date	Lay Minister	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Lessons & Psalm	Lay Reader	Coffee Hour Host	Service Host
SEPT. 7 17th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Terri L. 10:30 Paula Z.	9:15 Susan P. & Nicholas D. 10:30 Alex K.	Eileen Erler Barbara Smilie	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	10:30 Sue Clark	9:15 Baird 10:30 S. Clark	9:15 Kennedy/ Duro 10:30 Pamatmat
SEPT. 14 18th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Cathy K. 10:30 Joan W.	9:15 Erika J. & Cat T. 10:30 Jessica L.	Kelly Mason Ann Zolezzi	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	10:30 Sue Clark	9:15 Johnson 10:30 West- moreland	9:15 Thomason 10:30 Loudon
SEPT. 21 19th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Paula Z. 10:30 John W.	9:15 Gina C. & Meg N. 10:30 Aaron C.	Julie Cassettari Nellie Pamatmat	Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	10:30 Julie Cassettari	9:15 Gerlach/ Moreira 10:30 Pamatmat	9:15 Nakamura 10:30 Cassettari
SEPT. 28 20th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Rich A. 10:30 Cathy K.	9:15 Sierra K. & Mia S. 10:30 Alex K.	Cathy Kirk Cindy Smith	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	10:30 Cindy Smith	9:15 Poulos 10:30 Smith	9:15 Ortega/ Kennison 10:30 Zolezzi
OCT. 5 21st Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Joan W. 10:30 Terri L.	9:15 Billy D. & Carolyn D. 10:30 Susan P.	Eileen Erler Barbara Smilie	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	10:30 Sue Clark	9:15 Erler 10:30 Zolezzi	9:15 English 10:30 Loudon
OCT. 12 22nd Sun. after Pentecost	9:15 Paula Z. 10:30 John W.	9:15 Stevie B. & Nicholas D. 10:30 Jessica L.	Julie Cassettari Kelly Mason	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	10:30 Julie Cassettari	9:15 Sparks 10:30 Smith	9:15 Kennedy/ Duro 10:30 Cassettari
OCT. 19 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Terri L. 10:30 Cathy K.	9:15 Gina C. & Haley S. 10:30 Aaron C.	Nellie Pamatmat Cathy Kirk	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	10:30 Sue Clark	9:15 Skubecz 10:30 Kirk	9:15 Chiarolla 10:30 S. Clark
OCT. 26 24th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 Rich A. 10:30 Joan W.	9:15 Julia C. & Erika J. 10:30 Carly C.	Ann Zolezzi Cindy Smith	Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	10:30 Cindy Smith	9:15 Baird 10:30 West- moreland	9:15 Poulos 10:30 Smith

**9:15 & 10:30 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS please bring fruit, cheese or a savory snack, set up coffee/juice and clean up.
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 ASSIGNMENT – THANK YOU!
Please contact Ann Zolezzi at 454-4337 or aszolezzi@sbcglobal.net with any changes to this schedule.