



# Reflections

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## Grace Missions Haiti

As new members at Redeemer, we were surprised when **Pastor Dave** invited us to propose a mission project for the 2022 Special Funds allocation. We submitted a project close to our hearts that was accepted, and here is its story: **Grace Missions Haiti** of Port-au-Prince, with 25 years of service supported by U.S.-based Lutheran and other Christian congregations. (See pictures at end of *Reflections*.)

In 1994 a Haitian named **Marie Majors** was attending Bible College in Florida and working for a wealthy elderly couple as live-in caregiver. They both died without children and left the entire estate (*including the Jaguar!*) to Marie. Marie was shocked, prayed about it, and felt called by Jesus to sell it all, and build a school for homeless children back in Haiti. So began “Marie’s House of Grace,” a school for girls who were orphaned or whose often-single moms were living (and often working and/or begging) “on the streets” and couldn’t take care of them.

**Karen Rider** learned about the mission from members in two of our previous ELCA congregations (Lexington KY and Indianapolis IN), which led her to make the first of her four trips to Haiti in 2009. Marie’s girls captured her heart. Karen gladly volunteered to be a founding board member of a new 501(c)(3) U.S. nonprofit called “Grace Missions Haiti” that formed to support the work. Karen was the first board secretary, newsletter editor, and photographer. Over half the new board members today are U.S. residents of Haitian descent, and over half the support comes from U.S. Lutherans. (Go to [www.gracemissionsinc.org](http://www.gracemissionsinc.org) for more information.)

The terrible 2010 earthquake in Haiti brought down Marie’s original school, dorm, and chapel, along with many other buildings in Port-au-Prince, but thankfully with no loss of life among the girls or staff. Based on a funding appeal, the board was able to purchase a large home on an acre of land in 2014 and named it “*Chez Moi*” (French for “My Home”). It currently houses 30 girls of all ages, plus playground and gardens. It’s accredited by Haiti’s Institute for Social Welfare and is staffed with a social worker, a nurse, and house parents. The girls attend the new Christian school nearby and are active in the local church. Their birth parents (if they have parents living) are always free to visit and are included in the girls’ activities.

A second outreach adopted by the board is the College Scholarship Fund, to educate young Haitians to serve their neighbors in our hemisphere’s poorest economy. We currently have two young men who’ve just finished medical degrees in Haiti, now doing residency at University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington before returning home to Port-au-Prince. One of them is an ophthalmologist; the other will be the first heart surgeon in Haiti, *ever*.... We also have two young women now in nursing training, both of whom grew up as residents at *Chez Moi*.

Karen is now retired from the board after two terms, but we continue as strong supporters of Grace Missions. **Thank you** to all of you at Redeemer for your partnership with us and other U.S. Christians in this mission to bless young Haitians with hope, energy, and a vision to lead their country out of poverty and despair.

*Karen and Al Rider*

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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### 2022

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

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#### APPOINTMENTS

##### MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

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## The Redeemer Community

### RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *Love Your Neighbor*

- \* Masks are required in worship and in other larger group settings.
- \* Both sides of the sanctuary are set up for social distancing.
- \* Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- \* During the passing of the peace, we suggest you wave or place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- \* Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door.
- \* If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- \* Please silence cellphones."

### Keeping Redeemer's Community Prayer List Current

One of the ways we try to make our love for each other real at Redeemer is by taking seriously the prayer requests we make. When you or someone you love is facing challenging times of any sort, you let someone in the church know so we can add that name to the prayer lists in the bulletin and in *Reflections*.

The Member Care team is interested in making sure this list is as accurate and current as possible. In the next couple of weeks, we ask you to look over the list. If you find your name on it, or the name of someone for whom you asked the congregation to pray, and you don't feel like that name needs to remain on the list, please let **Office Manager Becky Trover** know. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one to remain on that list, that is absolutely fine! Again, just let Becky know.

It is an honor to be asked to pray for each other. Thank you for giving us that opportunity.

### Souper Bowl Sunday Coming Feb. 13

Redeemer will again be joining Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in sponsoring Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 13**. Donations of soup – preferably tomato, chicken noodle or vegetable – can either be taken directly to the Food Pantry at the corner of Frebis and Champion now through the end of the month OR folks can join in the "voting" for a favorite Super Bowl team by putting money in the appropriate bowl on that Sunday. The choices are now between the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams.

**Kathy Zwanziger** points out that for every \$1 donated, LSS and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective can purchase \$4 worth of food.

### Anti-Racism Group to Meet Feb. 9

Redeemer's Anti-Racism Group will meet both in-person and via Zoom **Wednesday, February 9** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to view and discuss "Mighty Times," a documentary about the Children's March in Birmingham, AL in 1963. It runs 40 minutes.

At that time, young people in Birmingham came together to march for an end to segregations and other civil rights violations. The threat of fire hoses and police dogs couldn't stop their passion for justice.

Those on Zoom can watch it with the group or, if there are technical difficulties with the film it can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5enZRwbniSQ>

Then, join the group at 7:50 for the discussion. The link to join the group is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82098649243?pwd=WG1CZEF1eDBmTlh4N2QyUWkvaFJqZz09>; ID: 820 9864 9243; Passcode: 489774. To join via telephone, call 312-626-6799.

### Revised Distribution List for Mission Endowment Dividend Released

**Dave Engel**, chair of the Special Funds Team, provided the following corrected distribution list for the Mission Endowment dividend. As approved by the congregation at the recent annual meeting on **Sunday, January 23**, each of the following charities will receive 10 percent of the total with 20 percent of the total going to Lutheran Social Services. The exact amount of the donations will not be known until the accountants close out the books for 2021.

Those eight charities receiving a donation from Redeemer of 10 percent of the dividend include the following:

- Champion Avenue Food Pantry
- The Ronald McDonald House
- Bishop Griffin Resource Center
- Groveport Special Olympics
- Renewed Strength Zambia
- Lutheran Memorial Camp
- Grace Missions, Inc, Haiti (See front page article on this agency.)
- Wilderness Experience, Leadership & Service

## **New Procedure Set for Disposing of Communion Cups**

Those attending worship and participating in communion on Sundays are invited to place the empty communion cups in the designated container on the back table after worship. They will be rinsed out, and the rinsed element will be poured into the ground to honor those who are no longer with us.

## **Adult Ed Continues Discussion of Heaven, Hell, Universal Salvation**

Pastor noted that **Basil of Caesarea**, a highly-respected fourth-century Christian leader, said in his day, most Christians believed that hell was not everlasting, and that all would eventually attain salvation. Today, this is not what most Christians believe.

If these are questions you find yourself wondering about or in conversation around, come to the Sunday class that continues **February 13** at 11:15 a.m., either in-person or on Zoom. Pastor Dave Shull will lead the exploration of these questions, drawing from the 2019 book *That All Shall be Saved* by **David Bentley Hart**.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706; Passcode: 804399. To participate by phone, call 312-626-6799. If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVczSng4NE5GOURmQT09>.

## **Spotlight on BREAD Network Member Carol Heacock**

**Kristi Hildebrand** writes, "We asked BREAD Network Members to answer a handful of questions. We will share the answers in Reflections during 2022." This month, the focus is on **Carol Heacock**.

**Justice issues that keep you up:** "People who are not 'seen' are the ones who keep me awake. This can be the Native American tribes who have been forgotten, the homeless that we walk by or hand them a quick dollar and go on with our lives, or the student who has no one to support them or encourage them and are so easily labeled as 'troublemakers.'"

**Why you joined the justice ministry/BREAD as a network member:** "In the past, **Bernice Stewart** and I worked together on BREAD and I loved being a part of this diverse group of people coming together for a common cause. I also was so excited when the organization developed concrete solutions and identified people and strategies that could work towards solving the problem and therefore, supporting those who didn't have a voice or a means."

**Favorite type of bread:** "It's just impossible for me to name just one. I have favorites depending on if it's with soup, I go with crusty sourdough, rye or grainy whole wheat, those are my favorites with sandwiches, just to name a couple."

**Justice prayer for 2022:** "That we, as a country, as a community, as individuals might SEE our neighbor. Maybe that neighbor is someone down the street that we've never taken the time to chat with, maybe it's a person that serves our Starbucks, or folks we pass as we drive to First English to serve dinner. I pray that we take the time to get to know each other's story, grow to respect each other, and lean on each other. I have learned over and over the past few years, our Lord never intended for anyone to walk this journey of life alone."

The Redeemer Network Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 23** at 7 p.m. The meeting is for anyone who is a Network Member, anyone who is considering becoming a Network Member or anyone who just wants to hear about what is going on with BREAD.

### **Upcoming BREAD Dates**

Redeemer Network Meeting: February 23, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Rally: Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Nehemiah Action: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Celeste Center 6:15 p.m. (Registration) 7 p.m. (Event)

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

## **Noisy Offering Goes to ELCA World Hunger**

For now through Epiphany, the “Noisy Offering” – that is the offering of loose or “noisy” change made during communion – will go to ELCA World Hunger.

Working with and through ELCA congregations (in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, gifts to ELCA World Hunger enable the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, ELCA World Hunger meets basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change is fostered. To learn more, go to [elca.org/hunger](http://elca.org/hunger).

## **Tuesday Bible Study to Explore Letters of Paul**

The Tuesday Bible Study will meet both in-person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 8** to continue its study of Paul’s letters.

Join us in-person and on Zoom from 1-2:30 p.m.

To join the group via Zoom, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 881 4197 0483; Passcode: 646129. To participate by phone, call 312 626 6799. If you don’t have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141970483?pwd=L1RkZ3F2UVlhSWIRWS85ZkFjS3NHUT09>.

## **2022 Flower Chart Available**

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody’s birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services in 2022 is now on the bulletin board next to the library.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

For those not yet coming in to the church, just call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

## **Important Emails**

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

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Info@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

[MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

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

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

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.  
[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.  
[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.  
[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Communications@redeemerluth.com) – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer’s social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

## **Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins**

### **For *Reflections***

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com) and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

### **For Sunday Bulletins**

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put “Bulletin” in the subject line.

## **Prayers and Personals**

Prayers for healing are asked for the students and staff of Columbus City Schools, its high schools, especially West High School, given the increase in violence and shootings this past week. Redeemer member **Heidi Sherer** reports she was at – and close by – one of the schools last week that experienced a shooting.

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Prayers for healing and recovery are asked for **Kathy Ehrich** who is having knee replacement surgery on **Thursday, February 10**. Prayers for comfort are asked for **Shirley Miller** on the death of her sister **Juanita**.

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**Member Directory Update:** **Brad Binau** has an additional email at [bbinau@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bbinau@columbus.rr.com). His cellphone number is 614-406-9098.

## **February Birthdays**

8-William Goshen 8-Robin Stokes  
11-Stan Heacock 14-Kurt Goshen  
15-Nancy Ehrich 16-Heidi Carman  
24-Linda Williams 24-Sue Yehling  
26-Diane Brobeck 26-Wally Jacobs  
28-Colton Day

# **The Wider Church**

## **Message from Bishop Eaton on Ukraine**

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”* (Matthew 5:9).

“I watch with grave concern as tensions continue between Russia and Ukraine, and I fervently pray that a peaceful resolution to the conflict will be reached. I affirm the statement of the Lutheran World Federation’s general secretary, **Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt**: ‘We urge all parties to de-escalate the situation and work for peace and stability. A peaceful solution must be found.’

“Our social statement *For Peace in God’s World* offers guidance: ‘We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers.... [T]he basis of the Church’s peace-calling is in God’s final peace, the peace of God’s eternal reign. That calling is to proclaim the Gospel of God’s final peace and to work for earthly peace.’

“Join with me in praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and that the international community will play a constructive role in this regard. We pray also for the Ukrainian diaspora in our context, that they may know God’s peace.”

## The Community Beyond

### Group Sponsors Tamale Fundraiser

The Mid-Ohio Workers Association (MWA) is sponsoring a Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit to raise funds for the group. Choices include chicken vegan and vegetarian. Order today because supplies are limited; tamales are available for delivery on **Friday, February 11**. To order, call 614-262-0567. Suggested donation is \$20 for a dozen; \$10 for a half dozen.

Mid-Ohio Workers Association, for which **Elcye Herring** volunteers, is a self-help association of members helping each other meet daily survival needs while they fight to end government policies that perpetuate poverty. MWA's members endorse the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and demand "that the state immediately implement a plan to 'end poverty in all its forms everywhere'... and 'provide modern, sustainable and affordable energy for all ....'"

### Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in seven to 12 days.

Tests can be ordered online at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

### COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Station Opens at OSU - East Hospital

A drive-thru COVID-19 testing station at East Hospital is providing **symptomatic/asymptomatic with exposure testing** for individuals who live in targeted zip codes on the Near Eastside.

The East Hospital location addresses the increased demand for testing and provides convenient access for individuals (community and health care personnel) living in zip codes 43203, 43201, 43205, 43206, 43207, 43211, 43215, 43219, 43222, 43223 and 43224. Appointments are required for all patients (community and health care personnel).

The Community Care Coach staff, along with five National Guardsmen, will support the East Hospital testing station located in the ACC parking area in front of East Hospital. To access the drive-thru station, patients must follow posted signs and enter from the Phale D. Hale St. entrance.

To schedule an appointment use MyChart or call 614-293-4000: Individuals with a MyChart account can schedule a COVID-19 test without the need to contact the COVID-19 Call Team or their own Wexner Medical Center provider.

All available appointments for testing are viewable in MyChart. Individuals without a MyChart account can call the COVID-19 Call Center at 614-293-4000 or contact their primary care physician.

There is no cost for the testing.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, February 13, 2022 Lessons

**Readings:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26

### Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of St Philip Lutheran Church, Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Elycia and Brian Ward.

**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, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Alyssha Jordan-Bird and Nate Bird, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dave Shull
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Emily Ott
<b>Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>Reader</b>	Karen Rider
<b>Cantor</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Usher</b>	Helen Brunston
<b>Producer</b>	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling

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Noisy Offering will be for ELCA World Hunger*

## Upcoming Week at Redeemer February 8 – February 15, 2022

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	<b>ZOOM</b> A Brewing Faith
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	7-8:30 p.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Anti-Racism Group
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Caregiver's Support Group
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:45 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON &amp; ZOOM</b> Education <i>for ALL ages</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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

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