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Coming Up at Redeemer

Adult Forum to Get to Know Bill Boys

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Nov. 2</u>. Redeemer members and friends can "Get to Know Bill Boys" during the Adult Forum after worship. He will be interviewed by **Lynn Belhorn**.

This is another chapter in Redeemer's "Getting to Know You" series.

Theme Announced for Advent Narthex Art: Blue or Purple

Michelle Clemence announced Sunday that the theme for artwork in the Narthex for Advent will be anything *blue* or *purple*. Submit your item, along with the permission form which can be found on the shelf below the bulletin board next to the Library, by mid-November. Advent begins **Sunday**, **Nov. 30**.

Pumpkin Pie Returns!!

Kathy Mimlitch writes, "In Redeemer's past, pumpkin pie was served after a Thanksgiving Eve service. While Redeemer no longer has that service, we would like to resurrect the idea of pumpkin desserts after the **Sunday**, **Nov. 23** service.

"A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for any pumpkin pies, bars or cookies and the mandatory whipped cream!"

Time to Order Poinsettias!

Yes, it is that time to order poinsettias for Christmas! They are \$8 per plant and can be ordered in red, white or pink. The order is due the <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Nov. 23</u>, before Thanksgiving. The envelopes are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Complete the envelope with your name and the dedication. Put cash or check in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate. The dedications can be: "in Memory" of a loved one, "in Honor" of loved ones or "To the Glory of God".

Don't wait...Don't forget...Order Now!!

Save the Date! Plan to Come!!

After worship on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 14</u>, Redeemer will have a special celebration honoring <u>Pastor Dave</u> and his time here at Redeemer. It will be a catered luncheon, so plan to attend and be a part of the festivities as Redeemer wishes Pastor Dave the best in his retirement!

Deadline for Advent Devotional Entries Is Nov. 10

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in an Advent devotion to **Mary Benis** for editing. For those who have not yet sent one in, the deadline is **Monday, Nov. 10**. They can be sent to Mary at MKBenis@yahoo.com.

Just a reminder: The meditations should be fewer than 350 words, include a title and conclude with a short prayer. It will be available on **Sunday**, **Nov. 23**. Redeemer member **Margie Frazier** has provided original art for the cover.

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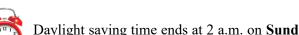
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The Redeemer Community



Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Nov. 2</u>, so set clocks *back* one hour Saturday night or risk being early for church and being drafted to sing in the choir!

Fall Back

Council Clarifies Policy on Payments to Individuals

The Redeemer Congregation Council has adopted a policy of not disbursing funds directly to individuals with the exception of funds requested by individuals for reimbursement of church related expenses and funds requested in payment for personal services. This was prompted because council has received requests from some members about designating contributions from a particular donor to the Immigration Support Fund or other funds of the church designated to benefit a particular individual. They refer folks to the following article for more information HERE.

"If you need additional information about this matter, consult your tax preparer."

From the Council

To keep the congregation informed about what your Council is doing, each month look for an article that summarizes the significant matters before the Council.

Council has adopted a policy of not disbursing funds directly to individuals with the exception of funds requested by individuals for reimbursement of church related expenses and funds requested in payment for personal services. See separate article in this issue.

Council is working on appointing a Call Committee to call a new pastor. The work of this committee will begin after the first of the year.

The executive committee is serving as the nominating committee for the 2026 Council. We expect to complete nominations in time for our <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Nov. 23</u> meeting to elect council members for 2026.

Work continues on the 2026 Spending Plan. We had discussions about what adjustments are needed to account for the interim pastor and pastoral care needs. Brad is working on creating a schedule for providing pastoral care, and presiding ministers during the time after **Pastor Dave's** departure and the arrival of an interim pastor. We expect this period will last for about six weeks.

Supporting Redeemer Means Supporting the Community

Kathy Denhard, stewardship representative on the Congregation Council, shares the following: "The definition of 'stewardship' is the 'job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.' At Redeemer, we build on this definition to include taking care of each other and the community. Your generous giving allows us to respond to the many needs through our various ministries. Returning your pledge card, helps us to formulate the spending plan for 2026.

"Thank you for your support of time, talents and finances."

Donations Requested for Another Round of Care Kits

Redeemer youth will assemble more Care Kits in November during Sunday School. These care kits can be given out to anyone members find in need. Heading into winter, these items (hand warmers, socks, chapstick) are especially helpful. Bombas has donated socks and Redeemer has received a donation of chapstick from the food pantry for this project.

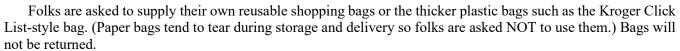
"If you are able to donate any of the following items, please put them in the black crate in the Narthex by **Sunday, Nov. 2**. Thank you!

- Small bottles of lotion
- Hand warmers
- Soft breakfast bars
- Small packets of wipes or small bottles of hand sanitizer
- Quart size ziplock bags

Help LSS Pack Thanksgiving Care Packages

With Thanksgiving approaching, Redeemer will again be assisting the Food Pantry in providing some food for those who need help providing a Thanksgiving meal for their families. A few bags are available at church to fill with these items *only* so folks are asked to use their own cloth bags for the items. (They will not be returned.). LSS will add a turkey, bread, and produce. **The deadline to have items at church is Monday, Nov. 17.** Redeemer's goal is 50 bags. Questions? Contact **Kathy Zwanziger.**

- 2 pouches or 1 13.75 oz 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 box dessert mix



Thanks for helping make Thanksgiving happier for many people!

RLC to Serve Dinner at First English on Nov. 13

On <u>Thursday</u>, <u>Nov. 13</u>, Redeemer is scheduled to provide the dinner at First English. The menu will be: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, tater tots, corn, fresh fruit and cookies. There will be lemonade and water also available for the dinners. "We will need enough food for 120 dinners which will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will need to be at First English by 4:30 p.m. to help," says coordinator **Kay Ernsthausen**.

She added, "First English will be a warming center for the winter. If the temperature drops we will have more people than if it stays warm.

"The Sloppy Joes (made with two pounds of ground beef or turkey) need to arrive at First English hot. If you would like them picked up on Thursday, we have drivers who can help with this. Just let Kay know you would like a pick up.

"The tater tots come frozen in a bag. They can be put in the freezer upstairs or downstairs. The most economical packages I found were the five-pound family fun bag. Both Giant Eagle and Gordon food Service carry the five-pound bags. The corn should be family-size bags. The fresh fruit we are looking for Cuties/Clementines or mandarin oranges – small citrus that is easy to peel – and bananas. We will break them down into small bunches. Remember for all the food, we are serving 120 dinners." A total of 240 or 20 dozen cookies are also needed.

"There is also a need for servers. Five to six servers will be good to have. For any questions contact Kay.

"Following is the recipe for Sloppy Joes – from **Kathy Mimlitch** – that has been used in the past.

"Thank you all for your commitment to this ministry."

2 lb lean ground beef or ground turkey

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

1 tsp garlic powder

2 tsp prepared yellow mustard

1 1/2 cups ketchup

6 tsp brown sugar

Salt and pepper to taste

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion and green pepper. Drain off liquids. Stir in garlic powder, mustard, ketchup and brown sugar. Mix thoroughly. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

This makes ~ 12 servings.

Notes from Kathy: "I usually omit the green pepper (I don't like it)! I sometimes use ketchup and barbecue sauce instead of just ketchup. I almost double the brown sugar as I like it sweet."



BREAD House Meeting Report; 2026 Nehemiah Action Date Announced

Kristi Hildebrand reports, "During Redeemer's BREAD house meetings and one-on-ones, attendees shared their concerns about health care and insurance, Columbus City school's student achievement levels, hunger, loss of democracy, tax justice, recycling availability, rising utility costs, and lack of housing. BREAD will be taking on a new issue this year, so our conversations will contribute to determining what problem people in Franklin County are most concerned about.

"The next Nehemiah Action will be <u>Tuesday, May 12, 2026</u> at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center. Please mark your calendar now if you are open to attending and contributing to BREAD's people power.

"For BREAD Network Members, the next event is the Annual Assembly on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Nov. 17</u>. We will be voting on the new issue for the roadmap from the concerns that were raised at the house meetings. Also, Redeemer will be recognized for showing up with 75 percent of our average weekly attendance at the 2025 Nehemiah Action. They missed recognizing this achievement at the Celebration in June."

Upcoming BREAD Dates for Network Members

- Annual Assembly: Tuesday, November 17 at 7 pm. St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church (6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.).
- RLC Network Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church (Room 2).
- Rally: <u>Tuesday, April 14, 2026</u> at 7 p.m., Corinthian Missionary Baptism (3161 E. 5th Ave.).
- Celebration: Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6 p.m., location TBA.

Upcoming BREAD Date for EVERYONE

- Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:40 p.m., Celeste Center (717 E. 17th Ave.).

Remembrance Garden Guidelines Posted

The following guidelines have been posted regarding Redeemer's Remembrance Garden: The garden is intended to be a place for reflection, remembering and celebrating those who have gone before. Just as the congregation welcomes all, so, too, the garden is open to all.

Anyone wishing to scatter or bury the cremains of a beloved person or pet simply needs to speak with the pastor, who will facilitate the process to best suit the individual's preferences and desires. The pastor can be contacted through the church office at 614-237-1263 or info@redeemerluth.com.

'Noisy Offering' to Go to Huckleberry House

Kay Ernsthausen reports that Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" will now go to support Huckleberry House. She notes Huckleberry House provides shelter, support, and guidance to young people facing difficult situations through four main programs:

- A **24/7 Crisis Shelter** offering a temporary safe place to stay for teens ages 12 to 17 including hot meals, a warm bed, and access to necessities like clothes and hygiene items.
- A **Transitional Living Program** for young people, 18-24 years old, providing a safe place to live combined with a range of supportive services.
- A **Counseling Center**, with a team of therapists who specialize working with teens, young adults, and families to help solve even the most challenging problems.
- The **Youth Outreach Program**, a team of trained, professional staff that engage with youth to prevent homelessness and provide support and resources to increase stability.

Currently the Huckleberry House serves all youth between ages 12-24. Youth between the ages of 12-17 are given shelter and programs to prepare them to move to appropriate housing. This program averages 6.5 days to transition one person.

Youth between 18-24 receive housing and services to help them prepare for transitional housing. This program currently averages 18 months to find housing.

With Kaleidoscope's loss of funding for housing, Huckleberry House is the alternative for LGBTQ youth and young adults for housing. Please note: Kaleidoscope is not closing all services; they are only losing the funding for housing. Programs will continue.



Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for services over the winter. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library. Readers are still needed.

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 – use for communicating directly with Pastor Dave.

<u>Info@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager**

Becky Trover, healing prayer requests or for general information.

<u>MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – 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.

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

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

<u>SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com</u> – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

<u>NeedaRide@redeemerluth.com</u> – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

<u>Communications@redeemerluth.com</u> – 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 comfort and strength are asked both for the **Bradley Family** as **Edwina** is in hospice care and for the **Long Family**, Redeemer's accountant, as they deal with a family tragedy.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Emily Kent** who contributed a chapter to the newly-published book *The Fire From Her Crown: Igniting Fires of Purpose. on Purpose!* See Emily to learn more about the book and to purchase a copy.

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Congratulations to Laura and Shawn Pleasants on the birth of grandson Julian Roy!

October Birthdays

27-Brad Phillips 30-Martin Binau 31-John Caron

November Birthdays

2-Danica Denniss 2-Barbara Hairston
2-Neil Hoddinott 9-Ruth Murray*
9-Bryce Harms 12-Emlyn Ott
13-Emily Ott 19-Carolyn Klopfer**
20-Zak Hinkle-Moore 21-Andy Jacobs
24-Judith Bird 24-Sarah Highland
26-Grace Montgomery 26-Dereck Stewart
28-Greyson Brush 28-David Shull
29-Mary Bowling



*Ruth Murray celebrates her 92nd birthday on Nov. 9! If folks want to send her a card, her address is 23032 Buena Vista Rd., Rockbridge OH 43149-9657.

**Carolyn Klopfer celebrates her 93rd birthday on Nov. 19! *If folks want to send her a card, her address is* 2263 Americus Boulevard #3, Clearwater FL 33763

The Wider Church

ReconcilingWorks Upgrades Its Website

ReconcilingWorks announced that it has upgraded its website! Visitors can now select their preferred language through Google Translate, making resources more accessible to people of many different backgrounds. Languages available include, among others, French, German, Hmong and Spanish.

In addition, the "Building Capacity for Justice" page has been refreshed with clearer navigation and updated tools to better support individuals and communities in their journey toward full inclusion. "Take a moment to explore these improvements – we hope they make connecting with ReconcilingWorks easier and more meaningful than ever!" The webpage can be found HERE.

IACO to Celebrate 40th Anniversary Dec. 7, Continues Interfaith Discussion

The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) will celebrate its 40th anniversary on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 7</u> at its annual Prayer Gathering at the Bharatiya Hindu Temple (3671 Hyatts Rd., Powell). It will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

IACO is also sponsoring an interfaith dialogue group discussing "How Can People of Faith Respond in Times of Crisis and Conflict?" Each gathering will have speakers of different faith traditions.

The next meeting will be <u>Thursday</u>, <u>Oct. 23</u> from 6 to 8 p.m. at Old First Presbyterian Church (1101 Bryden Rd., Columbus). Meetings are also scheduled for <u>Thursdays</u>, <u>Nov. 6 and 20</u>. Register <u>HERE</u>.

A vegetarian potluck light dinner is also available.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

Oct. 27 Pray for refugees and immigrants in our country and throughout the world, that they will be welcomed by communities and churches that accompany them through the challenges of rebuilding their lives.

28 Pray for Racial Justice Ministries of the ELCA and give thanks for a gospel proclaiming that Christ's church is for *all* people. Ask God for the courage to confront racism and seek fairness and justice in the church and society.

- 29 Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and joy that in God we find strength, life, happiness, hope and an eternal home.
- **30** Remember in prayer students who experience difficulties in school academic, emotional, physical or social. Pray that they will receive care and support from teachers, counselors and peers so that they will grow confident and thrive.
- 31 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Allegheny Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

November Prayer Ventures is not yet available

The Community Beyond

Bexley Library Sale Set for Nov. 7-9

The Bexley Library will hold its Fall Weekend Book sale from <u>Friday</u>, <u>Nov. 7</u> through <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Nov. 9</u>. They promise "thousands of gently-used books, movies and music at unbeatable prices." Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Divas & Dragons Tickets Now on Sale for Nov. 22 Concert



Columbus Pride Bands will present "Divas & Dragons" on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Nov. 22</u> at the Lincoln Theatre. "Drawing from the heroic ballads of ancient realms, triumphant fanfares of dragon-slaying glory, and some familiar tunes that will cast a spell of nostalgia on you, this concert isn't just a performance—it's a roll of the dice. With every note a new challenge and every movement a step closer to destiny, you won't want to miss it!"

Tickets run \$22/person and are fee-less if purchased at CAPA box office at the Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.). They can also be purchased by calling the CAPA Ticket Center at 614-469-0939.

Tickets are also available for \$10 HERE to watch the livestream performance.

Becky and Larry Trover's daughter Rose plays flute in the band.

BCA to Sponsor 'Trunk or Treat' on Oct. 30

The Berwick Civic Association (BCA) is sponsoring "Trunk or Treat" on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>Oct. 30</u> at Berwick Alternative School (2655 Scottwood Rd.) This is a fun and safe alternative to trick or treating door-to-door that runs from 6 to 8 p.m.



Volunteers are needed to help set up and support the event. They are also looking for Trunk participants who will decorate trunks and hand out candy. Email **Robyn Robinson** at Robyn.Robinson@614Berwick.com with questions or to sign up to participate.

Virtual Death Cafes Now on Zoom!

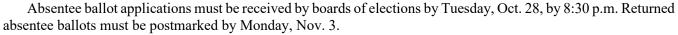
Emily Kent hosts a virtual Death Cafe on the fourth Tuesday of every month. They run from 7-8:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID 880 4396 8579, passcode 478465. "Please join us for a non-judgmental conversation about death and dying." The next one is set for <u>Tuesday</u>, Oct. 28.

Early Voting for November Election Underway

Early in-person and absentee voting for the <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Nov. 4</u> General Election is now underway. While there are no statewide issues or races on the ballot, there are a number of municipal elections and local ballot issues up for consideration.

Early in-person voting hours are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Oct. 29-Friday, Oct. 31: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 1: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 2: 1-5 p.m.



Polls will be open on Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 4 - from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Running elections is about preparation, and Ohio's bipartisan officials have done the work to ensure a secure and accessible election," said **Secretary of State Frank LaRose** in a statement on the start of early voting. "I encourage every eligible voter to visit VoteOhio.gov and make their voting plan."

Getting Ready for Worship All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Psalm 32:1-7; Luke 19:1-10

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**





Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member Jennie Peresta.

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, the Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray and her family, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Edwina Bradley and family, Karen Rider's niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Bill Boys.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Cantor

Cantor

Dave Shull
Lynn Belhorn
Jennifer Young

ASL Interpreter Marilyn Floyd

Organist & Senior Choir Director
Pianist & Chime Choir Director
Usher

Wathy Rapp
Karen Kent
Ruth Murray

Verger Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica

Producers Sue Yehling, Miles Smith

Communion Prep Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Karen Rider

Hospitality Sara Auman and Julianne Johnson

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Upcoming Events at Redeemer October 27- November 3, 2025

Monday 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School

5:00 p.m. TOPS

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Member Care Team

1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School

Wednesday 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School

5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry Team

Thursday 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School

Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – TURN CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion/

11:15 a.m. IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant Writing Session

Monday 3:00 p.m. Suzuki School

4:30 p.m. ZOOM Executive Team

5:00 p.m. TOPS

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop #2462