

Our Week as Redeemer Church

12-06-2023

Check out what's happening in our community.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we continued our message series on the parables of Jesus with the parable of the sower. We learned that the seed represents the word of God, and it is the receptivity of the soil (i.e., our minds and hearts) that determines whether we retain that message and hear God's word in a way that leads to productive living.

NEXT STEPS TO GROWTH

Here are five ways you can become "good soil":

1. Make a real effort to listen to the word of God.
2. Consider participating in one of Redeemer's small groups to help you grow in your faith and understanding. (The next term will begin in January.)
3. Sign up for the YearCompass mini-retreat on December 9 (details below).
4. Consider coaching to help you plan out your next steps in your spiritual growth (contact [Rachel Quest](#) for more information).
5. Volunteer for one of the many service activities at Redeemer, or with another organization to help further God's work in the world.

THIS SUNDAY

- 8:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School for kids ages 2-11 in Meeting Room One (southwest corner of the downstairs hallway)
- 9:45am Youth Group for middle and high school kids in the Staff Office (door at southwest corner of the Gym)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

SENIOR LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

For all of you who are seniors, or who just like hanging out with seniors, join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 7, from 11am to 1pm, for a time of fellowship and discussion followed by a meal together. All are invited to bring a dessert to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Dan](#).

YEARCOMPASS MINI-RETREAT: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 9:00AM-12:30PM AT REDEEMER

[Sign up here](#) and set aside a few hours in the midst of this busy season to reflect on your 2023 and plan your 2024. In a quiet and peaceful environment, you'll work at your own pace through a simple guided resource called YearCompass in order to go deeper than the usual New Year's resolutions. Throughout the morning, you'll have the option to take breaks to discuss your progress with other participants and/or talk with a coach, if you'd like. Childcare will be provided! Contact rachel@redeemerparkridge.com with any questions. (Only free for part of the morning? No problem. Participate as much as you can, and leave when you need to.)

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: KIDS ABOVE ALL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who signed up to sponsor a child through the Kids Above All Holiday Gift Drive. All the children on our list have been sponsored! Please be sure to bring all gifts to Redeemer by December 10. Also, let [Deacon Karen](#) know if you decided to have your gift shipped directly to Kids Above All so we can account for all gifts.

CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Come celebrate the Christmas season through these special worship opportunities at Redeemer Church:

- Sunday, December 17, 10am - Children's Christmas Program (one service)
- Sunday, December 17, 11am - Christmas Party Luncheon
- Sunday, December 24, 10am - Christmas Eve Worship (contemporary)
- Sunday, December 24, 4pm - Christmas Eve Worship (traditional)
- Sunday, December 25 - No worship services
- Sunday, December 31, 10am - A Service of Readings & Carols (one service)

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: SEW FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

Linda Gonzales would like to start a ministry to provide quilts and pillow cases to children in foster care. She is looking for people who would be interested in doing some easy sewing at home. Nothing fancy—just a simple straight stitch. Kits and instructions will be provided. If this would interest you, reach out to Linda at cpd5137@yahoo.com or 773-680-0975.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club! The next meeting will be on Monday, January 8, at 6:30pm, at Redeemer. We'll discuss [*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot](#). Please contact [Linda Gonzales](#) with any questions.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

Do you know of a member of our Redeemer community who would benefit from having a [Meal Train](#) set up for them (perhaps someone who is recuperating from surgery, lost a loved one, or just had a baby)? Check with the person to make sure they're interested and then email office@redeemerparkridge.com to get things started.

SHARE & UPDATE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH REDEEMER'S PRAYER TEAM

We have a faithful team continually praying for our congregation. To share your prayer requests or to be added to the team, please email redemptorprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know! It helps our team know how to continue praying.)