Come, O Life-giving Creator, 
and rattle the door latch 
of my slumbering heart.

Awaken me as you breathe upon 
a winter-wrapped earth, 
gently calling to life virgin Spring.

Awaken in these fortified days 
of Lenten prayer and discipline 
my youthful dream of holiness.

Call me forth from the prison camp 
of my numerous past defeats 
and my narrow patterns of being 
to make my ordinary life extra-ordinarily alive, 
through the passion of my love.

Show to me during these Lenten days 
how to take the daily things of life 
and by submerging them in the sacred, 
to infuse them with great love 
for you, O God, and for others.

Guide me to perform simple acts of love and prayer, 
the real works of reform and renewal 
of this overture to the spring of the Spirit.

O Father of Jesus, Mother of Christ, 
help me not to waste 
these precious Lenten days 
of my soul’s spiritual springtime.

Edward Hays, from Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim

The bishops invite the diocesan community to join in common prayer during Lent on issues of national concern. The topics are: the environment, peace, health care, our troubled economy, racial reconciliation, and the Holy Land. Read the weekly reflections online at: http://www.diomass.org
From the Rector

Excerpt from Tricia’s Ash Wednesday sermon

At the heart of all human life, there is the pattern of dying and rising. Each night when we go to sleep, we experience an ending, a little death. The day we have just lived is gone forever. Each morning, when we rise, we rise a slightly different person than we were the morning before. The previous day’s conversations, activities, and relationships have altered us just a little.

The longer we live, the more we recognize that winter is always followed by spring. In the deep stillness of winter, we are brought into a kind of unknowing that is a mercy. There is a mercy in discovering that we are not the source of our own life. There is a mercy in recognizing the divine power that continually brings life out of death. We come up against the limits of our own knowledge and abilities. We come to know that we are not the authors of our existence. This remembering delivers us from our assumptions, our arrogance, our persistent notions that we are in control of our lives, of our selves, of our bodies, our future.

Here is the deepest mystery of our faith: that in our losses, in our suffering, in our pain, and in our dying, God in Christ is with us. From the ashes of last year’s palm crosses, the ashes of our heartbreak and defeat, our unmet expectations and broken dreams, the ashes of our knowledge that we fall short—from the ashes, God’s voice calls us to turn, and travel the painful journey to the cross where new life is found.

Changes to Our Worship in Lent

Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday.

Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to this season of self-reflection and penitence. Banners are removed from the church, and the altar arrangements do not contain flowers. A simpler wood cross replaces the usual ornate cross over the high altar. The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the liturgy or hymns. The color purple is used in priests’ vestments and other Lenten decorations. These practices help the worshipping community to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year.

At Redeemer during Lent we will begin our worship services with silence. On Sundays in March several things will be different: we will begin with the chime of a singing bowl to call us to prayer; ministers of the liturgy will take their places in silence, and without a procession; we will say the Confession of Sins; we will sing the Trisagion “Have mercy on us” instead of singing the Gloria. These changes in our communal worship remind us that, as the body of Christ, we are preparing to walk the Way of the Cross during Holy Week.

Keeping in mind that we will be beginning our services in silence in March, please make a point to be seated before the first sounding of the singing bowl so that you have adequate time to quiet your mind and enter into a prayerful worship space.

Thank you for recycling!
Lenten Resources

There are many resources available for daily reflection and devotionals during Lent. Here are a few on-line and email resources that you might find inspirational. Check out the resources in another section than you might usually: for example, the “Love Life Live Lent” website in the Families section has great activities that grandparents might use with grandkids.

**ADULTS**

“Peace and Compassion: to heal a hurting world”
The devotional includes an adaptation of the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton’s Almost-Daily Emos and highlights the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Available as a printed booklet (available at Redeemer), for download, or as daily emails.
http://www.er-d.org/Lentenresources/

“Sense making faith: observing Lent through the senses”
Each week in Lent focuses on a different sense (seeing, imagination, smell, touching, taste, hearing). Produced by the BBC and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, this amazing website has resources to watch, read, listen to, and download.
http://www.ctbi.org.uk/355

“Journey to the Cross”
Daily on-line devotionals are short and beautifully written. Supported by the Episcopal Church, among other ecumenical sponsors, the Lenten series is part of a year-round program.

**YOUTH**

“My Faith My Life”
This website has YouTube and audio files as well as short readings for Lent. It goes with a book by the same name about Confirmation in the Episcopal Church.
http://www.myfaithmylife.org/

“Faith Lens”
This blog is written specifically for youth. It’s updated weekly with stories and questions that help bring the Bible to real life.
http://blogs.elca.org/faithlens/

“Journey to the Cross”
Described at left, this interactive website (it even has music!) is written for college students, and would be interesting to high school students as well.

**FAMILIES**

“Love Life Live Lent”
Published by the Church of England, this website has beautiful, age-appropriate materials for families with young children that explain different church traditions and vocabulary, along with fun and instructional activities.
http://www.livelent.net/

“Keeping a Holy Lent”
A booklet that might be useful to help explain Lent, from the King of Peace Episcopal Church in Kingsland, GA. You can also pick up a copy at Redeemer.
http://www.kingofpeace.org/resources/lent.pdf
Christian Formation for Adults

In March and April our Adult Formation continues to look at this year’s theme of Abundant Gifts through fellowship around the abundance of cultures in our community, through our Lenten program on faith and money, and through partnership with the diocesan Urban Residents program. Ages 13-103 are welcome to join in adult formation sessions. Please, bring your coffee and a friend, and come join us on Sundays from 10:45-11:50am.

March 8, 15, 22, TBD: Faith and Money
Have you ever thought about what Jesus thinks about money? Have you ever discussed your attitudes about money with anyone? How important would you say money is to you? Where did you get your ideas about money? How does your thinking about money reflect your faith stance?

In four adult education sessions during Lent, the Rev. Ted Gaiser will lead us in looking at our relationship with money in a spiritual context. In our churches we don’t often have opportunities to talk about our feelings regarding money and how those feelings relate to our faith. In most cases, when we do get the opportunity, it’s usually in the context of a stewardship campaign. Well, we promise there won’t be any pledge cards… just lots of interesting discussion.

April 5 (Palm Sunday)
No Christian Formation programs today. We’ll gather in the Great Hall for fellowship and to create Easter Gardens. This is an all-ages activity.

April 12 (Easter)
No Christian Formation programs today. Please join us in celebrating Jesus’ resurrection at 8:00am, 9:30am, or 11:30am.

April 19: To Be Determined
Stay Tuned for more information!

April 26: Urban Resident Program
One of the diocesan Urban Residents will join us to tell us more about this exciting program that brings newly ordained clergy to work in urban parishes, and how we in suburban parishes can partner with and support this ministry.

If you have an idea for a Christian Formation session or series, or if you would like to be part of the group that meets 3-4 times/year to plan Christian formation sessions for adults, please contact the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons. at 781-862-6408 x6 or Sabeth@our-redeemer.net.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Adult Formation Committee:
Barbara Beinhocker, Susan Emanuel, Jessie Maeck, Jack Manes, Greg Ruth, Dorothy Swithinbank
Congratulations David!

On Saturday, January 24th, our own David Emanuel won one of six scholarships awarded by The Boston Chapter of The American Guild of Organists’ Young Organist Initiative. Each year the Young Organists Initiative auditions students ages twelve and up. Students may audition on either organ or piano, and need not have prior organ experience. The winners receive 10 lessons with skilled organists in their area, as well as a gift certificate to Spectrum Music for $50 which Spectrum matches with another $50.

The Young Organists Initiative is the foremost program of its kind in the country for encouraging young organists. Participants often go on to summer camps called Pipe Organ Encounters all over the country. There are 7 teen camps, one advanced camp, an adult camp, and a technical camp for students interested in learning the art and craft of organ building.

The young artists will be showcased in two concerts, the first on Friday, June 26th at noon on the Hook and Hastings organ at First Parish here in Lexington and the second on Monday June 29th at noon on the Fiske organ at King’s Chapel in Boston. Come hear these wonderful musicians, playing on these beautiful organs each set in architectural masterpieces. It’s a great way to fill up your mind, heart, and soul.

A Simple Supper to Fight Hunger

On Saturday, March 28th Redeemer and Pilgrim Church’s “Room at the Table” group (a multicultural, multi-religious, multigenerational community action group) will co-host a dinner to support the Lexington Food Pantry and Bristol Lodge Shelter. Along with good eats, there will be educational materials and speakers to help us learn more about who these organizations serve and how we can help. Join us for this simple supper at Pilgrim Congregational Church (55 Coolidge Avenue, Lexington).

As many of you know, Redeemer houses the Lexington Food Pantry and cooks for Bristol Lodge. Our “item of the month” has had a great impact on supporting the needs of the Food Pantry, and now we have an opportunity to do even more to fight hunger in our community.

Volunteer opportunities abound! High school students get community service hours. Friday 3/27: Prep food or cook Saturday 3/28: Set up, warm food, take money, serve, lead kids’ activity, or clean up

To help out please contact Katie Vogele at Vogele.katherine@gmail.com.

What Was Lost Now Is Found

Have you lost something at church? Check the lost & found box in the church office. Contents include sweatshirts, mittens, reading glasses, headbands, single earrings, plus a few odds & ends. Please call the office by the end of March. All items will be donated or discarded in April. 781-862-6408
ANYTHING GOES!

The Annual Redeemer Talent Show will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00pm. Put on your Thinking Caps and Tickle Your Funny Bones – We’re looking for all kinds of fun acts – Skits, Limericks, Stand-up comedy, Poetry reading, Musical numbers.

The Talent Show builds our Redeemer community by breaking down generational barriers and joining us together in the bonds of humor and fun! But for that, we need everyone – we need YOU!

There's a place for everyone, and for your creativity and sense of possibility. Do you shun the lights? Help us with set up, decorations, refreshments. Help with clean up is always welcome; and it’s fun with lots of people! Our goal is that no one miss out on the fun of this wonderful evening. Our church has a long history of notorious talented people – and you’re one of them!

Remember how great it was last year…
… when Sally Bittenbender read an original poem?
… when Jack Manes led us in his Grandmother’s favorite song?
… when we all got up and snaked the Macarena around the Great Hall?
And who could forget THE MINOR THIRD? And those CRAZY GLASSES! What will Connie wear this year??

To find out – you’ll have to come and see – or better yet – get in on the real fun – and be a part of the Talent Show. To sign up your act, or help with setup, decorations, refreshments, or programs, please contact:

Music Director, Cheryl Duerr
cheryl@our-redeemer.net, 781-860-8893

Music Committee Chair, Murray Daniels
murray.daniels@gmail.com, 781-275-8092

SUMMER CAMP

It's time to think about summer camp! Registration is already underway at the (Episcopal) Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in beautiful Greenfield, NH. Brochures and registration materials are available at church or by contacting the camp. **There are special programs for all interests and ages.** Financial aid is available to ensure that any child who wishes to attend may do so. Many of Redeemer's youth have attended the camp, both as campers and counselors. Ask around for personal testimonies! For more information contact the camp at 603-547-3400 or [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org).

The Rev. Canon Mally Ewing Lloyd

The Rev. Canon Lloyd has been working with the Vestry and Rector on conflict resolution. She is available to answer any specific questions about the on-going Diocesan process and conversations about the working relationship between the vestry, Rector, and congregation. You may contact her at 617-482-4826 x402 or mallyl@diomass.org.

F.Y.I.

Thank you for recycling!
The Mission Committee urges all parishioners to participate in our Lenten ingathering for the Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center. Pick up your grocery bag at church.

The Grow Clinic treats infants and toddlers who have stopped growing, usually both physically and mentally, because of malnutrition. The items listed are not covered by medical insurance. Early spring is a tough time for Grow Clinic patients, as the clinic’s holiday donations have run out. Client families now face the ‘heat or eat’ dilemma. Please, direct a portion of your Lenten alms-giving to the least empowered and most needy - poor children.

**Needed Items:**
- Sippy cups
- Baby food (Stage 1 + 2)
- Duocal ($78 per case)
- Plastic spoons for babies
- Poly Vi Sol with Iron (liquid vitamins)
- Multi-cultural and/or bilingual books
- Unisex Diapers for ages 6 mos. to 3 yrs
- Bright Beginnings Pediatric Soy supplement
- Flintstones Complete chewable vitamins (with iron & zinc)
- Formula (Preferably concentrated liquid or powdered)
  - Normal infant formula
  - Hypoallergenic infant formula (e.g., Alimentum)
  - Enfamil Next Step Soy Formula

**A Smashing Success!**

The Redeemer Choirs sang their hearts out at the Lexington Choral Festival at St. Brigid’s Church on Sunday, February 8th. Our choirs sang movements from Robert Ray’s Gospel Mass and we were also able to collaborate with Avi Gunther who was accompanying his father Leon Gunther’s choir from Temple Emunah. Choirs from First Baptist, Lexington United Methodist, Sacred Heart, St. Brigid’s, Temple Isaiah and Temple Emunah also participated. The massed choirs performance Psalm 150 of Lewandowski at the end of the program was absolutely thrilling to sing and to hear. Here’s what people had to say:

“It was truly a wonderful experience to hear everyone, and to sing together! Thanks for making it easy for us to participate in such a warm and inviting event.”
- Cantor Lisa Doob, Temple Isaiah

“Each year the Festival seems to get better and better.”
- Bob Eaton, First Baptist

“I was really impressed by the exceptional behavior of our kids.”
- Sandy Koerber, Church of Our Redeemer

“I felt that all of the programs were very sensitive and allowed the mix to share each other’s traditions.”
- Leon Gunther, Temple Emunah
Radical Welcome & the Music Program

In February, Stephanie Spellers, brought us her message of ‘radical welcome’ from the Diocese. She talked about not only welcoming the ‘other’ into ‘our’ church, but allowing them to radically ‘integrate’ and ‘change things’. I think her program ought to be called ‘Radical Integration’ or ‘Radical Change’ – but then, that would probably scare people. Though we may not have named it, we’ve been doing Radical Welcome, integration and change in the music program for years.

Where the youth are concerned, Dan and I both feel strongly about inclusivity and always err on the side of integration, and, yes, letting the nature of the group change with those who come into it. Sometimes this is not easy for other parents to accept. I am so proud of these youth and their parents for their ability to embrace and learn from each other.

I personally think that there isn’t much that happens in church that can’t be done better with food. Remember the days of Sally Zimmerman and Allen Olsen opening their house every Tuesday evening to the Youth Choir for rehearsal and dinner, to the yutes and their parents? This wasn’t easy for them - at the time they were working in Cambridge and Lawrence! We also have other groups meeting beyond the Redeemer walls, and including those no longer specifically associated with Redeemer church – who still have strong connections to their friends in the music program.

Thanks to Adele Purvis, our Sunshine Fund Angel of the Adult Choir, we never miss a birthday.

She’s there if someone’s sick or in need, and she’ll connect the 3 doctors in choir to that person as well. We’ve got a wonderful group of people – and, as you may have noticed, quite diverse.

Remember 2 years ago when we showed radical welcome to the choirs of our community when the Lexington Choral Festival was held here? We set a standard for that festival which has grown and grown.

Ask anybody in The Band, or Brass Players how we welcome, integrate, and change. Dinner and rehearsals at my house, and Murray’s. You may not realize it, but this is an extremely diverse group of musicians who jointly develop their group ‘style’.

Pick-up choir, anthem text sheets for those who sing by ear, are two more examples of being welcoming.

I could give countless individual examples of radical welcome, but that’s not what this is all about. I’d like you to see some of the ways we are quietly – or – some would say I do it not so quietly – opening our arms to you. Sometimes the person in the pew may challenge decisions made – choice of anthems, solos, how I distribute them, etc.. What you may not understand behind my choices is the desire to build a program around those who want to be involved. The character of what we do must grow out of who we are if it is to have real integrity – and that is why we need YOU!
It goes beyond inclusivity …into the realm of real change. Change that grows out of who we are at this very moment has been our goal and an important part of our mission statement ever since I began work here 9 ½ years ago – evolving a musical style which suits and grows out of the tastes and strengths of this congregation.

Real Radical Welcome involves integration and change, alright – not just within the organization – but within ourselves. That’s the piece that’s not so easy. On Christmas Eve, at my busiest, I was visited by an angel in our midst who required this of me, who would not be denied. I had to integrate this ‘other’ into myself, be willing to give my own self and agenda up to change at the ‘other’s hands. One of the choristers also saw it. Good one on me, God! You knew I would have to open my heart on Christmas Eve!

Sometimes, I’ve found that years later someone will tell me that that one small extended hand or welcoming thing done to help that person feel at home is remembered above ALL OTHER EXPERIENCES. WOW, does that make me feel good. For me, it’s PERSONAL! Ask any choir member – I know they sometimes think I take it too far. Rev. Spellers named our music and the Prayerbook as obstacles for the ‘other’. I don’t think we have to give up who we are, as long as we’re out there…and open to whoever walks through that door…Open to what they bring to us – growth – challenge – and change…and the opportunity to become a dynamic group where All are not only Welcome, but integral to our very life and mission and survival!

Out of the Depths

Good Friday Organ Recital, 3:00pm
Music Director Cheryl Duerr and guest organist Dr. Carl Klein invite you to join them for a program of contemplative organ music suitable for this holy and solemn day. Come listen and meditate on the themes of the day, the things on our hearts, and in the depths of our souls.

Instrumentalists of All Ages, Arise!
We are compiling a list of instrumentalists, young and old. Playing in church is not only fun, but it is a wonderful way to grow young, (and older) musicians in a supportive environment. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Cheryl Duerr at cheryl@our-redeemer.net or 781-860-8893.
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**Vestry meetings** are open to **ALL** members of the parish. They meet on the 1

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*rd *Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-9pm in the church library, or the choir room.*
Pastoral care is not a job reserved just for clergy. It is something in which, as members of this community, we can all play a part. During Lent, in this season of renewal and return, I challenge you to reconnect with an old friend, reach out to a neighbor, check in with a family member, and spend some time in conversation with God. I also encourage each of you to take some personal time, and meditate on how the Spirit is working in your life, and where you might need help. We often get so focused on how we can serve others, that we forget to ask for help ourselves. May you have a blessed and holy Lent. ~ Emma

Contact Former Parishioners

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12607 West Westgate Drive
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We’ll Miss You, Jake

Longtime parishioner and friend Jake Hiscock passed away on February 27 at the astonishing age of 100. We give thanks for his full life. Our prayers are with him.

Birth Announcements

2 families are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first grandchildren.

In January, Murray & Karen Daniels welcomed granddaughter Rachel Marie Raub!

In February, William Arthur Stead welcomed granddaughter Isabel Ruth Stead!

Barbara Beinhocker

A spirited member of our parish family, Barbara has been involved in many aspects of our life together, including adult formation and Thursday art classes. In November, Barbara fell in her home and fractured her C-2 vertebra. She was lucky to survive the fall and has been in the hospital since then. In late January she had surgery to use a bone graft from her hip to fuse her C-1 and C-2 vertebrae. She has moved to The Boston Center in Roslindale, where she expects to spend another couple of months working out 3 hours a day in the gym and getting stronger so she can go home. She loves hearing from her Redeemer family, and welcomes calls (617-363-2287), visits, and cards (sent to: 36 Beatrice Circle, Belmont, MA 02478).

Join the Pastoral Care Team

Many of our parishioners are in need of some type of support. From holding a hand, to cooking a meal, to saying a prayer, YOU can make a difference. Contact the Rev. Tricia de Beer or the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons for more information, or to volunteer some time.
THANK YOU!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Hosted by the Youth of J2A
We raised $620 towards our pilgrimage!