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Redeemer Holds Virtual Annual Meeting

Redeemer held its first ever virtual annual meeting Sunday, January 17 when 59 members participated in the two-hour event via Zoom. (Forty-one members constituted a quorum.) This was in keeping with the church's COVID-19 policy of refraining from in-person events until it is safer.

Incoming President Julie Johnson recognized the work of outgoing council members: **Jon Disbro** (Outreach), **Chad Eberle** (secretary), **Ruth Murray** (Stewardship), **Wendy Stoica** (Education) and **Margie Frazier** (president); and outgoing Special Funds Team member **Bruce Collins**. She also praised the efforts of outgoing **Treasurer Larry Trover** and **Financial Secretary Brad Phillips** for their many years of service to the congregation.

She explained that as a result of their retirements, the church is moving to having the Donald Wells CPA firm handle its financial affairs – a transition that is still underway. **Dave Engel** suggested there be an audit of the current books prior to the transfer which Julie said would be referred to council/executive committee.

The 2021-22 slate of officers was elected by acclamation and immediately sworn in. They include the following:

- Vice President (and president-elect) – **Wendy Stoica**
- Secretary – **Margie Farnham**
- Finance Officer – **Margie Frazier** (elected to the final year of a two-year term)
- Education – **Krista Skipper**
- Outreach – **Sue Watson**
- Stewardship – **Laura Warren**
- Special Funds Team – **Terry Warren**.

With their new appointment, **Emlyn Ott** and **Marques Highland** join **Margie Farnham** and **Krista Skipper** as members of the Mutual Ministry Team. In addition, the following delegates to the virtual Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on **Friday and Saturday, June 4-5** were approved: **Julie Johnson** and alternate **Wendy Stoica** and **Brad Phillips** and alternate **Terry Warren**.

Upon recommendation of the Special Funds Team, **Dave Engel**, chair, the following distribution of the interest from the Mission Endowment Fund (estimated to be about \$5,000) was approved: 40 percent to the MidOhio Food Cooperative/Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry; and 15 percent each to the following: LOMO/Lutheran Memorial Camp, First English Sanctuary program; Bishop Griffin Resource Center at Christ the King Catholic Church, and for the families at Berwick Alternative School who were assisted at Christmas.

Julie Johnson, who thanked the congregation for their faithful support in 2020, spent some time taking the congregation through the proposed budget for 2021 prior to its acceptance. Among the items she highlighted were the following:

- Redeemer is in the process of changing banks from PNC to Chase.
- **Margie Frazier** said the church is in the process of seeking to have its PPP \$26,800 loan converted to a grant so it would not need to be repaid.
- The church ended the year with \$90,500 net income. Some of this can be attributed to the congregation's being out of the building; for example, the church saved approximately \$30,000 on utilities. Some of these funds will be applied to a new \$20,000 depreciation

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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor – Rev. David Shull

Office Manager – Becky Trover

Custodian – Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director-

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chimes Choir Director -

Karen Kent

Reflections Editor – Judith Bird

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Julie Johnson

Vice President – Wendy Stoica

Finance Officer – Margie Frazier

Secretary – Margie Farnham

Worship – Julie Larson

Education – Krista Skipper

Outreach – Sue Watson

Member Support – Elyce Herring

Property – Sue Yehling

Stewardship – Laura Warren

APPOINTMENTS

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

Margie Farnham Marques Highland

Emlyn Ott Krista Skipper

SPECIAL FUNDS TEAM

Dave Engel, Chair

Michelle Clemence Nancy Magargal

Jim Riley Terry Warren

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent – Emily Ott

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The Redeemer Community

Souper Bowl Takes on New Format in COVID Times

February 7 will again be Souper Bowl Sunday. It won't be quite as easy or fun to donate this year, but people still need food assistance. So this year, folks are encouraged to make a special donation designated for Souper Bowl (made out to Redeemer) without choosing team or any of the other possibilities.

Or cash in the envelope, will be assumed to be for the Souper Bowl.

Another alternative is to donate food items directly to the LSS Panty: contact **Ben Powers** (bpowers@lssnetworkofhope.org or call him at 614 429-5528 to make arrangements to drop off the food at the corner of Frebis and Champion during February. These are the most needed items:

Grape jelly: 15-17 oz. in plastic bottles.

Black beans: 15.5 oz.

Diced tomatoes: 15.5 oz.

Mandarin oranges: 11 oz.

Tuna *in water*: 5 oz.

Soups: Tomato, chicken noodle or vegetable.

If you would prefer to bring food items to the church, **Kathy Mimplitch** is willing to deliver them - or she would pick them up from homes.

Questions should be directed to **Kathy Zwanziger** at 801-205-9542/KZwanOSU69@gmail.com.

Sister Act Plans to 'Be Bold in 2021!'

The theme for Sister Act this year is "*Be Bold in 2021!*" For the first gathering of Sister Act on **Wednesday, January 20**, the group will be making "Bold Connections" as it meets over Zoom to make cards. Heidi Carmen is putting together the card-making craft and will have packets available for pick up at church by **Monday, January 18**. Then, Sister Act will connect on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on January 20 to chat and make the cards under the direction of Heidi.

If anyone needs a card making packet delivered to their house, please contact **Sue Yehling** or **Michele Disbro**. Hope you can join us!

Zoom information for **Wednesday, January 20** at 6:30 pm:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85283909143?pwd=Skhnb1BweDRjR2RMUTY5YVdoaElqZz09;MeetingID:85283909143;Passcode:370554>.

Sunday Adult Ed Class to Begin Discussing Duncan Book on Jan. 24

The Adult Sunday Education Class will begin discussing the book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* on **Sunday, January 24**. In the book, ELCA Pastor **Lenny Duncan** writes about some realities confronting our denomination that we won't want to face, but which we ignore at our own peril. He writes in a very accessible style. He clearly wants to wake us up. And he knows waking people up from sleep doesn't often feel very kind to those of us who wish to ignore painful truths. But throughout the book Pastor Duncan's motivations are clear: "Dear Church, this book is a love letter to you. I know at times it hasn't felt that way."

The book is available a lot of places online for quite reasonable prices, and it seems you'll get your copy at least a week before our first class so please order your own copies. The class will discuss the introduction and first two chapters for the session on **Sunday, January 24**.

Let Pastor Dave know if you have any problems/questions.

RLC Live Stream Team Seeks Photos

Redeemer's Live Stream team is looking for members who are photographers and or people who want to volunteer to be photographed. These volunteer member photos will be used as part of the slide shows played before and after our church service productions for the live streaming and videos that will continue to be posted on YouTube.

According to **Scott Steiner**, “Pictures of your wonderful hope-filled faces will warm our hearts and help keep us connected. We know that we miss worshiping with each other. We think it will help to see your fantastic smiles to continue to bring light into our world during these difficult times.”

Thanks for participating!!

2021 Flower Sign Up Available

Now that services are being livestreamed, Redeemer is again placing flowers in the sanctuary. Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody’s birthday to recognize? Contact the church office at info@RedeemerLuth.com or 614-237-1263 to sign up for a particular Sunday. Make sure to leave information on the designation for the flowers to be shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by mailing in or dropping the payment off.

RLC Seeking Readers for Livestreamed Worship Services

Enjoy seeing a variety of people participating in Redeemer’s livestreamed Sunday service? Redeemer is seeking to expand the number of individuals willing and comfortable to come to the church to read the lesson. The only other people who would be in the building are the others directly involved in the service. If you could serve in this way, please contact **Pastor Dave**. Thank you.

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Jan. 19

The Tuesday Bible Study, which is studying of the book of Genesis, continues on **Tuesday, January 19**. If you have Tuesday afternoon free, join us. We are a group of people who are both serious about listening for the Spirit's voice in the text and in each other and serious about supporting each other through whatever we're going through -- and who laugh deeply and often. Give us a try! Get in touch with **Dave Shull** if you have any questions.

To join the group this **Tuesday, January 19** from 1-2:30 p.m., go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983; Passcode: 619946. To participate by phone, call 646-876-9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Previous Sunday Worship Services Available on YouTube

Previous Sunday worship services are available at <https://tinyurl.com/r6mk2xh>. For the current Sunday Worship Bulletin, go to the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerLuth.com >News, Sermons, Devotions.

We are holding one another in prayer and in spirit as we work through this time. Go in peace, serve the Lord, wear a mask!

Important Emails

DShull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer’s social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

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line in the budget to begin to save up for a major building project of replacing the furnaces in the Fellowship Hall in the future. Other of these funds will go to renovating the two main first floor restrooms. Neither is ADA compliant and there have been suggestions of installing either a family or gender neutral restroom. In addition, some of these funds will be used to catch up on Redeemer's benevolence payments which fell behind in 2020.

- Suzuki continues to pay a reduced rent even though they are not in the building.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Prayers are asked for the family of **Val Farnham** who died Sunday. There will be no service until it is safe to gather again. Prayers are also asked for the **Bradley Family** on the death of **Earl's** brother **Fay**.

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Prayers of praise and thanksgiving are asked on the birth of **Dylan James Kirkman** to **Sarah** and **David Kirkman** on Monday, January 11. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. He is the grandson of **Eileen** and **Bret Day** and the great grandson of **LaVerna Reinoehl**.

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Prayers for healing and a quick recovery are asked for **Kathy Rapp** who was diagnosed with COVID-19; for **Pamela Andrews** who was hospitalized for a few days last week; for **Heidi Sherer's** cousin **Ann** who is being treated for cancer. Prayers are also asked for both **Barbara** and **David Hairston** as he begins radiation and chemotherapy for cancer.

Prayers are also asked for **Pastor Mark Diemer** of Grace of God Lutheran Church who has been hospitalized with COVID.

Notes of Thanks

"Pastor Shull and Church Family,

"Words cannot express how grateful I am for your generosity towards our Berwick families in need this Christmas season. We placed the call and your members showed up in an unbelievable way, which was so appreciated during this global pandemic. You brought a sense of great relief to both families during an already stressful time. I look forward to the day when I can come to the church to thank you in person. Please let me know how we can support you as well. We are ONE community."

Kyla Mitchell, Principal at Berwick

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Larry Trover also thanks the congregation "for all your prayers, thoughts and cards" throughout his struggles with COVID and its aftermath.

Pastor Dave's Email Gets Hacked Again ...

This past week, several Redeemer members got what appeared to be emails from **Pastor Dave** asking for gift cards. This has happened before. Pastor Dave wants to assure members that he would *never* make such a request. So please continue to **ignore the substance** while **letting him know** that this has happened again! Thank you.

January Birthdays

18-Gary Pawlowski
20-David Detweiler 20-Corinne Montgomery
20-Tony Naess 20-Eric Vivens
21-Elizabeth George 21-Shirley Miller
22-Maureen Callahan 22-Shirley Cannon
24-Sophia Brush 24-Kathy Rapp
24-Heath Wolfe 25-Rosalie Highland
26-Jeff Montgomery 28-Bebe McCoy

COVID-19 Information from Columbus Public Health

COVID-19 Vaccines

Beginning **Tuesday, January 19** and depending on vaccine supply, **Gov. Mike DeWine** will open up COVID-19 vaccination to those in Phase 1B which includes those 80 years of age and older. Vaccines will be administered by physicians, local health departments, hospitals, federally qualified health centers, in-home health service providers and some retail pharmacies.

Vaccinations for Ohioans 75 years of age and older begin **Monday, January 25** with vaccinations available to those 65 years of age and older as well as school personnel, the following week.

The week of January 25 will also include vaccinations for Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early onset medical disorders.

Under Phase 1A, vaccinations have been given to health care workers, EMS responders, and staff and residents at long-term care facilities.

Columbus, Franklin County Stay at Home Advisory Remains in Effect

The Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health Stay at Home Advisory remains in effect until **Saturday, January 23**. Residents are advised to stay at home to the greatest extent possible, and to only leave home to go to work or school or for essential needs such as medical care, groceries, medicine and food pick up. While case numbers remain high, the curfew and stay at home advisory are working with cases trending down over the last three weeks. The advisory continues what we are doing to maintain this downward trend while we work to get our community vaccinated and protected.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing by appointment is offered at the Ohio Expo Center & State Fair Celeste Center in partnership with the hospital systems. To make an appointment, call 614-645-1519. Testing is also available throughout the community. To find a testing site go to: www.columbus.gov/coronavirus.

Help Prevent COVID-19!

Please do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Only go out for essential activities.
- Celebrate holidays only with people in your own household.
- Always wear a face covering.
- Practice social distancing by staying six feet apart from others.
- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid contact with people in your household.
- Avoid gatherings with people outside of your household and large groups.

The Wider Church

Registration for 2021 LOMO Camp Programs Opens Soon

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) announced that registration for 2021 sponsored retreats and summer camp programs will open on **Saturday, January 23**. The complete schedule can be found online at <https://www.lomocamps.org/calendar>. The first of the retreats is the Family Spring Retreat at Lutheran Memorial Camp (LMC) on April 23-24. That is followed by Servant Weekends at Camp Luther and LMC in May.

Summer camp programs are scheduled to begin the week of June 13.

LOMO writes, "We have put many safety protocols in place to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19; these procedures are based on the CDC's Field Guide for camps. But, even with safety procedures, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 will not be spread at camp. While we want everyone to experience the joy and blessings of camp participation we understand that you might choose not to attend camp if you are at high risk for complications if you become infected with the virus.

"The CDC continues to update their recommendations for how to reduce your risk of contracting the virus. We will continue to update safety information in light of COVID-19 on this website.

"Each camper will be required to sign a covenant related to COVID-19; when a vaccine is developed we will ask every camper to be vaccinated prior to attending camp unless you have a pre-existing medical condition that prevents you from doing so. We will not turn anyone away from participating in a camp program if they have not been vaccinated."

For more COVID-19 information related to camps, go online to <https://tinyurl.com/y9e4e4wn>.

Also online is information about applying to work at LOMO: <https://www.lomocamps.org/employment>.

Getting Ready for Sunday

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, January 24, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20

Prayer for the Times

Paraphrase of a poem by **Rev. Howard Thurman**:

When the carols
have been stilled.
When the star-topped tree
is taken down.
When family and friends
are gone home.
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins.
To welcome the refugee.
To heal a broken planet.
To feed the hungry.
To build bridges of trust,
not walls of fear.
To share our gifts.
To seek justice and peace
for all people.
To bring Christ's light
to the world.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gahanna.

+ For Redeemer community member Doretha Holland.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns: Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Heidi Sherer's sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Sion and Heidi's cousin Ann, Margie Farnham and family on the death of Val Farnham, Earl Bradley and family on the death of his brother Fay Bradley, Kathy Rapp.

*Flowers given by Julianne Johnson remembering her Baptism and
in memory of her wife Judy who would have been 70 this week.*

Noisy Offering will be for Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

Sunday, January 24: Book Discussion on *Dear Church: A Love Letter from
a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.*

Led by Pastor Dave

This Week at Redeemer January 19 – January 25, 2021

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
5:00 p.m. ZOOM Outreach Team

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Inauguration Day – *Church building closed.*
1:30 p.m. ZOOM Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. ZOOM Sister Act

Sunday

10 a.m. **LIVESTREAM** Worship with Holy Communion on YouTube
11:15 a.m. ZOOM Adult Sunday School