



# Reflections

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## Early Voting Underway

Ohioans can now cast absentee ballots for the Tuesday, Nov. 8 General Election.

**Secretary of State Frank LaRose** announced the first absentee ballot numbers last week, saying 812,200 absentee ballots have been requested so far, including 4,938 from military and overseas voters whose ballots began to be mailed on Friday, Sept. 23. LaRose said applications received to date reflect a 4.4 percent increase over the previous gubernatorial statewide election in 2018.

Those 800,000+ absentee ballots were also mailed out by the secretary of state, who noted, “This level of absentee ballot utilization for an election like this one is a strong indicator that Ohioans continue to have confidence in the security of our mail-in ballot system, and for good reason – there is no better system for security and convenience than ours.”

Meanwhile, folks can choose to vote in-person at the county board of elections. That schedule is as follows:

- Monday – Friday, Oct. 17-28: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  
- Monday, Oct. 31: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  
- Tuesday – Friday, Nov. 1-4: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  
- Sunday, Nov. 6: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Franklin County Board of Election is located at 1700 Morse Road. To find the address of boards of election in other counties, go to <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/early-voting/>.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is noon on **Saturday, Nov. 5**. Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by **Monday, Nov. 7**. Absentee ballots that are not returned by mail must be received by the county board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on election day.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 8**. To find local polling places on election day, go to <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/>.

On the ballot this November is Ohio's open U.S. Senate seat; all statewide offices including governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor and treasurer; three seats on the Ohio Supreme Court; Ohio House and Ohio Senate members; county auditor; county commissioner; judges in the Court of Common Pleas and 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals; and state and local issues.

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### **OUR CONGREGATION**

Ministers - All who gather here in the name of Jesus

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Office Manager - Becky Trover

Custodian - Marshall Edgington

Organist/Senior Choir Director - Kathy Rapp

Pianist/Chime Choir Director - Karen Kent

*Reflections* Editor - Judith Bird

### **2022**

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Superintendent - Emily Ott

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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, the reading of the Gospel, and the communion liturgy.
- \* 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.

### 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."

### Once Monthly Book Study Launches Oct. 19: *The Shack*

*A man walks into a shack and discovers a Black woman, a Middle Eastern man, and an Asian woman.*

**Sheryl Owens** comments that while, "this may sound like the beginning of a very strange, long-winded joke, it is the premise for the book *The Shack* by **William P. Young** where the Black woman is Papa (God) the Middle Eastern man is Jesus (a carpenter) and the Asian woman is (somewhat pixelated) the Holy Spirit.

"*The Shack* is a nationally and internationally recognized bestseller. My question to you is, why is this book such a conversation piece and bestseller? Come to the 1st of many to come book discussions starting **Wednesday October 19** at 7 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church and also on Zoom."

This is the launch of a once a month book discussion group when the group will discuss a whole book in one session. "Although **Pastor Dave** and I have selected the first three books, we want you to pick things you think the group would enjoy. Choose a variety of genres, fiction, non-fiction, whole books, short stories, poetry....whatever you think would make for great discussions. *Please tell your friends and neighbors about this group as we are open to all.*

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=VkrHYXRiTI10aG9tcjFDRGJFQTJldz09>

### Monthly Food Giveaway Seeks Cleaning Supplies as 'Extra' Item

The "extra" items designated for the October giveaway this **Thursday, October 20**, are cleaning supplies such as wipes, sponges and paper towels. Items can be placed in the appropriate bin in the cloakroom. Folks very much appreciate these "extra" items, in addition to the produce, as they are not covered by food stamps.

This is Redeemer's last monthly food giveaway of the season. **Volunteers are still needed.**

### Second BREAD House Meeting Set for Oct. 18

**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, the second of two house meetings will be held on **Tuesday, October 18**, at 6:30 p.m. at **Emily and Nate Ott's** home in Gahanna. This is 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 donations to BREAD. We are pleased to announce that Redeemer has donated \$1,240 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.

## Redeemer Raises \$8,595 for CROP Walk

**Connie Criswell** reports that Redeemer's CROP Walk Team has raised \$8,595 so far this year, ranking it 32nd in the nation among congregations. Donations will be taken until **Sunday, October 23**. They 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>. Besides Connie, Redeemer's walkers include **Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica** and **Kathy Zwanziger**.

"Many, many thanks to all those who have donated so far!"

## Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With Thanksgiving approaching in just seven 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 are 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. Filled bags can be dropped off at the church by **Thursday, November 17**. Questions? Contact **Kathy Zwanziger**. LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce.

Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people.

## 2022 Advent Devotional Booklet

All slots have been filled for Redeemer's 2022 Advent Devotional Booklet, which sees members of the congregation writing daily devotions for Advent. Many, many thanks to all who have signed up!

Individual devotions should be emailed to **Mary Benis** by **Monday, November 7** for editing.

## **Stewardship Drive: 'Heart to Heart ... Hand in Hand'**

**Laura Warren**, Stewardship Team chairperson and council representative, reports that the Annual Pledge Drive theme for this year is "Heart to Heart...Hand in Hand." The drive, which kicked off with the Redeemer Lutheran Church Council and then the full congregation drive has begun early. All members of the congregation should have received a mailing including a pledge card for 2023.

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 Continues Oct. 18**

The Tuesday Bible study continues **Tuesday, October 18**, when 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."

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, Singers!***

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!"

Meanwhile, Senior Choir rehearsals have begun and **Choir Director Kathy Rapp** says the group practices after worship 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."

## **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 upcoming Sundays.

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](mailto: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.*

## Important Emails

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Memorial Service, Luncheon for Nancy Stinson Set for Oct. 23

The memorial service for Redeemer member **Nancy Stinson** will be held on **Sunday, October 23** beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Kimes Chapel at Wesley Ridge (2225 Taylor Park Dr., Reynoldsburg). **Pastor Rich Thomas** of Wesley Ridge and **Pastor Dave** will lead the service. Visitation runs from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nancy died **Thursday, October 6**.

In addition, the Stinson family would like to have a meal after the Sunday memorial service, starting around 4 p.m. They have requested sloppy joes, salads, chips, veggies and desserts. If anyone can assist in set up or food donations, please contact **Kathy Mimplitch** at 614-439-7739 or [kathymimplitch@yahoo.com](mailto:kathymimplitch@yahoo.com)

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Prayers are asked for the family of **Stan Heacock** who died peacefully **Saturday, October 15**. Service details are pending.

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Prayers for healing are asked for **Bill Boys** who is undergoing a heart procedure this week; **Mary Bowling's** sister **Val** who is facing additional health challenges, **Brittany Amon**, the wife of the grandson of **Ranel** and **Neil Hoddinott**. Prayers continue to be asked for healing for **Rev. Don Luck**, who was recently diagnosed with COVID-19. In addition, **Bennett Whitaker** asks prayers for his family, as there are many concerns with several family members.

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**Member Directory Updates:** **Colin Young** has a new address: 2302 Waterfall Lane, Columbus 43209, as does **Kristen Ullman**: 9749 Mill Dam Road, Hebron OH 43025-9576.

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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 doing this!!



## Members Urged to Keep Car Doors Locked while at Church

Sunday, the usher noticed that someone was in the parking lot, trying car doors as the church service was underway. Members are urged to lock their car doors anytime they are at church.

## '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](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com).

## October Birthdays

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

## The Wider Church

### LWR Provides Update on Efforts in Ukraine

**Rev. Tim Krick**, manager of congregational engagement for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and who met with members of Redeemer in August to update the congregation on LWR efforts in Ukraine, has provided the following report:

"It has been more than six months since Russia invaded Ukraine. The love of Lutheran congregations like yours is making a powerful difference in the lives of our Ukrainian neighbors." He went on to provide links to a variety of resources showing ways Redeemer's generosity is making a difference.

#### VIDEO

In both a long and short video found at <https://tinyurl.com/yetwexbj>, Ukrainian refugees talk about their experience when the war started, and how the congregation's gifts continue to provide hope.

#### SITUATION REPORT

Lutheran World Relief has committed more than \$12.1 million to respond to the crisis in Ukraine. LWR has prepared a report detailing the ways that funding is reaching neighbors in Ukraine. It can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4fnxtjdv>.

"Thank you for trusting Lutheran World Relief to be your partner in this important ministry. The needs around the world continue to be great and we are committed to working alongside you to share God's love with those who need it most."

## The Community Beyond

### IACO Sponsors Native American Spiritual Ceremony

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will hold a Native American Spiritual Ceremony with the theme of "Maintaining Hope and Optimism" on **Sunday, October 23** on the grounds of First Community North (3777 Dublin Road). It begins at 3 p.m. and will be led by Rainbow Eagle.

However, those planning to attend are encouraged to take part in a Zoom gathering prior to the event to prepare for participating. The second session is at 7 p.m. on **Monday, October 17**. To RSVP and receive the Zoom information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2duv9363>.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 23, 2022

#### Lessons

**Readings:** 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Psalm 84:1-7; Luke 18:9-14

#### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, 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 Resurrection Lutheran Church, Hillard.  
+ For Redeemer community member Bruce Collins.

*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, 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, Skye Andree, Bennett Whitaker family, family and friends of Nancy Stinson and the family and friends of Stan Heacock.

#### Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Usher</b>	Sue Watson
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimplitch, Helen Brunston
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Kay Ernsthausen, Lynn Belhorn
<b>Hospitality</b>	Michele Disbro, Becky Trover

*Flowers are to celebrate Pastor Dave's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Redeemer  
Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief*

**Upcoming Week at Redeemer**  
**October 18– October 24, 2022**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> Outreach Team
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study – <i>The Shack</i>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	3:00 -6:00 p.m.	<b>LSS/MidOhio Food Giveaway</b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	Active Shooter Training
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Adult Sunday School
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> Worship Team

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