



REDEEMER

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A Message From Father Mike

What a joy it is to be at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. I am honored to be a part of this amazing time of transition. Having been in school ministries for a good number of years, I want to begin with a few definitions and explanations:

Interim: “the period of time between.”

As Interim Rector, I am here during the time between rectors. This parish is in a time between what was and what will come. It requires dialogue, openness, risk and many prayers as we listen to the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. ...God brings the best out of you... (Romans 12:2, *The Message*)

Change: “The inevitable movement of life’s forces.”

The interim time will require continual change and adjustment to the realities of the present. Life has its continuity and custom. This is as it should be. During this interim period, traditions, at times, will need to be interrupted and transformed as new ideas are considered and new approaches tried and evaluated.

Transition: “The process by which we must deal with the inevitable changes of life.” How will we get there? As Porter Taylor has said, “Churches are places where we learn to love.” Redeemer is a place where we will try to think, speak, and act in God’s way. It is a place where we can speak openly and honestly, dream and live out our faith. We cannot view the church as an object of our love, but rather, as a subject and instrument of God’s. Where is God in this interim period? What is God’s vision for this faith community in Irving, Texas? Only as we listen to the Spirit and one another will we discover the answers.

Transformation: “The new shape that occurs after transition, toward which change is aimed.” “It may sometimes seem as if our baptisms are all of fire, but in the fire we forge new strengths...Time and again we emerge from this chrysalis changed, remade, born again. This is the

November Dates to Remember

Choir Retreat
Saturday, Nov. 1,
8:00 – noon,

Daughters of the King
Sunday, Nov. 2,
12:00 pm

Evensong
Sunday, Nov 2,
6:00 p.m.

Austin Street Sandwich Crew
Saturday, Nov. 8,
11:00 a.m.

Breakfast Sunday
Sunday, Nov 9,
9:00 a.m.

***Brotherhood of St. Andrew**
Sunday, Nov. 23,
12:00 p.m.

Austin Street Ministry
Sunday, Nov. 9,
3:45 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14,
10:00 a.m.

The Outliers

Sunday, Nov. 16,
Father Mike’s First Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 16,
12:00 p.m.

Vestry

Saturday, Nov. 22
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Gift Shop Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 15,
7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting,

***Sunday, Nov. 23,**
12:00 p.m

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Sunday, Nov. 30
First Sunday in Advent

***Denotes more than one meeting monthly**

pattern for all life, the end of each journey marking the beginning of new and different ones.” (Susan Taylor) . God must certainly like change, transition and transformation for it is pumped into the very heart of all creation. Change, transition and transformation parallel with the two major stories in the Bible: The Hebrew story of exodus from Egypt, the wilderness and the entrance into the Promised land. The Christian story of the death of Jesus, the three days and his resurrection. This will be the pattern and story of the faith community named Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

I look forward to meeting you, working with you, praying with you and struggling with you. Please share your thoughts and ideas as we move to discern the movement of God in this wonderful parish.

May Christ’s holy, healing, and enabling Spirit be with us every step of the way, and be our guide as our road changes and turns. God bless.

FATHER MIKE’S OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10

Mondays - 1:00 pm until it is time to go.

Tuesdays - 9:30 am until it is time to go.

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm until it is time to go.

Thursdays - 1:00 pm until it is time to go.

Friday – off

Saturdays - hours will vary.

Sundays - 7:00 am until it is time to go.

Father Mike’s first Sunday with us is November 16.

NOVEMBER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Ellen Batchelor,
Chairman*

The Search Committee Members have met several times in October and have also worked through email to develop the Parish Profile and the Parish Survey. Members are working on one of these two subcommittees with Dick Comstock heading the Profile and Dan Donalson the Survey.

The Profile is close to completion but needs your input through taking the Survey. Subcommittee members are writing sections of the Profile that they have grouped into History/Campus, Liturgy/Worship, Ministries, and Finance. The results of your answers to the Survey questions will be incorporated into the discussion of characteristics of both our parishioners as well as of our prospective rector.

The Survey is almost ready for your input. Dan and Ellen will describe this process at the Parish Meeting between services on November 2 when our new Vestry members will also be elected. We will ask that you complete the Survey online on our website although a few paper copies will be available. We hope that each

parishioner (beginning with middle school age through adults) will thoughtfully and prayerfully complete the questions, many of which are multiple choice but some are short answer. Your compiled answers will direct us as we continue the remaining parts of the search process.

Father Mike Wallens, our Interim Rector, will work with the parish during Advent directing us in the development of statements that may also be incorporated into our Profile.

We continue to ask for your prayers as we continue the search process.

STEWARDSHIP –

Norma DeLeon

It is my turn to write the article on stewardship. Being good steward means doing what God guides you to do--his work. This can come in forms of gifts and talents and support for the church. I follow what Gods puts in my heart. It is also the commitment we make to serve God in any way possible. I thought that being good steward meant to give money. It was not until I received a pledge card that I learned that it was also what I would give back to the church by helping in the giving time for serving on Breakfast Club and Altar Guild and choir and many others things around the church and school. We are called to serve our lord and open our hearts, mind and soul to follow him. He gives to us so much. We as good steward can give what we feel God's put out there for us. This weekend we will come together for our annual stewardship commitment and vestry election this is an exciting time for our parish. Take the time to pray and be with God as you make your commitment. Be happy and with an open heart as we are called to do Gods work.

OUTREACH

Ellen Batchelor

Have you begun your holiday shopping? Please consider our November outreach focus as you do so and requests for our needy neighbors during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

We support **Irving Cares** each month by requesting two items for its Food Pantry. In November, these needs go up and Irving Cares asks that we increase our donations. Their **Holiday Food List** includes the following:

Peanut butter; hot and cold cereal; canned meats such as tuna, chicken, spam; canned meals such as chili, stew, Chef Boyardee products, any soups, and toilet paper. These items are part of every client order and are purchased by Irving Cares if they are not donated.

Additional items needed are personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, and feminine hygiene products; powdered laundry detergent; and canned vegetables such as peas, corn, green beans, carrots, leafy greens, and canned fruit.

We also will need volunteers to take these items to Irving Cares before Thanksgiving and at the end of the month. There will be signup sheet on the table in the back of the church for this purpose.

We are also participating in the **Irving Police and Fire Departments'** huge **Blue Christmas** project. Gifts for needy teens such as sports equipment (balls of all kinds, baseball gloves and soccer shin guards and goalie gloves), beauty products (cologne, makeup and hair products, hair dryers, curling irons), and gift cards can all be put to good use and are much appreciated.

We begin to collect these Blue Christmas items in November and will continue collecting them during the first part of December. Members of the Police and Fire Departments will collect the unwrapped items and prepare them for delivery. This is a logistical effort that takes a few weeks to accomplish. Irving ISD provides the departments with the names of children who need these and other items.

Please consider supporting both of these very worthwhile projects. Place your donations in the blue bin at the back of the church. Thank you so much for your generous response.

CRÈCHE DISPLAY

Meg Mueller

It's not too early to start thinking about where you stored your crèche displays after Christmas last year! Redeemer will host our display in early December again this year. Hopefully, we won't have to worry about snow and ice. We'll also be moving back into the church as our display site, since we learned from our abbreviated display last year that the gathering space in the Parish Hall isn't big enough to hold it all!

The set-up & break-down schedule:

- November 16 – November 30; bring your crèches to church and store them in the back, under the pews. Please put your name on the crèche itself and any boxes or bags that it is stored in.
- Sunday, November 30, after the 10:30 service; set up tables & drape with cloths.
- Monday & Tuesday, December 1 & 2, 6:30 – 8:30; set up crèches. Everyone is welcome to help set this up, even if you don't have a crèche to display.
- Sunday, December 7, 2:00 – 4:00 – pack up and take down.

The Display schedule:

- Friday, December 5, 1:00 – 5:00
- Friday, December 5, 6:00 – 9:00
- Saturday, December 6, 9:00 – 4:00
- Sunday, December 7, between services and noon – 2:00
- Also by appointment by calling Meg Mueller

Each crèche is identified by its owner and origin, so if you have a new crèche to add to our display please include a brief history (where and when you purchased it, what the circumstances were if you'd like to share).

This display has been a tradition at Redeemer since 2001. Over the years we've had quite a few visitors, and this year a group from Woodhaven Presbyterian already has it on their schedule. But even if we didn't have visitors, so many in our parish look forward to this warm, spiritual display each year. We know that Advent has arrived!

Please consider participating by either sharing your crèches, helping with the display, or letting others know about it.

For questions, please call Meg Mueller at 214.886.8263.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Norma De Leon

The Daughters of the King held The fall assembly on October 18th here in our wonderful parish hall. We had 96 daughters attend. Terry Hogle was the head of our decoration committee and the parish hall look so beautiful. Sue Saylor did our invitations and guided us with her leadership. Christy Wilson did our food ordering and got in touch with our vendors and our Redeemer gift shop that attended the assembly.

The Daughters of Abraham were our guest speakers and it was a very learning and wonderful experience. The panel consisted of a Jewish, Muslim, and Christen speaker. Our theme was we are all one in the kingdom of God. This was more evident as panel continue to talk to us about their faith. Many thanks to the Brotherhood

of Saint Andrews for serving the food for breakfast and lunch. Many thanks to all our Daughters at redeemer for your hard work and dedication without you we could not have done this wonderful assembly. I would also like to thank Wes Reed our Choir master for putting together the music for the assembly and Deacon Diana for putting together everyone who served in the service. We have got wonderful thank you from so many people for holding the assembly. We also had Retired Bishop Stanton come and do the service. It was a wonderful things to have all the organization come together and be part of the Daughters Fall assembly.

GIFT SHOP

Betty Bessler

We would like to thank everyone who purchased Threads of Hope items during October. We sold over \$1,500 of the items, all of which will be returned directly to the Peruvian women who made these works of art. This is the way these women support themselves and their children. Your purchases really change the lives of women living in poverty.

The season of Advent is upon us. The gift shop has several items to help you and your family deepen your Advent worship. We have metal Advent wreaths which can be embellished with greens, ribbons or whatever your family chooses. We also have Advent candles. For your children and grandchildren we have Advent calendars and Advent puzzles.

Toward the end of November we will put out new Christmas items. So be sure to drop by for gifts for everyone on your Christmas list. Since all proceeds from the Gift Shop go to church missions and special projects, you will also be helping others as you shop.

There will be a meeting of the Gift Shop Committee on Saturday, November 22, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Shop.

.KICK

Audrey Sutton

October was full of Halloween fun and two of our Junior High students attended New Beginnings at All Saints! Thank you to everyone who helped support our Christmas Card and Calendar fundraiser – we will have additional copies for sale at the end of November if you missed the preorder.

In November we will be participating in a bake sale, outreach with an elderly care facility and continuing with our Life Hurts, God Heals curriculum in KICK.

Happy Thanksgiving!

I am sure as many of you know, my family and I will be leaving Redeemer at the end of the year. God has called me and my family to another parish. We will remain a part of Redeemer's thriving community through the end of 2014, and will make our transition in January. The decision to respond to this call did not come easily, and required many months of prayer and discernment. My time at Redeemer has been full of joy and happiness and I am truly sad to know that it will soon be coming to an end.

I have been able to speak with the teens and some of the adults in our parish– my apologies for not being able to speak to everyone face to face. We will continue forward with KICK, our fundraising, outreach and planning for mission. Christ will guide this amazing group of teens towards greatness and I have faith He will provide abundantly!

Thank you for your love and generosity. Redeemer is like no other community I have ever experienced, and will forever have a special place in my heart.

CUB SCOUT CORNER

Amy Roman

Pack 509 had a fantastic turnout for our family camping trip in October. Eleven families, including a few first-time campers, spent the weekend with us at Cedar Hill State Park. In addition to practicing scouting skills like knot tying and fire building, the boys also worked in teams to prepare meals and serve the other dens. Watching a group of 8-10 year old boys cooking and serving a meal to their friends and family is quite an impressive sight!

While on the campout, the scouts also participated in a fishing program put on by Texas Parks and Wildlife. They learned how to tie fishing knots, how to cast, and how to safely handle a live fish before spending the morning fishing from the lakeshore.

We are always on the lookout for interesting places for the boys to visit and new things to learn. If you have a unique hobby or skill that you would like to share with the scouts, please contact our Cubmaster James Roman at (972) 816-1907.



Boys learn to tie fishing knots from Texas Parks and Wildlife Staff



Scouts along rail (L-R): Drew, Guillermo, Moses, Calin, Layden, Colbey, Lane, Isaac, Logan. Not pictured: Tyler, Connor

Breakfast Sunday, November 9, 9:00 a.m.



NOVEMBER 2014 EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Holy Eucharist Sundays at 8:00 a.m.(spoken), 10:30 a.m.(with music) and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (with Holy Unction)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Choir Retreat 8:00 am - Noon
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School 9:15 am.	Toastmasters 7:00 p.m..	Bible Study 10:00 am				Austin Street Sandwich Crew 11:00 a.m
Choir Practice 9:30 a.m						
Daughters of the King 12:15 p.m		Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m	Rehearsal Irving Chorale 6:00 p.		
Evensong 6:00 p.m.						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Breakfast 9:00 a.m.	Rector Search Committee 7:30 p.m		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.		The Outliers 10:00 a.m.	
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.						
Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.	Toastmasters 7:00m.		Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Rehearsal Irving Chorale 6:00 p.m.		
Brotherhood of St Andrew 12:15 p.m.						
Austin Street Center 3:45 p.m.						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School All Ages 9:15 a.m.	Toastmasters 7:00m.	Bible Study 10:00 am	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Rehearsal Irving Chorale 6:00 p.m.		Gift Shop Meeting 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.	Rector Search Committee, 7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.				
Vestry 12:15 p.m.						
KICK 12:15 p.m.						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School All Ages 9:15 a.m.		Bible Study 10:00 am		Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	
Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.	Toastmasters 7:00p.m.	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			
Brotherhood of St Andrew 12:15 p.m.						
30						
The First Sunday in Advent						

November Redeemer Birthdays

Sharon Blackman	2	Denise Stevens	17
Myah Kinley Garrigus	5	Jacqueline Maki	22
Cheryl Hewitt	9	Susan McCarley	22
Katie Walsh	9	Brennan Downs	23
Terry Hogle	10	Emily Agyemang	24
Sam Boehning	13	Benny Allen	25
James William Hull	15	Ray Smithey	25
Devonte Duru	16	Skip Ingram	26
Christina Howard	16	Brandon Rivera	27

Redeemer November Wedding Anniversaries

James & Amy Roman, November 2
Jimmy & Marcy Suzuki, November 16
Kevin & Kerry Santa Lucia, November 23

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KAREN HAFERTEPE
Vestry Clerk

Late News

Congratulations to new Vestry Members elected Sunday, November 2, 2014

Stephen Bunt

Joan Lamere

Heather Newell

Henry Ohuemeokpu

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to newly baptized members, **Isaac James Howard**, son of Landon & Christina Howard and brother of Penelope Jean (P.J.) and **Lyndsey Reanna Clodfelter**, daughter of Ryan Michael Clodfelter and granddaughter of Norma DeLeon who were baptized by Mother Jo Ann Saylor on All Saints Sunday, November 2.

REDEEMER SURVEY

Be sure and fill out your survey, link below, to help find our new Rector. The full participation of the parish is a vital part of the search

If you have any problems with the link please contact the office (972) 255-4171.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RedeemerParish2014>

Adult Sunday School, Sunday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.

The Reverend Bill Forest (Father Bill) will be teaching the Adult Sunday School class in the absence of Father Stephen. The 9th is breakfast Sunday so the class will start at 9:30 a.m.



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Holy Eucharist Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

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