

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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## Redeemer Herald Newsletter For January 2025

A stylized graphic of the word "JANUARY" in a decorative, patterned font, surrounded by blue snowflakes.

**Visitors and Neighbors:  
Welcome to Redeemer  
Lutheran Church!**

***Our door is open to you!  
We would be happy to  
have you join us as a  
Partner in prayer, in song,  
and in the hearing of  
God's word.***



**Our Mission:**

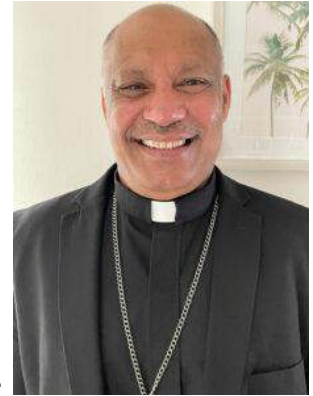
As a community of faith, we worship the Triune God. We are called to love and serve all God's people and creation through word and deed.



## Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and from our lord and savior Jesus, the Christ Amen.

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,<sup>1</sup> full of grace and truth.” John 1:14.



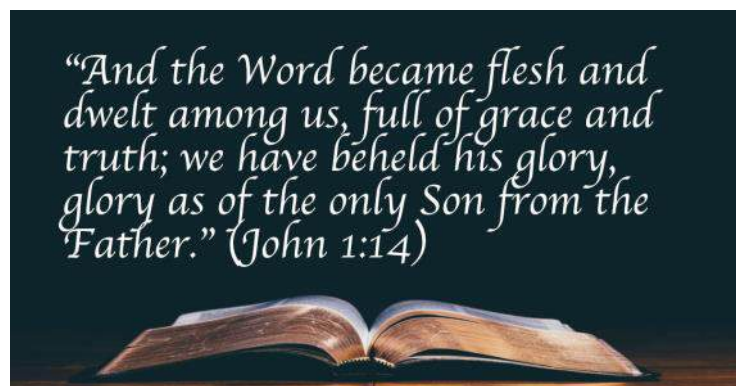
Joy to the world the Lord has come, let earth receive her King. There is only one reason to have true, lasting joy – God has taken on human flesh, forever. As the bible makes clear, God has taken on “flesh” in many ways throughout time. God walked in Eden (*Gen. 3:8*). God came to Moses in a burning bush (*Exodus 3:6*). God led the people of Israel out of Egypt as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (*Exodus 13:21*). God literally sat on top of the ark of the covenant between the two cherubim (*1 Sam. 4:4*). God has been taking on various forms of “flesh” ever since Eden, but they all pale in comparison to what Christ has done for us as God took on flesh to dwell amongst God's people.

In fact, God took on our flesh with all its weaknesses, our flesh with all its temptations, our flesh with its many limitations, our flesh that is subject to pain, hunger, and tiredness. God took on all these limitations willingly. But it was not enough for Jesus just to take on human flesh. He did this for a very good reason. Jesus took on human flesh so He could suffer, die, and rise from the dead. In Christ's incarnation, we have truly been given the greatest gift of all time. His death and His resurrection have now become our death to sin and our resurrection to eternal life.

We truly have so much to be thankful for. So let's make sure to look past the lights, the trees, the gifts, and the food as we begin this New Year. And take joy in what Christ has done for us by coming in flesh and blood “full of grace and truth” to save us from all sins and even save us from death itself.

Blessings for a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pastor Mukesh.



 IN OUR   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:**

Lois Hershberger; Winnie Ferguson; Patti Paul; Lynn Leppo; Marty Danielson; David Erdman; Elizabeth Reinas; Jim Reinas; Judy Lamb; Dee Grover; Rich Moulder; Mike Dunn; Heather Palladino; Ilene Kersten; Stephanie Rager; Michelle Morris; Jane Leppo; Edith Williams; Dolores Danielson; David Short; Bob Winkler; Denise Goccia; Denise Robinson; Dolores Hoppe; Scott Ditcher

**Relatives and Friends of our Members:**

George Rehm; Jim Mosman; Raymond Short Jr.; Terri Rehm; Ann Marie Danieluk; Bill Castelberg Sr.; Wesley Webb; Martine Miller; Titus Dingle; Carolyn Erdelji; Marie Armitage; Bill Armitage; David Thorsen; Vicki Toth; Melinda Eger; Kim Conti; Helmi El Senoussi; James Culver; Debbie Morgan-Brown; Bill Strecker; Monica Ringler; Malcom Resare; Boris Zavertallo; Al Degen

**Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military:**

Chad Durban; Joseph Piel; Kelly Cahill; Matthew Brandon Winter; Reid Furman; Julia Furman; Anne Furman; Matt Glaze; John Dichoso; Nicholas Ropars; Danny Parker;

**Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer,  
and our Nations Leaders:**

Pres. Joe Biden, Vice Pres. Kamala Harris, Our U.S. Senators,  
The Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives.



**Prayer Initiative for January 2025**

**On January 12, 2025 please pray for:**

Marilyn Hrywnak and Family; Britany and Kevin Cilestio, Lily and Sophie; Lynda Jones and family; Ilene Kersten

**On January 26, 2025 please pray for:**

Charles Kissinger; Donna Kistner; Karen Kondrk and John Slaughter; Tim and Marylin Kucey; Katie Ladigoski

# Prayer List Guidelines

Please continue to pray for all those who are in need of healing. If you or a family member is hospitalized or is in need pastoral care, or if a death takes place in your family, please call Pastor Mukesh at 267-391-8514.

## **PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES**

After discussion, the Worship & Committee supports reinstating the 4-week rule. When someone asks Jennifer to place a person on the list, she will inform them that name will remain for 4 weeks unless she hears differently from them.

1. We will list all members on the prayer list with no limits.
2. We will list Relatives and Friends of our Members for only 4 weeks.

**You need to email the office or call the office to have them remain on longer, and you will have to call or email again in 4 weeks to have it extended again.**

We list all Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military with no limits.

## **General Information**

Check out our website at  
<http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org/>

We are in the process of making the switch from a personal page to an organization page. While this switch will be gradual, we would like to share this post about it with you! This is great news for our congregation, and we hope that this will grow our worshipping community! Please "LIKE" and "FOLLOW" our new organization page! The tech committee thanks you!



Follow us on Facebook at  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church Penndel**  
<https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheran1904>

### **Worship with us on Facebook**

While we have a new Facebook organization page, services will continue to stream here:

**Redeemer Penndel**  
<https://www.facebook.com/redeemer.penndel.9>



Articles for this publication must reach Redeemer Lutheran office not later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month to insure their insertion in next month's issue.

# Sponsorships

## 2025 Weekly Worship Sponsorship

You are invited to sponsor the following items as a meaningful way to honor your loved ones. Your sponsorship helps beautify our worship space and supports our ministry. Consider this special opportunity to remember, celebrate, or give thanks for those you hold dear.

Below is a list of items we generally sponsor and the names and telephone numbers of the person to call. If you are paying by check for the items you are sponsoring, please make the check payable to Redeemer and either place it in the plate during offering or put it in the mail box of those whose names are indicated below. Be sure to indicate the amount, your name and the date of the sponsorship as well as the type of sponsorship.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** \$30 per Sunday  
**ORGAN FLOWERS** \$10 per Sunday  
Deb Farnham 267-566-0043 or dgfteach@yahoo.com

**ALTAR CANDLES:** \$5.00 per Sunday  
**COMMUNION HOSTS:** \$5.00 per Sunday  
Kim Overbagh 215-499-7556 or IronsidesGirl@yahoo.com

**SANCTUARY LAMP** \$6.00 per Sunday  
**ROOF FUND** A contribution amount of your choosing  
**TECHNOLOGY FUND** A contribution amount of your choosing  
Gail Blinstrub at 215-891-1388 or gailaa@verizon.net



# Council Highlights December 2024

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 12-10-24

WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM – We welcomed the season of Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup> with our Advent Matins service. Thanks to Aella and Ian for representing the Youth and singing a beautiful anthem. Our Handbell Choir rang an Advent anthem. This was the first time for the bells to ring this year. This service remains a favorite by many in our congregation.

The Altar Guild is currently recruiting for some new members. If anyone is interested, please let Gail know. We welcomed Alice Adams to the Lay Assistant rotation. She will serve on Non-Communion Sundays only. If anyone else is interested in serving, please let Gail know.

We will be having one service on Christmas Eve at 7 PM. It will be a Holy Communion service with Carols, Candlelight and Special Music. Worship service on Christmas Day will be at 9:20 AM and will be a Holy Communion service with Carols. Everyone who is able to should plan on wearing their pajamas to worship that day.

We will be using a different service on December 29<sup>th</sup>. It is called Christmas Lessons and Carols with Reflections from Martin Luther.

The committee will meet in January to start planning for Lent and Easter. FAITH FORMATION – Jess had a Gingerbread Event. About 6 tables were filled with families. We will see what we can put together in another month.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM – Still looking for a leader !! Please see Pastor if you are interested in leading the Stewardship Team.

SHARED MEAL MINISTRY – At the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Shared meal, ham with roasted potatoes and green beans were served. Because Code Blue was called by the Advocated for the Homeless and Those in Need, Redeemer had 19 guests present. Patti Finn distributed gift bags on behalf of the Social Ministry Team.



# Council Highlights

## December 2024 continued

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 12-10-24

**SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM** – Sharing our Thanksgiving blessings, four \$50.00 gift cards to Giant food store were delivered to the BCHA Penndel emergency shelter, one for each family residing there. A Redeemer brochure was enclosed. Various donated baby toys were dropped off at the Penndel Shelter. The Christmas Giving Tree was set up and, as of last Sunday, all the ornaments were gone! A total of 44 gift tags were on the tree. The gifts go to the children at the Morrisville and Penndel emergency shelters. 22 children will be receiving these gifts! Thank you Redeemer Congregation!

**EVANGELISM TEAM** – The Annual Cook-off will be on January 18, 2025



### **Offerings:**

A reminder to please send your offering to Redeemer. You can mail it to the church office directly at 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047), or drop it off to the office Monday through Friday from 9 am-1 pm.

Electronic giving by credit/debit card or direct bank transfer is also available on Redeemer's website at: <http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org>, or by scanning the QR code on your smart phone:



### **Contacting Pastor Mukesh**

Pastor is always available should anyone need to speak with him. His cell phone number is 267-391-8514.

Give him a call if you need him.







<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1/2</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1/4</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Undecorate the Church</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1/6</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1/7</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Shared Meal</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1/8</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Evangelism - Zoom</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1/9</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1/12</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1/13</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1/14</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1/16</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1/18</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Cook Off Challenge</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1/19</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1/20</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1/20</i>		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1/21</i>	<i>12:00 Noon</i>	<i>WELCA</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1/23</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1/24</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Cash Bingo</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1/26</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1/27</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1/28</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1/30</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>

Check our website calendar and/or Facebook page for a current list of the events.

Please feel free to call or email the Church Office with any questions.

Thank  
you 

December 9, 2024

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
239 Fairview Ave  
Penndel, PA 19047-5151



Advocates for Homeless  
& Those in Need

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to Advocates for the Homeless & Those in Need. Your support towards our mission is deeply appreciated. Below is a summary of the donation:

**Date of Gift:** November 17, 2024 **Donation:** \$200.00 **Check/CC#** #1003 **Fund:** General Fund

These are just a few of the programs this generous gift will make possible:

- Code Blue Homeless Shelter
- Wheels to Meals Transportation
- Those in Need (TIN) Fund

The majority of AHTN's missions involve transportation of the homeless and others in need. The costs of insurance, maintenance and fuel are one of AHTN's largest expense items. The need for the TIN Fund continues to grow as more individuals in Lower Bucks find it difficult to retain housing and other life essentials.

This gift specifically, and the overall support from donors like you, are what make it possible for us to expand and enrich the services we provide.

Thank you again for supporting AHTN.

Warmest regards,

Penny Martin  
President  
Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need

AHTN is a 501 (c) 3 organization donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. The official registration and financial information of Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



## Joyful Sounds of the Advent Season

This Advent season was filled with the joyous sounds of music as the Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and Vocal Choirs enriched our worship service with their beautiful serenades.

A heartfelt thank you to all who shared their musical gifts to make this season truly special.





FOR  
 unto us a  
 is  
 Child born,  
 unto us a Son  
 Is given; and the government  
 Will be upon *His* shoulder, and  
*His* name will be called  
**Wonderful**  
 Counselor  
**MIGHTY GOD**  
 Everlasting Father  
**PRINCE OF PEACE**  
 ISAIAH  
 9:6



Redeemer was bustling with activity during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. These gatherings offered a meaningful time to come together with friends and family to celebrate and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

**Un-Decorate the  
Church for Christmas  
Saturday, January 4th  
8:30 am**



We would appreciate your help taking down, packing up and storing our beautiful Christmas decorations. If you can lend a hand, we will be undecorating the church on Saturday, January 4th starting at 8:30 am.



**Cook Off Challenge  
Saturday  
January 18th  
5:00 pm**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 18th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Whether you're ready to showcase your cooking skills in the competition or just want to enjoy some delicious food, this event promises plenty of fun for everyone.

We will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes for the following categories:

Appetizer & Side Items

Entrée

Vegan

Dessert

Kids creation

We can't wait to see you there!



REDEEMER'S FUN COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

# CASH BINGO

Friday, JANUARY 24

\$10.00 admission includes  
snacks, drinks, and first set  
of bingo cards for night

\$5 for children 12 and under

Extra sets of cards (\$5) Daubers (\$2)

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Games begin at 6:30 pm

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## WELCA Monthly Meeting Tuesday, December 19

The WELCA Christmas Party was on Tuesday, December 19th at Noon in the parish hall. Since we all know, at this time, Redeemer's current fund is in the red. During our business meeting, we voted to use our Christmas social ministry to contribute \$2,000.00 to Redeemer's current fund.



A Big Thank you to Elaine Copeland, for hosting the Welca Christmas party. We had games, crafts, gifts, songs, cookies and, all in all, a very enjoyable afternoon. Twelve women attended.



Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, noon in the parish hall  
Devotions: Marsie McMullen  
Refreshments: Deb Farnham



### Christmas Cookie Walk

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for the cookie walk. The cookies all looked so delicious and appealing. Thank you to everyone who purchased cookies. This event helped to donate \$325.00 toward our current fund.

Thank You to our women's group.

Thank you to the many volunteers who worked hard over the hot and dry season to keep Redeemer's geraniums looking beautiful all spring and summer of 2024.

Thank You to Carole Chatelain for pulling the frozen geraniums and cleaning the flower beds for the winter.

Thank You to Bob Winkler for giving Redeemer a new blue spruce tree and planting it in the corner by the narthex.

### Garden Club



## Shared Meal

At the December 3, 2024 shared meal, we served ham with roasted potatoes and green beans with nineteen guests present. Code Blue was called by the Advocated for the Homeless and Those in Need so not as many people as normal were in attendance.

Patti Finn distributed gift bags to our guests on behalf of the social ministry team.

The next Shared meal will be Tuesday, January 7th where we will serve ham, roasted potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, roll and butter, desserts, and drinks.

Upcoming shared meals will be

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Tuesday, March 4, 2025



## Food Pantry

At this time, the food pantry is doing well. Believe it or not, we still have a lot of food left from the Postal Food Drive in May. Boy Scouts Troop 82 that meets at Our Lady of Grace came twice with donations of food before Thanksgiving. We received some monetary donations from Pastors Esther & Paul Rajeshekar and ex Penndel Council President Beverly Wolfe's company, sent on her behalf.

Residents Dan & Ashley Darnley put together 100 personal care kits for the pantry. Every year Ashley's dad's side of the family gets together before Christmas to celebrate since they don't see each other on Christmas. She said this is a long-standing family tradition that her grandmother started many years ago. This year, rather than doing a Pollyanna where everyone leaves with something they really don't need or want, they collected money to purchase and put together personal care packages for men, women and children in need and are donating them in honor of her Grandmother and Grandfather Wall. Each kit contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, bodywash, lotion, a loofah, deodorant, and hand sanitizer along with 10 birthday cake kits - because everyone deserves to celebrate their birthday!



We are very grateful for all of the donations we receive, whether it be monetary or goods and especially for all of the people who want to help us keep the food pantry stocked!





Social Ministry has been especially busy! In late November, gently used toddler toys were delivered to the Bucks County Housing Authority (BCHA) emergency shelter in Pennel.

Your donations to Social Ministry made it possible to share our Thanksgiving blessings providing the four mothers at the Pennel shelter with a \$50 gift certificate to Giant Food Store.



In response to a devastating house fire in Langhorne, a free-will offering was taken following worship resulting in \$135 collected to assist the victims.

The annual tradition of our Christmas Giving Tree provided holiday presents for the children residing at the BCHA emergency shelters in Pennel and Morrisville. This year saw a dramatic increase in need as Forty-four gift tags were placed on the tree. Amazingly, every tag was selected by the generous members of our congregation. One anonymous member selected the last five so as not to leave any child disappointed!



Funds raised earlier in the year at our Mission Festival Auction allowed The Social Ministry team to distribute Christmas gift bags to the guests at our December Shared Meal. The gift bags contained hand, body and toe warmers, flashlights, candy and other miscellaneous items. Many of our guests are homeless and live at campsites or in their cars. It was heartwarming to see people who were not in need of the warmers, share them with those that did. Although there was a Code Blue and several homeless were not able to attend, the surplus bags were given to John Slaughter to distribute to the same population that utilizes the Reach Out Organization in Pennel.



Lastly, the Christmas gifts for the BCHA children were picked up by Mena Green, case manager at the Pennel shelter. Generous donations to Social Ministry throughout the year enabled Redeemer to also provide the four Pennel shelter mothers with \$100 gift cards to Kohls.

## Fellowship



Many of us don't like coffee hour. We think it is all small talk, or cocktail party gab. It is only that way if we ourselves keep it that way. The conversation and its depth are up to us, not "them," whoever "they" are. It is we who can make the conversation sparkle. It is we who can widen the circle and magnetize the crowd. What makes a coffee hour sing is you— having a great time, extending your joy to others, talking to them about them, learning the art of connection. We often say in Lutheranism that our theology is the quality of our encounters. Let us make it so.

Ask questions of the newcomer: What brought you to us today? Do you have a place where you usually worship? And then listen. Ask follow-up questions and be interested in their replies. This is your way of saying "I heard you."

Statistics show that the average newcomer or returnee comes back to worship six months after a major life change: cancer, death, divorce, or some sort of disappointment. Our job is not to find out what that crisis was on the first encounter, but to ready ourselves and the other person for that revelation.

It is not just newcomers who need welcome at coffee hour. Old timers do also. When our shyness glues us to one comfortable person for the entire hour, something is wrong. Circulate. Move. Make it a point to speak to ten people. Really speak to them. Remember something about them: Isn't this the anniversary of John's death? How did your big meeting go this week? How is your mother doing?

Don't always think of yourself as the asker of questions. You may be the one who needs to tell someone about something important that happened to you. When you say something about yourself, it gives other people permission to do the same. The goal of coffee hour, incarnation-ally is to embody the welcome Jesus gives us to his realm. Its goal is intimacy, ordinary intimacy. It is kitchen talk. Is it any wonder the most intimate conversations take place in the kitchen, anguish poured out to an aproned back or sputtered over a chopping board? At their best, they are quick, deep, and self revealing. They are our weekly chance to demonstrate the love of God incarnate to one another, and to all who walk through our doors. conversations. At their best, they are quick, deep, and self revealing. They are our weekly chance to demonstrate the love of God incarnate to one another, and to all who walk through our doors.

## Bible Study



Bible Study meets every week on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church building.

Come and join us for insightful and spirited conversation, and maybe you will discover something new!

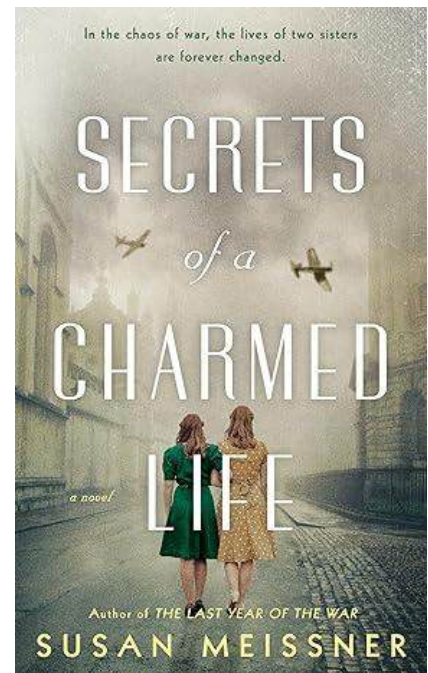
## Book Club Corner Sunday, January 19th

Secrets if a Charmed Life  
By  
Susan Meissner

The book club will meet Sunday, January 19th, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The book is available on Amazon and several used bookstore sites, and from the Bucks County library.

All are welcome to participate!



## Social Ministry

Social Ministry in Action at Redeemer is committed to fulfilling God's command to "...Love Your Neighbors as Your Selves...there is no commandment greater" (Mark 12:31 NIV), and "...Whatever you did not do for the least of these, you did not do it for me" (Matthew 25:45 NIV).



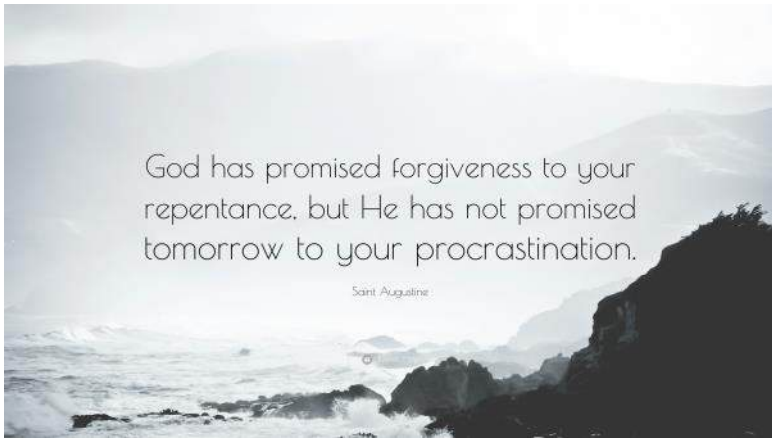
Social Ministry holds their meetings quarterly at 6:00 pm prior to Bible Study. Next meeting date to be determined. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## Financial Ministry

We continue to collect tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stores. We do receive a percentage of money from these tapes which goes to the Current Fund.



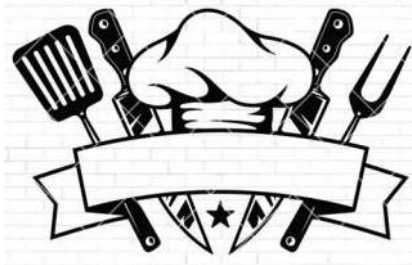
Please try to keep them current. You can drop off your tapes Monday through Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm or mail them to the church using the address of 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047, or you can drop them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you for your help.



## Evangelism News January 2025

### **12/8 Christmas Caroling**

Christmas caroling was a great success we had 19 people participate after fellowship. We visited two nursing homes and Deb Farnham's neighbor. Thank you everyone who participated especially Karen for the tuna and egg salad sandwiches! It really made an impact on the people we visited.



### **1/18 Annual Cook Off**

Bring your best dish because this time we are judging. There will be prizes for several different categories' appetizers, main course dessert, vegan and a kid's competition too.

### **Thrivent cards**

We need to be more active in recruiting new members. Everything we do should be using them. You can be an associate member for \$19.95 per year as long as you are 16 or older and still qualify for a \$250.00 action card. To sign up, please see the link below or ask Chris Ryan for help.

<https://onboard.cotribute.co/flows/55931fb6-5804-46a3-afb5-9542ecb2b996?web=1&wdLOR=cD45FA516-FD47-453B-94DB-CEE2E5715CDF>



Usually Evangelism meets via zoom at 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month. However, because of the holiday this month we will be meeting on the second Wednesday instead. If you are interested in joining please see Chris Ryan, Patti Finn, or just call or email the church so Jenn can send you the link.

**Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday January 8, 2024 at 7pm via ZOOM.**  
Chris Ryan 11/25/2024

# Sharing God's Bounty

January 2025

## Being a Faithful Steward

As stewards, we demonstrate our faithfulness by how we manage the resources and gifts God entrusts to us. *"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful"* (1 Corinthians 4:2). We are to *"always give [ourselves] fully to the work of the Lord because [we] know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our effort is invested in the Lord's winning cause.

Peter wrote, *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"* (1 Peter 4:10). Through faith, we serve others by showing our love (3 John 5-6), by witnessing for Christ (Acts 1:8), by sharing with those in need (2 Corinthians 9:7-8), and by doing good to all people (Galatians 6:10). God is pleased when we use our time, talents, and treasures in ways that give Him honor and glory through our service for others.

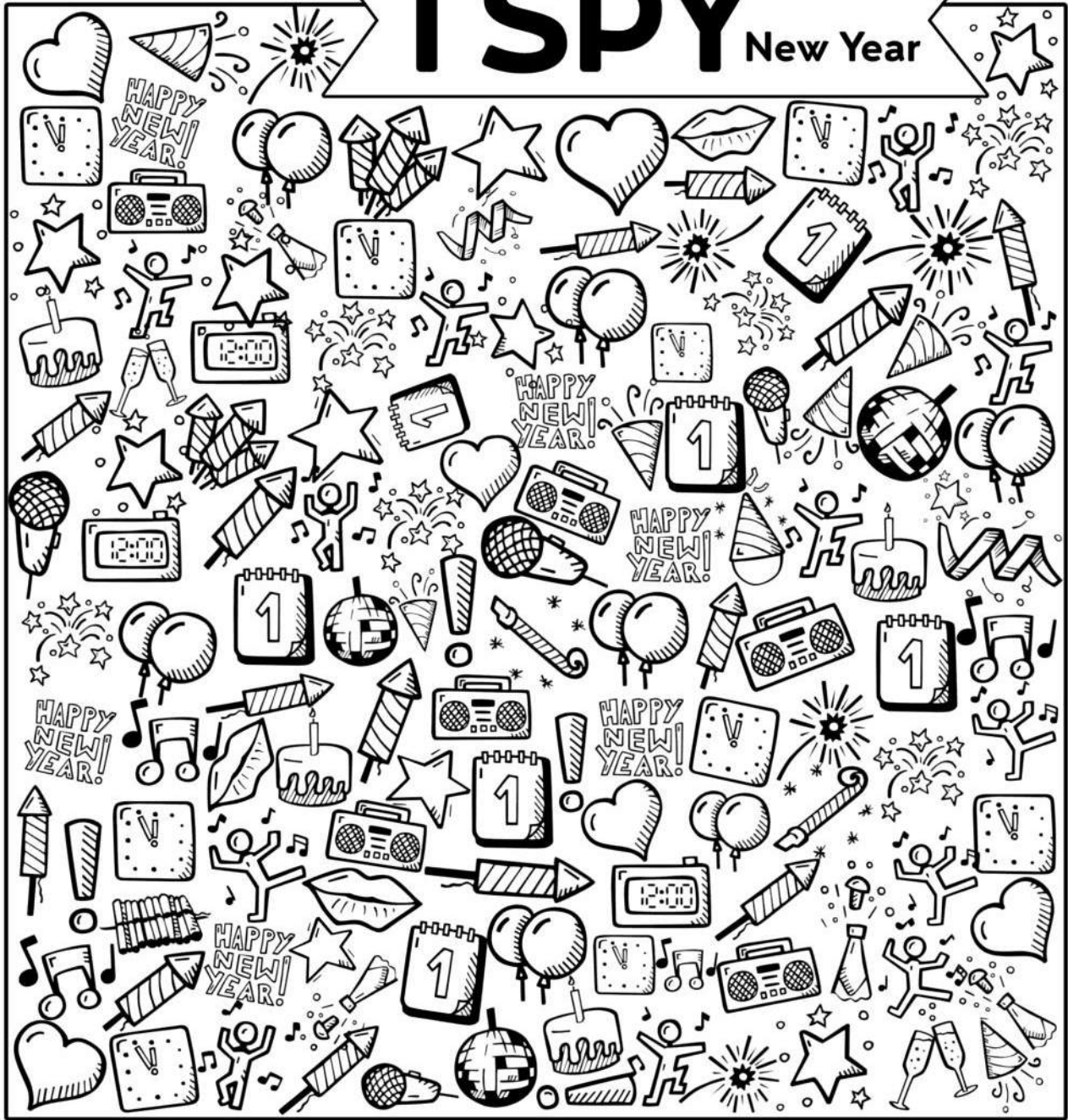
As devoted and committed stewards who seek to do God's will, we receive his special blessings. The Lord will *"bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God"* (1 Corinthians 4:5). In 1 Samuel 26:23 we read, *"The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness."* We look forward to the Lord telling us, *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"* (Matthew 25:23).

Until the Lord takes us to our eternal home, we are to be active and involved stewards faithfully seeking to please him. We can be faithful because he abounds *"in love and faithfulness"* (Psalm 86:15) to us. We press on as faithful stewards knowing that *"He will not forget [our] work and the love [we] have shown him . . ."* (Hebrews 6:10).

*"My mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. She said that achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others and that's nice too, but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success."*

*Helen Hayes*

# I SPY New Year



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# REDEEMER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS



### December

- SUN. DECEMBER 1ST – ADVENT MATINS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:20AM  
GINGERBREAD BASH @ 3 PM
- SUN. DECEMBER 8TH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:20AM
- SUN. DECEMBER 15TH – SCS @ 9:20AM
- SUN. DECEMBER 22ND – PAGEANT SUNDAY
- TUES. DECEMBER 24TH  
◦ Christmas Eve Family service @ 7 pm
- SUN. DECEMBER 29TH – No SCS – ENJOY THE NEW YEAR!

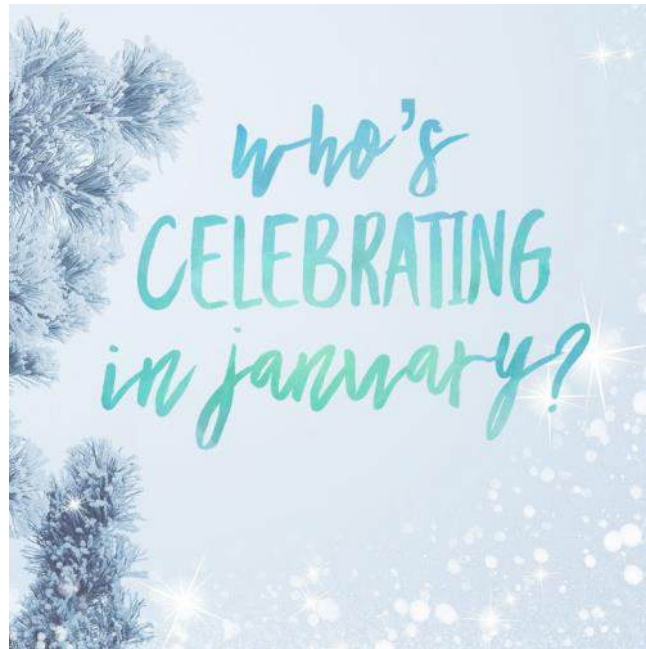


### January

- SUN. JANUARY 5TH – EPIPHANY  
◦ SCS
- SUN. JANUARY 12TH  
◦ YOUTH SUNDAY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD
- SUN. JANUARY 19TH  
◦ SCS
- SUN. JANUARY 26TH  
◦ No SCS



# January Celebrations



1/2	Erin Dunn	1/15	John Slaughter
1/2	Jeannie Vitale	1/16	Gary Overbagh
1/3	Wayne Degen	1/16	Jeff Paulsen
1/4	Frank Rager	1/18	Kathleen Rehm
1/7	Elaine Rossi	1/19	Christopher Rager
1/7	Robert Brad, Jr.	1/19	Nicholas Morris
1/7	Gail Blinstrub	1/21	Lynn Leppo
1/7	Chelsea Lee Stout	1/22	Lauren Bilofsky
1/8	Anjali Bose	1/22	Angelique Defeo
1/8	Carol Lipson Funkhauser	1/23	Damian Thomas
1/9	Julie Bartleson	1/23	Kelsi Martin
1/13	Danielle Martinsen	1/24	Laura Ottinger
1/13	Carey Trumpler	1/24	Patricia Martin
1/14	Cindy Short	1/29	Dolores Danielson
1/14	Mike Dunn	1/29	Bob Winkler
1/14	Marsha Goodwin	1/31	Tim Kucey
1/14	Carole Chatelain		

“Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Sometimes our records are incomplete. Please let us know.”