



# the church of the redeemer

## Women's Outreach Ministry A ministry to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ

The **Women's Outreach Ministry** sees our individual and corporate lives as centered in Christ. Together we focus on bringing our Lord's love to the world around us both near and far. Through fellowship and fundraising we reach out to those in need locally and around the world.



*Members of the Women's Outreach Ministry gather to plan the 2007 Wedding Tea*

## We invite you to be involved!

*Funds from the Women's Outreach Ministry benefit the children at the Pines Day Care Center*



*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16*

## A Message from our Rector

Our Lord Jesus said, "Even as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me." Our Women's Outreach Ministry truly takes these words to heart. There is no other group in the parish that so devotes itself to serving those who are in need. Every day of the week, through the ministry of the Thrift House, our ladies volunteer their time, talent, and resources for this particular arm of Women's Outreach Ministry, and 100% of the proceeds from that ministry go to outreach and mission. Other activities throughout the year like the Charity Bazaar and the Tea Social also focus upon their outreach and mission ministry.

I am convinced that part of what makes the Church of the Redeemer a truly great parish is our Women's Outreach Ministry. The women who are involved in this ministry know and take seriously our Lord's command to spread the Gospel to all nations and that when we serve those in need, we are serving our Lord himself. Many of our women have served quietly in this ministry for several decades.

I urge everyone in the parish - men and women - to support our Women's Outreach Ministry through their prayers, their participation, and their gifts. Remember our Thrift House when



*Fr. Robinson and some members of the Women's Outreach Ministry in the Rector's office, 2007.*

you are looking for a place to give clothing, household items, jewelry, and furniture, or when you're looking for some really great bargains! And finally, consider volunteering at the Thrift House or for one or more of the events sponsored by the Women's Outreach Ministry. We even have some men who volunteer at the Thrift House and during special events.

Give thanks for our Women's Outreach Ministry and incarnate your thanks by getting involved. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Faithfully in Christ,

*Fr. Fred\**

The Rev. Fredrick A. Robinson

## Episcopal Thrift House



The Episcopal Thrift House is located in downtown Sarasota at 1503 Second Street, near Whole Foods and the Sarasota Bus Station.

The Thrift House was established more than 35 years ago and has served the community in multiple ways: shopping at the Thrift House means helping those in need locally as all profits from sales go directly to Sarasota charities plus others around Florida and the nation; affordably priced items for many people struggling financially has offered hope in an otherwise dismal situation.



*The exterior of the Thrift House with a mural, courtesy of Jessica Dirkes.*

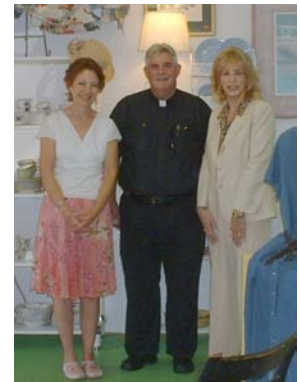
Items for sale include costume jewelry, books, picture frames, collectibles, china, house-

wares, and clothing. Small pieces of furniture are frequently available.

The Thrift House is a totally volunteer enterprise. Women from Redeemer have offered their time and talent to this shop because they know it to be a ministry to all it touches.

The Thrift House is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Nearby public parking is available as well as at the front and rear of the shop.

For more information, call the Thrift House at 365.1519.



*Fr. Marsden with volunteer managers at the Thrift House*



*Monies raised by the Women's Outreach Ministry help to fund travel for Redeemer youth to the annual St. Michael's Conference in Massachusetts*

*The WOM has donated many needed items to Prospect House (a mental health drop-in center), such as a washing machine and a fish tank*



## Get Involved in the Women's Outreach Ministry!



*Strategy meeting!*



*Women's Outreach Ministry volunteers at the annual Charity Bazaar*



*WOM funds contribute to a home for boys in India via Jaipur Children's Aid*

**The Women's Outreach Ministry is associated in ministry with:**

**Daughters of the King  
Altar Guild  
St. Mary's Guild**



The Story of the Pelican

There are several fables dating back to the Middle Ages regarding the pelican as depicted in the symbol on the front of this brochure and below. One story indicates that in medieval times the pelican was thought to pierce herself in her breast in order to feed her blood to her young.

Generally, it is said, depictions of the pelican are meant to symbolize Christ our savior who shed his blood for us.

Still seen as a symbol of self-sacrifice and nurturing, the Church of the Redeemer and its ministries use the pelican symbol on stationary, needlework, and materials distributed to the public.

**We encourage all to join us!**



*Betty Gentry, missionary, receives WOM funds to support the Orphans' Hope Uganda program*



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