

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

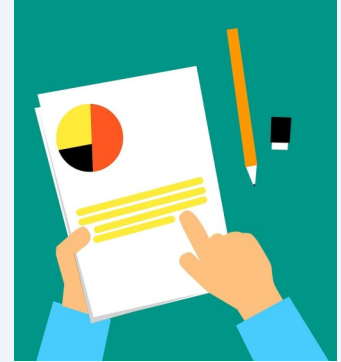
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January 23, 2025



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is **THIS SUNDAY January 26th**. The Annual Meeting will take place immediately after the 11:00 am service and will feature a pot luck luncheon. A 10 pound ham and chile con carne is being offered as part of the meal. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table ware. Thank YOU!



Forward Day By Day

The latest edition of Forward Day By Day, large print and small print are now available in the Narthex book rack. Feel free to pick up your copy when you are in church this weekend!

Community Supper

Our free community supper takes place next Thursday, on January 30th from 4-6 p.m. Come out and enjoy some warm delicious beef stew with tomato cucumber salad, rolls and mini-whoopie pies donated by Kurt's Making Whoopie.





Responding to the Wildfires in Southern California

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected dioceses as they assess needs in their communities in response to the Southern California wildfires. We are currently providing technical, psycho-social and liturgical assistance to congregations directly affected.

This is an ongoing disaster that these communities are continuing to face. It will be some time until the full extent of the damage is known, but Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with local diocesan and congregational leaders as they work to mobilize local assets and ministries to respond to those in need.

Please pray for the people affected by the wildfires. Supporting the Wildfire Response Fund will help communities respond to the impact of fires. We have also created resources available in English and Spanish, including blurbs, announcements, and inserts for your bulletin, website, and other communication outlets. Please use these resources to help inform your congregation about Episcopal Relief & Development's response and ways to support those affected by these devastating and fast-growing wildfires.

Contact engagement@episcopalrelief.org with any questions. We are here to help.

ACCESS RESOURCES

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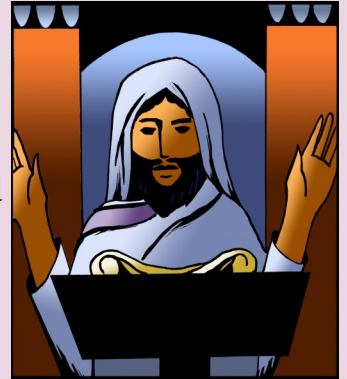
Readings for January 25th & 26th

Lessons: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

Scripture Reflection

Reflection for January 25 & 26

The Old Testament “year of jubilee” to which Jesus refers in his first sermon-what some have called his “mission statement”-was a time set aside every fifty years to forgive financial debt and redistribute the land among the people. Why do you think God envisioned a year of jubilee, and what might that look like in our world today?



Food Pantry Item for February

The item of the month of February is peanut butter. Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantries.

Serving in Worship at Redeemer

Jan. 26

Readers: Glenda Hinsman

Usher: Rick Rhodes

Greeter: Mary Rhodes

Feb. 2

Diane Siebecker

Bob Cole

Margaret Cole

Happy Birthday to:

Ian Watson	1/25
Terri House	1/25
Betty Nobles	1/26
Charles Lattimer	2/1



"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.

The next Blood drive being hosted by St. John will be on **Tomorrow** Jan. 24th in the South Wing from 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY
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DRIVE

SUPER BOWL SOUP & SANDWICH & CHILI SALE

WHAT: Homemade Chili, Soup & Sandwich Sale – *Take Out Only*

WHEN: February 8 and February 9, 2025

WHERE: Church of the Redeemer
201 S. Wilbur Ave, Sayre, PA

MENU: Chili **COST:** Soup or Chili - \$5.00 per pint
 Vegetable Beef Soup Italian Sandwich 5.00 each
 Chicken Noodle Soup
 Zuppa Toscana
 Gypsy Soup (Vegetarian)
 Italian Sandwich on Sandwich Roll w/meats, cheeses

PICK UPS: Saturday, February 8th – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
 Sunday, February 9th – 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
 or by appointment

ORDERS DUE: February 6, 2025

Phone Orders: 570-888-1850 or 570-888-2270 (order forms are available at the church office)
 Please make checks payable to the Church of the Redeemer. Proceeds are for the Sunday School and Youth Group events.

For information: 570-888-1850 or 570-888-2270

Order Form

To order: Opposite the ordered item, please circle the number of pints and/or sandwiches needed.

		Number of pints ordered				Total	Paid
Chili	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Vegetable Beef Soup	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Chicken Noodle Soup	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Zuppa Toscana	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Gypsy Soup (Vegetarian)	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Number of Sandwiches Ordered							
Italian Sandwich	\$5.00 each	1	2	3	4		
Orders due by 2/6/25							

Name : _____

Phone: _____

Letter from Episcopal Church Leaders on Trump Administration Immigration Executive Orders

Dear People of God in the Episcopal Church:

Yesterday, Donald Trump was sworn in as president of the United States. We pray that he and all of our elected officials will, in the words of the Book of Common Prayer, have the wisdom and strength to know and to do God's will and be filled with the love of truth and righteousness.

Even as we gave thanks for a peaceful transfer of power, we learned from news reports that the new presidential administration has issued a series of executive orders that are a harbinger of President Trump's pledge to deport undocumented immigrants at a historic scale, restrict asylum, and direct other immigration actions. We read this news with concern and urge our new president and congressional leaders to exercise mercy and compassion, especially toward law-abiding, long-term members of our congregations and communities; parents and children who are under threat of separation in the name of immigration enforcement; and women and children who are vulnerable to abuse in detention and who fear reporting abuse to law enforcement.

As Christians, our faith is shaped by the biblical story of people whom God led into foreign countries to escape oppression. Exodus tells us the story of the ancient Israelites escaping slavery in the land of Egypt and wandering in the wilderness without a home. In Leviticus 19:33-34, God commands that we remember this sojourn as part of our own story of faith: "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt."

Now, as Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:12-19, we are no longer aliens. Christ Jesus has made us citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. As we read in 1 Peter 2:9-12, we have received God's mercy, and we must demonstrate this sacrificial love in our lives and deeds. Because our true citizenship is not here on earth but in heaven, we are called to transcend the earthly distinctions made among us by the leaders of this world. We must proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is promised to the persecuted and answer Christ's call to welcome the stranger among us.

This vision of God's kingdom, this new reality, is the one to which we Christians are pledged in our baptism above any political preference or policy, and to which our church must bear witness through word and deed. This sacred call shapes both our churchwide commitment to stand with migrants and the ministries of congregations across our church who serve vulnerable immigrants and refugees in their communities.

Since the late 19th century, The Episcopal Church has followed this call by welcoming immigrants and refugees to the United States, and today, Episcopal Migration Ministries is one of 10 resettlement agencies through which refugees enter this country. Our Office of Government Relations is a [persistent advocate](#) for immigration resolutions adopted by [General Convention](#), and works with ecumenical and interfaith partners to urge compassionate and humane policies that at the same time recognize the need to protect borders and address security threats. Thousands of Episcopalians participate in this ministry of advocacy through the [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#).

As more immigration enforcement policy changes are announced, our churchwide ministries will continue to provide practical pathways to protect the most vulnerable among us. We invite you to join us by:

Advocating with our members of Congress by using this action alert to [take action to protect immigrants, known as Dreamers](#), who were brought to the United States as children and have lived here most of their lives. The long-standing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that offers a respite from the fear of deportation is at risk, and Congress must take action. [Standing against mass deportation](#) using this action alert, which would have severe consequences for our communities and economy. [Supporting orderly border management](#) that is proportional and humane and respects the [right of asylum](#).

Supporting [programs that protect vulnerable groups of people](#), including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Deferred Enforced Departure (DED), humanitarian parole, and the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

- Speaking out against anti-immigrant rhetoric and actions, including race-based targeting, vigilantism and violence, family division, and detention and deportation without charges or convictions. As Christians, we must stand against these expressions of hatred and fear with a clear witness to our sacred promise to respect the dignity of every human being.

Encouraging our congregations to use the resources of the [Office of Government Relations](#) and the [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) as we embody the Gospel through direct witness on behalf of immigrants in our communities.

Across our church, migrants are members of the Body of Christ and part of our congregations and communities, and our common life is richer thanks to their contributions. To our siblings who are at risk of deportation or of being separated from those you love, know that your story is our story, and your dignity is inseparable from our own. We stand with you, and we will face these challenges together.

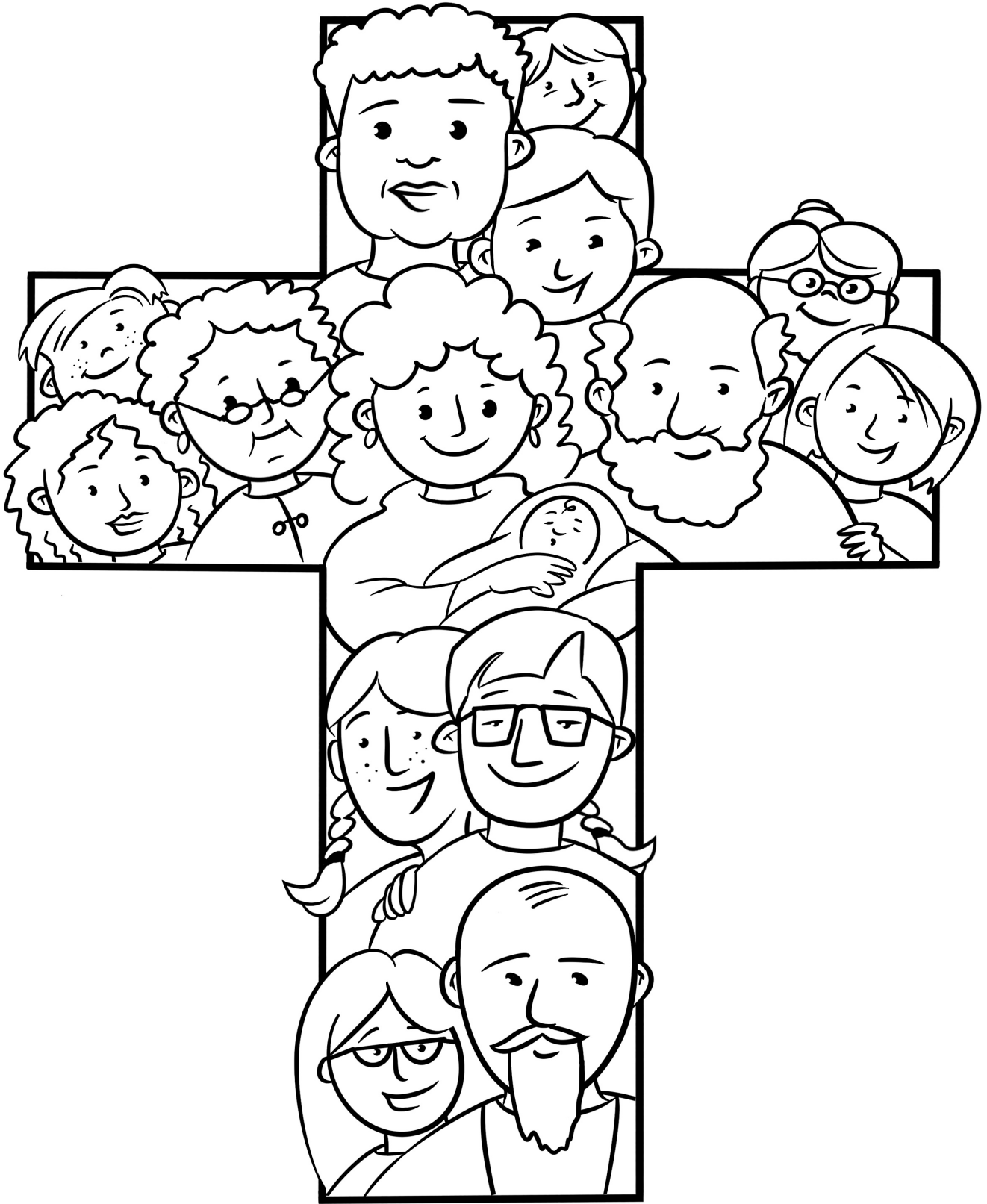
As one church united in the Body of Christ, please pray especially for families who live under the shadow of separation, and for all who seek asylum for protection from persecution. Pray, too, for the people of our congregations and dioceses who work tirelessly to serve immigrants and refugees, and who now face new and heartbreaking challenges to their ministry.

Finally, as faithful Episcopalians have done for decades, please join us in [giving generously to Episcopal Migration Ministries](#) and its ministry with refugees seeking a new life in the United States.

In Christ's Peace,
The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop

Julia Ayala Harris

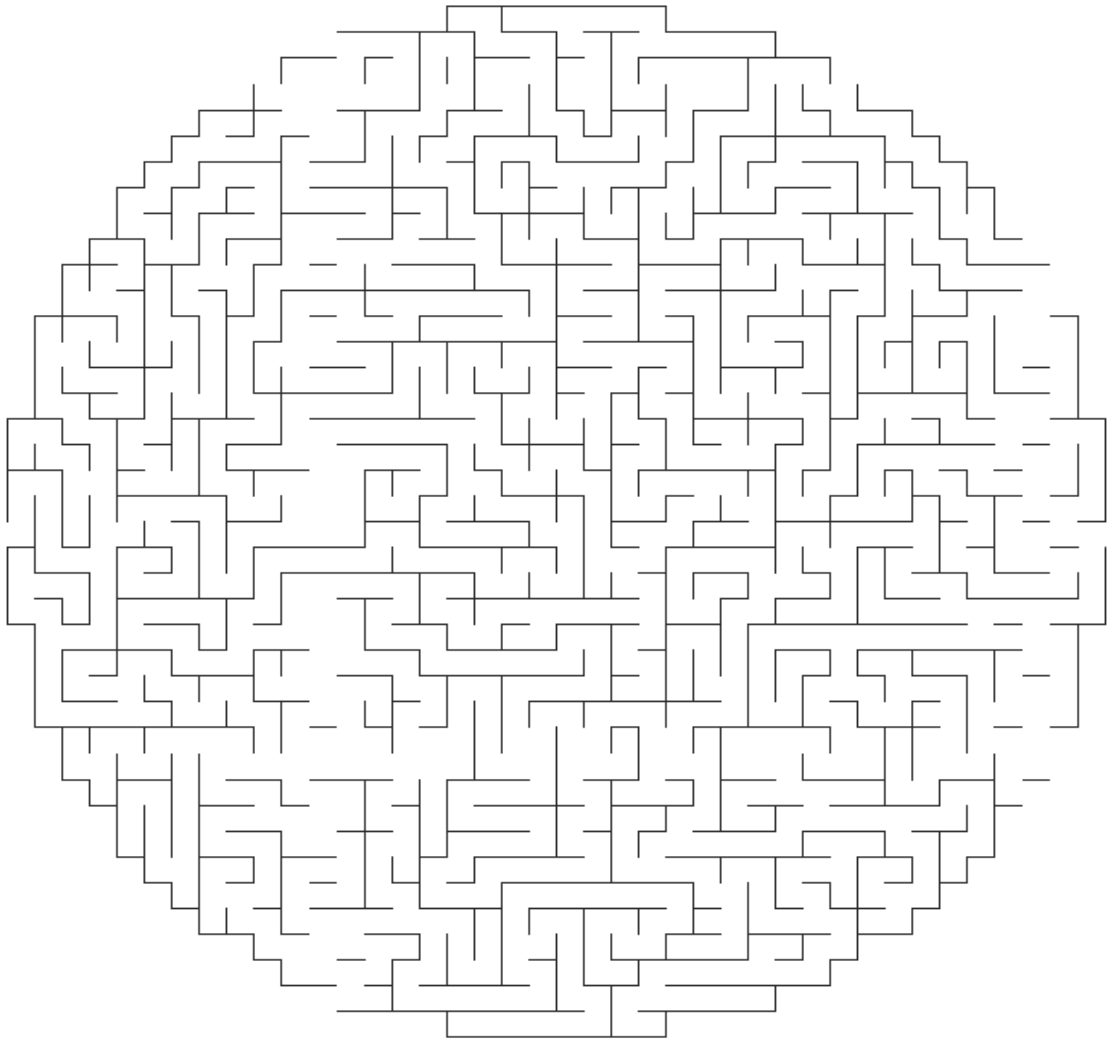
President of the House of Deputies



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Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Many Parts, One Body



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Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

M Z H R F K S I E Z E O G S A
D S Q B T N Q Z Y W L A D Q S
R N I F H E A D E Z D N R C E
L A E T N E T P S B A S E S O
C E W M P S Y I I H L E P X T
T I U B D A X Y E C D V E T D
D J M S N D B O H L B K K N Z
C M S R Z P E C I W M N U T R
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C B J K L U B S Z Y C T X H R
L P X U J O V L E W M I I U K
G L O Q D M Q D G N H X T Q G
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Baptism
Ears
Hands
Nose

Body
Eyes
Head
Spirit

Brain
Feet
Knees
Toes