



# Reflections

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## Understanding Ourselves Better & Seeing Race, Our Nation's History through a New Lens: Opportunities for Growth, Friendship at RLC This Summer

One of the reasons some of you say you like Redeemer is because here you feel like you can ask questions about whatever you want without feeling like people will judge you, and because people are open to discussing topics that can be threatening or uncomfortable. You like the freedom to explore a variety of topics with others.

I invite you to join others to explore two very different topics this summer.

Beginning this **Sunday, June 12**, and running into July, the Sunday morning adult education class (to which high-school-age youth are invited!) will discuss *The Wisdom of the Enneagram*. That last word is pronounced *ANY-a-gram*. It combines two Greek words that mean *a nine-pointed figure*. The Enneagram is a personality system that describes nine different patterns of thinking, feeling, and acting. Each number represents one of these different patterns, and, according to the theory underlying the Enneagram, one of these numbers applies to each of us. Each number is based on the ways we perceive the world and try to make sense of how it operates and what we experience. Think about it for a moment. How we understand what's going on in the world determines what we pay attention to and how we direct our energy in response. At the heart of the Enneagram is the belief that each of us came to believe something about what we needed to do to survive and to be happy that isn't true. This false belief leads us to focus our energies on areas that take us away from lives that are whole, free, and healthy.

For example, until I took a couple trainings on the Enneagram back in Seattle, I never understood why I focused so much energy on what was missing in my life. I spent lots of time looking back at how good things used be, or looking forward to how much better my life would be "if only" this or that happened. I carried a lot of regret, a lot of "why did I ...?" or "why *didn't* I ...?" It wasn't a fun way to live. And I felt stuck in it. Discovering the Enneagram brought me into a new world. It helped me see where I got stuck (and I still do at times!), and it offered ideas about how I can choose a different path.

The Enneagram talks about how we react to stress based on our "number," what we try to avoid, what our strengths are, what brings up anger in us and the nature of our anger. And, importantly and helpfully, the Enneagram talks about what helps us move from this false belief, what helps us grow in healthy ways and what keeps us back, and how others can support our healing and development.

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## The Redeemer Community

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

- \* Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- \* 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 or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- \* 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.

*We have missed those of you who have not yet returned to in-person worship. There are a whole variety of worship opportunities available. If you feel safe coming back into the sanctuary, your presence and spirit would be a true blessing to us.*

*We are not the same without you.*

### Redeemer Celebrates Confirmations

Redeemer welcomes four new members to the congregation via the rite of confirmation which was performed **Pentecost Sunday, June 5**. They include **Corrine Montgomery, Sachio Phillips, Isabella Skoog** and **Sophia Skoog**. The following are their bios to introduce each of them to the congregation.

**Corinne Montgomery:** I attend Gahanna Lincoln High School, where I'm going to be a sophomore this fall. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, being outside, buying shoes, and bowling. Growing up, I liked all the friends I met here at Redeemer. My parents are Diane and Jeff Montgomery; my sister is Grace.

**Sachio Phillips:** I am going to be a sophomore at Whetstone High School this fall. I enjoy marching band and the drumline, hiking, and watching videos. I like the people of Redeemer! My parents are Brad Phillips and Misato In, and my brother is Hitoshi Phillips.

**Isabella Skoog:** I'm going to be a first-year student at Bexley High School this fall. I enjoy playing softball and being part of an on-line trivia club. One thing I love about Redeemer is how welcoming it is. Everybody here seems to care about everybody. My parents are Michelle and Rob Skoog; my sister is Sophie and my brother is Andrew.

**Sophia Skoog:** This fall I'm starting at Bexley High School. I enjoy cheerleading and drawing. I really like how welcoming this church is. People are friendly and everyone talks to you even if you haven't been here for a while. My parents are Michelle and Rob Skoog; my sister is Isabella, and my brother is Andrew.

### After-Worship Refreshments Return

After-Worship refreshments restarted this past Sunday and will continue through the summer. The doors going out into the garden and parking lot will be open to supplement the air filter system the church has had installed. Folks can feel free to go outside or to take the refreshments to go!

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library for those who might be willing to provide refreshments on other Sundays through the summer.

The church continues to encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted and to follow public health protocols.

### Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates over the summer. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library.

*Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.*

### RLC Summer Basketball Camp Orientation Set for June 9

Registration is now open for Redeemer's summer basketball camps. Led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, they will begin **Monday, June 13**. A parent/camper orientation is set for this **Thursday, June 9** at 6 p.m. in the church. To register, call 614-237-1263.

Redeemer provides these camps for free to youth ages 8 to 14. The camps run six weeks, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for either the Monday and Wednesday camp or the Tuesday and Thursday camp. They conclude on **Thursday, July 21**.

### Reservations for Poor People's March Due June 10

On **Saturday, June 18**, people from across the country will gather for the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly Moral March on Washington and to the Polls! Both **Pastor Dave** and **Larry Trover** are planning to go. Larry reports, "I have booked my trip on the bus from Columbus, and have been following the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) since I participated in their huge online event in 2020. You can find out more about the PPC at <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

"The campaign is using a crowdsourcing charter bus service called [Rally.co](https://rally.co) where you can reserve a seat on a bus shared with your local PPC family. This link will take you directly to information and sign-up for the bus from Columbus: <https://rally.co/poor-peoples-assembly/from/columbusoh-oh> .

#### Some important things to remember:

- "A credit card is required for reserving your seat but won't be charged until the ride is confirmed closer to the date of June 18.
- "If you don't have a credit card or don't feel comfortable entering it on the website, contact [ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org), and they will help get you on the bus!
- "If you have any questions at all, please contact [ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:ohio@poorpeoplescampaign.org). They will do everything we can to make sure you can join in this historic event!

"All reservations need to be made by **Friday, June 10**; bus trips will be confirmed by **Saturday, June 11**."

### Sister Act Schedules June Event: 'A Joyful Retreat'

On **Saturday, June 11** at 11 a.m., Sister Act will gather at the home of **Sue Yehling** (9770 Taylor Road SW, Reynoldsburg) for its June retreat "A Joyful Retreat."

The day will include devotions, praise, and prayers as well as a potluck lunch. There will be a number of stations and options for activities. Sue has a beautiful yard for walking and exploring nature or for finding a quiet space for reflection. Other areas will be set up for writing notes or exploring with paints and other art materials.

During the devotional time, the group will explore the "ELCA's 2022 Liturgy to Celebrate Bold Women". This will be a time to remember and celebrate women in at Redeemer, in workplaces, neighborhoods, family and friends "as we look to grow in **our** faith and boldness."

## **PRIDE Is Back**

The Columbus Pride Parade returns in person this year. The date is **Saturday, June 18**, at 10:30 a.m. The ELCA effort is being coordinated by **Pastor Jacqui Buschor** of the Church on Oakland Park.

**Please let Mary Benis know if you're planning to participate so that arrangements can be made to connect and/or to travel together.** The deadline to register, however, was **June 1**.

"The Pride Parade is always a good experience for the marchers. It's a wonderful opportunity to say out loud what our shirts proclaim: 'This is Christ's church; there's a place for you here.' So if you can spare the time and you're up for a slow walk, make plans to join with other Columbus Lutherans to celebrate both our diversity and our unity."

## **Next Food Giveaway Set for Thursday, June 16; Summer Personal Care Items Sought**

It is time to sign up to help at Redeemer's next food giveaway on **Thursday, June 16**. A total of 15-20 volunteers are needed to help with set-up, the food distribution and then clean up. The distribution itself runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Set-up begins at 1 p.m. and clean up runs until approximately 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library.

The giveaway is run in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services and the Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative.

Routinely, Redeemer supplements the food items with personal care items or other supplies. **For June 16, those are personal items for summer care – sunscreen, kids' sunscreen, body lotion and insect repellant. Items can be placed in the baskets in the Donation Station in the cloakroom.**

A total of 691 people were served at the May giveaway. That included 136 seniors and 229 children. All 10,466 pounds of food that Redeemer received was given away.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Street Cookies Coming to Redeemer**

The 22nd Street Cookies, a program that employs teens who face obstacles to craft and create the cookie dough, will be coming to Redeemer on **Sunday, June 26** to sell cookie dough. The program is an outreach group started by First English Lutheran Church and its goal is to get teenagers off the street and to complete high school.

Cookie dough comes in the following flavors: chocolate chip, oatmeal cranberry white chocolate, chocolate peanut butter and famous corn cookie dough. It runs \$12 for 16 oz. containers which make approximately 12 to 16 cookies.

"Supporting this program means providing opportunities for our youth to stay engaged in a positive productive environment and learn important life skills. With each purchase, you're ensuring a chance for them to surpass their outside barriers and become successful at work and in life."

## **Noisy Offering to Go to Columbus Diaper Coalition**

Redeemer's Noisy Offering – that offering of loose change that is deposited in the offering plate just inside the entrance to the Sanctuary -- will now be used to support the Columbus Diaper Coalition.

This coalition began in November 2013 because diapers are not covered by Ohio Works First, SNAP (food stamps) benefits, or any other social-service organization.

The Columbus Diaper Coalition is a diaper bank that currently supports four area food pantries. Since the supply chain for infant supplies has been interrupted and with the added stress of inflation, the diaper bank has more and more demand. The vision of the Columbus Diaper Coalition is to grow into a diaper bank that can serve all of Columbus.

For more information or where to drop off diaper donations go to:

<http://www.columbusdiapercoalition.org> .

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Begins at Redeemer

Whether they are called prayer shawls, comfort shawls, peace shawls or mantles, shawls have been made for centuries. They are universal and embracing, providing comfort as they enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and hug. It is a ministry that blesses both those who knit or crochet the shawls and those who receive them.

**Eileen Day** received a prayer shawl before her surgery in March and is encouraging those who knit/crochet to join her in this new ministry. We will gather the completed shawls in multiple sizes to share with those in need.

The only difference between a prayer shawl and any other shawl is in the process of making it. When making a prayer shawl, the crafter is very intentional about infusing the piece with prayer. If you are interested in joining this new ministry, please contact Eileen or **Kathy Mimplitch**.

## Tuesday Bible Study Concludes Series on Women in Gospels

The Tuesday Bible Study concludes its series on the encounters Jesus had with women in the Gospels this **Tuesday, June 7**. The group runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. here at the church.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 863 5869 9434; Passcode: 943506. 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/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIUOT09>.

## Spotlight on BREAD Network Member: Nancy Magargal

BREAD Network members were asked to answer a handful of questions with those answers being shared through *Reflections* during 2022. This week are the answers from **Nancy Magargal**.

1. What is your name? *Nancy Magargal*
2. What issues keep you up at night? *Gun violence, crimes against Black girls/women.*
3. Why did you join the Justice Team at Redeemer? *To make a difference.*
4. What is your favorite kind of bread? *Cinnamon raisin*
5. Why did you decide to become a Network Member of BREAD? *To be of service.*
6. What is your Justice prayer for 2022? *That we truly love our neighbor.*

### Upcoming BREAD Dates

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

## Understanding Ourselves Better cont'd from p. 1

I have used this a lot for myself, with clients, with friends, and with graduate students I've supervised over the years. I find it extraordinarily helpful as a way to understand ourselves better, make sense of where and how we get stuck, and, without judgment or fault-finding or finger-pointing, begin to change directions, and start to see ourselves and the world in new ways, and, so, begin to think, act, and feel in new ways.

If this sounds intriguing, come and join us this Sunday morning from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in-person or on Zoom. If you're not already on the email list for the Sunday morning classes, let me know. You'll get the Zoom link and discussion handouts.

Wednesday evenings between July 6-27, we'll hold our **annual summer book study**. This summer we'll read and discuss *Caste: The Origin of our Discontents*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Isabel Wilkerson**.

If you're like I am, you associate the word "caste" with a place like India. People are born into a caste and that caste largely determines who they can marry, the jobs open to them, and the kind of life they will have. I never would have described the U.S. as having a caste system. Sure, I know being a White, wealthy male means I've had a lot more options open to me than a lot of people. But "caste" isn't a word I would have applied to the U.S. ... *until I read this book.*



Wilkerson lists eight characteristics of a caste system. And finds all of them are part of our history in the U.S. Central to her argument is the fact that, over time, many White individuals and institutions came to accept treating people differently on the basis of race is part of the natural order of things, even seeing it as God's will. Many of these individuals and institutions convinced themselves that treating Blacks with even extreme cruelty was justified because, well, they aren't "like us," they're inferior ... which is another way of saying, they're part of a lower caste than "we" are.

It's a remarkable book that feels like it was made to be discussed by people who are open to hearing what Wilkerson has to say, and open to sharing what might be opposing views. We have shown we can talk about hard topics and face hard realities with respect and kindness. This book will invite us to bring those graces together again.

We'll meet in-person and on Zoom from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings in July, starting **July 6**. Let me know if you'd like to join us so I can send any handouts and the Zoom link.

Zoom links for both of these classes will also be in *Reflections*.

**Two opportunities** to come together to talk and listen, challenge and be challenged, and come to see yourselves, each other, and our country in ways that will change us. Your voice, heart, spirit, and experiences would bless these conversations! Let me know if you have any questions, and if you'd like to be added to the email list. Thank you for being the kind of community that is open to these kinds of adventures.

*Dave Shull*

## 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

### Redeemer to Receive New Members

On **Sunday, June 12**, Redeemer will be receiving the following individuals into membership: **Al and Karen Rider** and **Julie and Bruce Hutson**. Welcome!

## June Birthdays

6-Nancy Steiner 11-Cassandra Reinoehl  
13-Jim Riley 16-Jil Williams  
18-Jessica Fisher 20-Katie Jacobs  
23-Nathaniel Bird 24-Andy Day  
24-Bobby Jimison 25-Ron Willmann  
26-Eric Reinoehl 27-Mike Shugert  
30-Julie Brush

## The Wider Church

### Pastor Sally Is Leaving First English

**Pastor Sally Padgett** is leaving First English. Her last Sunday will be June 12, with the service beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will be preceded by a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Sally is moving to Texas to be “Grandma” to her first granddaughter. She and **Michael** (Pastor Sally’s husband) plan to live in Texas for two-three years; she is not taking a call immediately.

**Julie Hutson** will be the interim for the congregation. The church will be taking some time to discern what direction the church needs to go. The area is gentrifying but there is still the need for serving the part of the community that are living on the edge or are homeless.

In other developments, First English just launched a new website: [FELCColumbus.com](http://FELCColumbus.com). The website will give you information on upcoming events and times of service.

### First English Sponsors ‘Freedom Celebration’

First English Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Juneteenth “Freedom Celebration” on Sunday, June 19 beginning at 5 p.m. at the church, 1015 E. Main St. Folks are invited to bring a picnic dinner, chair or blanket and friends and family. Water, lemonade and ice cream will be provided.

Dance performances will be presented by New Seasons Christian Ministries and Your Destiny.

### Volunteers Needed for Churchwide Assembly 2022

The Southern Ohio Synod reports volunteers are needed for the Churchwide Assembly being held this summer in Columbus, OH. Volunteers are needed each day from Sunday-Friday, August 7-12 in a variety of roles. You can sign up for the days and roles that you prefer by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrbxk6jt>. Please note that you are indicating a preference and event organizers may need to assign you a different role so that all responsibilities are covered. Thanks!

## Community Beyond

### Dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease Support Group Returns to In-Person Meetings

The Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Support Group has returned to meeting in-person here at Redeemer on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. **Dottie Odrosky** leads the group.

Wearing a mask is no longer required but is very much acceptable for those who prefer to continue to do so. Those who have not attended before are asked to register by calling 800-272-3900 or by going online to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Getting Ready for Worship

The Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022

## Lessons

**Readings:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; John 16:12-15

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Ukraine

For those who are  
fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are  
staying: safety

For those who are  
fighting: peace.

For those whose hearts  
are breaking: comfort

For those who see no  
future: hope

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Faith Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Lynn Nakamura and Shari Ayers.

***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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, 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, Chad Eberle's mother, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren, on being deployed to Poland, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Terry Warren.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Benis
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Usher</b>	Judith Bird
<b>Producers</b>	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Becky Fisher, Nancy Magargal



*Flowers are given by John Kennedy in memory of Rev. John L. Kennedy  
Noisy Offering will go to the Diaper Bank*

**Upcoming Week at Redeemer**  
**June 7 – June 13, 2022**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	11:00 a.m.	Member Care Team
	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Team
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Group
	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp Orientation
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	11:00 a.m.	Sister Act Retreat at Sue Yehling's home
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Communion/New Member Reception
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / ZOOM</b> Adult Ed
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp

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