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Redeemer Artisans through the Years

*Thanks to **Karen Collins** for updating this overview of those Redeemer members through the years who have shared their talents with the congregation.*

Over the decades, Redeemer Congregation has been blessed with many members who were and are talented artisans. Their contributions have enhanced our worship and enable us to enjoy unique and one-of-a-kind designs in our sanctuary.

1957

In the congregation's earliest days, the artisans were woodworkers, **Neil Bruce** and **Ted Cook**, both charter members. Ted was on the first church council as a trustee and Neil was the first deacon of the congregation. Ted constructed a sign, placed on our newly-purchased cow pasture, announcing the future site of a new Lutheran mission. Ted also constructed a portable altar and lectern to use for services held at Berwick Elementary School.

1958

For Redeemer's first building, Neil and Ted designed and built an altar, baptismal font, pulpit and lectern, as well as kneeling rails for the chancel with holders for wine glasses.

1976

Neil used the original brass altar cross to make a processional cross. He delighted in the story that the brass bar in the middle of the processional cross was a crash bar from a door in the no-longer existing Eastern Theatre on E. Main St.

1979

Neil built a wooden holder for the Paschal candle.

2002

The newly-remodeled sanctuary was dedicated in February 2002. It features the work of several talented Redeemer members: **Bob Battiste** was not only a talented musician and choir director, but he was also a builder and finish-carpenter. Bob designed and made the altar table, the ambo (reading desk and pulpit) and the baptismal font that are used today. He also did all the finish carpentry in the sanctuary, including the steps. **Tamara Wawrosch** made two large ceramic bowls for use in the new baptismal font. **Michelle Clemence** designed and made all of the paraments for use on the altar and many processional banners as well as several large hangings for festival seasons.

2005

Three stained glass windows, installed in the chancel and both transepts, were designed by **Michelle Clemence**. They represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2015-2021

Nelson Meyer designed and made a new processional cross as well as the cross mounted on the wall in the Narthex. Nelson also designed and made the wooden

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

LSS-MOFC Food Giveaway Set for August 19; Paper Products Sought

The next Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative (MOFC) Food Giveaway is scheduled for Redeemer's parking lot on **Thursday, August 19**. This month, to supplement the giveaway, contributions of **paper goods, such as paper towels, toilet tissue, baby wipes, etc.** are being requested. **(Please bag toilet paper in twos.)** "The giveaway guests appreciate these extra items so much, and we are grateful for the generosity of this congregation! And as always, we are indebted to our volunteers who make the whole process look seamlessly easy."

Those considering volunteering for the August 19 event can just call the church office! The event is drive-thru and safety protocols (gloves, masks, physical distancing) will remain in place. The core team usually arrives at 1 p.m. to set up. The food, which arrives by 2 p.m., will be sorted into appropriate family size quantities. There are a number of different volunteer roles including traffic control, check-in, food sorting and bagging, food picking from each station, etc. The giveaway then runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Update on Worship Protocol

Given the latest guidance by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the rate of increase in COVID infections due to the Delta variant, the Redeemer Church Council strongly encourages all people attending worship services or other large group gatherings at Redeemer to wear masks. "Our shared safety remains our first priority."

Redeemer Anti-Racism Group Hosts Police Sergeant for Conversation about Race/Policing

The anti-racism group at Redeemer invites folks to an evening with **Sergeant Christopher Smith-Hughes** on **Wednesday, August 25**, from 7-8:30 p.m. Sergeant Smith-Hughes works is the Recruiting Sergeant for the Columbus Division of Police. He will talk with the group about some of the realities police face, ideas about police reform, and other topics the group would like to explore with him.

Please join us – and invite your friends!



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.

First English Sponsors Block Party

Everyone is invited to First English Lutheran Church's (1015 E. Main St.) Block Party on **Saturday, September 18** from noon to 5 p.m. They will have free food, drinks, ice cream and games for all ages. DJ Kurt Mueller will also provide the music. The event is free to the public.

Sunday Adult Ed Class on Hiatus until Sept. 12

The Sunday Adult Education Class concluded its study of the Lord's Prayer on **Sunday, August 1** and is now on hiatus until **Sunday, September 12**. At that time it will begin a four-part series "Reintroducing Jesus" which will be led by Redeemer member and Trinity Seminary emeritus professor **Don Luck**. The class will run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. here at church and on Zoom.

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus for August

The Tuesday Bible Study has concluded its study of the First Letter of John and is now on hiatus for the month of August, resuming on **Tuesday, September 7**. At that time it will return to meeting in-person here at church and on Zoom from 1-2:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead to Fall

A couple things about scheduling the rest of the summer and fall.

Redeemer's attendance for in-person worship leads the Worship Team and council to decide **to stay with one 10 a.m. worship service through December**. "All of us felt strongly that we enjoy the vibrant feel of more people in worship. And we know any visitors will sense that we are a more vital, healthy congregation when they see more people in a service. We'll look at in-person attendance numbers later in the fall and see what they indicate."

Also: Redeemer's traditional five-evening **Vacation Bible School**. Because younger kids can't be vaccinated, and the church is not yet ready to open Fellowship Hall to groups, it was decided this summer to offer **a full-on KidFest out on the lawn on Sunday, August 29 from 2-4 p.m. Please invite younger folks you know to come.** (See separate story, this issue.)

The Education Team is also responding to feedback from parents and so are planning for **one Sunday School gathering each month for children and youth** that will engage them in a wide variety of ways and not ask for weekly commitments from adults who are still feeling stretched in so many ways.

According to **Pastor Dave**, "We continue to need to be nimble, creative, and willing to do things in ways we haven't imagined before. As the people are about to leave their long exile in Babylon, God proclaims, 'I'm doing a new thing! Don't you see?' We ask you to try on the new things we are offering this fall, as we seek to be the most faithful body of Christ we can be."

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.

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!

Sign-Up Open for Oct. 3 CROP Walk

The CROP Walk, scheduled for **Sunday, October 3** this year, is only two months away! If you wish to sign up as a walker or to donate, the Redeemer Team page can be found online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>.

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.

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.

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stands to hold communion glasses and the noisy offering plates, as well as a tiled table for the gluten free wafers and apple slices. **Donna Voelkel's** lovely watercolor paintings adorn the walls of the Gathering Space/Narthex as well as the upstairs Conference Room. **Nelson Meyer** also constructed the three Little Libraries out along the parking lot; they were decorated by **Donna Voelkel**. **Lou Staffilino** and **Tom Rabenold** oversaw the repainting and recarpeting of the sanctuary and building. **Jon Disbro** has arranged, planted and cared for the many beautiful gardens on Redeemer's property, including the courtyard garden and vegetable garden, the gardens along James Road and the circle garden in the middle of the front lawn. Jon has also organized volunteers to assist with their care. **Kathy Mimlitch** made the “busy bags” that can be found hanging on a hook on the kiosk in the Narthex that contain items to entertain small children during worship services.

A HUGE thank you to all these talented Redeemerites!!

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 comfort are asked for the family of **Bernice Stewart** who died unexpectedly Aug. 6. Her funeral service is set for Redeemer on **Thursday, August 19**. Viewing will be a 9 a.m. with the service beginning at 10 a.m. The service will be livestreamed, you may access it at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

Kathy Mimplitch is organizing a meal for the family following the service. Donations of chicken, potatoes, green beans, rolls and desserts are needed. Please contact Kathy to help.

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Membership Directory Updates: **Bruce** and **Karen Collins** have a new email: kkcollins211@gmail.com. **Bonnie Hegreiness** has a new apartment number: 320 and a new landline number: 214-856-4623. Copies of the latest edition of the directory are available on the shelf outside the church Library or call the church office to have one mailed.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Dave is on vacation until **August 23**. During his absence, **Pastor Julianne Smeck** from Hope Lutheran Church will be covering pastoral emergencies. She can be reached at 734-972-6126. **Rev. Dale Linder** will again preach and preside on **Sunday, August 22**.

August Birthdays

16-Diana Gordon 16-Cathy Oldham
16-Madelyn Zimmer 17-Thelma Johnson
18-Jasper Glover-Oakleaf 23-Scott Steiner
25-LaVerna Reinoehl 26-Brad Binau
27-Matthew Bird 27-Jon Disbro
29-Heather McGurer 31-Lynn Belhorn

Sister Act Presents

BOLD Women Quiz: Final Part

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. Esther Salas
 2. Harriet Tubman
 3. Breonna Taylor
- a. Emergency room technician
 - b. Led slaves to freedom
 - c. First Hispanic woman to serve as US Magistrate Judge
 - d. Son killed and husband wounded in place of her
 - e. Activist

The Wider Church

Getting to Know LSS' New President/CEO

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) has released a video message on YouTube from its new president and CEO, **Stacy Martin**. She recently succeeded **Larry Crowell** who retired after 10 years leading the organization. That video can be found at <https://lssnetworkofhope.org/message/>.

The Community Beyond

Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group in Berwick

Every second Tuesday of each month a Dementia/Alzheimer's caregiver support group meets in Berwick at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meetings are open to all caregivers who wish to attend. Most participants come from the immediate communities. There is no charge to attend.

Within meetings, individuals share caregiver concerns and challenges; group participants provide each other caring support, ideas for self-care, and everyday problem solving and care tips for the person affected by dementia.

The caregiver group is an outreach of the Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association. At the meetings information is shared about the association's services and those provided by other community agencies

Also, every third Tuesday of each month, a virtual Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets via Zoom, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you wish to attend, please register through the Alzheimer's Association Helpline, 800-272-3900. After registration, you will receive the Zoom link for the online meeting.

Folks may attend one or both meetings; registration is required for both meetings at the above number. For questions, contact the group facilitator, **Dottie Odrosky** at 614-237-9291.

IACO Sponsors Event Featuring Young Adults

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will sponsor “Responding to Religious and Racial Prejudice: Perspectives of Young Adults” on **Sunday, August 22**, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Columbus (444 E. Broad St.). It will be both in-person and on Zoom.

The program will feature a discussion with young adults from diverse religious and racial backgrounds on their perception of prejudice and discrimination and the path toward social justice.

Cost is \$25/person for in-person attendance (limiting seating) and \$10 person to participate via Zoom. Registration deadline is **Thursday, August 12**. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/yz2ptu5p>.

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 22, 2021

Lessons

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Columbus
- + For Redeemer community members Kathy and Rich Pautsch

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, Dottie Odrosky, and Bob Gray, Kristi Hildebrand and family, Damon Stewart and family.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dale Linder
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Mary Benis
Cantor	Scott Steiner
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Michael Benis
Producers	Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling

Noisy Offering will be for ELCA Disaster Relief

Sunday Faith Exploration Class

The class is on hiatus until Sunday, Sept. 12.

This Week at Redeemer

August 17 - 23, 2021

<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	Council Executive Committee
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
<u>Thursday</u>	3:00 p.m.	LSS / MOFC Food Giveaway
<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

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

Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community