

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.

August 14 Church Picnic Celebrates Pastor Dave, Mike

Redeemer members and friends are invited to a church picnic on the lawn to celebrate the upcoming wedding of **Pastor Dave** and **Mike Allen**. It will follow worship on **Sunday, August 14** and will be held on the church lawn. Fried chicken, beverages and paper products will be provided. The congregation is invited to bring a side dish or dessert.

Although Pastor Dave and Mike have requested no gifts, Redeemer would still like to offer the opportunity to honor them with a donation to a charity. Those interested can make a donation to a charity of their choice in their honor, or can donate to Redeemer Lutheran Church (memo line: Pastor Dave & Mike). The money collected will be used to make a donation to Reconciling Works.

Plan to come for a fun celebration and fellowship! "Keep your fingers crossed for good weather." (If the weather doesn't cooperate, the celebration will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall.)

Sister Act Hosts Special Event on Medical Ethics, Health Decisions

Sister Act invites the congregation to a special event on **Wednesday, August, 17** at 6:30 p.m. to learn about medical ethics and questions regarding health care decisions. **Dr. Mobin-Uddin** will present some information and allow time for questions and answers that might help attendees understand the ethics and decisions that must be made around health care and end of life concerns.

This event will be held in the sanctuary and participants are required to wear masks. "We hope you can join us for this very interesting and informative event!"

Paper Products Sought for Next Food Giveaway on Aug. 18

Sign ups are underway for volunteers to help at Redeemer's food giveaway **Thursday, August 18**. 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. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet 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 August 18, the extra items are paper products (paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, baby wipes, et.) Items can be placed in the Donation Station in the cloakroom.**

Adult Education Class Will Not Meet Aug. 14

Because of the church picnic scheduled for after the August 14 worship service, the Adult Education Class will not meet. It will resume the sermon “talkback”/sermon “look ahead” discussion on Sunday, August 21 in Room 2 at 11:15 a.m.

KidsFest Volunteers Needed for Music, One Craft, Reading

**KidsFest:
Camp Compassion**



KidsFest Coordinator *Krista Skipper* announced Sunday after worship that she is still looking for volunteers to lead music for the Sunday, August 28 event as well as oversee a second craft station and read a story to the participants. (Book will be provided.)

This event, sponsored by Redeemer’s Education Ministry Team, is for Redeemer’s kids and families, as well as our Redeemer community kids and families. It will run from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 28 on the Redeemer lawn under a big tent.

This year’s theme is “Camp Compassion.” The children will move from station to station over the two hours.

Volunteers are also needed to help set up and take down. Teenage volunteers are welcome as well.

Please let **Krista Skipper** know if you would like to be a part of this community ministry opportunity. She can be reached at kristamary5114@gmail.com or by texting/calling 614-596-5886.

Save Date for Redeemer’s 65th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, September 25, Redeemer will celebrate its 65th anniversary. Redeemer members and friends are invited to an old-fashioned Redeemer celebration: a **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social**. Following worship, folks will gather in the basement Fellowship Hall for a simple lunch provided by Sister Act. Then, they can sit back to enjoy ice cream sundaes and a Redeemer Talent Show.

Talent Show? Yes, Redeemer’s got talent and we’re looking for folks to share theirs. In the past, we’ve had groups sing, instruments played, poems shared, and even THE Croatian Stepdancers (thimbles and all) performed. Some of Redeemer’s technology talent will be utilized to create a video of life at Redeemer over the last 65 years. Those who’d like to share their talent are asked to contact **Michele Disbro**.

“Redeemer may be turning 65 but we’re not retiring from our active ministry in Berwick!”

Providers of After-Worship Refreshments, Cookies Sought

Individuals or groups within the congregation are encouraged to sign up to provide refreshments following a worship service. It doesn’t need to be elaborate: cookies, cold iced or lemonade and coffee will do. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library for those who might be willing to provide refreshments on Sundays through the summer.

In addition, donations of packaged cookies are also needed. If this is something you can do, just put them on the counter in the kitchen off the Narthex. Questions? Contact **Jon Disbro** at 614-451-3642 or at Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org.

Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Michele Disbro

BREAD Network members were asked to answer six questions with their answers published in *Reflections*. Next up, the spotlight is on **Michele Disbro**.

1. **What is your name?** Michele Disbro

2. **What issues keep you up at night?** As I sit here in front of the computer trying to sum up my thoughts, I guess I would have to say I am most troubled by the disparity in our country. So many people experience life drastically different than I do simply because of the color of their skin. Going back to the institution of slavery in our country, people have different opportunities, interactions, and access to power

(often achieved through money) based on the color of their skin. I don't know how to reconcile this with my faith. This disparity is the cause of so many problems in our society: lack of affordable housing, equal educational opportunities, economic opportunities, and civil rights. This lack of equality has led to gun violence, civil unrest, and the need for police reform.

3. Why did you join the Justice Team at Redeemer? I joined the Justice Team to become more informed about the disparity in our country and to have open conversation about what might be done.

4. What is your favorite kind of bread? I love garlic bread.

5. Why did you decide to become a Network Member of BREAD? I joined BREAD because I wanted to move from the learning stage into trying to become more active in helping find solutions. Change requires the voice of many people and I want to share my voice.

6. What is your Justice prayer for 2022? Dear God of Justice and Peace, please open the eyes, ears, and hearts of all your children to listen and learn from each other. Help us all to join hands to find ways to lift up the marginalized, to link arms in unity, so that your will might be done on earth.

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.

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!

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> .

Today's Work *cont'd from page 1*

How often has my
good deed
left someone wounded?
How many righteous pronouncements
ending, "Thus sayeth the Lord"
brought tears or trauma?
And how many times
my fearful silence
crushed the hope of one
who needed to hear me say
"You are not alone"?

It is difficult enough to live in this world,
that is true.

And giving up feels easier than
the hard work of seeing,
of really seeing.

If, in the end,
love is the answer
(and I have not yet given up on that notion)
it will have to be the kind
that dares to look
with open eyes,
ready to be shown more,
and to ask,
prepared to listen,
"What might wholeness look like here?"

*Pastor Bond is a former intern here at Redeemer. He is currently pastor of Hope and New Life Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania.

Important Emails

Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer's social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Prayers for healing are asked for **Kathy Zwanziger** and **Karen Kent** who are recovering from COVID.

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The updated **Redeemer Member Directory** is now available. It can be picked up in the Narthex. (It can be found on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the library.) Or call the church office at 614-237-1263 and have it either mailed or emailed. Thanks to **Becky Trover** for keeping this resource up-to-date!

A Thank You

Kathy Mimplitch thanks all who assisted with the funeral luncheon for Jack Miller's family. "Whether you provided food, helped with set up or clean up, your work was certainly appreciated!"

Congratulations to LaVerna Reinoehl!!

Redeemer member **LaVerna Reinoehl** was honored by the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Saturday with the group's "2022 Alum Engagements Award" in recognition of her 54 years of volunteering, her outstanding service and positive effect on hundreds if not thousands of girls and fellow Girl Scout leaders through the years. This quote from U.S.A. Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low was engraved on the crystal vase LaVerna received: "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers."

Card Ministry Seeks Donations of Greeting Cards

Redeemer's Card Ministry is seeking to replenish its supply of greeting cards, especially ones that are suitable for men as well as women. However, they cannot use blank cards. They can be placed on the donation shelves in the coat room.

August Birthdays

8-Jessica Marquez 9-Justin Marquez
15-Seth Harms 15-Sarah Kirkman
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

The Wider Church

Churchwide Assembly Meets in Columbus through Friday, Aug. 12

The Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA convened **Sunday, August 8** here in Columbus at the Columbus Convention Center and will meet through **Friday, August 12**. Redeemer members who are volunteering at the event include **Al Debelak, Michele Disbro, Julianne Johnson, Al Rider, and Larry Trover**.

For more information on the assembly, see the July 25 issue of *Reflections*.

HopeWood Outdoors Upcoming Events

HopeWood Outdoors [LOMO] announces upcoming late summer and fall events. There are still openings at HopeWood Shores [Camp Luther] for both kids camp and family camp. Special events for September include Water & Wine Retreat, Wild Women's Retreat, and Camp Boo-ther. October brings a HopeWood Shores Servant Weekend and HopeWood Pines [Lutheran Memorial Camp] Apple Butter Festival.

Registration is also open for 2023 Camps.

For more information, view their newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/57p7z4t3>



Community Beyond

CMOA Exhibit Features Tapestries with Biblical Themes

The Columbus Museum of Art (CMOA) announced that its newest exhibition, *Raphael —The Power of the Renaissance Images: The Dresden Tapestries and Their Impact*, features six monumental tapestries depicting Biblical scenes. It is now open.

The tapestries have never-before been exhibited in the U.S. and the Columbus Museum of Art is the only American venue for this exhibition. The specific scriptures depicted in the tapestries are:

- St Paul Preaching at Athens (Acts 17:16–34)
- Christ's Charge to Peter (Matthew 16:16–19)
- The Sacrifice at Lystra (Acts 14:8)
- The Healing of the Lame Man (Acts 3:1–8)
- The Conversion of the Proconsul (Acts 13:6–12)

These massive tapestries were created from the same Raphael paintings as the world-famous versions that were woven in the 16th century to hang in the Sistine Chapel. Currently housed in the museum of the Vatican, this original set was temporarily reinstalled in the Sistine Chapel in February 2020 to commemorate the 500-year anniversary of Raphael's death. Each tapestry depicts -- in monumental scale and grand detail -- a Biblical moment in the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Over 100 years after the Vatican tapestries were completed, Raphael's original designs were purchased by King Charles I of England and made into another set of tapestries at the renowned Mortlake Tapestry Manufactory outside London. This second set of tapestries was taken to Germany in the 18th century and now, for the first time ever in the United States, these tapestries will be on view at CMOA, loaned by the Old Masters Gallery of Dresden.

The museum has multiple formats for group visits:

- **A Guided Tour:** One-hour tours are conversation based and led by trained volunteers to share information about the art and exhibition.
- **A Self-Guided Experience:** Explore the galleries as individuals or small groups. The Museum can provide stools for slow looking or casual discussion.
- **A VIP Tour with a Curator:** Receive an in-depth look at the incredible history and significance of the tapestries, but also the truly one-of-a-kind exhibition partnership with Columbus' Sister City, Dresden.

The museum strongly encourages weekday visits when the exhibition will be quieter and less crowded and welcomes visitors to extend their visit and enjoy the café and sculpture garden after exploring the museum. Ticket information and information on a variety of seminars on the tapestries can be found online at the museum's website at <https://tinyurl.com/3k7rn9a2>.

Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Support Group Returns to In-Person Meetings on Second Thursdays

The Bexley/Berwick Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group has returned to meeting monthly in-person here at Redeemer on the **second Thursday** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. That makes the next meeting on **Thursday, August 11**. 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.

Getting Ready for Worship **10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 14, 2022** **Lessons**

Readings: Jeremiah 23:25-29; Psalm 82; Luke 12:49-56

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Churchwide Assembly

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is divided, reunite it; Direct the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by that truth and peace, as this church prepares to gather in assembly. God of grace, hear our prayer. **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 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Newark.

+ For Redeemer community members Ruth and Bill Boys.

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, 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, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren, on being deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Kathleen Zwanziger

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Michelle Disbro
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Usher	Judith Bird
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner
Communion Set-up	Michele Disbro, Becky Trover
Hospitality	Picnic

*Flowers are given by Thelma Johnson
Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer August 9 – August 15, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	4:30 p.m.	Education Team
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group
<u>Saturday</u>	9 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	CELEBRATION! PICNIC ON THE LAWN!!

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