

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

January 30, 2025



## Community Supper



Our free community supper is taking place **TODAY** 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". Bring your friends

## First Sunday of the Month

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, and all loose offering will be donated to the Bridge to help the less fortunate in our area.

## Crafting Day

You are invited to a day of crafting at St. John on Saturday, February 1, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the South Wing. Irene Nazak will be demonstrating a Valentine's Day Craft. We hope to see you there.



Our Annual Souper Bowl of Caring to help tackle hunger will take place on February 8&9 This year's teams are the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chief. Soups pots will be set up in the church where you can cast you donation into the pot of the team that you hope will win or that you think will win. The winner will be announced after the Super Bowl in an up coming eBlast and in Church the following Saturday & Sunday. This is always a fun event and everyone is a winner when we help tackle hunger.

## Annual Meeting Recap

Last Sunday the 148th Annual Meeting was held after a truly delicious and filling pot-luck luncheon. Diane Siebecker, Doreen Marshall and Linda Murrelle were elected to three year terms. Betsy Schumacher and Jeff Watson were profoundly thanked for their six years on the Vestry. Canon Melinda announced that Jeff has been named chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for the foreseeable future. The December 26, 2024 Community Supper marked the last time Linda Murrelle shopped, prepared, cooked and served the Community Supper after at least a decade of service. Canon Melinda and Senior Warden Alice Bennett presented Linda with a plaque of thanks. You can see it hanging on the wall near the kitchen, next to the plaque thanking Richard Eike. Pictures below:



If you would like a hard copy of the Annual Report, please contact the Parish Office and we'll get one to you.

## 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 February 1 & 2



Forty days after the birth of Christ we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There a prophetess named Anna began to speak of the redemption of Israel when she saw the young child. Simeon also greeted Mary and Joseph. He responded to the presence of the consolation of Israel in this child with the words of the Nunc dimittis. His song described Jesus as a “light for the nations.” Because of the link between Jesus as the light for the nations, and because an old reading for this festival contains a line from the prophet Zephaniah, “I will search Jerusalem with candles,” the day is also known as Candlemas, a day when candles are blessed for the coming year. Mary has always known that her firstborn son is special. She has “pondered” words from angels and “treasured” words from shepherds (Luke 2:19). But the words addressed to her by Simeon at the temple will transform a purification and presentation rite into a prophecy: “. . . and a sword will pierce your own soul too” (v. 35). Will she remember those words as she pushes Jesus to act at Cana? Will she remember them at the foot of the cross?

### 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

Feb. 2

**Readers:** Diane Siebecker

**Usher:** Bob Cole

**Greeter:** Margaret Cole

Feb. 9

Rose Carpenter

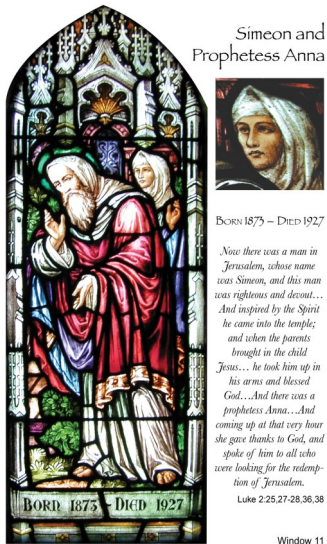
Bruce Carpenter

Rose Carpenter

# ATTENTION SUNDAY WORSHIPPERS!



Our fellow Americans may think that Sunday February 2nd is a celebration of **Groundhog's Day** and we will be anxiously awaiting whether Puxatony Phil sees his shadow. However, as members of our Altar Guild may tell you, Sunday is the Feast of The Presentation. Historically, this Feast has been called "Candlemas" and the *Book of Occasional Services* has an entrance rite for Candlemas. Upon arrival in the church, look for this stained glass window (hint: its in the Chapel) then please place your personal items in your preferred spot. Then take your bulletin, pick up a candle, and gather by the entrance. We will have a brief set of prayers, light the candles, and process around the church during the singing of the first hymn. After the collect of the day has concluded you will be invited to extinguish your candle and the service will continue as normal.



Window 11



Col. Fitzroy Newsum, (USAF, ret.) was a member of the cadre of African American pilots now famously known as the Tuskegee Airmen. In 1989, Col. Newsum received the Brigadier General Noel F. Parish Award for outstanding achievement on behalf of the Tuskegee Airman Inc., and along with other surviving Tuskegee Airman, Newsum was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in Washington DC in 2007. Newsum service with distinction in WWII and Korea, as a pilot and squadron operations officer. After a full career in the Air Force, he devoted his talents and witness to the Dever community and to St.

Thomas Episcopal Church. He was born in New York City in 1918, earned an undergraduate degree from the College of Military Science at the University of Maryland and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He died on January 5, 2013. (Source: Episcopal News Service.)

## Happy Birthday to:

Charles Lattimer            2/1  
Keith Carpenter            2/3  
Robert Davies                2/7



Rick & Doreen Marshall            2/5

"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.



## St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday February 4th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a short business meeting . After the meeting Priest Melinda Artman and Nina Seebeck will give a presentation on their trip to Spain. All ladies of the Parish are invited to join.

## Rummage Sale

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

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
 Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 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		
<b>Number of Sandwiches Ordered</b>							
Italian Sandwich	\$5.00 each	1	2	3	4		
<b>Orders due by 2/6/25</b>							

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Jesus is presented in the temple (Luke 2:22-39)

# Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NIV)

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



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

MARY	CHILD	PROMISED	DEVOUT
JESUS	TEMPLE	JOSEPH	SIMEON



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Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



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SPIRIT

CHILD

PARENTS

SIMEON

RIGHTEOUS

DEVOUT

SALVATION

PROMISED

PRAISED

LIGHT

ISRAEL

DOVES

COURTS

JOSEPH

REVEALED

SACRIFICE

TEMPLE

JESUS

PIGEONS

MARY