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Ten years!

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Ten years! It is hard to believe. On November 27 we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Ten years ago on that day I began my ministry as rector of Redeemer. I have served longer at Redeemer than any other church in my ordained life. I have lived longer in Baltimore than any other place in my adult life.

I began at Redeemer ten weeks after 9/11. The world was rocked and people were so profoundly shaken. It was a difficult time to pull up stakes and relocate. It was a difficult time to leave behind a community of support.

I had just come through the worst time in my life. My 22 year old daughter had died from suicide. Two years of incredible pain and healing followed. Some marriages cannot survive such a loss. Judy and I resolved to try. In a sense, we lashed ourselves to the mast and headed out into the storm, resolved that we would be together on the other side. Deep into the storm, I came to a sense it was time for a change. Most churches wanted nothing to do with a rector candidate who had a recent suicide death in his family.

After many disappointments and recognition of my own profound vulnerability, I came to meet the people at Redeemer involved in their search process. I will never forget that visit. A group from Redeemer came down to Louisiana to hear me preach and interview me. After we

talked about church growth, youth ministry, stewardship and delegation skills, the conversation went like this:

“Do you want to talk about my daughter’s death?” “Yes.”
 “Were you going to ask me about it?” “No.” “OK, but before we get into that let me ask you something. When you found that out about me, why didn’t you throw my resume in the rubbish can?” “When we found out that about you, we put your resume on the top.”
 “Why would you do that?”
 “Because we need a human being.”

At that moment I experienced redemption. This is the metaphor I use to interpret the experience. I was in a sea of drowning in a sea of vocational and spiritual crisis. After so many rejections it felt like I was going down for the third time. A supertanker came by and they threw me a life ring. I grabbed it and they hauled me up on deck. They dried me off and brought me a cup of hot coffee. When I finally stopped shivering, they ushered me onto the bridge and pulled out the captain’s chair for me. Words can never express the sense of gratitude and salvation which Redeemer has brought into my life.

It is a daunting challenge to be a professional lover of the people of God. Being assigned to love people sounds artificial and superficial. Of course we care. We are pastors. But to love people as part of a job description is unrealistic at

best and absurd at worst. And yet the miracle of love does happen in its own time. As we have shared these years together, I have found myself more and more experiencing sincere love toward the people of Redeemer. We have travelled the road together. We have shared the drama of life together. We have prayed over your child at baptism. We have prayed together as you were joined in holy matrimony. We have prayed together for healing as you struggled with illness. We have prayed together as you have made the



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The Rector's 10th Anniversary

The Rev. Dr. Paul Tunkle will mark his tenth anniversary as our rector on Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday in Advent. We will honor the occasion with a reception in the parish hall following the 10:00 service. Join us!

New Christmas Eve Schedule



**11:00 am — Chapel
5:00 pm — Church
9:30 pm — Church**

Ten years! *(continued)*

journey from this life to your eternal home with God. We have laughed and cried in worship settings as I have trusted you and opened my heart to you in sermon and story. In all these and many more circumstances of ministry, I have grown in my love for you, the people of Redeemer, not as an expectation of my position, but as a reflection of the grace of God shared among us.

We've had our challenges in these past ten years. Many of us can remember the furor created by my sermon opposing the war in Iraq with fiery rhetoric and deliberate accusation. We made front page news. Some thought that my ministry was over. Others thought it had made a huge leap forward. We were divided, energized and engaged. 350 people came to an adult forum to discuss it. People worried about Redeemer and her future. People worried about whether I would remain as rector. And some people worried about me and how I was handling all the stress. I looked back at my experience of grace in the call process and acknowledged that stress and conflict sometimes go hand in hand with ministry.

Every so often, my adult children express their gratitude to Judy and me for still being married to one another. They say not many of their contemporaries come from intact nuclear families. Although the death of a child can hardly be considered intact, staying together through better and worse is part of the way we made our marriage work and succeed. In like manner, we have been together as rector and Redeemer through better and worse, and we remain intact. We are not only intact, but actually thriving and healthy.

Thank you, people of Redeemer, for the blessings of this last decade. Thank you, God, for guiding us to one another. Thank you, Jesus, for walking alongside us through it all. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for continuing to inspire and energize our sacred relationship. Ten years! It's hard to believe. Time and experience together with you has led me to accept that it is all true. And I love it!

Peace,

Paul+

Special Music at Redeemer

The American Boychoir to sing at Redeemer!!

On Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m., we will be treated to a concert by the famed *American Boychoir*. This highly trained choir of 28 boys, ranging in age from 10-14 has toured throughout the United States and many parts of Europe. They attend The American Boychoir School in Princeton, New Jersey which combines the training program for mastery of choral music with a superior academic program creating a profoundly integrative educational experience which emphasizes creativity and such traditional values as self-discipline, self-reliance, hard work, teamwork and dedication to long-term goals. The program which will be presented here will represent great diversity has won the praises of critics from all over the United States. Plan to come and hear these angelic voices. The concert will last about 75 minutes. An offering will be received.

Celebrate Christmas at Redeemer with great music!

On Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 p.m. our parish celebrates the first service of Christmas with the annual presentation of the **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols**. This traditional service of Christmas readings and music features carols old and new, representing diverse cultures accompanied by organ, harp, percussion, flutes and trumpets. This year's list of composers includes Warlock, Wilberg, Ledger, Lehman, Tavener, Rutter and Fraser's ever popular *This Christmastide*. It lasts about 75 minutes and will be enjoyed by the whole family. Early seating is advised.





2011 Advent and Christmas Offerings

The Church of the Redeemer

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Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. *Advent Quiet Day* You are invited to gather and spend a quiet and creative time in preparation for Advent. We will begin our time in the chapel discussing the important aspects of Advent. Following that, we will have different options for you, including watching an award winning short film, poetry meditation, journaling, walking the labyrinth, making advent wreaths and several other choices. These will be led by individuals from the Women Who Wonder group. Our time will conclude with a contemporary Eucharist.

Sunday, December 4, 9:30—9:55 a.m. A visit from the **Bishop of Myra** (also known as St. Nicholas) in the parish hall for children pre-K through grade 2.

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Sunday, December 11, 3:00 p.m. The **Handel Choir of Baltimore** will present Handel's **Messiah** with period instruments here at The Church of the Redeemer. Tickets may be purchased by calling 410-366-6544 or online at www.handelchoir.org

Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. *Blue Mass* During the holiday season we sometimes feel the absence of those we love who have died. This sense of loss can seem so contrary to the messages of joy and hope associated with Christmas. We understand and seek to minister to your sense of sorrow. We will gather for a Requiem Eucharist for the purpose of remembering those we love who have died and honoring our feelings of loss and sadness.

Friday, December 16, 9:15 a.m. *The Parish Day School Christmas Service* in the church. All are welcome to come and enjoy the wonder and awe of the day school children as they celebrate the season in story and song.

Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m. *Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols*. Join us for a traditional service of Christmas readings and music featuring carols old and new, representing diverse cultures, accompanied by organ, harp, percussion, flutes and trumpets. The service lasts about 75 minutes and will be enjoyed by the whole family. Early seating is advised.

Saturday, December 24, *Christmas Eve Services* at 11:00 a.m. (in the chapel, light reception to follow), 5:00 p.m. (family service with pageant in the church) and 9:30 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist (in the church).

Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist* in the chapel.



Sunday School Highlights this Month

Pre-K through Grade 2 lessons/activities (Weaving God's Promises): November 27/Visit with Bishop of Myra & Isaiah Promises Salvation ... December 4/Angels Come to Mary & Joseph ... December 11/John the Baptist ... December 18/Jesus Is Born

Hogwarts Grades 3 through 7: Hogwarts classes this month include "Astronomy" where they will learn about what the Christmas star and the night sky may have looked like at the time of Jesus' birth (using charts from a computerized planetarium program) with the help of Redeemer parishioner and post-doc fellow at the Space Telescope Science Institute, Ben Sargent ... and "Ancient Runes" where they will learn some Greek symbols and letters (e.g., how to write LOGOS and other key Christian words), with the help of visiting teachers Alex Vishio (teacher of Greek and Chaplain at Gilman) and RYG youth leader and Greek student, Gardner Eager.

Sunday School, Confirmation classes and RYG will NOT be meeting on December 25 or December 31.

The Return of Las Posadas!

This beloved Redeemer tradition is a wonderful way to celebrate the season of Advent while getting to know other members of our Redeemer family!

What does Las Posadas involve? It involves sheltering Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus (figurines) for a night in your own home; noting their "adventures" with you/ your family in a small journal that travels along with them (Did they sit down to dinner with you? Did they camp out by your kitchen window? Did they snuggle up with the kids at bedtime? Kids can draw a picture in the journal ... you can include a photograph ... write a few sentences ... it's up to you!); and delivering the Holy Family along with journal to their next lodging/host family the following day/evening.

We will kick off LAS POSADAS at our Advent Wreath Making Event on Sunday, November 27 from 9:00-9:50am in Hale Auditorium. Join us! Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/lasposadas> for more info or to sign up! Questions? Email Cristina+.

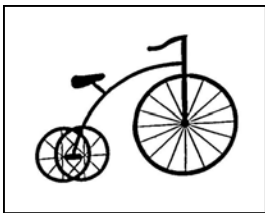
Advent Quiet Day Retreat

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

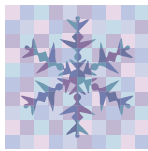
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This event is free, open to the public, and no registration is required. We encourage you to invite guests as a way to introduce them to The Church of the Redeemer.

For questions, contact The Rev. Caroline Stewart at 410-435-7333 or cstewart@redeemeronline.com



Redeemer Parish Day School Winter Carnival



Calling all interested vendors

We are excited to announce that the Redeemer parish Day School annual Winter Carnival will be held on February 11th 2012. It is a wonderful family event with children's games and crafts, food, music, and VENDORS! We are looking for anyone within the Redeemer community that would be interested in having a booth. As we did last year, we will only be accepting a limited number of vendors to ensure good foot traffic to each booth. For more information please contact:
Leslee Bivalacqua
lbivalacqua@yahoo.com or
(443)801-4912.



2011 Hope and Challenge

Public lectures on mental health issues

The Hope and Challenge Lecture series concludes this month with a lecture on Alzheimer's disease on November 30 and an interfaith service of hope and Healing on December 7. Lectures are free and open to the public. Each Wednesday evening lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Dementia: November 30

Constantine Lyketsos, M.D., M.P.H., will discuss effective ways of caring for people with dementia and how their families can make a significant difference in life quality and outcome. Dr. Lyketsos will be discussing the concept of "Dementia Care" as developed at Johns Hopkins and providing details on how to access and evaluate such care in the Baltimore area. Dr. Lyketsos is the Director of the Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center at Johns Hopkins Bayview campus and is considered a world expert on the care of patients with memory impairments. He is a co-author of several books on the subject of dementia care and was instrumental in setting up the Copper Ridge Institute located in Sykesville, MD.

Interfaith Service of Hope & Healing: December 7

An ecumenical service of hope and healing will conclude the lecture series and will include prayers and music with a special sensitivity toward those dealing with emotional and psychological issues. We will pray for those affected by these challenges. We will pray for the reconciliation of relationships compromised because of mental challenges. We will pray for caretakers and their sense of helplessness and frustration. We will pray for all health care providers, especially counselors, therapists, and those involved in treatment and recovery programs. We will come before God with the darkness and mystery associated with mental illness and pray for light, for treatments, for research and cure, and above all for compassion.

Blue Mass– December 14

Requiem Eucharist
Wednesday, December 14
5:30 p.m.
The Chapel

During the holiday season we sometimes feel the absence of those we love who have died. This sense of loss can seem so contrary to the messages of joy and hope associated with Christmas. We may wind up feeling guilty that we don't feel that sense of joy shared by others.

We understand and seek to minister to your sense of sorrow. We will gather for a Requiem Eucharist (Blue Mass) for the purpose of remembering those we love who have died and honoring our feelings of loss and sadness. During this service we will offer an opportunity for those gathered to come forward, light a votive candle to symbolize their loved one, and speak their name. These candles will then form the context in which we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and commend those we love to God's eternal care.

May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace and offer us comfort through the grace of the Holy Spirit.



Update on Capital Campaign and Heritage Trust Projects

Capital Campaign:

+The new air handler for the main church has been installed and is currently operating. Existing ductwork for that portion of the campus has been cleaned and sanitized. New fresh-air and exhaust vents are active and are awaiting their final covers on the north side of the building.

+Approximately \$5,000 has been earned through the recycling of scrap metal from the old system.

+Upgrading of the main distribution panel and electrical service is scheduled for the week following Christmas.

+The HVAC Committee, engineers, and Junior Warden continue their work planning the remaining portions of heating and cooling for the campus, as well as any minor architectural changes which will be required to facilitate equipment and ductwork. The current timeframe has the balance of the geothermal and boiler replacement slated to occur during summer, 2012.

+Good news! Baltimore Gas and Electric has agreed to bring gas service from Charles Street for our new boiler, eliminating the need for fuel oil in our future.

Heritage Trust:

+We have recently completed the re-roofing project for the flat roof over the Ambulatory, Foyer, and Cloister Room. This new material—which is gray in color to create a “cool”, energy-efficient membrane—is warranted for thirty years. Structural repairs were made to the rotten wood framing members within this attic, and the plaster was patched and repainted at the interior ceiling.

+The recent anonymous gift of \$1,000,000 to the Heritage Trust along with the existing Heritage balance will provide a critical new principal amount accumulating interest from which we can draw funds for major maintenance. Current policies set by Maryland law will allow the Church to draw up to 5% interest annually based on a three-year rolling average of the fund's value. This process will begin after existing obligations to the recent re-roofing project are satisfied.

Questions, comments or concerns? Please contact Vince Greene, Junior Warden, at vgreene4800@gmail.com or 410-903-4736.

Paul's Place Giving Tree

This year, as we have done for many years, we will collect Christmas presents for Paul's Place. They will be distributed at a free Christmas “shop”. Each of us can help make Christmas happier for a child by bringing in an unwrapped gift and putting it under the Giving Tree that is located near the steps leading to the parish hall. Last year, Redeemer members gave very generously to Paul's Place – toys and other gifts for children in Pigtown, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Baltimore.



Choose a decoration from the giving tree and buy a present for that child. Presents should be new and unwrapped. One big gift, in the \$10-20 range, is better than several small gifts. Put your gift under the tree on Sunday, December 4 or on Sunday, December 11. If you have a couple of extra dollars, add in a pair of winter gloves, a hat, or some new socks. We will deliver the gifts to Paul's Place. If you need gift ideas please see e-Redeemer for a downloadable shopping list.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Sue Chapelle at suechapelle@yahoo.com or 410-377-2342

Loaves and Fishes Christmas Boxed Suppers

For 21 years, as part of the Loaves and Fishes Winter Feeding Program, the parishioners of The Church of the Redeemer have made the very popular Christmas Boxed Suppers, 250 of which are delivered to the homeless on the streets of Baltimore. The delivery date this year is December 18, the evening of the Service of Lessons and Carols.

Interested parishioners may fill their desired number of boxes and bring them to Redeemer's dining room on the 18th, prior to the 5 p.m. service, and the boxes will be loaded onto the Loaves and Fishes van and brought downtown.

There will be a table set up in the ambulatory during the month of December with the empty boxes and instructions for filling them. If you have any questions, please call Lucy Sarris at 443-



2011 BOOTS for BALTIMORE

Twenty-five years ago the BOOTS for BALTIMORE committee began by collecting boots for one homeless shelter for men. Since then BOOTS has distributed over 40,000 pairs of boots and socks for men and women to shelters through agencies in Baltimore and the surrounding area. The Church of the Redeemer provides a home for the BOOTS for BALTIMORE committee and its work. The Redeemer parish family has faithfully supported this project through the economic ups and downs of the past twenty-five years and we are humbled and grateful.

In these uncertain times, we again turn to you for help. We have received requests for 1,900 pairs of boots from the agencies we serve and the final order goes in by Thanksgiving. This tangible gift of footwear and warm socks provides protection, and more importantly dignity and hope to those in need.

Each tax exempt gift of \$28 will purchase a pair of boots and socks, when you return your donation in the envelope enclosed in this Chimes. With the gift cards we provide, available on a table in the ambulatory, you may honor someone you love and care about with a gift in their name.

The mission of BOOTS for BALTIMORE has always been to raise enough money to buy the boots and socks and distribute them. With the financial and spiritual support of the Redeemer community this goal has and will be met. We thank you for your steadfast and generous support.

The BOOTS for BALTIMORE Committee
 Jeff Ayres, Mary Bready, Sue Chapelle, Debbie Codd, Caroline Coleman, Susie Conkling, Indira Kotval, Barbara Lynch, Sherrill Nash, Joan Partridge, Lucy Meyer Sarris, Sharon Wharton, Betsy Wilgis, Suzanne Wills

Honduras 2012

The mission trip to Atíma, Honduras is a memorable experience. It is a unique opportunity for youth, non medical adults and medical personnel to work together to provide medical care and education to 2,500-3,000 people in Atíma, Honduras and the surrounding countryside. The medical team is comprised of roughly 25 health practitioners in pediatrics, internal medicine, emergency medicine, obstetrics/ gynecology, ophthalmology, dentistry, podiatry and nursing. An additional twenty five adult and high school volunteers work alongside the medical team in the clinic. The team works and lives at the local elementary school during the mission. All expenses are assumed by each member of the team.

Applications from youth and adults to accompany this year's trip, June 22 to 30, 2011 are now being accepted. Applications and more information are available on Redeemer's Web site: <http://www.redeemeronline.com/honduras.html>. Cost is \$1,600 per person. The application deadline for the 2012 trip is December 7, 2011. Contact Cathy Bennett, cplears@aol.com with any questions.





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The Flower Committee will be adorning the Chapel and Church for Christmastide.

*If you would like to remember or give thanks for a loved one please provide the names below
 and attach a check made out to the church and marked:*

“Christmas Memorials”

(donation \$50)

*Christmas Memorials/Thanksgivings must reach us by Wednesday, **December 7th***

To be published in the Christmas Order of Service.

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