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If It's Popular Every July, Why Not Monthly?

Soon after I (Dave) began working here at Redeemer five years and a handful of days ago, I was told about your tradition of a summer book group. I learned people gathered every week for a month during the summer to read and discuss a book together. In the summers I've been here, we've discussed *The Cross and the Lynching Tree, So You Want to Talk about Race, Being Mortal*, and *Caste*. COVID took one of our summers ... and so much more! ... from us.

At the end of July, after a marvelously diverse group of readers from four different faith communities finished *Caste* this summer, the two of us (Dave and Sheryl) got to talking. We decided if so many people are interested in discussing a book every July, maybe people might be interested in more regular book discussion opportunities. So we're going to give it a try.

Beginning **Wednesday evening, October 19**, we're launching a third-Wednesday-of-the-month book discussion group. It's different from the summer book group in several ways. First, we'll discuss the whole book in one session. So they'll be shorter books than our summer ones. Second, we won't just read non-fiction books. We'll do novels, short stories, essays, etc. Third, we aren't going to pick them all! We want your suggestions about books you think the group would enjoy. Fourth, because we're changing the format and reading a wider variety of books, we hope people who aren't non-fiction fans might join us.

The October book has been around for quite a while, and it created quite a stir when it first came out in 2007. *The Shack* was written by Canadian author **William P. Young**, who self-published the book, only for it to become a million-seller; a movie based on the book was made in 2017, and starred Academy-Award winner **Octavia Spencer**. This past weekend, a Redeemer member told Dave they were re-reading *The Shack* and are finding that it speaks powerfully to things going on in their life right now.

So if you'd like to give this new group a try, find a copy of *The Shack* in whatever format you prefer. Bring a couple questions, and gather with us in-person or on Zoom on Wednesday, October 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. Here's the Zoom link: To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 869 2869 1370; Passcode: 603299. 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/86928691370?pwd=VkrRHYXRiTI10aG9tcjFDRGJFQTJldz09>

Our book for **November 16** will be *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by **Becky Chambers**. We won't meet in December because of the Wednesday evening prayer services. We'll resume **January 18**.

We hope some of you will be interested in diving into some different kinds of books than we've done before. The July conversations have blessed participants with honesty, openness, stories that changed us. Who knows where these next conversations might take us? If folks you know have been looking for a book group, please invite them to join us.

Sheryl Owens & Dave Shull

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OUR CONGREGATION

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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.

Personal Products, Volunteers Needed for Thursday's Food Giveaway

Both volunteers and donations of personal products are needed for the next food giveaway which is scheduled for this week on **Thursday, September 15** on the Redeemer parking. Set up begins about 1 p.m.; the giveaway runs from 3 to 6 p.m.

"Extra" items will be personal products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dental floss, body lotion, nail care kits, etc. because these items are not available for those using food stamps. Place items in the appropriate container in the coatroom.

Warren Reports on Stewardship Activities

Laura Warren, Stewardship Team chairperson and council representative, reports that the Stewardship Committee is recommending cancelling the contract with the American Church Company for the distribution of weekly offering envelopes that are sent to about 80 members of the congregation. Offering envelopes will continue to be available on the "bulletin table" in the back of the sanctuary and **Office Manager Becky Trover** is happy to mail packets of these envelopes to anyone who wishes.

The annual cost for this service is about \$760 and not many people are using them, Warren reports.

Year to date giving statements and/or a letter from **Council President Wendy Stoica** was mailed in late August. It was decided to physically mail the statements/letters instead of emailing them because there had been challenges with the emailed versions going to spam.

The Annual Pledge Drive theme for this year is "Heart to Heart...Hand in Hand." The drive will kick off first with the Redeemer Lutheran Church Council and the full congregation drive will begin early October. The returned completed pledge cards will be blessed during the **October 30** church service. Thank you for your gifts to Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Adult Class to Explore 'Hidden, Revealed Life of Congregations'

Guest pastor **Rev. Emlyn Ott** will lead the Adult Education Class on **Sunday, September 18** in a discussion of "The Hidden and Revealed Life of Congregations." She will share some thoughts about the dynamics that are at play in today's faith community world with some time for discussion.

To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 857 6635 5631; Passcode: 312394. 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/85766355631?pwd=enM2bDNUV3NrK0Z5UTBxTU1pVXRQdz09>.

CROP Walk Coming Oct. 2/Oct. 9

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25 percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. One of the recipients in Franklin County is the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, which supplies the produce for Redeemer's monthly food giveaways in the parking lot.

This year, CROP Walks in the area are set for both **Sunday, October 2** and **Sunday, October 9**. Donations may be made online or by cash or check made out to **CWS/CROP**. Redeemer's team webpage can be found online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>

Redeemer's walkers so far include **Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica, Kathy Zwanziger** and **Connie Criswell**.

Bible Study Explores Armstrong Book

For the class on **September 13**, the in-person/Zoom Tuesday Bible study will continue exploring some of the major points **Karen Armstrong** makes in her book, *The Bible: A Biography*. "We'll look at how it came together, different ways it has been interpreted over the centuries, and how we might hear God's Spirit alive in it today," **Pastor Dave** writes.

To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 863 5869 9434; Passcode: 943506. To participate via 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=cTlaaUM5MWI6U29mNGtsQXhuTnIUT09>.

Planning ahead, the Bible Study Group will begin an exploration of the Letter to the Hebrews on **Tuesday, October 11** – after **Pastor Dave** and **Mike Allen** return from their honeymoon.

Calling All Singers!!

Senior Choir rehearsals have begun and **Choir Director Kathy Rapp** says the group will practice after worship in the Sanctuary from 11:15 a.m. until noon. "I try to keep rehearsals to 45 minutes so folks can head home and get on with their day. We usually sing three times a month – more if there are special holy days."

The Chime Choir will begin rehearsing in October so watch for news from **Karen Kent**.
"Looking forward to making beautiful music and singing praises to our God."

Brewing Faith to Gather Sept. 13

The small group Brewing Faith will gather next on Zoom on **Tuesday, September 13** at 8 p.m. To join the Zoom meeting, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 864 5019 9940; Passcode: 615090. 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/86450199940?pwd=YUxrazVRRWFqFc1dlB3RTNDYUUXZz09>

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!"

First English Changes Serving Date Just for September

Kay Ernsthausen reports that First English asked Redeemer to change serving dates in September to the **fourth Thursday**. As a result, Redeemer will be serving dinner on **Thursday, September 22**. **Kay reports she still needs people willing to provide sloppy joes**. People wishing to donate should let Kay know.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the coatroom. Kay notes that with its being the fourth Thursday, “We will have more than the usual to serve. We will need food for 150 people.”

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. This all-day event was started in 1999 by **Redeemer member William McCulley** 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.

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

Booklet on End of Life Choices Available

Thanks to **Ruth Murray**, Redeemer has copies of the booklet, “Choices-Living Well at the End of Life” that **Nancy Magargal** referenced in her article, “Questions and Answers Around Death and Dying” in the August 22 issue of *Reflections*.

They can be found on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the Church Library and are available for the taking.

Youth Sunday School/Christmas Program Help Sought

Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach a session of Sunday school for the kids! If anyone is still interested in helping, we're looking for the month of May (May 14), and possibly December. “We have plenty of materials for folks who would like to use them, or the sky can be the limit on what you'd like to do!” reports **Sunday School Superintendent Emily Ott**.

“The biggest ask right now is for someone to head up the Christmas program. If we do this like we have in the past, the Sunday School hour after the service on **December 11** would be used for practice, and the program would take place during the service on **December 18**. However, if nobody is wanting to step in to do this the traditional way, I'm open to something new!

“In recent years, the person who leads this has found a children's book relevant to the Christmas story, and one older kid reads the book while the younger ones act it out. It's pretty low stress; we just need someone to be the person to coordinate everybody. I'm sure we'll have many happy helpers!

“If we don't have any takers, then we need someone to volunteer for teaching Sunday School on **December 11**, to do whatever Advent-y or Christmas-y kind of lesson/activity/gathering sounds good to you.”

Please contact Emily Ott if you have questions or are interested.

Sister Act Plans Fall Retreat

Sister Act has begun planning its Fall Retreat, **Friday-Sunday, October 7-9**, at Lutheran Memorial Camp. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating Our Faith-Filled Journeys."

According to coordinator **Carol Heacock**, "During our time together at the retreat, we will be celebrating our journeys of faith these past two years. We will also spend some time celebrating the lives of women of faith who have come before us, in recent and Biblical times."

The group will be staying in Priebe Center. This facility has a large open room for meetings and fellowship, a kitchenette and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds. There is also a patio with picnic tables and fire pit.

The cost for the weekend is \$80 and for a day, \$10.

Suggestions for activities, Bible studies, crafts, music, games, worship, meals, etc. should be sent to Carol, **Michele Disbro** or **Kay Ernsthansen**.

Redeemer to Offer Active Shooter Training

On **Saturday, October 22**, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Columbus Police Department will offer an active shooter training here at Redeemer. Given the number of shootings in places of worship, Redeemer's Church Council is sponsoring this program so the congregation might learn some best practices about how to respond if it finds itself in an active shooter situation.

"Of course, we never want to have to face this but no one ever expects it," **Pastor Dave** explained. "So we want to have a plan if it does. This is open to the whole congregation. It would be good to have as many of us trained as possible."

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.

RLC's Saturday Garden Giveaways Winding Down

Redeemer's Saturday morning garden giveaways will soon come to an end. Right now, there are still a lot of tomatoes. 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 Going 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 – is currently going 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 are asked for **Karen Collins** who is now hospitalized with pneumonia. Prayers for strength and comfort are asked for **Nancy Stinson** who faces very serious health issues.

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Congratulations to **Gabriel** and **Andrea Reinoehl** on their marriage this past weekend! Gabe is a grandson of **LaVerna Reinoehl**.

Thank You!

Kathy Mimplitch writes, "Thanks to all who assisted in the funeral luncheon for **Lea Spang's** family. Whether you provided food, monetary donations, helped with set up, serving or clean up, your contribution was certainly appreciated!"

September Birthdays

13-Ashley Bird 14-Elyce Herring
15-Kris Kauffman 15-Nancy Stinson
16-Sarah Binau 16-Michele Disbro
16-Oliver Glover Oakleaf 20-Paula Carson
21-Jenny Peresta 22-Adam Darst
24-Sheryl Owens 27-Becky Fisher
27- Karen Rider 28-Faith Wick
29-Jennifer Young

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 through **Sunday, October 30**.

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.

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 and depict -- in monumental scale and grand detail -- a Biblical moment in the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul. A second set of the tapestries were woven at the 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 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

15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 18, 2022

Lessons

Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Psalm 113; Luke 16:1-13

Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in 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 Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community member Shirley Cannon.

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, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren, on being deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Nancy Stinson, Skye Andree.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Emyln Ott
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Neil Hoddinott
Producers	Michele Disbro, Tom Mimlitch
Communion Set-up	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson

Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank

Upcoming Week at Redeemer September 13 – September 19, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 a.m.	Member Care
	1:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith
<u>Thursday</u>	3:00 p.m.	LSS/MidOhio 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.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON / ZOOM Adult Sunday School
<u>Monday</u>	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Council