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Nothing Gold Can Stay. *Or Can It?*

The marigolds I planted shortly after Mother’s Day began to turn brown and die over a month ago. I tried for a while to keep them hydrated, but Mother Nature was tough competition as the drought continued. I thought about **Isaiah’s** observation: “The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it.”

Then I thought of this poem by **Robert Frost** which I’ve held in my memory for decades:

Nothing Gold Can Stay
Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her first leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank in grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

The prophet and the poet both understand that we cannot hold forever things we cherish. As the writer of Ecclesiastes knew, “To everything there is a season.” And yet, and yet. While we may not be able to hold on forever to the golden moments of our lives, indeed theirs is “the hardest hue to hold,” there is no denying that many of our golden moments maintain a hold on us. Our memories don’t last forever, of course, but as long as they do that’s where the things we most cherish reside.

As summer gives way inevitably to fall, I’m finding it a good time to remember all sorts of golden things that still have a hold on me. Like my marigolds, they are at the same time both ordinary and exquisite: people I’ve known, books I’ve read, places I’ve been, music I’ve heard and even some music I’ve made. I don’t know as I could explain how or why these things of gold still have a hold on me. And I suspect you probably couldn’t fully explain the hold your golden moments have on you. But as the days shorten and the leaves begin to drop, I sense that this is a good season to remember what we cherish, and cherish the things that stay with us in our memories. Happy pondering.

- *Pastor Brad*

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The Redeemer Community

Upcoming Fall Events at Redeemer

Now that it's September, activities here at Redeemer are ramping up, bringing new ways to enjoy being with people in the Redeemer community. So review the list below to see what might sound like something you'd like to check out:



Sunday, Sept. 22, 11:15 a.m. (following worship): Potluck to Celebrate the ministries here at Redeemer on its 67th Anniversary. We are so glad to be able to share our creative culinary skills with each other at these potlucks. Who knew there were so many ways to make devilled eggs? We will feast together and celebrate the remarkable variety and number of ways we are God's hands and feet.

Thursdays, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17, between 3-5:30 p.m.: The last Mid-Ohio Food Cooperative/Lutheran Social Services Food Giveaways of the year. Watching the transformation of an empty parking lot into a drive-through fresh produce market where love and joy are real enough to touch is only one of the reasons to be part of this ministry. Another is you connect with other members of this community as you bag cucumbers and put boxfuls of amazing stuff into backseats and trunks. You can just show up and you'll be put to work. Set-up begins at 1 p.m. and clean up generally runs until about 6 p.m. **The September giveaway "extras" are personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dental floss, body lotion, nail care kits, etc.** These items can be dropped off in the coatroom. **Volunteers are needed Thursday, Sept. 19 -- anytime between 2 and 5:30 p.m.**

Saturday, Sept. 28 is the Good Neighbor Picnic at Wolf Park. Ahead of that, Redeemer is collecting blankets and warm winter clothes that will be distributed at the picnic. In addition, volunteers for the day are also needed. See separate story, this issue of *Reflections* for more details.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13 Sister Act's Fall Retreat at Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp). See separate story, this issue of *Reflections* for more details and information on how to register.

Sunday, Oct. 13: CROP Walk. Redeemer has a team of folks who walk to end hunger here in Columbus and around the world. See separate story in this issue of *Reflections*.

Redeemer Resumes Ongoing Fall Schedule

The following highlights ongoing fall activities here at Redeemer. Check them out! There may be something you'd like to try!

Ongoing Tuesdays, 1 p.m. and weekly in-person and on Zoom: Exploring the Bible. These 90-minute weekly afternoons sessions invite us to bring our insights, curiosity, honest questions, and favorite snacks. This fall the group will explore The Book of Revelation, led by **Pastor Brad**. Not too familiar with it? Come and change that! It meets both in-person here at church or via Zoom which can be accessed at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1>; Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992; Passcode: 830218. Phone only: 1-301-715 8592.

Ongoing Sundays: Readers are needed for the Sunday services throughout the fall. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board next to the Library. Readings are sent out the week ahead of the service. **Readers of all ages are welcome to participate in this ministry.**

Ongoing Sundays, 8:45 a.m. and weekly: Senior Choir rehearsal. You've enjoyed listening to them as they lead worship. If you enjoy singing, why not come to their first rehearsal of the fall? There's a unique joy in making music together – and you'll be surprised at the beautiful tunes you will help create! Contact **Director Kathy Rapp** if you have any questions: ARappThing@hotmail.com; 614-565-2945.

Periodic Sundays through September and October, a new adult education class based on the book *Leading Causes of Life* commences. See separate article in this *Reflections* for more details and the dates of the discussions.

Second Sundays: Redeemer's **monthly Sunday School for All Ages.** This month, the youth will help Sister Act assemble "Care Kits" for members to distribute to unhoused persons. (See separate story, this issue.)

First Wednesdays: Redeemer serves at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on the first Wednesdays. It runs from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Questions? Call the church office at 614-237-1263. Or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the Library.

Every other month Redeemer packs 150 sack lunches to be distributed at First English Lutheran Church. The sack lunches are packed on the Saturday and distributed the next day. See separate article, this *Reflections*, for information about the items needed and the packing schedule.

October-November: Members will once again be asked to write a reflection for the 2024 Advent Devotions booklet. Watch *Reflections* for the devotion texts and deadlines.

Next Food Giveaway Set for Sept. 19

The next Mid-Ohio Food Collective/Redeemer Food Giveaway is set for **Thursday, Sept. 19**. This month the **supplemental items** are personal products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dental floss, baby lotion, nail care kits, etc. They can be deposited in the specially marked bin in the coatroom. **Volunteers are needed anytime between 2 and 5:30 p.m.**

Redeemer Offers Urgent Messages through Mobile Messaging Service Called 'Remind'

Remember last year when we needed to cancel the worship service due to some unexpected HVAC problems? What happens if there is an ice storm or snow and you're not sure if the church will be open for worship?

Now, Redeemer members and friends can sign up to receive a text message on their phone whenever there is an urgent situation regarding church. This service will be provided by "Remind," a service that many local schools use. The schools send out important messages to their families' cell phones so the families can be notified quickly.

Redeemer's **Member Care Team** would like to give this service a try for Redeemer. It's super easy to use. Once you sign up, you don't need to do a thing. To sign up, just send a text message to 81010 with the message @RLCCBUS and respond to the texts that you get back. If we need to notify you of something, we will send you a text.

Signing up for "Remind" messages is totally optional, but we anticipate it will be helpful in emergencies. Click [here](#) for more complete directions or reach out to **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro** for help in signing up.

BREAD Updates on Activities; RLC to Hold 'Listening Session'

Redeemer's BREAD liaison, **Rob Sievert-Wagner**, recently shared updates on BREAD's activities:

Environment: The Environmental Campaign is reenergized because they are working on the private tree ordinance. (Reminder, they already won the public tree ordinance.)

Housing: They are working on holding irresponsible landlords accountable.

Non-crisis response teams: BREAD is working to develop a ballot initiative for 2025. This bill would be for the creation of non-crisis response teams to be sent out for non-crisis situations rather than the police. Watch for more information and the opportunity to help collect signatures for this important ballot initiative. Please see more information here: <https://www.redeemerluth.com/wp-admin/upload.php?item=5609>

BREAD House Meetings: Every fall the BREAD congregations hold house meetings to share updates on the BREAD campaigns and share their concerns about social justice in Columbus. All faith organizations in BREAD hold these listening events as a tool to determine the next project that BREAD would like to focus on. Redeemer will hold its house meeting on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, during the Sunday School hour, beginning at about 11:15 a.m.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

- **Team Assembly: Monday, Oct. 28:** North Broadway UMC at 7 p.m., 48 E. North Broadway Street, 43214.
- **RLC House Meeting/Listening Session: Sunday, Nov. 3.** Room 2 at 11:15 a.m.
- **Annual Assembly: Tuesday, Nov. 12,** Christ the King Catholic Church at 7 p.m., 2777 E. Livingston Ave., 43209.

Trivia Night Returns Friday, Oct. 18!!

What is the oldest city in the United States? The Hound of the Baskervilles is a crime novel featuring which fictional detective? Do you know the answer to any of these questions? Are you lucky to remember what you had for breakfast today? Either way, we hope you can join us for Redeemer's Trivia Night on **Friday, Oct. 18** at 7 p.m.

Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. We'll form teams (be thinking of a team name!) and the competition will fierce over numerous rounds of questions.

Don't think you can't possibly contribute to your trivia team because the questions will cover a range of topics over a range of decades. The best teams consist of diverse people to handle the variety of questions. Bring a friend! Come join the fun! See **Michele Disbro** if you have any questions.

Come have fun, laugh, learn, and may the smartest team win?!!

CROP Walk Set for Sunday, Oct. 13

The 2024 Central Ohio CROP Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 13** and once again, the Redeemer Lutheran Church Team is walking to raise funds for alleviating hunger, both here and around the world.

To sign up to walk or to make a donation, go to Redeemer's web page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>

Although online donations are preferred, we also accept cash and checks made out to CWS/CROP and can be given to any of Redeemer's walkers: **Kathy Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Heidi Sherer and Connie Criswell**. "Anyone else who would like to join us would be more than welcome!"

Tuesday Bible Study Continues Sept. 17

Redeemer's Tuesday Bible Study continues on **September 17** with a look at the Book of Revelation, led by **Pastor Brad**. It runs from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. both in-person here at church and on Zoom. To Zoom in, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1> ;Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992. Passcode: 830218.

Senior Choir Rehearses Sunday Mornings

Redeemer's Senior Choir rehearses on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Contact **Director Kathy Rapp** if you have any questions: ARappThing@hotmail.com; 614-565-2945.

Support for Berwick School

Over the years Redeemer has found a variety of ways to help needy students and families at Berwick Alternative Elementary School. We've offered holiday baskets, provided school uniforms, and even sponsored two families with gift cards at Christmas one year. Redeemer has been generous!

Recently the Outreach Team connected with the school principal once again to see whether Redeemer might be of assistance. She shared that last year she had eight students in shelters and one family from Haiti, so the needs have been many. She also stressed that all of the church's previous efforts have been greatly appreciated.

A number of possible approaches for this year were discussed and it was concluded that the simplest way to help would be for Redeemer to hold on to any contributions and then let her refer any families in need directly to us. She was sure there would be requests for help with uniforms and other back-to-school costs.

So once again, "let's live into our mission and our values by supporting families in need at Berwick School. Any contributions should be designated for the Berwick School Fund, and just as a guide, **Dave and Joanie Engel** remember that uniforms cost about \$30 six years ago. So, since school is starting as you're reading this, let's try to be both generous and speedy." 😊

Sunday Adult Ed Looks at 'Leading Causes of Life'

The Sunday Adult Ed Forum has resumed with classes based on the book *Leading Causes of Life* by Gary Gunderson and Larry Pray although folks don't need to read the book to participate. Pastor Brad will examine the things that Gunderson and Pray insist actually *cause* life with the first examined this past Sunday being "connection" or "our capacity for interaction with all of creation." Other conditions for life and the Sundays they will be discussed are as follows:

- **Coherence/Sunday, Sept. 29:** Our ability to belong and find meaning.
- **Agency/Sunday, Oct. 6:** Our capacity to make things happen, even modestly.
- **Blessing/Sunday, Oct. 13:** Our capacity to care across generations.
- **Hope/Sunday, Oct. 27:** Our capacity to remember the future.

Pastor Brad writes, "I believe Jesus came to offer us abundant life. I believe God's mission is to redeem a languishing creation and restore to every corner of creation a sense of flourishing. That's why I'm all in with Gary Gunderson and his plea that we stop staring at our consumer culture and all its empty promises about how we can defy death. Let's refocus on the health practices that actually cause life."

The Adult Ed class is held both in-person and on Zoom. To participate remotely go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>; Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581; Passcode: 752230.

Good Neighbors Picnic Set for Sept. 28 at Wolfe Park

The Good Neighbors Picnic will be held this year on **Saturday, Sept. 28** at Wolfe Park on the east side of Columbus. Redeemer members and friends are invited to begin donating new or gently used blankets and cold weather clothing and accessories to help provide for unhoused brothers and sisters in the Columbus area. This all-day event was started in 1999 by Redeemer member **William McCulley** along with a few volunteers as part of the National Make a Difference Day. Volunteers on Sept. 28 are also needed.

On the day of the Good Neighbors Picnic, volunteers work to provide a day of celebration including food, music, games, books, family photos, crafts, and shopping at a Free Store for blankets and winter clothing. Last year, individuals shopped the Free Store for items such as coats, blankets, winter clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, and personal hygiene items.

Men, women, and children of all ages from local shelters are transported to the park for this day of celebration and fun.

Redeemer, along with other faith organizations, community leaders, local businesses and organizations work to gather items for those who are unhoused or in shelters. Donations may be placed in the bin located in the Narthex. Cash donations or gift cards are welcome and may be dropped off at the church office.

To learn more about the Good Neighbors Picnic, go to www.goodneighborspicnic.org or contact **Carol Heacock**.

Sister Act's Fall Women's Retreat Set for Oct. 11 - 13

With Labor Day this weekend, that means fall is just around the corner and it's time to plan to attend the Sister Act Women's Retreat. This year is scheduled for the second weekend in October at HopeWood Pines/Lutheran Memorial Camp, Friday, Oct. 11- Sunday, Oct. 13. This is the same weekend as the traditional Apple Butter Festival.

The theme this year is *Walking in Nature with God*. During this time together, the group will be celebrating the beauty of nature that is all around and being mindful of God's gift of nature that is a part of our everyday lives.

The group will be staying in the Priebe Center which is set up with a large open room for meeting and fellowship, a kitchenette, and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds. There are two bathrooms with showers, one in each wing. Outside, there is a patio with picnic tables and a fire pit which is traditionally used for the evening campfire including smores.

The cost for the weekend is \$92; for Saturday it is only \$12. **Checks should be made out to HopeWood Pines.**

The group will be eating meals at the Priebe Center again this year with each participant asked to contribute \$25 to cover the cost of food for the weekend. This contribution is separate from the check for registration.

“We welcome your input. Let us know your ideas for the weekend whether it be activities, Bible studies, crafts, music, games, worship, meals, etc. As you're thinking about the retreat, send your ideas and questions to **Michele Disbro, Carol Heacock, or Kay Ernsthansen.**”

RLC Garden Giveaway Ends

Redeemer's Saturday morning veggie giveaways ended Saturday, Sept. 7. There just is not the quantity to continue the regular Saturday giveaways although members are free to take the produce that has ripened. Check with **Jon Disbro** or another member of the garden team for assistance.

Important Emails

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 – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

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

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

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

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 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 continued healing are asked for former Redeemer pastor **Al Debelak** after he was hospitalized last week. Prayers for healing are also asked for **Terry Warren's** sister **Elaine**, who fell and broke her shoulder.

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A reminder: Pastor Dave will NOT be emailing or texting anyone in the congregation while he is away on sabbatical. Anyone who receives a missive from him should not open it and delete it.

Care Kits Available for Distribution

Care Kits, assembled by members of Sister Act and the youth Sunday School classes, can be picked up in the Narthex and distributed to those in the community who need some additional help. Also included is a resource list of where they might go for assistance. It was also suggested folks could insert \$5 into the kits they distribute.

Narthex Art to Change

Emily Kent announced Sunday that the next installment in the series of art exhibits “Redeemer through the Seasons” will be going up shortly. This will display Redeemer's many banners used throughout the year to enhance the liturgical observances.

Former Redeemer Pastor Moves; Cards Welcome

Kathleen Kelley reports that her father, former **Bishop** ... and Redeemer pastor ... **Robert Kelley** has moved to Cotter House Worthington. His new address is Rev. Robert Kelley, Room 208, 800 Proprietors Rd., Worthington, OH 43085. She says if any Redeemer members are interested in sending him a note or card, they can go to him directly at this address.

Christ in Our Home for October-December Available

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet “Christ in Our Home” for October through December is now available on the kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

September Birthdays

16-Michele Disbro 18-Bryan Neal
20-Paula Carson 21-Jenny Peresta
24-Sheryl Owens 24-Adam Darst
26-Sarah Binau 27-Karen Rider
27-Becky Fisher

The Wider Church

Emily Kent to Host ‘Death Café’ on Sept. 17

Emily Kent will be hosting a Death Cafe at the Gahanna branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Join the group for a non-judgmental conversation about grief, death, and dying. It will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 17** at 310 Granville St., Room 3, Gahanna OH 43230.

Update on Palestine and Gaza

The following update is provided by **Julianne Johnson**:

“As the news broke that six hostages were killed before Israeli forces could free them, I experienced an entirely new level of despair and anger. So much death, so much destruction, so much anger, so much grief ... Where does it end? One living hostage was rescued earlier last week.

“There is outrage in Israel not only at Hamas, but also at Prime Minister Netanyahu who is largely seen as putting his own interests above that of the hostages. A general strike has been called by the national workers union to call for immediate ceasefire and release of hostages. A general strike, which is supported by the families of the hostages and many of the large private sector companies in Israel is anticipated to largely shut down the country.

“In July, Hamas agreed to the proposed for a ceasefire and hostage exchange. The primary sticking point in negotiations with Hamas since then was Netanyahu’s new demand that Israeli troops remain along the corridor between Egypt and Gaza. The Israeli Minister of Defense stated on Sunday, *‘continuing to impose constraints such as the decision on the Philadephi corridor will result in us not meeting the goals of the war. The fact that we prioritize the Philadelphi corridor over the lives of the hostages is a serious moral disgrace.’*

‘Pauses in fighting in parts of Gaza are happening this week to provide children under 10 polio vaccines. These will happen over four-day periods in three separate areas of Gaza. Meanwhile Israel took major military offensives in the occupied West Bank last week.

“The lives of all hostages are now considered to be more endangered than ever before. I pray that a ceasefire and hostage deal will finally be reached in coming days.”

SOS Women of ELCA to Hold Biennial Convention

The Southern Ohio Synod’s Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention is set for **Saturday, September 28**. It will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Piqua beginning at 8:45 a.m. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch.

For additional information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4xp87fsr>.

Annual Hopewood Pines Apple Butter/Fall Festival Set for Oct. 13

Celebrate the fall season with the annual Hopewood Pines (Lutheran Memorial Camp) Apple Butter Festival on **Sunday, Oct. 13** from 12 to 6 p.m.! Enjoy a wagon ride through camp, sample tasty apple butter, grab a meal, and let the kids have fun in the supervised children's activity area.

There will be craft vendors, food trucks, wine and beer vendors, and so much more!

Also, enjoy the NEW pumpkin patch. Come and buy pumpkins of all shapes and sizes and even bring them to paint during our festival!

This annual event raises funds for camp scholarships (camperships). "Your support can make a big difference — \$590 can send a child to summer camp, and \$2,235 can send a family of four to camp at Luther.

"Last year, thanks to your generosity, 269 campers were able to attend camp. Help us make camp accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Every contribution matters — thank you for your support!"

Colby Martin to Appear at Epiphany Lutheran Church

Colby Martin will make two appearances at Epiphany Lutheran Church (268 Hill Road North, Pickerington) on **Saturday** and **Sunday, Sept. 28-29**. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, he will address "Why LGBTQ Affirming Christianity is Not an Oxymoron (An Exploration of the Clobber Passages)."

Then on Sunday, he will be guest speaker at Epiphany's Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Martin is the author of *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* and a second book, *The Shift* — "a survival guide for becoming a progressively minded Christian.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

September 17 Give thanks for the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, which connects professionals and volunteers and encourages their mutual care and support as they serve in vocations of lifelong faith formation in congregations and other ministries.

18 "[The Lord has] delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling" (Psalm 116:8). Give thanks and praise to God for hearing our pleas, responding, and accompanying us through every difficulty.

19 Pray that we might honor our Creator by treating people with love and mercy, giving thanks for what we have, practicing generosity, managing natural resources responsibly and telling others of God's amazing power and grace. **20** Recognizing that we each have strengths and shortcomings, pray that we will attend to one another's needs, mindful of God's forgiveness and grace that surround us and of our renewal in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

21 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

22 Pray for a spirit of humility and attentiveness to the needs of our neighbor, a spirit shaped by the example of Jesus Christ and uninterested in personal recognition, reward or praise.

23 Pray for those gathered in Portland, Ore., for the conference offered by the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Ask God to bless their time together, to strengthen stewardship leaders, to equip them with tools to encourage congregational generosity and to cultivate new approaches to supporting Christ's mission in the world.

The Community Beyond Key Election Dates for Nov. 5 Election

Monday, Oct. 7: Deadline to register to vote (9 p.m.)

Check voter registration status at <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

Register to vote or update registration (including address changes) online at

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/register/>

Tuesday, Oct. 29: Deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received by a county board of elections by 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8: Absentee voting by mail begins. (Must be postmarked by Nov. 4.)

Early, in-person voting begins, including the Saturday and Sunday two weeks before Election Day but NOT the Monday before Election Day. See hours and full schedule at

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/>

Tuesday, Nov. 5 ELECTION DAY – Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for mail ballots to be personally delivered to county board of elections by 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9: Deadline for boards of election to receive mail-ballots that have been postmarked on or before Monday, Nov. 4.

Getting Ready for Worship 18th Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024 – 10 a.m. Lessons

Readings: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Peace

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of African International Lutheran Mission in Canal Winchester.

+ For Redeemer community members Maureen Callahan and Margaret Farnham.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns: Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, her son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich; Nathaniel Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, John Huber, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Ranel Hoddinott, Karen Kent, Diane Brobeck, Roman Fisher, Terry Warren's sister Elaine.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brad Binau
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chim24-35e Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Anniversary Potluck
Communion Prep	Eileen Day

Flowers are given by the members of Redeemer

The Noisy Offering will go towards construction of a tool shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.

This Week at Redeemer September 16-23, 2024

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 2462
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
Thursday	1-3:00 p.m.	Set Up for Food Giveaway
	3-5:30 p.m.	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and <i>Ministry Celebration</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Anniversary Potluck</i>
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143

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