

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.

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!"

Volunteers Needed for Next Food Giveaway on Aug. 18

Volunteers are needed 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 for any part of the day, 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.**

Come One, Come All to Redeemer's KidsFest on Aug. 28

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us."-Ephesians 5: 1-2

The Education Ministry Team is planning an afternoon of fun on the lawn for Redeemer's kids and families, as well as the Redeemer community kids and families. All are welcome on **Sunday, August 28** from 2 to 4 p.m. for *Camp Compassion*. The children will move from station to station over the two hours for crafts, songs, games and stories.

Redeemer members are asked to get the word out so feel free to pick up flyers (on the table in the back of the Sanctuary) to share with your neighbors and friends.

For questions, please contact **Krista Skipper** at kristamary5114@gmail.com or by texting/calling 614-596-5886.



Sermon 'Talkback'/'Look Ahead' Resumes Aug. 21

The Adult Education Class will resume the sermon "talkback"/sermon "look ahead" discussion on **Sunday, August 21** in Room 2 at 11:15 a.m. Folks interested in discussing themes raised for them by the day's sermon and the biblical text it was based on as well as the scriptures for the next Sunday are welcome to gather in Room 2 or via Zoom.

To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 814 1179 0303; Passcode: 645662. 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/81411790303?pwd=cGNGMHo2K2d1WEIzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09>

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!"

Good Neighbors Picnic Set for Sept 24

The Good Neighbors Picnic will be held this year on **Saturday, September 24** at Wolfe Park on the east side of Columbus. Redeemer members and friends are invited to begin donating new or gently used blankets and cold weather clothing and accessories to help provide for homeless brothers and sisters in the Columbus area.

This all-day event was started in 1999 by **Redeemer member William McCully** along with a few volunteers as part of the National Make a Difference Day.

On the day of the Good Neighbors Picnic, volunteers work to provide a day of celebration including food, music, games, books, family photos, crafts, and shopping at a Free Store for blankets and winter clothing.

Last year over 350 individuals shopped the Free Store which included coats, blankets, winter clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, and personal hygiene items. Men, women, and children of all ages from local shelters are transported to the park for this day of celebration and fun.

Redeemer, along with other faith organizations, community leaders, local businesses and organizations work to gather items for those who are homeless or in shelters. Donations may be placed in the bin located in the cloakroom. Cash donations or gift cards are welcome and may be dropped off at the church office.

To learn more about the Good Neighbors Picnic, go to www.goodneighborspicnic.org

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 insider 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> .

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 and comfort are asked for **Nancy Stinson** who faces very serious health issues. Prayers for healing are asked for **Bruce** and **Karen Collins**, for **Bryan Neal** and for **ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** all of whom tested positive for COVID.

Prayers for healing are also asked for the following friends of the Riders, all of whom face serious health issues: **Katie Harber** who is having back surgery; **Olesya Savenkova**, who is having heart surgery; and **Tim Matthews** who needs a kidney transplant.

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It was good to see both **Karen Kent** and **Kathy Zwanziger** back in church after bouts of 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!

Mission Endowment Fund Recipient Sends Thanks

Morgan Long, a participant in the Wilderness Experience Leadership and Service (WELS) Program -- a Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) recipient -- sent the following note: "Thank you so much for supporting the WELS Program financially from your Mission Endowment Fund. I would also love to thank **David Engel** for being an advocate to this program. I am grateful for your support of the WELS Program because I got the chance to experience a ton of new activities that I never thought would be possible. Thank you again for making my WELS journey an unforgettable one."



She also included pictures which are posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

August Birthdays

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

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>.

Getting Ready for Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Luke 13:10-17

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, 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 Hope Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Edwina and Earl Bradley.

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	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Sue Watson
Producers	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling
Communion Set-up	Michele Disbro, Becky Trover
Hospitality	Becky Trover

*Flowers are given by members of Redeemer
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Upcoming Week at Redeemer August 16 – August 22, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	Medical Ethics Conversation (Sanctuary)
<u>Thursday</u>	3-6 p.m.	LSS/Mid-Ohio Food Giveaway
<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.	Adult Education Class
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 a.m.	Worship Team

Picnic for Pastor and Mike



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