



# Reflections

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## RLC Recalls Anniversary of Renovations

Twenty years ago, on February 10, 2002, Redeemer members processed into a remodeled sanctuary with grateful hearts, tear-filled eyes and deep sighs of relief.

The warm and welcoming look of the sanctuary, enlarged and light-filled, rearranged to facilitate movement and music-making, brought positive responses but more deeply, it was a homecoming after almost three years of homelessness and uncertainty. It was also a validation of our faith that the Holy Spirit had brought us through the wilderness.

After breaking ground on Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999, work seemed to proceed well on the church's major renovation. Redeemer worshiped at the Kerns Center at Capital University, then at the chapel at Trinity Seminary through the summer and into the fall of 1999. The church office moved to Christ Lutheran Church as did Senior Choir rehearsals, and Pastor Al's office was Cup-O-Joe.

Then, on December 10, 1999, all work stopped. The architect/builder walked off the job and padlocked the building. Long, frustrating, and expensive legal battles ensued.

In January 2000, we began a one-year-plus collaboration with Reformation Lutheran congregation on Hamilton Road. This small congregation was without a pastor and they welcomed our joining them with a graciousness and generosity that amazed us.

During this stressful time, attendance and giving remained steady and there was a sense that we would ultimately come through this stronger and better.

In February 2001, we were able to return to Redeemer to use the basement Fellowship Hall. We worshipped there for a year. Some Sundays after worship, we were allowed to go upstairs and walk in the sanctuary space to see how it was coming and that contributed to our sense of excitement and anticipation.

On Sunday, February 10, 2002, a grand dedication celebration took place, with many of the elements of the worship created by members of the congregation and music from children, choirs, brass, organ, piano, drums and chimes. It was a worship service to remember and so we remember it now – 20 years later – with deep gratitude.

Look for a display in the Gathering Space/Narthex on **Sunday, February 6** to see memorabilia and photographs of this special day in Redeemer history.

*Karen Collins*



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### OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

L-I-C Student - Adam Howard

Office Manager - Becky Trover

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chimes Choir Director -

Karen Kent

*Reflections* Editor - Judith Bird

### 2022

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Wendy Stoica

Vice President - Michele Disbro

Finance Officer - Nathan Ott

Secretary - Margie Farnham

Worship - Jennifer Young

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              Karen Collins

##### 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

### RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- \* Masks are required in worship and in other larger group settings.
- \* Both sides of the sanctuary are set up for social distancing.
- \* Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- \* During the passing of the peace, we suggest you wave or place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- \* Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door.
- \* If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- \* Please silence cellphones."

### Souper Bowl Sunday Coming Feb. 13

Redeemer will again be joining Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in sponsoring Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 13**. Donations of soup – preferably tomato, chicken noodle or vegetable – can either be taken directly to the Food Pantry at the corner of Frebis and Champion now through the end of the month OR folks can join in the "voting" for a favorite Super Bowl team by putting money in the appropriate bowl on that Sunday. The choices are now between the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams.

**Kathy Zwanziger** points out that for every \$1 donated, LSS and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective can purchase \$4 worth of food.

### ***CORRECTION:* RLC Serves at LSS Food Pantry**

Redeemer's schedule for serving at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry continues to be on the first Wednesday of the month. *Reflections* incorrectly reported that that schedule would change.

What is on the third Thursday of the month for April through October is the LSS-Mid-Ohio Food Collective food giveaway on the Redeemer parking lot.

Those working this week at the food pantry on **Wednesday, February 2** include the following: **Marshall Edgington, Elyce Herring, Wendy Stoica, Diane Brobeck, Kathy Mimplitch and Kathy Zwanziger.**

### **Revised Distribution List for Mission Endowment Dividend Released**

**Dave Engel**, chair of the Special Funds Team, provided the following corrected distribution list for the Mission Endowment dividend. As approved by the congregation at the recent annual meeting on **Sunday, January 23**, each of the following charities will receive 10 percent of the total with 20 percent of the total going to Lutheran Social Services. The exact amount of the donations will not be known until the accountants close out the books for 2021.

Those eight charities receiving a donation from Redeemer of 10 percent of the dividend include the following:

- Champion Avenue Food Pantry
- The Ronald McDonald House
- Bishop Griffin Resource Center
- Groveport Special Olympics
- Renewed Strength Zambia
- Lutheran Memorial Camp
- Grace Missions, Inc, Haiti
- Wilderness Experience, Leadership & Service

## **New Procedure Set for Disposing of Communion Cups**

Those attending worship and participating in communion on Sundays are invited to place the empty communion cups in the designated container on the back table after worship. They will be rinsed out, and the rinsed element will be poured into the ground to honor those who are no longer with us.

## **Narthex Update**

**Julie Johnson** reports that, “Many have noticed changes in the Narthex. We had all enjoyed the sunflower artwork by Redeemer member **Donna Voelkel** for the past few years. These original pieces were on loan from Donna. One large piece was a print of an original piece. That piece will be displayed in **Pastor Dave’s** conference room. Donna had the opportunity to sell these pieces so we returned the originals to her. We are grateful to her for sharing them with us.

“So we have the opportunity to imagine new chapters for the Narthex. In order to do that we needed to refresh the space and adjoining areas with a new coat of paint. That work is now complete. Now we can dream!

“We have created a neutral palette for the next step. Some have commented about our painting over the stripes and symbol that were there before. Whatever we decide to do shouldn’t have to blend in. We heard from artists that artwork should be displayed on a neutral space. We chose a lighter color to brighten the space.

“One adult Sunday School class discussed images of Jesus we grew up with. Many of us had White European images of Jesus. An idea came up about bringing in different images of Jesus. When I imagine the Narthex I imagine it as a place that can change and can be an outgrowth of faithful discussions. What can you imagine? I encourage you to share ideas in the coming weeks and months and years.”

## **Adult Ed Continues Discussion of Heaven, Hell, Universal Salvation**

Pastor noted that **Basil of Caesarea**, a highly-respected fourth-century Christian leader, said in his day, most Christians believed that hell was not everlasting, and that all would eventually attain salvation. Today, this is not what most Christians believe.

If these are questions you find yourself wondering about or in conversation around, come to the Sunday class that continues **February 6** at 11:15 a.m., either in-person or on Zoom. Pastor Dave Shall will lead the exploration of these questions, drawing from the 2019 book *That All Shall be Saved* by **David Bentley Hart**.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706; Passcode: 804399. To participate by phone, call 312-626-6799. If you don’t have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVczSng4NE5GOURmQT09>.

## **BREAD Looks to Gun Violence Solutions**

Redeemer has rejoined BREAD (Building Responsibility Equality and Dignity) which is a justice organization that builds the power of people of faith to solve community problems. In meetings with thousands of community residents, the organization presses targeted decision-makers to implement solutions to those problems, **Kristi Hildebrand** explains.

Another example of a BREAD success is related to gun violence. (For background information on BREAD, please see previous *Reflections* issues.) Gun violence is not just a problem; it is an epidemic in Columbus. There are approximately two shootings per day and one murder every three days. The solution that BREAD took to the city was to contract with the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) which can work with local agencies over a two-year period to implement a program to reduce murders and violence.

Columbus City Council invested \$80,000 in 2020 for a contract with the NNSC in 2021. An audit of violent activity was completed in the summer of 2021 and staff was hired by the city to carry out

recommendations from NNSC. The 2022 city budget includes an additional \$315,000 to extend the contract with NNSC to fully implement the Group Violence Intervention strategies with fidelity. NNSC is implementing the GVI (Group Violence Intervention) program in which city officials assemble a partnership of law enforcement agencies, social service providers and community leaders such as clergy, civic association presidents and formerly imprisoned people to form relationships with those identified as being part of violent groups.

Also, Columbus law enforcement officials meet regularly to exchange intelligence and monitor the gang activity. **Columbus Assistant Police Chief LaShanna Potts** agreed with the NNSC report's assertion that the city's response must include an anti-violence message from the community, as well as swift and fair criminal consequences for those who engage in violent crime, and a genuine offer of help for those who want to leave the criminal life behind. "You cannot depend on policing alone to reduce crime," Potts said.

Here is a link to a *Columbus Dispatch* article about NNSC and GVI in Columbus Ohio: <https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2021/10/06/report-many-columbus-homicides-involve-gang-group-members/6009299001/>

The Redeemer Network Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 23** at 7 p.m. The meeting is for anyone who is a Network Member, anyone who is considering becoming a Network Member or anyone who just wants to hear about what is going on with BREAD.

#### **Upcoming BREAD Dates**

Redeemer Network Meeting: February 23, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Rally: Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Celeste Center 6:15 p.m. (Registration) 7 p.m. (Event)

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

### **Noisy Offering Goes to ELCA World Hunger**

For now through Epiphany, the "Noisy Offering" – that is the offering of loose or "noisy" change made during communion – will go to ELCA World Hunger.

Working with and through ELCA congregations (in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, gifts to ELCA World Hunger enable the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, ELCA World Hunger meets basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change is fostered. To learn more, go to [elca.org/hunger](http://elca.org/hunger).

### **Tuesday Bible Study to Explore Letters of Paul**

The Tuesday Bible Study will meet both in-person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 1** to continue its study of Paul's letters.

Join us in-person and on Zoom from 1-2:30 p.m.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 881 4197 0483; Passcode: 646129. To participate by phone, call 312 626 6799. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141970483?pwd=L1RkZ3F2UVlhSWIRWS85ZkFjS3NHUT09>.

## 2022 Flower Chart Available

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody's birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services in 2022 is now on the bulletin board next to the library.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

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.

## Important Emails

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 and support continue to be asked for **Jack and Shirley Miller** as Jack has entered hospice care. Prayers are also asked for **AlyssaRose Jordan-Bird** and **Nate Bird** on Alyssa's hospitalization for an ongoing medical condition.

Prayers are also asked for former member **Carolyn Klopfer** and family on the recent death of her husband **Ed** on **Sunday, January 23** in Florida. There will be a Celebration of Life for the family and a few friends they met in their new home.

Prayers are also asked for the family of **Pastor Walter "Wally" Arnold** who died recently at the age of 79 in Chelsea MI. He is a former assistant to the bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod. **Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt** wrote that, "Pastor Arnold was a mentor and friend to many in the synod. We thank God for his ministry with us in the territory."

## A Note from Bonnie Hegreness

**Kathy Zwanziger** reports, "**Bonnie Hegreness** sends greetings to her friends at Redeemer from her new home in Texas. She misses the 360 days of sunshine per year in Colorado but has traded that for 'no snow!'"

## February Birthdays

1-Michael McClain Jr. 3-Karen Kent  
4-Donna Voelkel 5-Andre Friederich  
5-Georgene Slagle 6-Richard Amon Jr.  
8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes  
11-Stan Heacock 14-Kurt Goshen  
15-Nancy Ehrich 16-Heidi Carman  
24-Linda Williams 24-Sue Yehling  
26-Diane Brobeck 26-Wally Jacobs  
28-Colton Day

## The Wider Church

### Message from Bishop Eaton on Ukraine

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* (Matthew 5:9).

"I watch with grave concern as tensions continue between Russia and Ukraine, and I fervently pray that a peaceful resolution to the conflict will be reached. I affirm the statement of the Lutheran World Federation's general secretary, **Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt**: 'We urge all parties to de-escalate the situation and work for peace and stability. A peaceful solution must be found.'

"Our social statement *For Peace in God's World* offers guidance: 'We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers.... [T]he basis of the Church's peace-calling is in God's final peace, the peace of God's eternal reign. That calling is to proclaim the Gospel of God's final peace and to work for earthly peace.'

"Join with me in praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and that the international community will play a constructive role in this regard. We pray also for the Ukrainian diaspora in our context, that they may know God's peace."

## The Community Beyond

### Group Sponsors Tamale Fundraiser

The Mid-Ohio Workers Association (MWA) is sponsoring a Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit to raise funds for the group. Choices include chicken vegan and vegetarian. Order today because supplies are limited; tamales are available for delivery on **Friday, February 11**. To order, call 614-262-0567. Suggested donation is \$20 for a dozen; \$10 for a half dozen.

Mid-Ohio Workers Association, for which **Elcye Herring** volunteers, is a self-help association of members helping each other meet daily survival needs while they fight to end government policies that perpetuate poverty. MWA's members endorse the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and demand "that the state immediately implement a plan to 'end poverty in all its forms everywhere'... and 'provide modern, sustainable and affordable energy for all ....'"

### Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in seven to 12 days.

Tests can be ordered online at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

## Duarte among Winners of 2022 Governor's Art Award

**Richard "Duarte" Brown**, who painted the murals on Redeemer's parking lot, was named one of nine winners of the 2022 Governor's Awards for the Arts this past week. He was recognized in the arts education category. This follows his receiving the Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Fellowship from the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus Museum of Art earlier this year.

These awards have been given since 1971 and showcase and celebrate exceptional Ohio artists, arts organizations, arts leaders and patrons, and business support of the arts. This is the only arts award in the state that is conferred by the governor.

According to the Ohio Arts Council, which oversees the awards, "Richard 'Duarte' Brown is a master artist with the TRANSIT ARTS Youth Arts Program and the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education (OAAE) Art in the House program. For more than 30 years, Duarte has dedicated his talents to helping young people in Columbus through countless programs ....

"Through his own mixed media paintings, Duarte connects people through the sharing of narratives that unveil layers of personal development and stir individual strength, wisdom and courage. He encourages the innate creative voice in all of us through visual demonstrations of ethnography that show a quest for growth, provoke dialogue and draw out the brilliance of the lifelong alumni of his creative influence. ..."

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, February 6, 2022

#### Lessons

**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 138; Luke 5:1-11

#### Prayer of the Day

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newark.

+ For Redeemer community members Kristen, Grayson, and Clayton Ullman

***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 Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, 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, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Benis
<b>Producer</b>	Scott Steiner, Kathleen Zwanziger

*Flowers are given by Wendy Stoica for Wendy and Tim's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Noisy Offering will be for ELCA World Hunger*

## Upcoming Week at Redeemer February 1 – February 7, 2022

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	12:30 p.m.	Redeemer at LSS Food Pantry
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Adult Education
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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