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Unforgotten

Yesterday I was talking to someone at church who said they'd spent the last week binge-watching all four seasons of the PBS series *Unforgotten*. Since I watch so little TV, I'm always excited when I've even heard of a show that someone says they watched. So you can imagine how thrilled I was because I've actually *seen* the first three seasons of it! As we discussed the first three seasons (and as I kept warning her not say *anything* about the fourth season I haven't watched yet!), both of us kept using all these superlatives to describe the acting, the complexity of the storylines, and the writer's ability to fill the plot with twists and turns that make it impossible to guess who the killer is. And we talked about the deep humanity of the police officer who tries to make sure no one remains unforgotten.

Detective Chief Inspector Cassie Stuart runs a branch of the London police department that investigates cold cases. For example, the city is building a new highway. As the bulldozers are digging up earth that hasn't been disturbed for 30 years, they uncover a suitcase that happens to have a body in it. So Cassie and her officers swing into action. What drives Cassie and her team is a sense of justice rooted in empathy. They know that for the past 30 years, *some* people, *some* where have been hoping against hope that their missing loved one would turn up. Or they've spent the past 30 years certain the person they loved walked out on them, or committed suicide, or died accidentally. They try to imagine the hell these people have been through, not knowing what happened to this person they loved so much. They know someone is sure they've gotten away with murder – literally. And they know that mocks the dignity of the one who has been killed. So DCI Stuart and her team do everything they can to uncover the truth of what happened.

The loved ones almost always feel *some* sense of relief from finally knowing this truth. But you can imagine all the disruption that comes by police suddenly asking questions about a case that several decades' old. Friends of the dead who had been friends with each other but who may not have seen each other for years are brought together again. Their lives had moved on, and yet now they are yanked back into a past they had hoped never to have to revisit – all for the sake of discovering truths that will change the name of the dead from *Forgotten* to *Unforgotten*.

If you like British mysteries, and enjoy spending time with deeply human, flawed, complex people, you could do a lot worse than check out the PBS website and watch the first of the four seasons of this show.

I was first drawn to the show because I love the lead actress, **Nikola Walker**. And because of the title. Honoring those who have been forgotten with the name *Unforgotten* is what **God** is all about. Speaking to those who felt like God had abandoned them in exile in Babylon, God says through the prophet Isaiah,

*Zion says, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me."
Can a woman forget her baby, or disown the child of her womb?
Though she might forget, I never could forget you.
See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands..." (49:14-16).*

It turns out *Unforgotten* is a name God gives all of us. Try it on. See how it feels.

Dave Shull

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The Redeemer Community

Church Picnic This Sunday, July 25 following Worship

It's time to reconnect with our friends at Redeemer! Wow! It's been a LONG time since we've really had a chance to sit down and chat with our friends at Redeemer in person.

Well, now is your chance! Redeemer will host a picnic out on the lawn after worship on **Sunday, July 25**. It's going to be simple and fun. Box lunches from Freedom a la Carte will be provided or bring your own lunch if you prefer. Bottled water, lemonade, and iced tea will also be provided. We will have canopies, tables, and chairs although you may want to bring your own lawn chair.

Don't forget to RSVP and sign up for a box lunch with **Kathy Zwanziger** by contacting her at KZwanOSU69@gmail.com. Box lunch options are turkey and Swiss, ham and provolone, chicken salad, veggie wrap or chicken bacon Caesar wrap. Each box lunch comes with a side salad, salty snack, and sweet treat.

Freedom a la Carte is an organization that empowers survivors of human trafficking and exploitation by providing them a place to heal, learn, and develop work skills.

A free will donation to help cover the cost of the box lunches.

Hope you can join us!

Redeemer's Basketball Camp Concludes This Week

The closing banquet for participants in Redeemer's 2021 basketball camp, their parents and guardians is set for this **Thursday, July 22** at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. It began **Monday, June 14** and is run by former NBA player **Coach Larry Jones**. Sessions run 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Good Neighbors Picnic Coming Sept. 25 to Wolf Park

The Good Neighbors Picnic will be held this year on **Saturday, September 25** at Wolfe Park on the east side of Columbus. Redeemer members and friends are invited to begin donating new or gently used blankets and cold weather clothing and accessories to help provide for our homeless brothers and sisters in the Columbus area.

This all-day event was started in 1999 by Redeemer member **William McCully** along with a few volunteers as part of the National Make a Difference Day. On the day of the Good Neighbors Picnic, volunteers work to provide a day of celebration including food, music, games, books, family photos, crafts, and shopping at a Free Store for blankets and winter clothing. In 2019, close to a thousand guests, men, women, and children of all ages from local shelters, were transported to the park for this day of celebration and fun.

Redeemer, along with other faith organizations, community leaders, local businesses and organizations will work to gather in items for those who are homeless or in shelters.

Donations may be placed in the bin located in the Narthex. Cash donations or gift cards are welcome and may be dropped off at the church office.

To learn more about the Good Neighbors Picnic, contact **Carol Heacock** at Heacock.Carol@gmail.com.

Reconnecting by Connie Criswell

Redeemer's Impact
IMPACT

What a joy it was to see that the Redeemer community is still alive and vibrant after I'd been absent for over a year! It felt like coming home the first time I attended a worship service at Redeemer, after staying away due to the COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions. As I looked around the sanctuary, with its beautiful stained-glass windows and handmade hangings, it seemed like I'd never been away. The wording of the service and the music by our superb musicians were so familiar, yet so comforting, as was the presence of friends I hadn't seen for months.

Reconnecting after a long time of enforced separation is not always easy, especially after the rigid rules of social distancing and disinfection that we endured this past year became second nature to avoid exposure to the virus. Going to a store or a doctor's appointment required planning and vigilance, and meeting friends was put on indefinite hold. It's amazing how we can become accustomed to living in a strange new way.

Since I don't have a cell phone or Zoom capability, the tri-weekly "Staying Connected" emails from Redeemer and the occasional notes and phone calls from the Care Committee and **Pastor Dave** became my lifeline. I was glad to see that younger and/or braver members continued to serve those in need with the LSS/Mid-Ohio Food Bank produce giveaways and the First English meals. In addition, the IT Group made marvelous improvements in the sound system and online broadcasting of services, so those of us who were "temporary shut-ins" were not completely excluded.

Yet after the long separation, it is so good to be back, and to participate in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Sister Act to Meet July 26

On **Monday, July 26**, Sister Act will meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church for its July event beginning at 6:30 p.m. **Michele Disbro** will lead the group as they continue delving into its 2021 topic, *Being Bold*. The evening will begin with a short discussion of *Bold Women In Ohio* and continue with a challenge to ourselves to be bold in our daily lives.

Michele will share a short video and conclude with a tool to help us each move forward in our boldness.

Giveaway Serves 101 Families

Thank you to all the members of Redeemer who contributed items for the giveaway on Thursday, July 15! Thanks to you, we had a great variety of items.

The people were extremely grateful for the school supplies they received, as well as the other items.

There were 26 volunteers who served the 101 families that visited. Thirty families were new. Thanks so much!



Being Mortal Book Study Continues July 21

Folks participating in the churchwide book study on **Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End?***, continuing on **Wednesday, July 21** from 7-8:30 p.m., are asked to read chapters 6-7. This group meets both in-person and virtually on Zoom: Meeting ID: 860 2312 1785; Passcode: 987835. By phone, call 646-876-9923. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the group by copying and entering the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86023121785?pwd=azNZeXBVZ015YTBIQUVhY2tWZUdBz09>

Pastor Dave notes that issues of medicine and mortality have been front-and-center for the past 15 months. Since it's been on our minds, maybe now is a good time to dive into the broader questions about the role of medicine in our lives, particularly when it comes to the time when our lives are drawing to a close.

I'm also suggesting this because we're getting older. The people we love are getting older. So maybe it would be good to have a chance to dive into a really wise book that will make us wiser about matters that often leave us feeling overwhelmed and guilty, or matters we'd prefer to avoid entirely. And to do that deep dive with people we care about and people we can be honest around. One review of this book speaks to that: "[This book] is about our misguided approach to end-of-life care that causes

unnecessary misery. It is about changes we must make in the way we treat and the way we think. Above all, it is about the need for relentless honesty, especially when we are afraid.”

When we can come to accept our mortality, we increase the likelihood that the process of our dying will be more peaceful. Unfortunately, the medical profession tries to hold out promises around this that are little more than fantasies that keep us from facing what is real and making decisions that make a peaceful ending more possible. This book invites us to learn how to make choices that are all about nurturing and maintaining our well-being. To have a chance for honest conversations about a topic our culture loves to avoid is a great gift we can gift each other.

Sunday Adult Ed Class Takes Break July 25

The Sunday Adult Education Class is on break **Sunday, July 25** as everyone is encouraged to attend the church picnic following worship. (See separate article, this issue, for details.)

Redeemer Garden Giveaway Continues This Saturday!



For now through every Saturday this summer, Redeemer Lutheran Church will be picking the produce from its community garden and sharing it with neighbors throughout the summer.

The garden giveaway begins at 10 a.m. and is available until it's gone (sometimes by 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.!). Picking begins about 9 a.m.

If you have any extra produce from your garden, we encourage you to bring it over to share.

Our garden produce is available for anyone who would like some fresh produce! Check us out!



Save the Date!

Redeemer Kids Fest: Let Your Light Shine!
Sunday, August 29, 2-4

On **Sunday, August 29**, the Education Ministry Team is planning an afternoon of crafts, story time, music, snacks, activities and games on the lawn for Redeemer's kids and families, as well as Redeemer's community kids and families. But, of course, all are welcome! It will run from 2 to 4 p.m.

Due to the uncertainty of health mandates, Redeemer was unable to schedule its traditional Vacation Bible School. This is a way to slowly start rolling out the children's ministry and include the community in the safest way possible.

A few more volunteers are needed -- especially for storytime. This just involves reading a picture book, at two different scheduled times. Because there are two books, two readers are needed. Other volunteers could be used as backup at the different stations and as general floaters to help where needed.

If interested, contact either **Krista Skipper** at kristamary5114@gmail.com or **Michele Disbro** at mddisbro@gmail.com to volunteer.

Lists of donation opportunities for the snack station to come.

Tuesday Bible Study Meets July 20

When the Tuesday Bible Study meets **Tuesday, July 20** to continue its five-week study of the First Letter of John. Reflecting on this book, **Martin Luther** said, "This is an outstanding [letter]. It can buoy up afflicted hearts. Furthermore, it has **John's** style and manner of expression, so beautifully and gently does it picture Christ to us."

New members are always welcome. This is a group of people who are both serious about listening for the Spirit's voice in the text and in each other and who are serious about supporting each other. They laugh deeply and often as well!

The group meets both in-person and on Zoom. To join the group **Tuesday, July 20** from 1-2:30 p.m. either come to church for in-person participation or 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>

Slots Available to Sponsor Flowers for Sunday Services

Since Redeemer has returned to in-person worship, there are lots of openings for folks to sponsor flowers for the Sunday services now into early fall. The flowers, a beautiful addition to Redeemer's livestream, are a great way to recognize a loved one's birthday, an anniversary or to honor an individual important in your life.

A wide choice of dates are available. Cost is \$20/bouquet. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall next to the Library along with the payment envelopes. For those not yet coming in to the church, just call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

Worship Team Seeks Input Regarding Fall Schedule

The Worship Team would like to hear from Redeemer members about preferences for Redeemer's worship schedule starting this fall. Redeemer has been having one 10 a.m. service since the Sunday after Easter. Right now attendance is averaging 38 people in worship. Soon the team would like to recommend to council whether to stay with one 10 a.m. service into the fall or return to the pre-COVID schedule of two Sunday mornings services.

Folks are asked to share their thoughts about this *by the end of June* with any member of the worship team in whatever form is most convenient! Council will need to make these decisions in July so ministries can plan accordingly for the fall.

Worship team members are **Michelle Clemence, Karen Kent, Julie Larson, Don Luck, Kathy Rapp, Dave Shull, Bernice Stewart, and Wendy Stoica.**

Noisy Offering to Go to ELCA Disaster Relief Program

Redeemer's Noisy Offering – that offering of loose “or noisy” change made during communion – continues to be designated for the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. Not only has Lutheran Disaster Relief responded to the COVID-19 pandemic here in the United States but it has also responded in places around the world, most notably now turning its attention to the coronavirus outbreak in India where it works with partners and companion churches throughout the country. They are supporting communities by distributing food and hygiene kits, conducting livelihood training for migrants, sharing information about COVID-19 and promoting prevention practices.

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.

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 for healing are asked for **Stan Heacock** and for **Dottie Odrosky**, both of whom had surgery recently and for **Arnell Comstock** who is having surgery this week.

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A note from Carol Heacock: “Stan and I would like to thank you, our Redeemer Family, for your continued support and ongoing love and care. We are so grateful for your prayers, cards, and messages. Stan is doing well. His recovery from surgery is proceeding smoothly and his strength and energy are increasing as he heals.”

July Birthdays

19-Leslie Roy 19-Terry Warren
21-Grace Jones 22-Alta Boreman
22-Kim Faulk 22-Noah Gosnell
25-Tracy Hoddinott Ervin 27-Tom Mimlitch
29-Kathy Mimlitch 29-Becky Trover
31-Marilyn Roberts

Sister Act Presents

BOLD Women Quiz: Part 4

The Sister Act theme for the year is “*Bold Women.*” At a recent meeting, **Kathleen Zwanziger** led a quiz on “Notable Bold Women” that the group thought would be fun to share with the congregation over the summer months. Note that all answers will be used; some of them more than once as some women are noted for more than one thing! All have been in the news since December. [Answers can be found at the end of *Reflections.*]

1. Sydney Barber
2. Katherine Johnson
3. Wilson Gregory
- a. NASA Scientist
- b. First African American Cardinal
- c. A “Hidden Figure”
- d. First African American brigade commander at Naval Academy
- e. Author of “My Remarkable Journey”

The Wider Church

Lord of Life Hosts Golf Outing

Lord of Life in Columbus invites folks to its annual ForeChrist Golf Outing **Saturday, July 24** at the Chapel Hill Golf Course in Mt. Vernon. This yearly event raises much needed funds for the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio. It will include a four-person scramble and a post round dinner.

Golfers of all skill levels are invited to play, enjoy some fellowship, and help support this ministry. The cost is \$75 per golfer or \$300 per team. To register, email the tournament coordinator, **Eric Bidlack** at eric.bidlack@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of the Charitable Pharmacy and this event!

The Community Beyond

Columbus Fire Stations Distributing Free Gun Locks

Fire stations across the city are now distributing gun locks, free-of-charge, to Columbus residents. "We are all aware that the number of gun-related incidents among young people has increased," said **Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown**. "In the last year, there were several incidences of children being injured by another child due to the improper handling of a firearm

The first six months of 2021 have seen over 100 Columbus residents losing their lives, with approximately 92 percent of those deaths being a result of gun violence, the city's news release said. "Alarmingly 31.7 percent of the victims and 37.5 percent of the suspects have been under the age of 22. While we believe a number of the guns involved in these shootings have been ill-gotten, we would like to think that if the weapons were stored properly or disabled by using a gun lock, there would be fewer weapons available to commit gun-related offenses.

"Gun locks provide another level of safety by securing guns when not in use. The gun locks being purchased are made from a braided steel cable with a keyed padlock."

"This is a proactive step to changing the narrative of young people continuing to injure and killing other young people with firearms," said Brown. "We are in a race to stop this tragedy from recurring again. Love our children; lock your gun."

These gun locks are available to any Columbus resident, no questions asked, at all Columbus fire stations between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

For more information regarding this project please contact **Battalion Chief Steve Martin** in the Columbus Fire PIO Office at 614-221-3132, x75008 or SCMartin@Columbus.gov or **Capt. Matt Parrish** at 614-221-3132, x75002 or MParrish@Columbus.gov.

Vaccination Clinic Set for July 27

Registration is now open for a free COVID-19 Vaccine Community Clinic that will be held on **Tuesday, July 27** at Community Development for All People (946 Parsons Ave., Columbus 43206) from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is for anyone 12 years of age or older. Folks are asked to bring their IDs and insurance cards if they have them. "No one will be turned away." This clinic is sponsored by the city of Columbus and Columbus Public Health.

While walk ins are welcome, appointments can also be scheduled by going online and copying/pasting this link bit.ly/CDVax727 for July 27 into the browser; calling 614-645-1519; or emailing health@columbus.gov. First doses of Pfizer and the Johnson and Johnson vaccines will be offered. Appointments for the second Pfizer dose will be scheduled when the first dose is received.

Free Lunches for Students Available at Columbus Libraries

For now, through **Friday, August 20**, free lunches are available for students at 15 library locations throughout the city. The lunches will be distributed as "grab and go" meals for kids to take home weekdays. The hours vary by location (and are all during lunch time except for the Barnett Branch which is 3-4 p.m.) so go to <https://tinyurl.com/xn9tj3cw> to check out the time for the branch library closest to you.

In Redeemer's area, meals will be available at the Driving Park Branch, Barnett Branch, Main Library, Whitehall Branch and Reynoldsburg Branch.

The meals are made possible in conjunction with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Getting Ready for Sunday

9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 25, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 43:18-19, 25; Psalm 145:10-18; Matthew 6:9-15

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Faith Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel.

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, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Lilly Glover-Oakleaf, Elyce Herring, Marques Highland, Terry Warren, Cathy Oldham and family of Sue Baker, Dottie Odrosky and Bob Gray.

Worship Leaders

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Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Ashley Bird
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling

*Flowers are given by the Hoddinott family in honor of family kids' birthdays
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Sunday Faith Exploration Class

No Adult Sunday School

Join us at the Picnic!

This Week at Redeemer
July 20 – July 26, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON AND ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON AND ZOOM Congregation Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON Coffee and Conversation
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON AND ZOOM Book Group
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basketball Camp Banquet
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00 a.m.	RLC Garden Give Away
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	CHURCH PICNIC ON LAWN
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 p.m.	IN-PERSON Sister Act

Bold Women Answers: 1=d; 2=a, c, e; 3=b