# Redeemer News • 2017/2018 Program Year



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## **GET TO KNOW REDEEMER**



#### WORSHIP WITH US. Sunday Worship

8AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I, Sanctuary 10AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II-Traditional, Sanctuary 10AM The Banquet-Contemporary Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Great Hall 5PM Celtic Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Wednesday Worship 6:30PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Chapel

## THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Baptism for both children and adults is an important sacrament that fully initiates one into Christ's Body and the Church. If you are an adult seeking baptism or have a child whom you wish to have baptized, please contact a priest or Anny Stevens-Gleason at anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com or 513-321-6700 (Ext. 210).

Scheduled Baptism dates for 2017/2018 include: November 5, January 7, April 8, and May 20.





#### WEDDINGS AT REDEEMER

Church of the Redeemer hosts weddings for members of the parish and their children. A team of volunteer wedding consultants, the Flower Guild, and the Music Director all work with couples to plan the wedding. Premarital counselling with one of the clergy is required. For more information, contact The Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene (nancy.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

## **CONNECT WITH US!**

When it comes to social media, there are a number of fun ways to engage with Redeemer online, whether it's on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or YouTube. To visit our website, go to: http://www.redeemer-cincy.org. If you would like to receive parish email and the weekly E-news, contact Cheryl Meininger (cheryl.hpredeemer@gmail.com). To be on our mailing list, contact Anny Stevens-Gleason (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com). And if you'd like to receive Family Ministry email, contact Brad Gough (brad.hpredeemer@gmail.com).



## **FROM THE RECTOR**

Sisters and brothers,

I'm tempted just to tell you to peruse the following pages and see how amazing this church is, but all that really amounts to is, "Look how busy Redeemer is! Aren't we great? Aren't we *doing* a lot?" I've been here for about a year now, and I can tell you that, yes, the Church of the Redeemer is quite active, we are doing a lot, but it's not the quantity of ministries or busyness of the organization that make Redeemer so beautiful: It's the people; it's the relationships; it's the love.

Love and kindness are so present at the Church of the Redeemer it's palpable. When you get connected to this community, you are opening yourself up to relationships that will nourish your heart and change your life. It all starts with our relationship with God who, in Jesus Christ, loves us more than we



can imagine. God's love is the wellspring of everything that happens here – all the work we do, all the songs we sing, all the prayers we pray, all the houses we build, every dollar we raise, all the meals we prepare, shawls we knit, and people we embrace – all of it is born from the love of God. We aren't here to become better people, prove our worth, or earn a spot in heaven: We are here to live more fully into the love life of God that is revealed to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

I'm proud of the ministries that are included in this booklet because every single one was born out of someone's response to God's love. The Holy Spirit has played a part in the founding of every ministry of Redeemer, inspiring the hearts of all those who started or participate in them. That same Spirit sustains the work we do, opening the eyes of our people to God's presence and blessing in the world, as we do the work to which we're called. Every ministry you read about in the following pages is an example of people seeking to love God and love their neighbor – God's law being fulfilled in real time, here and now. What a joy and an honor to participate in that.

This program year we join the Diocese of Southern Ohio in The Exodus Project, a deep dive into the Book of Exodus that will shape our Bible studies, adult forums, programs, music, and sermons. Bishop Breidenthal reminds us that Exodus is a "powerful story about human nature, and the challenge of freedom and service," the story that shaped the people Israel, the story that helped shape Jesus, and the story that Jesus invites us to be shaped by as well.

In Exodus, the people of God find their identity in the powerful, liberating, magnificent love of God. The word "exodus" comes from the Greek for "way out." In Exodus, God's people are oriented in love, are freed to live in real community and relationship, and in that truth they are given a way out of their bondage. They are freed for love. Free to serve God through their care for the world and for each other.

We were born for the purpose of being loved and loving, literally made for one another. But so many things get in the way of our experiencing real life-giving love. Jesus is our exodus, our way out of isolation, division, and dehumanization. The Church is our way of embodying the love that defines us.

I invite you to explore the ministries of the Church of the Redeemer whether it's your first time here or your 5,000<sup>th</sup>. I invite you to discover and rediscover the beauty of this community and her people through the many ways we connect and serve. Wherever you are in your life, whatever age you are, whatever your relationship with God looks like, however full or bereft of faith you may think you are, I am convinced there is something for you here, and I'm grateful for your presence. Welcome to the Church of the Redeemer.

Your friend and brother in Christ Jesus,

Philip Hart DeVaul †

## **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

Reaching out to people beyond our walls, particularly in times of need, is central to the life of this congregation. Redeemer's Mission Board consists of the Mission Funding Committee (MFC) and the Mission Outreach Committee (MOC). Members of the MFC are elected at the annual parish meeting, and are responsible for allocating funds for our mission ministries. The MOC is a representative body made up of the leaders of our different mission ministries. The MFC chair is Larry Kissel (lkissel@fuse.net). The MOC chair is Amy Harris (docharris1972@gmail.com).

#### For more information about a mission that interests you, contact the mission leader listed below each ministry.

#### **Episcopal Retirement Services**

Dedicated to providing services for older adults. Redeemer staff and parishioners deliver weekly Meals on Wheels routes. Volunteers support Parish Health Ministry and other programs. Mike Krug (mkrug62@mac.com)

#### **First Step Home**

Residential substance abuse treatment facility for women which allows children to live with their mothers during treatment.

Volunteers can help provide dinner for the clients and their children four times a year, provide training and support with various life skills, and help with fundraising activities.

Jeanne Plunkett (jeanne48@fuse.net)

#### **Freestore Foodbank**

Provides food and services for people in crisis in our area. On the second Saturday of the month, volunteers help to ensure that Cincinnati children do not go hungry on weekends by assembling Power Packs. Power Packs are sent home with school children on Friday afternoons. These contain nearly a dozen food items which are shelf-stable and kid-friendly. Iim Miller (miller iash@gmail.com)

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#### Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati

Dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness. Volunteers join the Madisonville Coalition to build with future homeowner or provide lunch, one Saturday a month in summer and fall. Ed Polaski (etpolaski@hotmail.com)

#### **Helping Hands Ministry**

Care bags are assembled for kids who are just entering the foster system, so that they know they are loved. Led by BEATs by CoR, volunteers purchase bag items and/or assemble



bags to be distributed to children in the Cincinnati foster care system. Brad Gough (brad.hpredeemer@gmail.com)

#### **Home Comforts**

Supports former IHN families who have recently moved into housing and are in need of furnishings. Volunteers meet with families, connect with New Life Furniture and help furnish homes. Lee Hardy (hardylee@fuse.net ), Jolene Struebbe (jmstruebbe@gmail.com)

#### Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati

Provides shelter and hospitality to homeless families; helps them find and retain permanent housing. Volunteers host families for weeklong stays at the church, providing meals, leading activities, and hosting overnight. IHN team members: Hollis Bass (hollis@fuse.net), Pattie Kovach (pghpattie@gmail.com), Kathryn Zajac Albertson (kmzalbertson@gmail.com), Lisa Senter (lsenter623@gmail.com).

#### Lydia's House

A house of hospitality for women and children facing economic insecurity. Multiple volunteer opportunities available, including onetime and weekly activities. Anne Housholder (alh323@gmail.com)

#### Madisonville Education & Assistance Center (MEAC)

Provides a variety of services and assistance to those in need in the Madisonville area. Volunteers work regularly in the food pantry, early literacy program, and other capacities.



Parishioners provide and host the annual Holiday Party in December. Congregation supports ongoing collections for the MEAC Marketplace.

Elisabeth Timmerman (timmerman.elisabeth@gmail.com), Barbara Bennewitz (bbennewitz@hotmail.com)

#### People Working Cooperatively (PWC)

Provides home repair and maintenance for low income or disabled homeowners. Volunteers participate annually in Prepare Affair (11-11-17) and Repair Affair. Monthly groups build wheelchair ramps for Modifications for Mobility.



Keenan Beauchamp (keenan@cinci.rr.com)

## **Seasonal Mission Projects**

#### **Ministry Marketplace**

Soup lunch, knitted goods, and bread sale at Redeemer in mid-November. Proceeds support Foreign Missions. Carolyn Martin (ckm7381@gmail.com)

#### **Christmas Adopt-a-Family**

Parishioners adopt a family through IHN and Home Comforts, providing gifts of clothing, toys, and household items. Jolene Struebbe (jmstruebbe@gmail.com)

### Nets For Life March Madness

Redeemer joins in March Madness by organizing an online basketball pool. Entry fees go to the purchase of mosquito nets through Episcopal Relief & Development.

Carolyn Martin (ckm7381@gmail.com)

#### MEAC Thanksgiving Basket Collection

Parishioners provide food for clients of MEAC to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Elizabeth Coley (erfcoley@yahoo.com), Lynne Lingrel-Partin (llingrel@cinci.rr.com), Christine Cho (c.chosmith@gmail.com)



#### **First Step Home Giving Tree**

Parishioners provide gifts so that mothers at First Step Home can shop for their children. Jeanne Plunkett (jeanne48@fuse.net)

#### **International Fair Trade Sale**

Hosted by Redeemer in late September, all vendors are associated with non-profit organizations which partner to provide opportunities for people in the developing world. Carolyn Martin (ckm7381@gmail.com)

#### Crayons to Computers

During the month of August, school supplies are collected to support and benefit struggling schools in our community.

#### Mountain T.O.P.

Tennessee Outreach Project is a ministry providing summer opportunities for youth to build Christian community, serve others, and experience Appalachian culture. Dates to be announced.

#### Wagon Item of the Month

Each month, a different item is collected to support mission ministries. Items are placed in wagons at church and are brought forward at the Offertory in the Banquet service on the final Sunday of the month.

## **Foreign Missions**

#### **Bead for Life**

Empowers women and girls in East Africa through education and entrepreneurial training. Jewelry sales by volunteers throughout North America and Europe support Bead for Life's mission. Carolyn Martin (ckm7381@gmail.com)

#### El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza

El Hogar Projects is an Episcopal NGO that serves children in extreme poverty in Honduras. It consists of four schools: an elementary school, a technical school, an



agricultural school, and a girls' high school program. Church of the Redeemer supports a volunteer medical team which gives the children their annual physical exams in February, at the beginning of their school year. Several other area churches send week-long volunteer teams to El Hogar each year. Friends of El Hogar is a group of churches in the Diocese of Southern Ohio which work together to raise funds and awareness about El Hogar.

Carolyn Martin (ckm7381@gmail.com)

**Episcopal Relief & Development** (www.er-d.org) ERD provides disaster relief & promotes sustainable development throughout the world. This agency and its work are supported through annual ingathering, periodic appeals, and projects.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sunday liturgies of word, sacrament, and music are central to our faith. The community gathers to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Eucharist in four Sunday services and a Wednesday service.

The Liturgy Board is made up of lay leaders of the many ministries that make our worship possible. For more information contact Andrea Rogers, Liturgy Board Chair (arogers47@vahoo.com).

**Acolytes** are youth (fourth grade through high school) who serve in our 10:00 Sanctuary and Banquet services. Training is provided, usually at the beginning of the school year. For more information contact Michelle Kirk (mkirk@gmail.com).

Altar Guild members prepare and care for altar vessels, linens, and all the things necessary for the celebration of Holy Eucharist and other sacraments and offices of the church. Teams typically serve monthly. For more information contact Rachel Votaw(rbvotaw@fuse.net).

Banquet Team Youth and adults lead lessons and prayers, families serve as ushers, and youth administer healing prayers at this 10:00 am service in the Great Hall. For more information contact Anny Stevens-Gleason Intercessors lead the Prayers of the People in Sanctuary (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

Bread Guild members bake the bread that is used for communion at all services. For more information contact David Richards (dbrichards@fuse.net).

**Celtic Guild** members prepare the chapel for weekly 5:00 pm Celtic worship. For more information contact Lynne Lingrel-Partin (llingrel@cinci.rr.com).

Flower Guild members prepare flower arrangements

for worship spaces. For more information contact Francie Morrison (efvrm@aol.com).

Lav Readers read the second lesson and administer the chalice at Sanctuary & Celtic services. For more information contact Tom Hill (thill6@cinci.rr.com).

Lay Eucharistic Visitors are licensed to share Holy Communion with homebound or hospitalized members. For more information contact Mark Sesler (msesler@cinci.rr.com).

Lectors read the first lesson at Sanctuary & Celtic services. For more information contact Angela Lyman (angelalyman@gmail.com).

**Sacristans** coordinate lay participants in 10:00 am Sunday worship services, making sure that participants are present and services flow smoothly. For more information contact Stewart Lewis (jslewis@fs24-7ltd.com).

Sunday Bankers count and post plate offerings each Sunday and deposit them in our bank account. For more information contact Mike Staffiera (mijast727@fuse.net).

& Celtic services. For more information contact Deanna Thompson (dgthompson@cinci.rr.com).

**Ushers** hand out bulletins, present elements, collect offering, and direct communion at the Sunday 10:00 am Sanctuary service. For more information contact Larry Kissel (lkissel@fuse.net).

Wedding Consultants help members plan a wedding at Redeemer and guide them through any church-related details. For more information contact Sheila Maxwell (max04@fuse.net) or Kathe Kissel (kckissel23@gmail.com).



### **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

In the words of Psalm 95, "Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation!" Music is integral to our weekly worship and festive occasions. Musicians of all ages participate in our music ministries, which include choral and instrumental groups serving in three of our four Sunday services. Concerts in our beautiful sanctuary and chapel spaces welcome the public and include musicians from our congregation and the larger community.

Adult Choir sings in the 10:00 am Sanctuary service during the program year and in occasional special services. Weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings (September – May). For more information contact Brett Scott (brett.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

**Joyful Noisemakers** gives children in Godly Play (Preschool – Kindergarten) an opportunity to sing in worship services on an occasional basis.

**Jubilate Deo Choir** includes children Kindergarten through age 10 who sing occasionally in both of the 10:00 am Sunday services. For more information contact Shelley Dumoulin (shelley@dumoulins.net) or Brett Scott (brett.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

**Spikenard** is a youth band that leads congregational music for the 10:00 am Banquet service during the program year and occasionally for local or diocesan youth events. For more information contact Anny Stevens-Gleason (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

**Junior Spikenard** is a younger youth band (grades 5 – 8) that leads congregational music at the 10:00 am Banquet service during the program year. For more information contact Anny Stevens-Gleason (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

Adult Contemporary Ensemble (A.C.E.) leads congregational music at the 10:00 am Banquet service. For more information contact Anny Stevens-Gleason (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

**Celtic Ensembles** provide music for the 5:00 pm Celtic Eucharist during the program year. Instrumentalists of many kinds play and lead music 1- 2 times per month. For more information contact Brett Scott (brett.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

The **Handbell Choir** provides occasional accompaniment for psalms and anthems seasonally for the Sanctuary service. For more information contact Matthew Swanson (mjswanson2@gmail.com) or Brett Scott (brett.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

**Music at Redeemer** concert series includes a variety of musical offerings, taking place monthly October – March on Sunday afternoon or evening. See p. 13 for more information. Contact Brett Scott (brett.hpredeemer@gmail.com).





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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## **Children's Ministry Staff**



**Brad Gough** Minister for Young Adults and Families brad.hpredeemer@gmail.com



**Tommy Kirk** Children's Formation Leader tommy.hpredeemer@gmail.com

When Jesus quotes Scripture saying, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," he is giving us a picture of how varied and all-encompassing a love-centered life is. Christian Education is the lifelong process of loving God with all your mind. Education offerings at Redeemer include a variety of opportunities for Bible Study, intellectual engagement, and spiritual growth that together seek to equip the community for lives of loving ministry at every age level and life stage. We have weekly Bible studies and forums, adult forums, and age appropriate children's formation programs. We also have monthly and yearly offerings with book groups, retreats, and an annual quiet day. All groups welcome new participants – and all groups exist for the furthering of discipleship to Jesus through education in community. Contact Philip DeVaul (philip.hpredeemer@gmail.com) with any questions you have.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION

#### Playroom

Professional childcare providers are available on Sundays from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm to look after our youngest parishioners (ages 0-2). Drop children off in our playroom, located near the rear entrance of the sanctuary just past the elevator. Snacks such as goldfish, pretzels, and animal crackers are provided.



#### St. Francis Room

When children are ready for more structured play they are welcome to attend St. Francis Kids class for

older toddlers. Children can be dropped off for the 10:00 am services in the St. Francis room on the 2nd floor of the church building near the parking lot entrance.

From coloring and simple crafts to biblical story time, St. Francis Room activities are teacher-led and structured to guide children in building social skills as they explore together in a safe and friendly environment. From 11:00 am to 12:15 pm, St. Francis Kids join the younger children in the playroom and can be picked up there.

#### **Godly Play**

Godly Play is a Montessori-based program for 3 to 6 year olds that gives them an opportunity to learn foundational Bible stories in a safe and

		Age						
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Playroom								
St. Francis Room								
Godly Play								
Children's Liturgy								
Club CoR								
BEATS								
Youth Group								

welcoming environment that fosters discovery learning. The structure of the class parallels the church worship

service with a greeting, a story, response time, a feast, and a goodbye blessing.

The Godly Play class meets in the St. Joseph room, near the parking lot entrance on the 2nd floor. After class



concludes, the children are transitioned to the St. Francis room where they can continue their response time or participate in open play.

#### **Children's Liturgy**

First through fourth graders are invited to Children's Liturgy, an age appropriate mini-service where the kids are the leaders, serving as readers, acolytes, and leading prayers, as they learn the rhythms of our liturgy. During the 10:00 am services, children begin in the Banquet or Sanctuary with their families before processing to the chapel for this worship experience. They rejoin their families during The Peace.



**Club CoR** Club CoR is a formation class for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders that is designed to build community between the children. It includes ongoing elements that will become familiar each week, as well as new learning topics. The class

meets at 8:45 am in the Parlor for a light breakfast and to learn some aspect of who we are in Christ. Pickup is at 9:45 am.

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nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	HS
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Club CoR is created to be enjoyable for children and interesting for adults, who are welcome but not required to attend. Come build relationships, learn stories about God, and serve others through the ministries of Redeemer, all in an interactive and upbeat learning environment.

#### **BEATS by CoR**

BEATS (Bridge for Early Adolescents and Teens) by CoR is a developmentally appropriate formation program for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It focuses on using real-world and relevant topics to explore ideas of



faith for "Tweens" and Early Teens. BEATs meets regularly on Sundays at 11:15 am, and once per month on an evening or weekend for fellowship and service projects.

#### **Youth of Redeemer**

We are in the midst of a major transition for Redeemer's high school Youth ministry. After several years of interims and part time leaders, we are currently in the process of hiring a full time Associate for Youth & Young Adults. This priest will gather, educate, form, and pastor to our high schoolers, while seeking to incorporate them more fully into the life of the church.

Youth programming will include confirmation class, mission projects and trips, pilgrimages, and regular meetings on Sundays for connection and formation. Our goal is to raise up the next generation of the Church, to make sure our high schoolers are heard, taken seriously, inspired, and led into deeper relationship with God and each other.

We will hire this priest this fall. In the meantime, we are finding opportunities for our high schoolers to continue to be connected and empowered for ministry. Please contact Philip DeVaul (philip.hpredeemer@gmail.com) with any questions you have.

## **NNECTFOUR**

On the 4th Sunday of each month, join us in the Great Hall after the 10:00 am services for a lightly programmed intergenerational fellowship and connection hour. The first ConnectFour in 2017 will take place on September 24.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## ADULT EDUCATION

#### Adult Forum

Meets weekly on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am services and ending at 12:00 noon (September -May). Includes speakers, discussions, and presentations on a variety of different topics of Christian faith and life.

#### **Downtown Bible Study**

Meets at the diocesan offices (412 Sycamore) on Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 pm (September – May). Participants bring lunch to this informal study of Scripture appointed for the following Sunday. Led by clergy.

#### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Meets in the Parlor from 10:00 to 11:30 am on Thursdays (September - May). Led by clergy.

#### **Theology Circle**

Gathers in the Library every 4-6 weeks to read books or other texts and discuss them from a theological point of view. Periodic movie or video nights too. For more information contact Carol Ewbank (carolvanabbema@hotmail.com), or Ed Ewbank (edewbank@yahoo.com).

#### **Book Group**

Meets in the library the fourth Wednesday of every month to discuss works of fiction and non-fiction selected by vote at the beginning of the year. For more information contact Nancy Schulhoff (nschulhoff@zoomtown.com).

#### Writing Circle

"The Time of Your Life" will be our theme for the fall Redeemer Writing Circle, starting off September 26. Join Advent Quiet Day us in the Parlor for four successive Tuesdays, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Our confidential space will welcome your words, poetry or prose, fiction or non, new or experienced writer. Whether we are entering new territory in life's journey, passing through a stretch of ordinary time, or coming out of a dark valley, setting our experience down in words can provide context and even revelation. Facilitated by Naomi Gerwin with Linda Trebbi. Register at naomigerwin@gmail.com - by September 22 appreciated. Last minute? Sign on! Fee of \$20 applies.

#### **Rise & Shine**

An adult discussion group that meets weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am in the Chapel (September - May). Topics are based around current events, and include scriptural references to aid in the discussion.

#### **Poetry Lovers Group**

Gathers four times each year to read and discuss poetry. Upcoming dates (subject to change): September 20, 2017, January 3, 2018, March 21, 2018, and June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor or Cloister. For more information contact Jim Votaw (jkvotaw@fuse.net).

#### ConnectFour

On the 4th Sunday of each month, join us in the Great Hall after the 10:00 am services for ConnectFour. a lightly programmed intergenerational fellowship and connection hour. The time is designed to foster conversation and connection across all facets of Redeemer. The first ConnectFour of 2017-2018 will take place on September 24. For more information contact Brad Gough (brad.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

## **Special Programs**

#### **Inquirers Classes**

Opportunities to learn more about The Episcopal Church, The Church of the Redeemer, and one another. Classes typically run for four evening sessions or one Saturday session, twice a year. Serves as preparation for adult confirmation or reception in The Episcopal Church. Led by the Rector.

#### **Lenten Series**

A weekly series takes place during Lent each year. Programs have ranged from Wednesday night programs with guest speakers to small groups in members' homes.

## **Retreats**

An opportunity for quiet, reflection, and prayer in the midst of the busyness of the Advent season. Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

#### Women's Retreat

An opportunity for quiet, rest, and reflection facilitated by clergy or other leader. Taking place during the winter, it begins with supper on Friday and ends Saturday late afternoon. Next retreat: January 19-21, 2018.

#### **Men's Retreat**

An opportunity for quiet, rest, and reflection facilitated by clergy or other leader. Taking place during the winter, it begins with supper on Friday and ends Saturday late afternoon. Next retreat: February 2-4, 2018.

Out of God's great love, we have been given all that we have. Our response to this loving generosity - the way we care for what God gives us - is called stewardship. This includes not only our financial resources, but also our bodies, our time, our talents, our estates, and creation itself. Stewardship is often narrowly understood to be a church's annual fund-raising appeal, and of course budgeting and fundraising are a natural part of stewardship. But stewardship is much more: It is a way of life that orients us in God's generosity, and helps us to see our lives, our selves, our world, and our resources as gifts from God. Stewardship is the spiritual practice of living into our care for the gifts God gives us. Redeemer's Stewardship ministries are aimed at helping us live into lifelong, year-round response to God in practical ways.

#### **Stewardship of Environment**

Parishioners who are concerned about the impact of our daily practices on the environment (also known as Ecopalians) work to promote sound practices at Redeemer and in our community. This is done in an active way (composting, collecting items to keep out of our landfills) and by a commitment to educate others by providing information about how to care for God's creation in a respectful way.

#### **Stewardship of Estate**

Pre-planning and making your wishes known can be a wonderful gift to your family during a time of grief and stress. In the spring, a class is offered at Redeemer on estate, will, and funeral planning.

#### Stewardship of Time and Talents

Parishioners are asked to learn about ministry opportunities and prayerfully consider how to get involved by using our time and talents. We make time and talent covenants individually and corporately as a parish, which are renewed annually during a spring campaign. A form is located on the Redeemer website that lists all the ways to get involved.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

Our annual fall campaign encourages people to give joyfully and asks every family to make a pledge to support Redeemer as part of their giving. Financial giving is a journey and many people challenge themselves to give one percent more each year until they reach a goal of a 10% tithe for overall giving.

#### Stewardship of God's House

Our mission is to preserve and enhance our campus in service of our parish vision to invite in, inspire, and reach out. This committee is involved with most everything to do with our property including the grounds, the building systems, equipment, furnishings, decoration, and physical operation.



### **Pastoral Ministries**

Our pastoral ministries include the many ways that we welcome, support, uplift, care, and pray for one another. Lay ministers and clergy join in welcoming newcomers, celebrating milestones, and caring for those in any need or trouble. If you are interested in joining any of these ministries, contact the person listed. If you have a pastoral need for support in any of these areas, contact The Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene, or the individuals listed.

#### **Card Link**

This ministry strives to remind a family of God's love and support through sending cards and notes. Parishioners send cards on behalf of the parish to members or friends who are ill or in grief, in joy or in celebration. Sheila Maxwell (max04@fuse.net)

#### **Funeral Receptions**

The Redeemer Funeral Reception ministry provides assistance to families who would like to have a reception at the church after the death of a loved one. The receptions are generally held in the Great Hall, and anything from a simple beverage service to a full catered meal for the family and friends can be arranged. Doris Crouch (jlcrouch3@aol.com)

#### **Goodie Guild**

Volunteers bake weekly and cookies are enjoyed on Sunday mornings and with our community ministries. Lisa Andrews (lisa@soundbitesnutrition.com)

#### Greeters

Welcome and assist people at all services and help direct newcomers and visitors to connect with us. For more information contact Carter Kemper (cgkemper1@gmail.com).

#### **Health and Wellness**

Sponsors parish programs designed to improve physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. Becca Morehous (becca.hpredeemer@gmail.com)

#### **Intercessory Prayer**

Confidential prayer requests are given to Redeemer intercessors for inclusion in their private, regular prayers. Each petition remains on their prayer list for one month (unless instructed otherwise). To submit a prayer request, fill out a prayer request form in the lobby, or contact the Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene. To include a prayer request in the public Prayers of the People on Sunday, contact the church office (321-6700) or Nancy Hopkins-Greene (nancy.hpredeemer@gmail.com).

#### **Knitters Group**

This group of knitters and crocheters seeks to offer comfort to others through their handiwork and meets to make prayer shawls, prayer bears, and other items on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. Heather Krombholz (heather@krombholzjewelers.com)

#### **Main Dish**

This ministry offers a meal to those suffering from illness, mourning a death in the family, celebrating a new baby, or recovering after a medical procedure. Anne Lilly Cone (annelillycone@gmail.com), or Les McNeill (lmcneill43@gmail.com)

#### MYX

Pronounced "mix," this group is comprised of single and married adults seeking to network and build social relationships with others in the Redeemer community who are in similar life stages. The group meets for scheduled social events throughout the year. Philip DeVaul (philip.hpredeemer@gmail.com)

#### Newcomers

This ministry involves identifying and welcoming people who are new to Redeemer and helping to incorporate them into the life of the community. The newcomer ministry includes greeters, mentors, newcomer reception hosts, and welcome tour guides. If you are new, we hope you will fill out a visitor information form. Anny Stevens-Gleason (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com)

#### **Parish Visitors**

Serves those who would enjoy a visitor from time to time. Parishioners are paired with others with whom they might connect. Becca Morehous (becca.hpredeemer@gmail.com)

#### **Sole Mates**

A group of runners, walkers, and strollers who participate in local events, raising funds for various charities, and enjoying the time together. Lin Roth (mslcdr@aol.com)

#### Transportation

There are a small number of folks who would like to attend worship and other parish events who are not able to drive. People who serve in this ministry provide transportation on an occasional basis. For more information contact the church office (321-6700).

#### **Welcome Tours**

Regularly scheduled tours of our building following Sunday morning services. Clay Bond (clay.bond@hobsons.com)

## **MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2017-2018 Concert Series**

## *Concert series is free and open to the public. Donations of \$10.00 are suggested.*

Sunday, October 29, 2017 1:00 pm Great Hall	<b>Russell Up Some Grub</b> , a four-piece string band offering old-time mountain tunes. Bound to please families and young professionals alike.	Russ Childers, fiddle/banjo/guitar/ bass guitar/vocals Mark Alexander, banjo/guitar/vocals Barb Childers, ukejo/guitar/vocals Rob Kranz, upright bass
Sunday, December 10, 2017 5:00 pm Sanctuary	The Advent Service of Lessons & Carols will be held on the Second Sunday of Advent.	Redeemer Adult Choir Jubilate Deo Youth Choir
Sunday, December 17, 2017 2:00 pm Chapel	The Tenth Annual Celtic Winter Solstice Concert, featuring some unusual carols and songs from around the world for Christmas, Chanukah, and yuletide traditions on Celtic harp, violin, bodhran drum, recorder, dulcimer, guitar, and other percussion.	Clark & Jones Trio Nancy Bick Clark, harpist Frank Clark, bodhran Judith Jones, fiddler/guitarist
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 8:00 pm Chapel	<b>Music For The Season Of Lent,</b> featuring 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> century works by composers Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, and Henry Purcell.	Matthew Swanson The Vicars Choral
April 2018 Dates and Times TBD Sanctuary	<b>Two Easter Season Programs</b> , built around a hymn, scripture, and a pastoral prayer. The first program will feature music by Leo Sowerby and Max Reger. The second program will feature music by J. S. Bach, Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, and Ad Wammes.	Ted Gibboney, organist Redeemer Adult Choir Krista Scott, cantor (2nd program)



#### STAFF

## The Rev. Philip Hart DeVaul Rector

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The Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene Associate Rector nancy.hpredeemer@gmail.com



The Rev. Joyce Keeshin Assisting Priest joyce.hpredeemer@gmail.com



#### Anny Stevens-Gleason Minister for Liturgy & Incorporation anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com



Oversees membership records and records all milestones in parish life (births, baptism, deaths, & marriages). Leads the 3 bands for the Banquet

service, organizes all ministers for the Sunday services, and keeps the parish database current.

#### **Becca Morehous Health & Wellness Minister** becca.hpredeemer@gmail.com



deemer@gmail.com Becca works with parishioners and families to ensure they have the resources needed to meet most any challenge related to chronic illness,

surgery, or life transitions.

#### Mary Jo Schottelkotte Parish Office Administrator maryjo.hpredeemer@gmail.com



Mary Jo serves as the communication hub for clergy and staff, and as the primary liaison for facility maintenance issues. She handles the

church calendar, building schedule, HVAC controls, IT & A/V support, and creation and implementation of operational support materials.

#### Cheryl Meininger Director of Communications



cheryl.hpredeemer@gmail.com Responsible for publicizing parish news



and events, Cheryl oversees the weekly enews, monthly newsletter, social media, signage, and bulletins.

**Cathy Hunt, Finance Officer** cathy.hpredeemer@gmail.com Oversees the financial aspects of parish life including payroll, pledges, contributions, and budget. Cathy also



## meetings.

takes part in Trustee

## Denise Hoefling Preschool Director

denise.hpredeemer@gmail.com In addition to her responsibilities as a



classroom teacher, Denise is responsible for all aspects of Redeemer Preschool.

## Missy Darling,

## Receptionist missy.hpredeemer@gmail.com

In addition to greeting visitors to the parish office during the week, Missy is



responsible for a variety of other tasks, including assisting with bulletins, and special event programs.

## Sue Fisher, Custodian

sue.hpredeemer@gmail.com Sue keeps the building in shape by cleaning, ordering supplies, and



various household tasks. She also facilitates events, and fills in when needed on Sundays.

## Travis Weedn,

#### Custodian

travis.hpredeemer@gmail.com Travis handles building maintenance issues, repairing and replacing things and addressing issues with contractors. He handles seasonal



décor and event setups, grounds upkeep, cleaning tasks, and prepares the building for Sunday services.

William Black, Custodian william.hpredeemer@gmail.com As part of the custodial team, William assists Sue and Travis with cleaning and event set up tasks on a part-time basis. William primarily works in the evening.

#### **GET TO KNOW REDEEMER**



#### PARKING

A small parking lot is located behind the church off Paxton Avenue. Because parking lot spaces are limited, we ask that you save those spaces for those who cannot easily walk a few blocks. On Sundays there are back door greeters who can assist you if you have a person or item to drop off before you street park. To show consideration to our neighbors, please be careful not to block any driveways, or park too close to driveways or intersections. Parking is permitted along most of Paxton Avenue, except for bus stops. Please show caution and cross at the crosswalk. Parking is also permitted on Raymar, but only on the west side and only on Sundays.

#### **IN TIMES OF NEED**

Please let us know how we might help. Contact the Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene (nancy.hpredeemer@gmail.com) for prayer requests for our confidential Intercessory Prayer List, a prayer to be included in Sunday Prayers of the People, a pastoral visit, or a Eucharistic Visitor. To receive a meal, prayer shawl, or transportation to church, please contact Becca Morehous (becca.hpredeemer@gmail.com) or Nancy Hopkins-Greene.





#### **THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is an opportunity for youth or adults to make a mature commitment to Christ. In many cases, they are reaffirming promises made by their parents and sponsors at Baptism. The rite consists of the laying on of hands by a bishop. For baptized Christians from other traditions, Reception into the Episcopal Church often takes place at the same time as Confirmation. For more information on youth confirmation, see p. 9. For adults, see information on Inquirers Classes on p. 10.

#### **BUILDING USE**

Our beautiful building plays host to a number of ministries, for internal and outside groups. We have recently defined some procedures for procuring a space, and that information can be obtained from the Parish Office. If you have an event or group and would like to apply for use of the building, please call or email our Office Administrator, Mary Jo Schottelkotte, at 513-321-6700 or maryjo.hpredeemer@gmail.com.



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## **GET INVOLVED!**



## What Are your Unique Gifts?

Where do you feel called to devote your time and talents? Is there a ministry you have a passion for? Well, there's a group at Redeemer that would love to meet you and have you join them!

For more information on how you can share God's love, make new friends, and get involved, contact Anny Stevens-Gleason (anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com).