



Reflections

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Julie Hutson: *What I Shared on Facebook the Afternoon Bruce and I Joined Redeemer*

Today my Beloved and I made the transfer of our membership to a local congregation official. Y'all, this was a strange and wondrous thing. I started seminary 21 years ago, which means that any time I've technically transferred my congregational membership since then, there was never any ritual note of it because how does one receive oneself as a new member/pastor of the congregation? *Note: This actually should happen. The congregational president or kids or wise elders could do the welcoming of the pastor as a new member.*

Anyway, this is also the **FIRST TIME EVER** that our photo was on a bulletin cover, which was wild! ... I love that it says "The Holy Trinity" which is the liturgical date, and would be hilarious if three of us had joined instead of four.

I also felt oddly displaced, like I was standing in the wrong spot and wearing the wrong clothing.

But oh, how I love having a pastor again. Don't get me wrong, I have served under the care of amazing bishops. But they have other things to do like resolving conflict and going to important meetings and keeping the clergy from just burning it all down. So, I have a pastor; we have a pastor. (Clergy cannot be their spouse's pastors, you know). And he's a person of deep and abiding faith and joy and wisdom and he delights in good meals and travel and hearing people's stories.

Someone asked me why we'd chosen to join Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbus Ohio. The reasons for joining one congregation over others are deeply personal and wrapped up in all of who we are and what we hope for and what we bring with us. But here's what I've got:

1- Redeemer is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. This means they are open and affirming and welcome all people and aren't afraid to live into what that truly means. They were the first RIC congregation in the state of Ohio and have been RIC for something like 30 plus years!

2- Every worship service begins with **Pastor Dave Shull** welcoming the assembly and reminding us that we are God's beloved children and that God's love for us is unconditional and that we are worthy of that love even when we can't believe that for ourselves. I tear up every single time I hear him say that because in spite of being called and ordained etc., it's still hard to imagine that I deserve it. Which I don't. Which is the point.

3- This congregation rolls up their sleeves and serves! They have food ministries and a basketball court where the kids in the neighborhood are invited to play and helping ministries and so much else that puts feet to their faith.

4- There are more ordained folks as members of this congregation than I can count. If you threw a rock you'd hit one of us! What this means is that they understand

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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.

22nd Street Cookies Coming to Redeemer This Sunday

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."

RLC Summer Basketball Camp Underway

Redeemer's summer basketball camps, led by former NBA and ABA player **Coach Larry Jones**, is now underway— even as the temperatures are to soar again this week. **Persons interested in donating water are asked to make it the 8 oz bottle size.**

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**.

A BIG Thank You from a VERY HOT Food Giveaway

Thanks to all those who helped at the produce market on a VERY HOT Thursday! **Kathy Zwanziger** reports, "Little surprise to anyone there that we had fewer people this month: perhaps it was too hot to leave the house -- or perhaps their electricity was off so there would be no place to keep the food.

"Still we had 130 official guests (but again three or four came after the iPads were shut down). That was a total of 691 people served, 129 of them children. There were 89 seniors and 39 new families!

"There were 25 hot volunteers, including a couple people from the neighborhood helping, and what a great help they were. The rain even held off until we were done. It was a great day (but we're hoping for a cooler day on July 21, when our extra item will be school supplies!)."

School supplies include pencils, crayons, paper plus boxes of tissues.

RLC's Saturday Garden Giveaways Now Every Saturday

Redeemer's Saturday morning garden giveaways are now underway and will occur every Saturday through the summer. Picking begins at 9 a.m. while the giveaway begins at 10 a.m. and runs until the week's harvest is gone.

Plan to come, help with the picking and the distributing! And if you have extra from your garden, please bring that to share.

Adult Education Class Explores 'Wisdom of Enneagram'

Running into July, the Sunday morning adult education class (to which high-school-age youth are invited!) is now discussing *The Wisdom of the Enneagram*. Pastor Dave is leading the class and writes, "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.

"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."

July Book Study: *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents*

Wednesday evenings between July 6-27, Redeemer will hold its annual summer book study, reading and discussing *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson.

Pastor Dave writes, "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*."

LSS Food Pantry Needs Donations

Kathy Zwanziger reports that the LSS Food Pantry needs canned tuna, canned chicken, vegetable oil, and wrapped paper towels as well as cash donations. She reminds folks that donations can be leveraged to purchase more items for the same amount than we can on individual items. Whichever way you choose to donate, it is gratefully appreciated!

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.

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 Looking at Women in the Bible

The Tuesday Bible Study has now expanded its focus to looking at women in the Bible with the **Tuesday, June 21** session beginning a study of the book of Esther. This study will take the group through **Tuesday, July 12**, when it breaks for the rest of the summer. 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=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIU09>.

BREAD Rises

If you have ever been at any BREAD event, you know that BREAD has a cheer. Many times during an event, a speaker will call "BREAD" and the crowd will respond shouting "Rises."

Every justice organization that is a part of BREAD's parent organization, DART, and probably every justice organization period, has a similar cheer. It is a way to quickly communicate the collective goal, unite the group and build energy. BREAD's sister organization in Knoxville, TN uses the cheer "Justice Knox" complete with a collective single knock.

At the recent Nehemiah Action, our own **Emily Ott** had agreed to volunteer as the ASL interpreter. As part of her preparation, she was thinking about how to sign "BREAD Rises." In English, it is a play on words. Bread literally rises because of the yeast, but the BREAD organization rises by always striving on, looking up, pushing through.

In American Sign Language, those two "rises" each have their own sign and so there is no play on words. Because of that, Emily was trying to decide how to interpret the BREAD cheer. She decided to use "BREAD succeeds," which was perfect. In its over 20-year history, BREAD has succeeded through hard work and perseverance. There are always delays and setbacks and resistance, but BREAD just doesn't stop. The end result is that BREAD ... succeeds.

Upcoming BREAD Date

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church (1480 Zettler Road, Columbus, OH 43227).

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that we aren't going to be around as much as some folks because I am almost always supply preaching somewhere on Sunday. And that's okay with them. (That's a lot of grace going around)

5 - When the Spirit moves them, at unprescribed times, they play egg shakers and tambourines with the hymns and service music. The instruments are in the pew racks, waiting. And they are generously and joyously used!

Oh, I still felt like I was standing in the wrong spot wearing the wrong clothes today. And next Sunday I begin a several month supply for a different congregation so we won't be around again for a while. But how deeply grateful we are to have a place where all are welcome, including us.

*Note: The front page of last week's **Reflections** contained the introductory statements Julie and Bruce Hutson and Karen and Al Rider had written for the bulletin for their joining on **Sunday, June 12**.*

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

June Birthdays

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

Trinity Sponsors #HopeForTrinity Campaign

As Holy Trinity Sunday is celebrated, so too is the theme of "hope." "The students, faculty and staff of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University know a thing or two about hope. Hope is what sustains us in our studies, our pedagogy and our service. Hope is what we have for the future. Hope is what we have in you, our partners

"Our hope is that on this Holy Trinity Sunday you will commit or re-commit yourself to partnership with Trinity and our mission to 'form leaders for Christ's Church at work in the world.' Our goal is [to raise] \$15,000 toward our new \$2.5 million Contextual Education Endowment which will fund internships and more! Please note 'Contextual Education' in the memo line of your check or in the online drop down menu."

To give online, go to capconnect.org or send checks to 2199 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43209.

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

Volunteers Sought for Colonial Village Cleanup on June 25

Approximately 200-300 community volunteers are being sought by the Columbus Police Department and other community leaders to assist with a cleanup event at Colonial Village on **Saturday, June 25**. The kickoff is set for 8:30 a.m. with the clean up to run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to **Columbus Police Officer Wendell Tolber**, “Colonial Village [at E. Livingston and Rand Aves.] has been in the news due to deplorable living conditions. Over a period of time, the complex was legally taken from the previous owners. There is now a strong effort in place to get the Colonial Village community cleaned up so the residents can have pride in where they live.

“We (CPD and the community) want to come together and give the village residents a fresh start and a ray of hope by cleaning up the complex on a large scale.

“There will also be social services and organizations onsite to give services and information that will add to the quality of life, not just for village residents but for residents of the city of Columbus.”

Folks are encouraged to bring their own gardening tools and to wear the shirt of their organization. Clean up supplies and lunch will be provided. Parking is at 3575 E. Livingston Ave.

IACO Sponsors ‘Religious Soundscapes’

What does religion sound like? How might we understand religion in the United States differently if we begin by listening to it? With those questions, the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio is sponsoring an in-person open house on **Thursday, June 23**. It runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Urban Arts Space, 50 W. Town St., Suite 130, Columbus OH 43210.

Religious Soundscapes is an immersive audio installation presenting sounds from religious communities in the Midwest. It reflects seven years of research and production by the American Religious Sounds Project (ARSP), a collaborative, inter-institutional initiative co-directed by **Amy DeRogatis** and **Isaac Weiner**. Through a series of thematic audio essays, this exhibit invites visitors to experience religion as an audibly complex social, spatial, political and embodied phenomenon.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by **Thursday, June 16** to <https://bit.ly/IACOsounds>.

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 monthly 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 . Contact Dottie for the date of the next meeting.

Getting Ready for Worship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 26, 2022

Lessons

Readings: 2 Kings 2:6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-15, 19-20; Luke 9:51-62

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 First English Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Carla and Darren Baldogo.

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

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Mike Benis
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling
Communion Set-up	Becky Fisher, Nancy Magargal
Hospitality	22 nd Street Cookies

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Upcoming Week at Redeemer **June 21 – June 27, 2022**

<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp
	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM Worship with Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Adult Ed
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Basketball Camp
	7:00 p.m.	BREAD Justice Ministry Celebration

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