

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

November 12, 2020



UPDATE ON THE PANDEMIC: Every precaution is being made to keep you safe when you are at the Church of the Redeemer. Facemasks covering the nose and mouth are required in order to enter the building. Pews are roped off to keep households six feet apart. Hand sanitizer is everywhere. Rooms are kept vacant for 24 hours after use. Hands are cleaned or gloves worn when setting out the bulletins. Entry to our office is by appointment only. Attendance is taken at each worship service to enable contact tracing should that become necessary. We ask you to make a reservation for the same reason and to control the number of persons indoors. You are asked to remain at home if you are feeling unwell for any reason. It is imperative that we all cooperate with these measures and combat “virus fatigue.” Keeping these protocols in mind may enable us to maintain some availability and limit the spread of the virus. This is what we do as Christians to demonstrate our love of neighbor.

The rise in the number of infections is alarming. In the near future, It is quite possible that our Bishop closes us again until the number subsides. It is also likely that such an announcement occurs “immediately.” In that likelihood, an emergency eBLAST will be sent, an announcement placed on our website and a message on our answering machine will be updated. If you wonder whether we are having church, check your email, or these resources (www.redeemersayre.org; or 570-888-2270.) If it all looks normal and there is no mention of closure, then the service is happening.



SUCCESS WITH TAKE-OUT!

Our take out lunch fundraiser was a tremendous success and exceeded expectations. Covid restrictions created challenges we don't normally experience, and we overcame them well. We grossed nearly \$1400 and anticipate our net revenue to be over \$1000. Thank you to all who supported this effort! You are a blessing!



RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

We are raffling this beautiful single bed quilt as first prize and two framed Italianate pictures as second prize (which has a \$250 value.) The drawing is the week before Christmas. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. We could really use YOU to sell these tickets too. You say you don't see anyone? Perhaps this is why Alexander Graham Bell invited the telephone or Steve Jobs the iPad. We're grateful for all that you might be able to do. Thank you! Call the office if you'd like a book of tickets.

HUNGER HELD AT BAY!

Volunteers from our Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group and our parish showed up in force to assist Child Hunger Outreach Partners feed 150 households at St. John Lutheran Church last Monday. From 12:25 until 1:15 170 households were served thanks to quick thinking volunteers who stretched the food to serve an additional 20 households. The need is great and we helped answer the call! Thank you to all who came out!



GROCERY GIFT CARD GIVE AWAY RETURNS!



The CHOP Pop Up food pantry last Monday was eye opening in terms of the number of people in our area who are food insecure. A significant number of folks who came were older persons, caring for adult children and grandchildren. At this time of year, we normally host the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Supper but because of the pandemic, this will not

happen this year. A number of other Thanksgiving meals will not happen in the Valley for the same reason. Thanks to a grant we received from the Tuscarora Wayne Foundation and the Shay Family Reunion fund generously given for this purpose, we have \$2,500 to give away in grocery gift cards. Will you buy a \$25 gift card from Aldi (or donate to the Church and we'll buy it) for the purpose of providing a food insecure family with groceries? Your gift by December 4th would be greatly appreciated. We plan the grocery gift card give away about a week before Christmas.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

Do you have the perfect spot for a 7' Tall Christmas Tree and really don't want a live one this year? We have the solution! A parishioner has a 7' tall artificial tree (no lights) in good condition that she wishes to find a home for. If that's you, call the parish office and we'll hook the two of you up!

COMING UP:

Fr. Arthur Jones will preside at worship on Sunday and Pastor Melinda Artman will preach.

November 22, Pastor Melinda will be the guest celebrant and preacher at Christ Church Towanda in her new role as Northern Missioner for the Diocese. Fr. Arthur will be the presider and preacher at Church of the Redeemer that Sunday. We hope you join us in person or on line: www.redeemersayre.org or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/redeemersayre>





Kim Dickson	11/12
Donna Howard	11/13
Don McCutcheon	11/14
Lyla Smith	11/16
Melanie Stratton	11/16
Connie Guiles	11/17
Barbara Rossi	11/17
Courtney Watson	11/17
Jeffrey Lewis	11/19
Gerald Patton	11/19

David & Phoebe Marshall 11/19



Reflection

In our fast-paced world, daily encounters with delay are sometimes difficult to accept. How can we be intentional in practicing the presence of God, cultivating steadiness and peace in our lives and the world while extending God's hospitality and love? How can such spiritual attributes empower us to be better advocates in working to create a more just and equitable world?



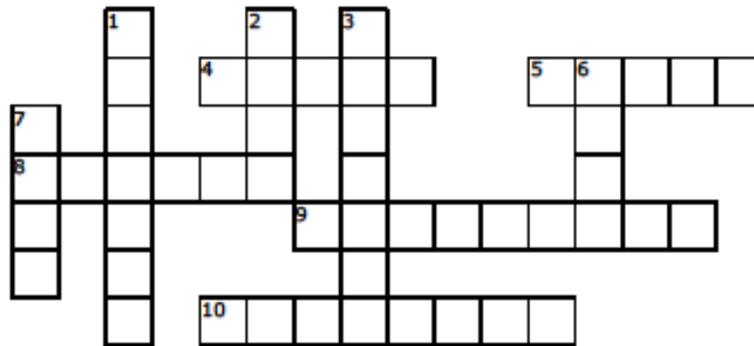
Parable of the Talents
(Matthew 25:14-30)

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The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
5. To divide or use something with others
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

AFRAID	HAPPINESS	LAZY	JOURNEY	FAITHFUL
GOOD	HIDE	SHARE	MONEY	SERVANT

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K G O S C E M J T S H T Q F A
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F I Q S W K A F P I P U F I L
A N M B E M A H E P P S Q F A
I E O J E R A B I L I T Y J Z
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H R E P I L S A Y P E D N E T
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R Z D M E F E N E O A T W S K
P R O P E R T Y J T W G F X K
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JOURNEY	WORTHLESS	TALENT	MASTER
SERVANT	PROPERTY	SHARE	MONEY
ABILITY	WICKED	FAITHFUL	WEEPING
GAINED	HAPPINESS	LAZY	ENTRUSTED