

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

## Eblast

September 4, 2025



### THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 is WELCOME SUNDAY.



Noone puts on a potluck like the church! After our 11:00 worship service, we'll gather in the parish hall for a time of fellowship, enjoy an opportunity to get to know one another better as over the past year we have been blessed with a number of folks who are new to Redeemer. Please bring a dish to pass (*enough to serve 6*) and your own table service.

### Canon Melinda Away September 14th.

Monday through Friday, September 8—12. She will be at a gathering in Maryland that seeks to recruit clergy to northeastern Pennsylvania. She will also have some free time to connect with her old neighbors from Virginia. Additionally, she will be away next Sunday, September 14. She will be visiting St. James/St George in Jermyn PA as part of her duties for the Diocese. Pastor King will be back with us to preside over worship.



### St. Mary's Picnic

St. Mary's Guild annual picnic will take place on Tuesday, September 16th at 6 p.m. at Betsy Schumacher's home. All ladies of the Parish and St. John are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and you own tableware.

**A note about Sunday's Epistle:** We'll hear almost the entirety of Paul's letter to Philemon. It concerns a runaway slave, named Onesimus, whom Paul converted to Christianity. Paul is hopeful that Philemon will emancipate Onesimus and uses deferential language to mitigate Philemon's anger. The letter is a master piece of church diplomacy. This letter is Paul's shortest and may be chronologically, the first recorded letter we have from Paul.

## **September 6 & 7 Lessons**

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 18:1-11

**Psalm:** 139:1-5, 12-17

**Second Lesson:** Philemon 1-21

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

### **Serving in Worship at Redeemer at 10**

**Worship Assistant & Reader**

**September 7:** Diane Siebecker

**Usher**

Walt Chaykosky

**Greeter**

Linda Murrelle

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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Bruce Carpenter 9/7

Mary Rhodes 9/12

Bob Cole 9/13



### **Scripture Reflection**



Where have you seen relationships redefined by faith? Who have you come to claim as a family member, against all odds? Who do you still label “useless”? What would it take for you to see that person as a sister or brother?

### **My Brothers Keeper aka “Ugly Quilts”**

Hello Churches!

We just completed our 6,000th sleeping bag for the homeless! We are ongoing and presently need: Long sleeve men’s sweaters, sweatshirts, flannel shirts or chamois shirts in sizes M, L, X-lg only. We could use some short sleeve T-shirts (same sizes). We really need men’s hankies or bandanas. We always need batting (like old mattress pads, comforters, blankets, flannel sheets...etc). These items do not need to be new, just clean. We also need hotel/travel size shampoo, lotion, and razors. We have lasted 33 years with support from the community. We very much appreciate your generosity. Items can be dropped off at Athens United Methodist church, 118 S. Main St. Athens, PA. Around back, in the ramp door, Mon-Fri. 9a.m-1 p.m.

## Outreach at Redeemer



For September we will be collecting instant mashed potatoes. Looking ahead, we'll collect Applesauce for October and for November the item will be canned veggies.

## Craft Day

The next Craft Day will be on Saturday, September 6, from 10-2 p.m. in the South Wing at St. John. We hope to see you there.



## FYI



We are now accepting items for our upcoming rummage sale. If you have gently used items in good condition for which you no longer have any use, please consider donating them to the rummage sale. Watch your future eBlast's for more details.

## Vacation

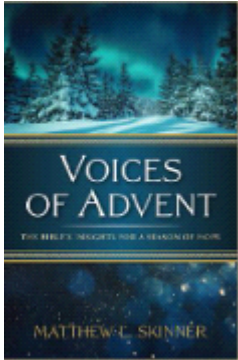
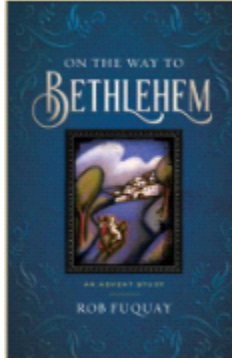

Jerry, our Parish Administrator will be on vacation the week of September 15th. She will return to the office Monday September 22nd at 8 a.m. Alice Bennett has volunteered to cover the office during this time. Thank you Alice

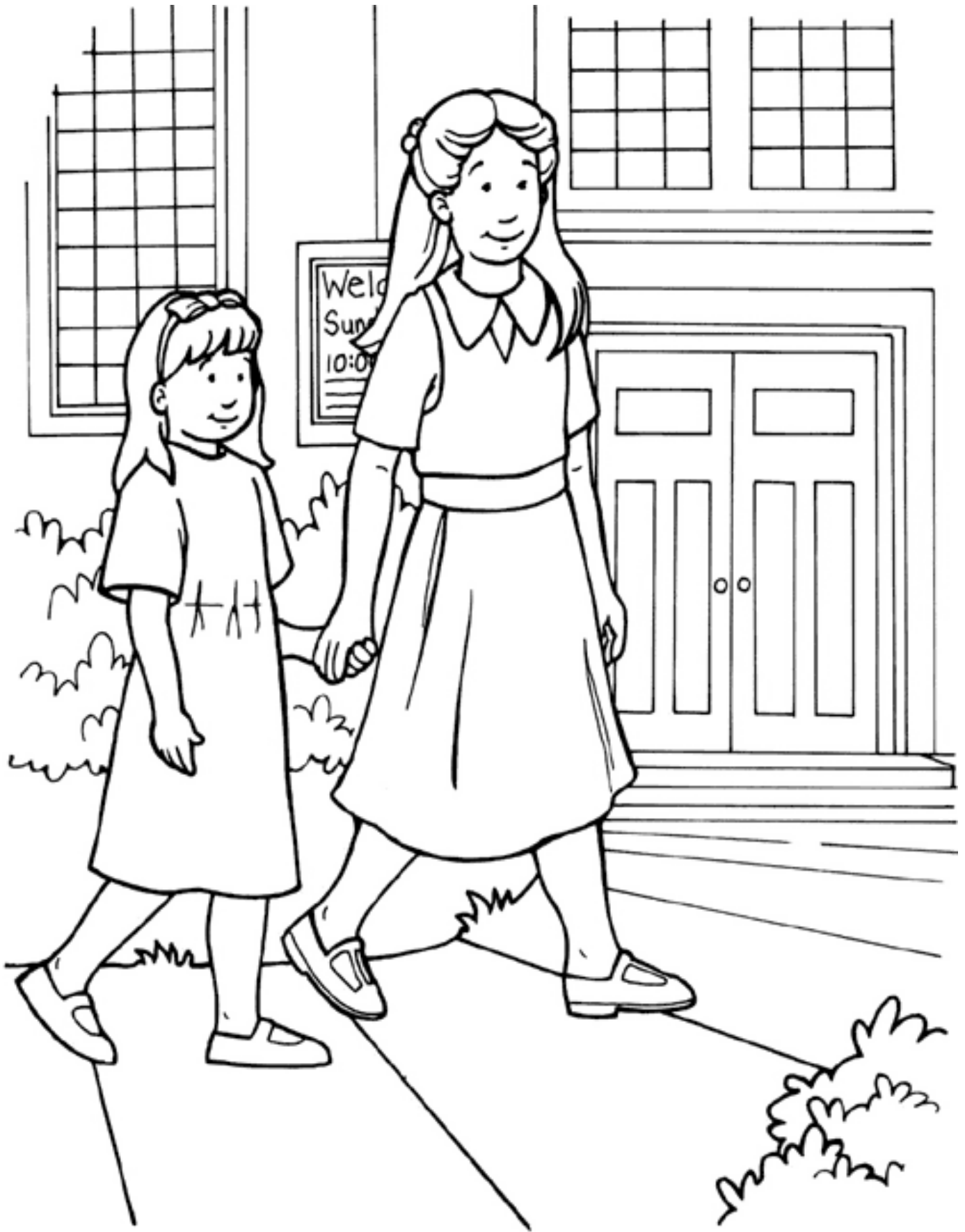


## It isn't too early to start thinking about ... ADVENT?!

As summer winds down it's time to start planning for a fall Bible Study. Pastor Melinda's calendar starts opening up the week of October 27. This is a perfect time to prepare for the Season of Preparation, (that's Advent!) before the rush of the secular Christmas season is upon us. 90-minute sessions are planned for Monday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. beginning October 27. Both sessions will be offered at St. John's South Wing.

The following studies caught Pastor Melinda's eye. Please let her know which session appeals to you most by September 19 to give us plenty of time to order. Thank YOU!

			
<b>Title</b>	Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope	On the way to Bethlehem: An Advent Study	Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation
<b>Author</b>	Matthew L. Skinner	Rob Fuquay	Will Willimon
<b>Description</b>	The author leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus' birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns.	Provides insight into the geographical and historical significant of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas dram unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience spiritual truths each location holds.	Heaven seems so close as we remember that a tiny baby in a manger is God in human form coming to show us the Way. God's choice of incarnation allows us to reflection on the mystery that Christ is the full revelation of God instead of being one who talks about God or one who speaks for or acts as God. This book explores the idea of Jesus as both fully human and fully divine.
<b># Sessions</b>	4	4	4
<b>Cost</b>	\$12.79	\$11.79	\$11.49



I will follow Jesus, God's Son.



# The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 14:25-33 (NIV).



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PEACE	ENOUGH	TRAVELING	TOWER	LARGE
FINISH	CROWDS	COMPLETE	CROSS	MONEY
JESUS	WAR	DISCIPLE	BUILD	KING
CARRY	COST	FOLLOW	ESTIMATE	THOUSAND

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
V	G	X	K	J	Y	E	U	Z	F	R	L	O	Q	I	H	T	A	W	N	P	S	D	M	C	B

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- 10-15-20-15-22-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-8-15-12-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-11-13-22-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-13-12-12-13-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-13-20-7-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-15-22-25-15-21-12-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-13-22-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-13-19-7-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-13-24-21-12-7-17-7 \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLE	BUILD	COST	TOWER	COMPLETE
CROSS	FOLLOW	MONEY	FINISH	CARRY