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Redeemer Celebrates 65th Anniversary

Redeemer members gathered Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the congregation's 65th anniversary with a luncheon and talent show. Among the performers were the church choir, **Karen Kent** and **Kathy Rapp** performing an awesome piano duet, **Scott Steiner**, **Kathy Zwanziger** directing some first-time chimes players in her favorite hymn, and the TNL group (**Thursday Night Ladies**) singing "Home on James Road" and "95 Theses." Also shown were seven short videos compiled by **Kristi Hildebrand** highlighting various aspects of Redeemer's history. (Those videos can be all be found on Redeemer's YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/4zp2hu77> .) Posters decorating the walls were drawn by **Caroline** and **Kathryn Ott** while the timelines had been compiled by **Karen Collins**. **Michele Disbro** emceed.

Words to the hymn played by the chimes and to the two songs sung by TNL are posted on Redeemer's website at <https://tinyurl.com/2mh6n6eh>. Below are some pictures from Sunday.



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OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

Pastor - Rev. David Shull

Office Manager - Becky Trover

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director -

Karen Kent

Reflections Editor - Judith Bird

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CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Wendy Stoica

Vice President - Michele Disbro

Finance Officer - Nathan Ott

Secretary - Margie Farnham

Worship - Jennifer Young

Education - Krista Skipper

Outreach - Sue Watson

Member Support - Elyce Herring

Property - Sue Yehling

Stewardship - Laura Warren

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Emlyn Ott Karen Collins

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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.

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 include **Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica, Kathy Zwanziger** and **Connie Criswell**.

Adult Class to Explore 'Discernment'

Guest pastor **Rev. Julie Hutson** will lead the Adult Education Class on **Sunday, October 2** in a discussion on the theme "Here I Am Lord: Discerning God's Call Throughout Our Lives."

Julie writes, "God calls us to a variety of places and tasks for the sake of the message of the Gospel. What God often DOESN'T do is send us an engraved invitation with details. (Wouldn't it be great if God did that though?) How do we discern what God is calling us toward? How can we tell when it's just our hopes and dreams or is there a difference? How does God use us in spite of ourselves in the various stages of our lives?"

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>.

Volunteers Needed for Oct. 5 Food Pantry Team

Volunteers are needed for Redeemer's team to serve at the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry this **Wednesday, October 5**. Volunteers work from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the pantry which is located at 1460 S. Champion Ave. – the corner of Frebis and Champion. If you can help, please call the church office at 614-237-1263 or contact **Kathy Zwanziger** with questions.

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With Thanksgiving approaching in just eight weeks, Redeemer will again be assisting the Food Pantry in providing some food for those who need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for their families. Bags will (soon!) be available at church to fill with these items *only*:

- 2 pouches or 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 boxed yellow cake mix



This gives folks the opportunity to begin shopping now. Further details about where to bring the filled bags will be forthcoming. Questions? Contact **Kathy Zwanziger**. LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people.

BREAD Fall Update

Kristi Hildebrand reports that BREAD “had a very good meeting with **Mayor Andrew Ginther** in July. “They used a restorative approach to build bridges and have an agreement to meet periodically during the year. They hope to meet again in October to discuss BREAD’s campaigns. One of the mayor’s assistants is quite familiar with BREAD and said he’d always been impressed by the ‘solid research’ BREAD does before adopting a particular policy solution for which to advocate.”

BREAD will not take on a new problem this year so that they can focus on their current large campaigns around environment, housing and violence.

BREAD has also decided that the annual assembly this year will be a “mini-action” on **Tuesday, November 15**. They will be working to get other officials to attend and make commitments to further action on the campaigns. The director of public safety has committed to attend.

Here at Redeemer, there will be two house meetings: on **Sunday, October 16**, at 11:15 a.m. during the adult education hour at the church, hosted by **Pastor Dave Shull** and **Tuesday, October 18**, at 6:30 p.m. at **Emily and Nate Ott’s** home in Gahanna. These are a great opportunity to talk about justice issues that you care about and to hear about what is going on with BREAD.

“Redeemer has been a member of BREAD for one year now. We had a great turnout for the Nehemiah Action and exceeded our attendance goal. A big thank you to the congregation for their generous donations to BREAD. This is a great example of living out our faith and our values!”

The next Nehemiah Action is being scheduled for **Tuesday April 25, 2023** at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars now.

Saturday Garden Giveaway Concludes for Season

The last garden giveaway for 2022 was held **Saturday, September 18** because the harvest has dropped off enough that it is no longer worth holding the Saturday morning giveaways. However, some produce will continue to ripen over the coming weeks so folks are welcome to go out and pick what they would like.

Many thanks to **Jon Disbro** and his team of gardeners for their faithfulness in tending the garden!

Monthly Food Giveaway Serves 149 Families

Kathy Zwanziger reports that Redeemer’s monthly food giveaway hosted in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) on **Thursday, September 15** served a total of 149 families. “That meant a total of 514 people, including 164 children were aided. We had 34 new families this time.”

She noted the 22 volunteers who helped distribute the food included one from the neighborhood. “This month, we had 10,125 pounds of food (including more Cheryl’s cookies ...!)” She also reported that everyone appreciated the extra personal items that were supplied. The “extra” items designated for the October giveaway are cleaning supplies such as wipes, sponges and paper towels

“Thank you all!”

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!

Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus, to Resume Oct. 11

Pastor Dave reports that when the Tuesday Bible study resumes on his return on **Tuesday, October 11**, the group will continue exploring **Karen Armstrong's** book, *The Bible: A Biography*. "There's no expectation people will read this; Dave is summarizing the content of how the Bible came to be what it is, and the ways we seek to understand it today."

Meanwhile, the group is on hiatus while Dave and Mike are on their honeymoon.

To join the Zoom meeting in October, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 891 1782 1516; Passcode: 513561. 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/89117821516?pwd=d0lhUlg0Zi92YjIvU0taeWpYcWFhQT09>

Calling All Ringers!

Have you ever considered playing in the **Chime Choir**? If you can read music (even just a little!), we have a place for you! Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:30 a.m., and will start **Sunday, October 16**. "Come give us a try -- we are a fun bunch!"

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."

"Looking forward to making beautiful music and singing praises to our God."

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.

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.

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 are asked for the **Mimlitch Family** on the sudden death of Tom and Kathy's son-in-law **John**, husband of their daughter **Cindy**.

Prayers for strength and comfort are asked for **Stan** and **Carol Heacock** as Stan has entered hospice care due to the recurrence of brain tumors. Carol reports he is still at home and is not experiencing pain or discomfort from headaches.

Prayers continue to be asked for the **Collins Family**. The funeral for **Karen** was held here at Redeemer on **Saturday, September 24**. Thanks go out to everyone who helped with the service.

Prayers for healing are also asked for **Rev. Don Luck**, who was unable to preside over Sunday's service because of a COVID-19 diagnosis. Prayers for strength and comfort continue to be asked for **Nancy Stinson** who faces very serious health issues.

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Thank you go out to Redeemer members **Rev. Brad Binau** and **Rev. Al Rider** for presiding at Karen's funeral and the Sunday worship service respectively.

While Pastor Dave Is Away ...

Congratulations to **Pastor Dave** and **Mike Allen** on their wedding on **Friday, September 16**! Dave's first day back in the office after their honeymoon is **Wednesday, October 5**. If any member has an emergency pastoral need during this time, contact **Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church at 614-832-2461.

On **Sunday, October 2** **Pastor Julie Hutson** will preach, preside and lead the Adult Education Class on the theme of discernment: how do we come to understand how God want us to move forward?

'Christ in Our Home' Available

The October-December edition of "Christ in Our Home" is now available in the Narthex for anyone who would like a copy. Or, it can be mailed. Just contact **Becky Trover** in the church office to request a copy be mailed to your home. Reach her at 614-237-1263 or via email at info@redeemerluth.com.

September Birthdays

27-Becky Fisher
27- Karen Rider 28-Faith Wick
29-Jennifer Young

October Birthdays

4-Misato In 4-May Schwarz
6-Tammy McFarland 7-Randy Kuklinski
8-Julie Larson 9-Bill Boys
9-Thea Barbour Harms 11-Sue Watson
15-Jessie Jimison 16-Eileen Day
17-Shari Ayers 19-Renee McFarland
19-Miles Smith 23-Skye Andree
23-Cason Day 23-Sandra Keaton
24-Bret Day 24-Leyton Wolfe
25-Madeline Gosnell 25-Madelyn McGurer
26-Kennedi Jacobs 26-Avery Martin
26-Krista Skipper 27-Brad Phillips
28-Bruce Hutson 29-Brittany Amon
29-Jeremy Davis 30-Martin Binau
31-John Caron

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.

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2022

Lessons

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of 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 Peace Lutheran Church, Gahanna.

+ For Redeemer community members John Caron and Chad Eberle.

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, family of Karen Collins.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Julie Hutson
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
Cantor	Jennifer Young
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist	Kathy Rapp
Pianist	Karen Kent
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Usher	Helen Brunston
Producers	Sue Yehling, Kathleen Zwanziger
Communion Set-up	Kay Ernsthausen, Lynn Belhorn
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

*Flowers are given by Karen and Al Rider, celebrating Karen's birthday and their wedding anniversary.
Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank*

Upcoming Week at Redeemer September 27– October 3, 2022

<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
<u>Sunday</u>	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School

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