



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2015

To seek God's will in all that we do
To worship God as a Eucharistic community
To nurture one another in all stages of life
To go into the community to serve
To invite others to join us

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Many of you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail as the email addresses you have on record do not seem to work or I do not yet have them. Please contact the church office as we would prefer to send you the electronic version as it is much prettier and more fun to read and it saves us a stamp!

Church office hours are:

Tuesday 11:00AM – 4:00PM,
Wednesday 1:00PM-4:00PM,
Thursday 11:00AM – 4:00PM

For a printable version, follow this link:

<http://www.pendletonepiscopal.org/past-newsletters.html>

Events:

- Sundays: Worship at 9 :00am
- Sundays: Women's AA Meeting 7:00pm in the Elizabeth room
- Tuesdays: Weight Watchers 5:00 – 6:30pm in the Crysler Hall
- Second and fourth Thursdays: 6:00pm – 8:pm 4H Dog Training
- Cursillo Men's Fourth Day Group, 2nd Wednesday, 5:00pm
- Epiphany Party, Sunday, Jan. 11 during coffee hour
- Bishop's Visitation, Sunday, Jan. 18
- Finance Committee: Tues., Noon, Jan. 20, Prodigal Son
- Vestry: Tuesday Jan. 20, 6:30pm
- Annual Meeting, Sunday, Jan. 25.

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Redeemer Pendleton

The Church website has been
updated. Check it out!

We are on Twitter! @redeemerpndltn
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Epiphany Enlightenment and Revelation

January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. It is twelve days after Christmas, hence the “Twelve Days of Christmas”. It is the day on which the Church celebrates the visit of the Magi, the Three Wise Men, to Jesus.

Epiphany Day begins the season of Epiphany which continues until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, February 18th this year. In the northern hemisphere, this is also the time of year during which we may notice that the days are getting longer, that there is more light in our world.

One of the meanings of Epiphany is enlightenment. People speak of having an epiphany when they experience a sudden insight or revelation. We might also think about epiphanies as more gradual awakenings, as the return of the sun happens gradually this time of year.

Sudden insights or dramatic spiritual experiences can be exciting and life changing, but real transformations of ourselves and our souls take place gradually. That happens as we practice the disciplines which welcome and build on the light of Christ which continually shines in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. It happens as we turn from the darkness of fear, anxiety, and resentment which interfere with that light and turn toward love, faith, and forgiveness.

As we move into and through the season of Epiphany, I invite you to find ways of letting the light of Christ shine more in your life, to lighten whatever darkness may be there, so that your light can shine more and more in your world and that the transformation you experience will enlighten all those around you.

God bless.

Sr. Warden Report

Another year has come and gone, and we have a busy January ahead of us. We begin with the Epiphany party after church on the 11th, then the Bishop is here on the 18th, and finally, we have the Annual meeting on the 25th. Before we know it, it will be February. This new year will bring us new adventures in our community lives at Redeemer. Among these are some staffing changes.

As you probably are already aware, Dale Hilding has retired from being our Treasurer after 5 years of faithful service. Thank you Dale, for all you have done. Dianne Barnes will be stepping into this roll.

Homer has expressed a desire to hand off direct responsibility for acolyte training. Please welcome Sarah Hardin as the new acolyte coordinator. Her work schedule often interferes with her attending church, so she has asked that I work as her assistant. Mostly I will be providing liturgical support and direction in her absence. Sarah will be contacting our current acolytes and their parents to find a time for a short training review session. Look for more details from her in the near future.

I am confident the work we have done over the past few years to clarify for ourselves Redeemer's identity and ministries will serve us well as venture into the unknown of 2015. Please continue to keep our search committee and their work in your prayers. Remain confident and hopeful that God will bring the person who is called to be our next Rector to our attention – we must only remain vigilant – and keep on with the work God has called us to do in and amongst his people.

Ann Marie Hardin, Sr. Warden

Search Committee Report

The members of the search committee are: Heather Garton, Chairperson, Cliff Judy, Debbie Straughan, Dianne Barnes, Frank Cupp, and Patty Broker.

The committee has met several times and continues to serve at the direction of Bishop Rivera, Redeemer Vestry, and the members of our wonderful church family (congregation). We hope that if any comments or recommendations are in the minds of the congregation they share them with any of the above mentioned committee members.

The Vestry has received some comments about the recent updated profile draft, and will take into consideration those offering comments. Once the updated profile is approved the Vestry it will be forwarded onto Bishop Rivera. We assume that distribution will again include the Church Office of Transition Ministry, shared with the Transitional Ministers in Province VIII, and through other networks. Additionally, an advertisement calling for a new Rector will be placed in the Episcopal New Service right after Christmas, 2014

Currently we are waiting to receive the documents from the Diocesan office, or from the Bishop, with respects to the one interested individual as previously mentioned.

Our search will take us on a journey of hope and the love of God, as we continue to search for our next Rector.

God bless you and watch over you all,
Patty Ewing-Broker, Search Committee Member
Scribe

Treasurers Report – End of the Year Summary 2014

Total Income	\$131,511.81	(Budgeted \$121,000)
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Totals Expenses	\$131,197.86	(Budgeted \$149,835)
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We avoided a deficit this year by \$313.95 (without using any of the \$8,000. "carry forward" from previous years).

Primary thanks should go to David Nelson and his herculean efforts to promote the end-of-year Voluntary Tithe, which brought in \$3,950, and to our parishioners who donated so generously to both plate and pledge. Our tiny (1%) pledge loss was more than offset by persons giving more than they had pledged. We received \$94,017 in pledge income (\$93,000 was budgeted) and \$20,177 in plate (\$15,000 had been budgeted).

Our giving to outside organizations was equally generous. Total donated cash was \$11,220.

For 2015: As of 12/31, we have received 28 pledges totaling \$93,460.

Verger's Report

Season's Greetings from the Verger, we still have See's Candies to sell. As of Christmas day, we have the round trip tickets paid for and half of the registration fee for the Vergers Guild convention in October. If we have the money to reserve the motel room by April, it will cost \$988.00 instead of \$1988.00. More candy is available. Also, we plan to have a fund raising dinner in February.

Homer Bozarth

Stewardship Notes

Sunday's Sermon was given by Willis with a mixture of the Readings, historical interpretation, and a dose of reality. He began with "in the beginning there was the Word", following by accounts of historical figures and ending with the question of "Now What" for Redeemer. He even included a reference to "Into the Woods", a current movie based on fairy tales with mystical happy endings bumping into reality. An all encompassing enjoyable Sermon.

"Now What" for Redeemer is creating a budget for 2015 and searching for a new Rector. The proposed 2015 budget presented at the December 18th, 2014 Vestry meeting anticipates expenses of \$139,000 based on last year's expenses and Redeemer's desire for a full time Rector. Over forty percent or \$60,000 is set aside for the new Rector. Of the \$60,000, nearly \$20,000 is for mandated health care costs and retirement benefits. Additionally Redeemer pays an annual assessment to the Diocese amounting to \$31,000. The proposed budget is \$10,000 less than last year's budget. Dale Hilding deserves huge applause for his work as treasurer of Redeemer.

Our search for a new Rector is continuing with a rewrite of the Church profile. Bishop Nedi has informed the Vestry of the limited pool of candidates for clergy and is working with Patty Broker to expand the possibilities. The Bishop advised Redeemer to reflect on the search in December and hit the ground running in January with increased outreach.

The Vestry had a very spirited discussion at its December 18, 2014 meeting with the Search Committee where everyone attending had an opportunity to speak. With our diverse backgrounds, you can imagine the agreements and disagreements. It was a healthy positive exchange and resulted in the rewrite of the profile. The Search Committee members are Heather Garton, Patty Broker, Dianne Barnes, Debbie Stranghan, Frank Cupp, and Cliff Judy.

There are several possible scenarios for Redeemer's search ranging from immediate hiring to an extended search lasting several months. Any guess is pure speculation, but Redeemer needs to be prepared as Alison's contract expires in April of 2015. The Vestry meets on January 20th, 2015 and the Redeemer's annual meeting is Sunday January 25th, 2015. Exciting and unknown times are in Redeemer's 2015 future.

Happy New Year and pray for a successful fundraising campaign and Rector Search.

David Nelson Stewardship Committee

Adult Christian Formation: Course of the Month - The Episcopal Tradition with Frank Wade

Birthered in England in the 1500s, the Anglican faith spread around the world, including the New World of America, where the Episcopal Church began and continues to inspire millions of lives. Frank Wade gives us a reasoned and thoughtful introduction to the Episcopal tradition.

About this course

After the Revolutionary War it would seem that anything English would have been banned from the fledgling United States of America. But the Episcopal Church, through its dedication to Jesus, and its unique perspective of Scripture, Tradition and Reason, survived. However, God has great plans for the Episcopal Church, including its role in the formation of many movers and shakers that helped make America what it is today. In this course, respected cleric and teacher Frank Wade introduces us to the unique distinctions, theology, and convictions of the Episcopal Church. We will discuss the course January 18, to coincide with Bishop Nedi's visit. Email Annmarie@hardinsonline.net if you would like to participate. It's not too late. The course does not take that long to complete and has some great information.

A new course will be chosen for February. If you have a topic you'd like to study more deeply, please contact me. I'd be happy to help you get something set up.

Sincerely, Ann Marie Hardin

Redeemer Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle for Church of the Redeemer has begun its ministry. If you have a prayer need or request, feel free to call anyone on the list below, and they will pass it along. You can share as much or as little of your prayer concern as you wish. They will respect confidentiality.

Kathy McCoy	541-276-7392	Jean Cupp	541-276-5260
Mary Finney	541-276-0601	Sally Ann Peters	541-310-8315
Stephanie Timm	541-310-7198	Deborah Fritts	541-443-3851
Pat Terjeson	541-276-1228	Dianne Barnes	541-969-0660
Ann Marie Hardin	541-310-7198	Mary Koch	541-443-7371
Harriet Isom	541-278-8046	Alice Nelson	541-278-1396
Jean Johnston	541-443-6362	Rose Elder	541-276-4077
David Silva	541-276-6370	Dotty Judy	541-278-1568
Doug Harder	541-276-7529	Helen Harder	541-377-8720



BEHIND THE RAIL

JANUARY, 2015

Redeemer will begin the New Year with Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, which is the time for taking decorations down for the Altar Guild. I love keeping my Christmas decorations up until this time of the season.

Let's step back for a minute - at the conclusion of Advent we begin to decorate our parish, putting up many items to celebrate the festive season. One of my favorite traditions is the crèche. It is attractive, fun and symbolic visit of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child. Our "progressive crèche" or manger scene was set out after services on December 21, 2014. We can put the figures of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Wise Men at various points around the parish and moving them closer and closer to the manger by Christmas Eve. At Epiphany, we make a ceremony of placing the wise men at the Christmas scene. Moving into the next season we can hold in our heart the beautiful scene of all who gathered to see the Christ Child in the manger.

God bless you and watch over you,

Patty Ewing-Broker, Directress

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1/11
1/18
1/25

Mary Thouvenel has volunteered to start and maintain Twitter and Instagram feeds for Redeemer. If you have ideas or suggestions, or would like to help, I'm sure she would love to hear from you. Feel to email her at mthouvenel@gmail.com.

Twitter: @RedeemerPndltn
Instagram: @redeemerpndltn

Coffee

Lost & Found!

A gift card was found in the Church Parking lot and turned into the church office. If you think it might be yours, please contact the office to describe it.

Readings for this month

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1/4/2015	84	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a	Matthew 2:1-12
1/11/2015	29	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
1/18/2015	139:1-5, 12-17	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
1/25/2015	62: 6-14	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31	Mark 1:14-20

The reading text can be found at www.lectionarypage.net



**Episcopal
Relief & Development**
Healing a hurting world

**Get Your Buckets Ready!
"Carry the Water Campaign"
Beginning January 4th
More information coming soon**

At Diocesan Convention a resolution was passed to support the nation-wide Episcopal Relief & Development project of raising \$7.5 million in celebration of its 75th anniversary. These funds from our Diocesan campaign will be a part of that larger campaign, and our funds will be used to ensure access to clean water by building water systems and promoting hygiene and sanitation.

Epiphany Party

On Sunday, January 11th, we will have our annual Epiphany Party with cake. Sarah Hardin found the crown in last year's Epiphany cake, so she will be the King/Queen of the party, meaning that she will make this year's cake with its treasures of a crown, thimble, and dime.

Come and feast and see who wins this year's prizes.

Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Nedi Rivera will join us Sunday, January 18th for her annual visitation. She will be available to baptize, confirm or receive those who are ready to make those commitments

She will also be available to discuss the rector search process and respond to any questions or concerns parishioners may have about the process.

We plan for her to meet with the vestry and search committee as well.

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
Vestry Business Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
Minutes

Reverend Alison Dingley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Elizabeth Room. After opening with prayer, Alison revisited guidelines for the Respectful Communications (Mutual Invitation) process with the Vestry. The group then implemented this process in a “practice” session in anticipation of the evening’s discussion.

Vestry Members present: Interim Rector Alison Dingley, Treasurer Dale Hilding, Senior Warden Ann Marie Hardin, Junior Warden Stephanie Timm, David Silva, Dave Keeler, Dave Nelson, Rose Elder, Kathy McCoy, Doug Harder, Jan Stewart, and Vestry Clerk Shari Dallas. Heather Garton and Eric Jones were unable to attend.

Special Guests present: Search Committee members Patty Broker, Cliff Judy, Dianne Barnes, and Frank Cupp as well as Chairperson of the church’s Preparedness and Response Committee, Bruce Barnes.

Minutes of November’s meeting were accepted as distributed, and the group was unanimously in favor of allowing members of the Search Committee to have a voice in the evening’s proceedings.

Bruce Barnes identified Vestry members Stephanie Timm, Rose Elder and David Silva, who along with Larry Weeden assisted Bruce in the recent completion of a disaster preparedness plan for the parish. This plan—which has been thoroughly vetted and reviewed by the Diocesan Preparedness Advisor—outlines specific tasks that will be undertaken by Redeemer’s preparedness committee, which will meet quarterly. Each committee member, Bruce explained, must be well-versed in the emergency procedures outlined in this plan; and it is Bruce’s hope all members of the Vestry will eventually become familiar with these procedures as well. ***The vote was favorable to approve the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Disaster Preparedness Plan as presented.***

Treasurer’s Report—Before Dale presented his report, he took the opportunity to commend Bruce, who recently completed a long stint as treasurer of Helping Hand (a position Dale will now assume), for his service to that organization.

Then, Dale reviewed current financial reports, explaining Redeemer continues to work doggedly to keep expenses down. Administrative expenses are only at 89 percent of what was budgeted for the year, Dale said, and total budgeted expenses to date are coming in well under total income. At the end of the year, Dale predicts Redeemer will have an even lower than previously expected deficit of \$4 or 5K, which—as reported in November—is a much better prospect than the earlier anticipated \$28,000. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The vote was favorable.

Next, it was moved and seconded to approve, in the form of an official letter to Alison from the Vestry, the following information concerning Alison’s parsonage allowance for 2015: 1) Of the \$13,520 that is Alison’s salary for the first four months of 2015, \$1,000 will be designated as a parsonage allowance within the meaning for that term as used in Section 107 of the 1986 IRS Code; 2) Under that section, Alison, as an ordained minister, is allowed to exclude from gross income the parsonage allowance paid to her as part of her compensation to the extent used by her to provide a home; 3) The amount of money excluded from federal income tax is the lowest of either the fair market rental value of the house, plus utilities, less the fair rental value of the house without utilities provided (The parsonage’s fair market rental value is equal to \$14,400 a year, which is \$1,200 a month including utilities. Records indicate the parsonage’s share of the utility bill is \$500 a month.); the actual cash spent; or an amount specified in Vestry minutes before the money is paid. The Vestry voted to approve this letter.

A final draft of Redeemer's proposed budget for 2015 will be presented for the Vestry's consideration in January. Dale reviewed the outline for this proposal with the group, noting the \$139,000 in total income that will be necessary to balance the budget. He noted that this is approximately \$11,000 under what was budgeted for the 2014 fiscal year.

Next on the agenda, (within the guidelines of the Respectful Communications process and in anticipation of its second posting after the new year), the Vestry and Search Committee deliberated at length together, trying to reach consensus about the final shape Redeemer's Parish Profile should take.

No reports from the Senior or Junior Wardens or Stewardship Chair Dave Nelson, but Dave did express thanks for financial support received from the parish to date.

A must-read for members of Redeemer's Family: In her December Interim Rector's Report, Alison reflects on how critical it is for a group to discuss and propose changes to a document—in this case, she is talking about Redeemer's development of its Parish Profile—while really wrestling with its content until “[the group] come to own it.” Alison writes about how recommitting to the tools of the Respectful Communications Guidelines and Mutual Invitation can be the means by which Redeemer and its Vestry will reach consensus in this time of parish transition.

It was moved and seconded to appoint Dave Keeler, David Silva, Stephanie Timm and Ann Marie Hardin to serve as the Nominating Committee for the Vestry Class of 2018. The vote was favorable.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Dallas, Vestry Clerk

Prayer for our Rector Search

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Church of the Redeemer, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit, as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Grant each of us patience as we search and wait for the person you will bring to us. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Search Committee, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. Lord, in this time of transition, may we devote ourselves afresh to your service. Knowing that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, strengthen our faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.

The Little Brown Jug

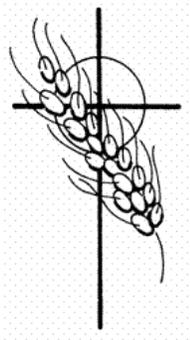
(Revised)

An earlier history booklet, based on Mildred Searcy's LITTLE BROWN JUG was vetted by Keith May of the Historical Society, rewritten, and redone. Copies of this REDEEMER CHURCH history, complete now with lists of bishops and clergy involved, are available. Get yours on Sunday - - copies are in the "photo gallery" entrance to Chrysler Hall. If you want one mailed to someone or you, send 10 stamps, \$5 cash, or a check payable to "Church History" to Church of the Redeemer, 241 SE 2nd St, Pendleton OR 97801.....and we will mail you one. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9 ■ Holy Eucharist 7p ■ Women's AA Group	29	30 12p ■ Staff 5:30p ■ Weight Watchers	31 12p ■ Eucharist	Jan 1	2	3
4 9 ■ Holy Eucharist 7p ■ Women's AA Group	5	6 Epiphany 12p ■ Staff 5:30p ■ Weight Watchers	7 12p ■ Eucharist	8 6p ■ 4H Dog Training	9	10
11 9 ■ Holy Eucharist 10:30 ■ Epiphany Party 7p ■ Women's AA Group	12	13 12p ■ Staff 5:30p ■ Weight Watchers	14 12p ■ Eucharist 6p ■ Eucharist	15	16	17
18 Bishop's Visitation 9 ■ Holy Eucharist 7p ■ Women's AA Group	19	20 12p ■ Finance Committee 5:30p ■ Weight Watchers 6:30p ■ Vestry	21 12p ■ Eucharist	22 4p ■ Helping Hand Board 6p ■ 4H Dog Training	23	24
25 9 ■ Holy Eucharist 10:30 ■ Annual Meeting 7p ■ Women's AA Group	26	27 12p ■ Staff 5:30p ■ Weight Watchers	28 12p ■ Eucharist	29 Pastor Alison on vacation	30 Pastor Alison on vacation	31 Pastor Alison on vacation

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