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Worship at Redeemer

Saturday at 5:15pm

Sunday at 11am, Choral Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesdays at 12:05pm in the Parlor

Other Sunday Ministries at Redeemer

Sunday School for children begins at 9:30am downstairs



April News

Beloved in Christ,

From my perspective, Holy Week was a glorious, continuous worship experience between two parishes. We began the week with low-key contemplative Evening Prayer. On Wednesday our Youth from both parishes were our worship leaders as they interpreted the Stations of the Cross through the lens of their experience. On Maundy Thursday we gathered at St. John to remember the Last Supper and the new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us as well as to more fully incorporate three younger members into Holy Communion. Good Friday found us together at Redeemer, with joint choirs and members from both parishes taking part in the Passion, taking us on the journey to the cross. Our Easter Vigil was back at St. John, with our readings illustrated to enhance the experience. On Sunday, both churches experienced the fullness of Easter joy.

I was pleased to learn that our two-parish book group members found their Holy Week experience enhanced by our reading of *The Last Week*. It was also a delight to learn that our members are feeling more comfortable “at the other church,” as more faces become familiar and relationships continue to build between the two parishes. Both parishes are warmly embracing our youth and supporting them as they prepare to go to Houston in late June. It is my hope that as each church undergoes construction challenges this summer (interior repairs at Redeemer and renewal of the parking lot at St. John’s) we strengthen these relationships. We can do more together as the Body of Christ than we can do apart from one another. Shortly, I hope to re-start our Gather, Eat, Pray community in a monthly pot luck and alternative worship experience. I am exploring a six-week curriculum of “Villains of the Bible.” This will be a less rigorous and more light-hearted Bible study exploring how God uses even villains to further God’s purposes.

I am aware that while from my perspective Holy Week was glorious, for some Holy Week was a source of grief and loss. Not because our Lord died but because Holy Week was different from years past and that our traditions have had to change and be shared. It is important to acknowledge that we are uncomfortable with the changes our financial circumstances have forced upon us and that we are grieving the loss of the familiar. Unless we openly grieve what we have lost we will not be able to see, much less embrace, the opportunities change brings. Please do not hesitate to talk with me or a Vestry member about how our circumstances affect you.

In the middle of April, I leave for Arizona for the CREDO Clergy Conference. The national church offers this conference to clergy in their 5th year of ordained ministry. It is to evaluate ministry thus far, to re-focus where God is calling, and to ensure clergy wellness. I am looking forward to this time away for renewal and refreshment.

As Spring becomes more evident, as we live into being an Easter people, I wish you every blessing.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Melinda

April Birthdays

Zachary Murrelle	3
Joan Eike	4
Jean Babcock	6
Janice Watson	9
Erica Cole	14
Linda Hobbie	15
Brooke Sullivan	15
Jessica Morrow	16
Marcie Garrity	17
Diane Nobles	18
Paul Polzella	18
Eric Watson	19
Joyce Brennan	21
Tracy McCutcheon	21
Mary Brougham	22
Martha Pierce	27
Lisa Cole	29
Louise Wolcott	30

April Anniversaries

Walter & Marcella	
Chaykosky	10
Dan & Michael Ann	
Wayman	22

Sunday School News

Sunday School News April 2018

Thank you all for making our Lasagna dinner a huge success. Also thank you to our Youth Group members Julianna Shay, Nate Garrity, and Jordan Goodrich for exhibiting their face painting and tattooing talents at Open Forest in Litchfield March 3rd.

Knoebels Amusement Park

The annual church outing will be held at Knoebels Amusement Park, Elysburg, PA on Saturday, May 19th. The Church of the Redeemer picnic area is located in Pavilion H this year. All church members and their families and friends are invited to attend. If transportation is needed, please let me know.

<u>Tickets For Rides</u>	<u>Church Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Price (over 48")	\$22	\$42
Price Under 48"	\$12	\$23
Price Family	\$55	

Ticket orders must be submitted and **prepaid by April 25th**. This procedure is necessary due to Knoebels' new policy of online ticket purchase system. A registration form is below for your convenience. The prices are for the Pay-One-Price plan which entitles you to ride most rides all day.

Individual Ride Tickets are always available. The park rides start at noon and stop at 8:00 PM on May 19th.

There is no parking cost or entrance fee to Knoebels ... so if you would like to attend the picnic and enjoy the camaraderie and free entertainment ... there is no cost!

Sunday school's upcoming events:

April 8 - Miles of Pennies – May 6 will be the last day for this project.

May 13 – Mother's day Breakfast

May 18, 19- A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the parish rummage sale.

May 19 - Knoebels Picnic

July - **Vacation Bible School ...** If you are interested in helping with VBS, please let me know.

We will be having work bees starting in June.

Bonnie Garrity / 570-888-1850

Registration

Church of the Redeemer Knoebels Annual Picnic Saturday, May 20, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Church Member – All Day Hand Stamp

Number Needed over 48" @ \$22 ea _____

Number Needed Under 48" @ \$12 ea _____

Family* @ \$55

Guest - All Day Hand Stamp

Number Over 48" @ \$42 ea _____

Number Under 48" @ \$23 ea _____

The Redeemer Recital Series presents

MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The Striking Strings

Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble

Eastman Community Music School, Rochester, NY



Sunday, April 29, 2018

3:00 p.m.

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