

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

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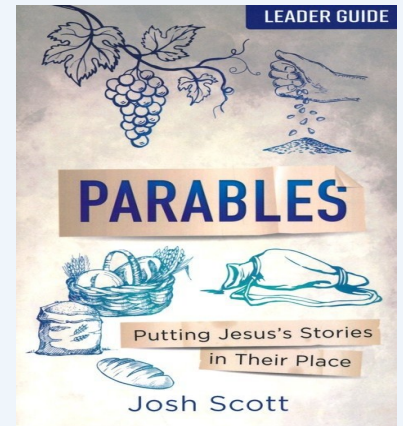
SOUP AND SANDWICH YOUTH FUNDRAISER



Last Saturday, the youth of Church of the Redeemer and SJLC gathered to make 80 sandwiches (Redeemer's Sunday School leaders made soup). Thanks to a Thrivent grant, all the sandwich fixings were purchased. The kids practiced safe food handling techniques and formed an assembly line twice; once to place the meat and cheese into the sandwich and then wrap it and then to bag up the toppings individually. The entire process took about two and a half hours. The Youth are grateful to St. John member Cheryl Bottone who applied for the grant on our behalf and came to help out with sandwich production.

BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, March 13th-April 17th from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. We will begin to explore the "Parables Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place" by John Scott. We will meet in the South Wing at St. John. There are 11 books available to purchase for \$12 or if you prefer you can go online and purchase one. Please reach out to Jerry at either office if you would like to purchase a book.



COFFEE TIME

Join us this Sunday at roughly 10 a.m. for coffee time in the Atrium, lovingly hosted by Margaret Cole.



Boy Scouts Troop 4019



Wednesday evening, our Boy Scout Troop held a Court of Honor as three young men attained the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony was quite impressive and each Scout was presented with a proclamation from the Commonwealth, Bradford County and Sayre Borough. Pictured are State Representative Tina Pickett, Eagle Scouts Gehrig Thurston, Andrew Quattrini, and David Sampson; Commission Doug McKlinco, Mayor Henry Farley, and Scout Master Pete Quattrini. Back row: Past Scout Master JJ Johnson, Commissioner's Zach Gates and Darryl Miller.

The Church of the Redeemer is the sponsoring organization of this Boy Scout Troop and it was an honor for Canon Melinda to deliver the invocation.



The Reverend Paul Washington, 1921-2002

Those who are cowards will ask, 'Is it safe?'
Those who are political will ask, 'Is it expedient?'
Those who are vain will ask, 'Is it popular?'
But those who have a conscience will ask, 'Is it right?'
- Paul Washington



The Reverend Paul Washington, priest and civil rights activist.

Paul Washington rose to national prominence as an unflinching activist in the cause of civil and women's rights. One of the few Black priests in a traditionally white church, he fought for tolerance and respect among all people, eventually serving twenty-five years as the Rector of the Church of the Advocate in an inner-city Philadelphia neighborhood. His non-traditional views on equality often met with resistance from church leadership. In spite of this, he rejected threats of withdrawn funding or retaliation to follow his heart and his theology.

Born in Charleston, S.C. into a Baptist family, he later graduated from Lincoln University and Philadelphia Divinity School. Upon completion of his pastoral work at the Church of the Crucifixion in South Philadelphia, Washington married his wife Christine. They moved to Liberia as missionaries in 1948. During his six years in Liberia, Washington helped found Cuttington College, which educated many African leaders. Returning to Philadelphia, he was made rector at the Church of the Advocate in 1962 where he served his twenty-five year ministry.

As a supporter of the Black Power movement and the Black Panthers, he provided his church as a meeting place for these and other groups working towards equality and justice. The Church of the Advocate hosted the Black Power Convention in 1968, a gathering that drew the leading Black activists of the time. In 1970 he opened the doors of his church to the National Convention of the Black Panther Party, courting much criticism. Washington became accustomed to the criticism he received for his controversial beliefs, including his demand that Episcopalians pay reparations to the descendants of African American slaves. From 1964

to 1971, he served on Philadelphia's Human Relations Commission.

Paul Washington greeting those assembled for the ordination of the first women priests at the Church of the Advocate, 1974.

His church became a beacon of liberation for those Washington referred to as the "other sheep": the poor, the dispossessed, the oppressed, women, and black and gay people. In 1974 The Advocate hosted the ordination of the "Philadelphia 11" – the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church. This action galvanized the Church to confront the issue, ultimately allowing women into the priesthood in 1977.



While at the Church of the Advocate, he also served as Episcopal Chaplain at Eastern State Penitentiary and on the MOVE Commission, a radical "back to nature group" group following the teachings of the self-styled John Africa. Washington was the chaplain of the Advocate Communities Development Corporation's (ACDC) Board of Directors and continued to serve ACDC until the fall of 1998. Established by his wife, ACDC continues to provide low and moderate-income housing to the members of the North Philadelphia community.

Washington's insight into the struggles for justice and dignity in the latter half of the twentieth century is documented in his autobiography *Other Sheep I Have*.

Paul Washington's personal papers are located at The Archives of the Episcopal Church. [[Sources](#)]

Readings for February 15& 16

Lessons: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26



Reflection for February 15&16

Theologian Gay L. Byron remarked on Luke 6:17-26 that "'Blessed' (in Greek: makarios) does not simply describe a state of happiness or bliss. Rather, it refers in a theological sense to one's standing before God (see Deut 33:29 or Psalm 1:1; 40:4)" As you reflect on the blessings and woes in Luke's Gospel and on the use of the word "happy" in Psalm 1:1 and "blessed" in Jeremiah 17:7, how does this meaning of "blessed" or "happy" contrast with contemporary uses of this word, even by some preachers? What is one change you can make in your own life before God that would bring you into closer accord with Jesus' understanding of blessedness?

Serving in Worship at Redeemer

Feb. 16

Readers: Amy Murrelle

Usher: Glenn Murrelle

Greeter: Linda Murrelle

Feb. 23

Glenda Hinsman

Walter Chaykosky

Diane Siebecker

The Winner Is!!

The winner of this years Souper Bowl of Caring are the Philadelphia Eagles Fans who raise \$146.00. The Chiefs put up a good fight and raised \$22.00. But remember, we are all winners for raising a total of \$168.00 to help "Tackle Hunger"



The next Family Game Night will be February 21 in the South Wing. At St. John Bring your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Birthday to:

Colleen Marshall	2/13
Dan Wayman	2/14
Linda Dix	2/17
Kay Lattimer	2/19
Doreen Marshall	2/20
Sherry Gabauer	2/20



"The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium . Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.

Rummage Sale

For the next Rummage Sale (*Date TBD*) we will be accepting books, but **only fiction. NOTHING ELSE.** Thank you in advance.

Crafting/Fellowship Day

The next crafting/fellowship day at St. John will take place on Saturday March 1st from 10-3 p.m. We are hopeful to continue this fun day of crafts and fellowship the first Saturday of each month. For more information and to let us know if you will be joining please contact Irene Nazak at inazak@outlook.com





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The Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-26)

The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A feeling of great happiness
A. joy B. hungry C. heaven D. laugh
- ___ 2. Something given or received in return for good behavior
A. reward B. poor C. laugh D. heaven
- ___ 3. Having very little money or few possessions
A. joy B. hungry C. weep D. poor
- ___ 4. To have a desire or need for food
A. rich B. reward C. joy D. hungry
- ___ 5. Having a great amount of money
A. laugh B. weep C. rich D. poor
- ___ 6. The sound which expresses happiness or delight
A. heaven B. poor C. rich D. laugh
- ___ 7. To shed tears
A. weep B. rich C. joy D. heaven
- ___ 8. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
A. poor B. reward C. heaven D. weep

The Sermon on the Plain



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are _____,
for yours is the _____ of God.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will be _____.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will _____.

Blessed are you when men _____ you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for _____, because _____ is
your _____ in _____. For that is how their fathers treated the
_____.

Luke 6:20-23 (NIV)

great	hunger	laugh	reward
hate	joy	poor	satisfied
heaven	kingdom	prophets	weep