

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 22, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: God's Gifts in Pets

As We Gather

The power of God is present at all places, even in the tiniest tree leaf. Do you think God is sleeping on a pillow in heaven? . . . God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you. God's entire divine nature is wholly and entirely in all creatures, more deeply, more inwardly, more present than the creature is to itself. God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field. . . . God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars. *(Martin Luther)*

Prayer Before Worship

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of Your creation. We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset. We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them. We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by You. We are awed by all the animals You created. For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give You praise. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Steve SeGraves

(Sponsored by Pam Dundas; dedicated to Mike Dundas as the story of our marriage.)

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn

His Eye on the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely. And long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Chorus:

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

2. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. - *Chorus*
3. Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He cares for me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He cares for me. - *Chorus*

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: You have set your glory in the heavens.

P: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C: the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

P: what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

C: human beings that you care for them?

P: You have made them a little lower than the angels

C: and crowned them with glory and honor.

P: You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

C: you put everything under their feet:

P: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

C: the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,

P: all that swim the paths of the seas. (Psalm 8:1,3-8)

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

(Creation)

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-25

(All of Creation Groans)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:22-28

(Even the Dogs Eat the Crumbs)

A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn

Earth and All Stars

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

Sermon

Text: Matthew 15:22-28

"It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

What Does Jesus Mean?

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

(Please rise for the Offertory)

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Voluntary

Redeemer Praise and Conga Drums
Keep Yo' Lamps
(Please rise for the Doxology)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Tune: hymn 15

(Please be seated)

Pet Blessing

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King
(sung during the pet blessing)

1. All Creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain:

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice, -Refrain
3. O flowing waters, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light, -Refrain

(Please rise for the Prayer of the Church)

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

(At the 10:30 service, during the closing hymn,
our loving pets who are no longer with us and hold a special place in our hearts
will be laid to rest in our Pet Columbarium)

Closing Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth
(favorite hymn of Judy Weir)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of this hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Steve SeGraves



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Jim and MaryAnn Perryman with grateful hearts and praise to our awesome God. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by David and Beth Hamada in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos
Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp

Greeters

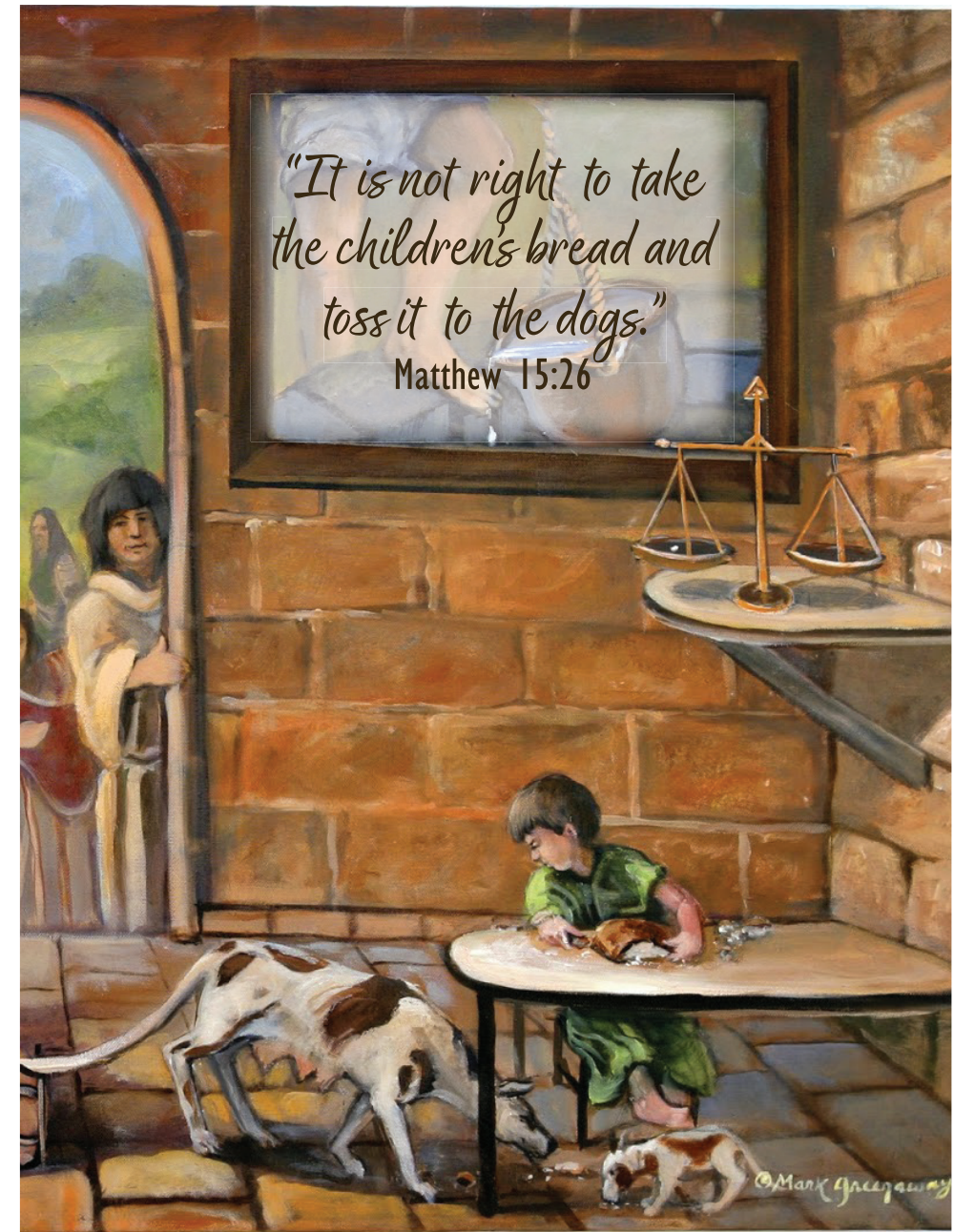
10:30 - The Michael Vella Family

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann,
Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker
10:30 - Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano, Tim Fithian, John
Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan, Blake Burstein

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Bruce Helmke, audio
10:30 - Jim Endress, audio;
10:30 - David Hardoin, David Kiehle, Brian Tyler, video



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Visit us at www.redeemberirmingham.org for more detailed information

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Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

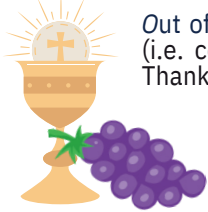


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
(248) 644-4010 /office@redeemberirmingham.org

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Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel. (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.) Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation. ~Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors

COMMUNION NEWS: If you would like communion to be brought to you, please let an usher know before the service begins and they will be sure that you are accommodated.



The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security. **To enter the church on Sundays mornings please use:** the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.

PET BLESSING SUNDAY IS TODAY!



Coffee hour is happening outside the columbarium by the prayer garden. If you brought your pet today for the blessing, see Laura Vowell at coffee hour for treats and giveaways.



BECOME A MEMBER!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer... now you can! Join us for our New Member Classes! Starting on **Sunday, September 29th**, classes will run for 6 weeks on Sundays from 9am - 10am. We will end with New Member Orientation on Sunday 11/10 and the New Member Brunch on Sunday 11/17. Come join us! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or for more information.

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present...Your current family or marital status...Your past or current religious affiliation... Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity...You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

WORSHIP/COMMUNION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel
Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am - Sanctuary
Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*10:30am livestreamed service
Go to www.redeemberirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel
Communion - Monday that falls after 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

REDEEMER NURSERY

Infants and children are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday worship services for children 3 and under. You are welcome to bring your child to the nursery at any time during the service.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code & fill out the online attendance form.



RYG - REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP TODAY PUTT-PUTT and RAYS ICE CREAM 7-9

Putt Putt/Ray's Ice Cream Meet in the Youth Room at 7pm - we'll drive to putt putt together and then go to Ray's ice cream! (Please bring money and dress for the weather - we will be outside the whole time!) *Bring a new friend and you BOTH putt putt for free!



Make sure you follow

SEPT 29 HIGH SCHOOL ushering at 10:30 worship
SEPT 29 CIDER MILL 3-5
RYG on instagram for event updates and photos
@redeemer_y00th

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BE AN EARLY BIRD TODAY, turn in your forms for YOUTH RETREAT and get \$15 OFF - DETS INSIDE

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES



Year 2 Orientation: TODAY - at 1:30pm
Year 3 Orientation: TODAY (directly following the 10:30am service)
Confirmation Classes Start: Wednesday 9/25 from 6pm - 8pm



REDEEMERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS HAPPENING

How do I sign up?

ONLINE:

- Step 1: Scan this QR Code (coming soon)
- Step 2: Enter Redeemer Church Code: *mi1957*
- Step 3: Redeemer Church Password: *photos*

BY EMAIL:

- Email Lynn Kubik Mee Duerr at lynnkubikmee@yahoo.com

BY PHONE:

- Call Lynn at #248-891-2734

Current Photo Sessions Available

- Friday, November 8: 2pm-8pm
- Saturday, November 9: 10am-4pm
- Thursday, November 14: 2pm-8:30pm
- Friday, November 15: 2pm-8pm
- Saturday, November 16: 10am-4pm
- Friday, November 29: 2pm-8pm
- Saturday, November 30: 10am-4pm

kids and youth

BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OUR KIDS NEED YOU!

Our regular Sunday School starts TODAY and we are in desperate need of teachers. In an ideal world I would have 4 teachers each week. I have a set up where you teach for 5 weeks and then have 10 weeks "off". You would teach either 10 or 15 weeks total depending on which rotation you are in. With that schedule I need 12 teachers. As of right now I have 4. You can grab a friend or family member to teach with you. If you have a middle or high schooler they can help or even teach a class if you think they're up to it. I do need people to commit so I'm not scrambling each Sunday. You can teach your own child's age group or we can keep you out of that room if it's better for all involved. Please prayerfully consider helping. As I learned this summer it is difficult to have ages 3-11 in one group.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT!

All MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at Camp Skyline for the WHOLE WEEKEND with friends! We'll be having fun and learning more about God's Word during the weekend of **October 4th – October 6th!** Friends are more than welcome!

Forms are due by Sunday 9/29 and the cost is \$80... BUT... if you turn in forms by Sunday 9/22, the cost is only \$65! You can sign up AND pay via the church website! All retreat participants will receive a FREE YOUTH T-SHIRT! Contact Laura Vowell with questions or for more information. (laura@redeemberirmingham.org)

Scan the QR code to sign up.



Church Extension Fund

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.

Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, that made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid back on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. When you invest at a bank, you will build another bank building. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone! *For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248-320-5100, (our Redeemer representative) Interest Rate sheets available around the building.*

HARVEST HOUSE HOP - THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, October 11th from 6:00-10:00pm
Last year, we had a wonderful time meeting new people, greeting old friends, and enjoying a delicious meal! Please consider being one of our hosts - we are happy to guide you, it is easier than you think, and you can pick how you host!

- Pre-Party Reception Home (cocktails, mocktails, appetizers)
- Dinner Host Homes (6) (salad, dinner)
- Dessert Host Home (dessert and Hummers)

Guests bring an appetizer, salad, rolls, or dessert at the request of host. A fun, light-hearted evening awaits! Jump in to help or simply sign-up to attend.

Sign-up deadline - October 1. Questions? Call Kitty Sweitzer!

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP!

Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website and click on "WAYS TO SERVE" to explore volunteering opportunities at church! You can also find sign-up details on the Town Square bulletin board.



What is a Mystery Prelude?
Scan the QR code to find out!

- Be A Reader!
- Be A Greeter!
- Host A Coffee Hour!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering



October 13th Enrichment Event Sponsored by Faithful Friends

You are invited! Congregation members and friends are invited to our Enrichment Event Sunday, October 13th following the 10:30 service in the Great Room. Dawn Neally from Seniors Helping Seniors will be speaking. Her mission is to help seniors remain independent and safe in their home environment by matching them with compassionate, committed, and dependable Care Providers. Seniors Helping Seniors is an in-home care service providing seniors with the ability to choose an independent lifestyle from anywhere they call home, for as long as possible. They also look for Seniors who want to be caregivers! Come to this one-hour Enrichment Event, we will also video tape it for those who are not available.

MISSIONS

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be loaded with bright, red apple tags labeled with some of the most basic items needed (soap, bath towel, toothbrush, etc.) Purchase the item (s), put it in the bins surrounding the tree, and we will see that your gift gets to the Orphan Grain Train and people all over the world in need of support. Deadline for items is Sunday, October 13th.

FEED THE HOMELESS!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

- make bagged lunches
- prepare frozen meals
- deliver/serve a meal



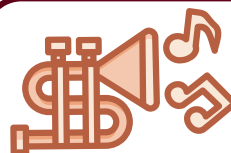
- donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals
- Signup to help at www.redeemberirmingham.org under the Ways to Serve box or on the Town Square bulletin board.
- NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate signup to sponsor a meal than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal.**

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell at laura@redeemberirmingham.org.



THANK YOU to the Eley family for sponsoring the family of God Soup Kitchen this month!

Appreciate you!



REDEEMER BRASS

will be playing at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs on Saturday, Sept 28 from 1-4. Come hear us play!

Teaser and Trivia for Congregational Care and Adult Education

In 1969, Bill Meinert attended a 2 week orientation session in Madison, WI. This orientation session enabled him to bring the Bethel Series Bible Study to Redeemer. A group of teachers participated in a 2 year training opportunity. After that, a large number of our members took part in this intensive study. In an article in The Eccentric, Bill Meinert was named as the "Rev. Meinert"!

Learn more about Redeemer's Congregational Care and Adult



The Church Extension fund cares for Redeemer's ministry in many ways, including its Investment Rebate Program. Since, as a congregation, we have financed capital improvements with CEF and the fact that members have significant investments with

CEF, Redeemer earned a rebate in July of \$20,996.97! CEF also gave Redeemer Staff a \$2,500 grant for a team-building event. Our Staff chose to participate in a cooking contest at Mirepoix in Royal Oak, where they split into two teams - "Saints" and "Sinners." Afterwards, we shared the experience with CEF through videos and photos, and entered a contest to receive an additional \$10,000 grant - AND WE WON! The money will go towards future team-building events for Redeemer staff and will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, October 27th. Thank you for faithfully investing with Church Extension Fund and your partnership in helping to Build the Kingdom here in Michigan!

MEN'S MINISTRY

"A World Turned Upside Down – How Does Society Cope With The Creatures Who Have Rejected Their Creator And Become Their Own God?"

Men's Ministry is hosting another Fellowship Breakfast on **Saturday, October 5th**, 8-10 a.m. in the Great Room. Our presenter, Pastor Farah, will speak about the dramatic changes he has seen throughout his lifetime in regard to the spiritual, ethical and moral standards of our post-modern, deeply secular society. Christianity has gone from being the foundation of our culture to being viewed by many as the enemy of our culture. He'll offer suggestions as to what we, as a Christian community, can do to negate the spiritually devastating effects of secularism and preserve our faith in Christ. It promises to be a thought-provoking and meaningful time together. All are welcome! Please sign up on the Town Square bulletin board by October 1st. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

DONATION INFORMATION

If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

REDEEMER #SWAG

Did you miss getting your chip clip and popcorn at the Homecoming Picnic? Chip Clips are a useful tool keeping your goodies from getting stale. There is a ton of other stuff in the Town Square waiting for you, including bottle openers, bracelets, stickers and other Redeemer SWAG.

MUSIC MINISTRY

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

Please join the Chancel Choir as we prepare the Cantata The Wonder of Christmas to be presented with full orchestra on Sunday, December 22nd at the 9:00am and 10:30am services. This is a special opportunity for those of you who enjoy singing but perhaps cannot make a weekly commitment to singing on Sunday with the choir. Starting the first Wednesday of October, we will spend the first half-hour of our Chancel Choir Rehearsal on the Cantata - join us from 6:30-7:00pm, or stay longer if you'd like! This invitation is designed to allow more church members to participate in the Cantata, which is an amazing experience, as we are joined by outstanding professional instrumentalists from the Detroit area. Don't miss this opportunity!

JOIN OUR MINISTRY!

Come sing or ring, or play an instrument for our God. If you need a ride to rehearsal, we will make sure you have one. If you need childcare for your children, it can be provided. If you can't commit every week, we will work with your schedule.

And by the way, for Chancel Choir, if you can't read music, that's ok. It is not a requirement. There is no audition. Join us for great fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to minister to the congregation. Come make music with us!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHICKS WITH STICKS

CWS will meet on **Thursday, October 3 and 17** at 1:00 in the library. We are making all kinds of things for the homeless and those who live just making ends meet.....hats, mittens, and other cozy things....and yes, we will continue to knit for the next winter when people will need the warmth of a gift and a message of hope. Come anytime and sit in. If you don't knit you can help sort or bring a project to work on and enjoy the fellowship. We also crochet and love to share our enthusiasm! Meetings are typically the first and third Thursday of the month. Please check the schedule or call the church office.

TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 in the Town Square is when we discuss Kathleen Grissom's book The Kitchen House. When a white servant girl violates the order of plantation society, she unleashes a tragedy that exposes the worst and best in the people she has come to call her family.



COUNSELING
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.
248-586-6040

ATTENTION REDEEMER MEN - Did you know we have a Pastoral Counselor for you here at Redeemer - Rev. Ronald Farah - that you can talk to man to man? Don't hesitate to call Rev. Farah at 248-642-3137 to make an appointment.

PATHWAYS REDEEMER'S GRIEF AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP



Meetings will resume **Wednesday, October 3th 1:00pm** in the Town Square. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Wayne Denniston, dad of Sharon Tylenda
- Rick Warnicke
- Maddie, Mary Jane Johnson's great-niece
- Rich, friend of the Curcio's
- Michael Wiegand
- David Struck
- Shirley Struck
- Rick Raymann
- Mike Danowski, friend of Linda Laurain
- Amy Wargelin
- Carol & Tim Frost
- Mary Lou Mabee
- Myrna Orava
- Beth Hamada
- Ron Ging
- Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- Tom Gray
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation
- Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters.
- President Biden and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.

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BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans
All year after 9am service(Scheidt Room)

New Member Class - Laura Vowell
9-10am (Great Room) Sept 29-Nov. 3

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds
10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

RYG (High School) - Gia & Eric
7pm (Youth Room)

TUESDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible
9:30am (Great Room)

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer
6:30pm (Great Room) *4th Tuesday starts at 6pm
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WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn - Acts (*Zoom available)
6:45-7:30am - all year (Great Room)

Positive Parenting - Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson
9:15-10:45am (Great Room)

Confirmation Classes - Laura Vowell
6-8pm (various rooms)

Core Group (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt
6-8pm (Youth Room)

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the church office at 248-644-4010.



If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp for a Bible reading plan.

NEW STUDY THIS FALL

When Your Way Isn't Working by Kyle Idleman (5 session Bible study) 9:15-10:45am in the great room on **October 7, 21, November 4, 18 and December 9**. In John 15:5, Jesus tells us how he is the vine. This study focuses on:
-seeking out greater rest, depth, and connection in our lives -
finding freedom from the pressures of performance and production -stepping out of loneliness and isolation even when it feels scary -getting rid of the distractions that keep us disconnected from Christ. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna Lewis at 248.224.0383.



POSITIVE PARENTING!



Join us for conversation and community in Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting. Join us from 9:15am - 10:45am on Wednesdays in the Great Room. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us whenever you can. Positive Parenting is open to everyone, regardless of the ages of your children. There is always childcare available with no need to sign up in advance! Contact Kristin Thompson (kethompson1@gmail.com) or Victoria Ilitch (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

