



# THE HAPPENING

June 2016

## What's Happening

### Events

June 10-11 Annual Yard Sale

June 12 Congregational Mtg  
Following Combined  
Service @ 10:30 AM

June 14 Flag Day

June 19 Father's Day

June 20 First Day of Summer

### Chosen servers

June 5 Hoover

June 19 Muller

## June 2016 Minister's column by Rev. Craig Pinley



They were lined up on the white runway, like something out of the Grammy Awards, over 100 women and girls in all, some wearing princess outfits and some dressed up in other ways. As the unofficial photographer for the Mother-Daughter dinner on May 5th, I was privy to the glitz and glamor of it all and helped serve and clean up 16 tables worth of plates and trays. Thanks to Charlotte Burkhart and her helpful and creative team (led by the Go Getters) for 'gussying up' the family life center and to Al Schumm and his manly man gang for the food prep and service. I think it's safe to say that a good time was had by all.

Another large gathering was seen on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the final night of our Wednesday night programming for the past school year. We had our 'carry-in' meal, then hung out together, playing games and enjoying each other's company, as the kids program that has had between 8-15 weekly, the marriage and family adult study of 8-10, and the Bible study I've led the past five months (usually 8-10 are there) got together. A lot of families committed to being here regularly and our loyal adult helpers (Brent/Lisa Clark and Linda Hoover and Karen Schumm, Steve and Mindy Muller) received extra assistance from Ryan Finnerty, Nathan Khulenberg and Rachael Finnerty from the teen section over the months.

In recent weeks, another grassroots gathering has morphed from a local sports complex. A church softball team was put together and on Monday nights you might see three dozen folks from Redeemer either playing on the North diamonds or enjoying the action from the stands. Kids age 16 to somewhere around 60 have taken the field for Redeemer during the first half of our season and the age range in the bleachers has been age 2 to 82 (or thereabouts).

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 120 were at church and most stayed for lunch as five new members were celebrated and our previous secretary Traci was given a proper send-off prior to her family's move to Tennessee. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Jim Miller's men's Bible study had its final meeting before taking a summer break and they invited some others for a night of food and games on the church grounds.

An off-campus Redeemer family gathering will be taking place in the coming weeks – the wood bat collegiate team the Hamilton Joe's (managed by our own Darrel Grissom) has its opening night at Foundation Field at 7 p.m., Saturday June 4. The event is also being pitched as Redeemer Night, so join the party, eat some food, and root, root, root for the home team.

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On June 10-11, Redeemer will host a yard sale that has been a fundraising staple for mission ministries lately and I suspect that those who help will manage to have a good time. We'll also have a congregational meeting following our 10:30 a.m. combined worship service June 12<sup>th</sup> (food will be served) as we have a couple of important pieces of business.

But here's the thing: we don't have to have an official event to get people together. Let's focus our attention this summer on building the relationships. The author of Hebrews writes in 10:25 of his epistle that we should not give up meeting together, but to do so as a way of encouraging each other. The previous verse highlighted the importance of doing this, challenging each other to spur each other on to love and good deeds. I'm hoping to see a few families invite folks over for a meal and Bible study or perhaps a video series. I've heard rumor that some sort of overnight camping outing is in the offing. Those kinds of outings can lead to all sorts of meaningful interactions, and, of course, shared work projects around the church or for some local in need.

I had seen this as a group of guys from Redeemer and a couple of Al Schumm's friends did some ministry at Covenant Mountain Mission Bible Camp in Jonesville, VA from April 27-30. It was good to serve, it was good to laugh together, and it was important to have times of sharing stories (whether it be via devotions or impromptu conversations at the work site or at a meal or the drive to and from the camp. And a week later, some teens and others helped paint the inside of the home of Elijah and Emily Balsbaugh. It was great to give service to a couple who has done so much for our youth, but the larger investment came in getting to know people at their home.

So as we begin the summer months, let's conspire to get to know each other a little more. In the midst of your regularly-scheduled vacations, make a call or send an email (or Facebook) and invite people over to your home during the week for a meal or just to hang out. You'll be glad you did – and I'm sure our overall ministries will benefit from your relational attempts.

IN CHRIST,

*Pastor Craig*

PS—Thanks to all those who came to our house to celebrate Mary's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and for the tasty snacks you brought. It was a highlight as she celebrates her birthday season.



## WELCOME CENTER

### “Help With the Welcome Center”

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Welcome Center after the Heritage and Praise service. This would entail being at the Welcome Center after church lets out to provide pre-packaged bags for any visitors and answer any of their questions. The time commitment would be approximately 15 minutes after the respective church services.

We would like to get a number of volunteers to work in a rotational basis similar to the rotation we use for ushers. At this time we have 8 volunteers, but would like to have 12 to 14.

If you are interested, please contact Kyle Schuppie at 513-863-8068 or send me an e-mail at [kyleschuppie@gmail.com](mailto:kyleschuppie@gmail.com).



## President of the Congregation

### *Congregational Meeting—Town Hall Gathering*

On June 12th we will be having a Combined Service starting at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary followed by a light meal and the congregational meeting. The meeting is for the purpose of voting on a new Vice President and Treasurer. After the meeting we will have a time to discuss the current status of Redeemer and answer questions in a Town Hall fashion as we have in the past. If you remember at the last Annual Meeting I stressed that the Consistory and leadership were going to strive for better communication and inclusion of everyone at Redeemer. Using the Town Hall format has worked over the past 8 months and while this is not a perfect method it is not the only way for us to communicate. Leadership has used this newsletter, Sunday bulletins, church website, Facebook pages, our shepherding groups and of course in person conversations to attempt to keep the line of communication open to everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concern, challenge or compliments you may have.

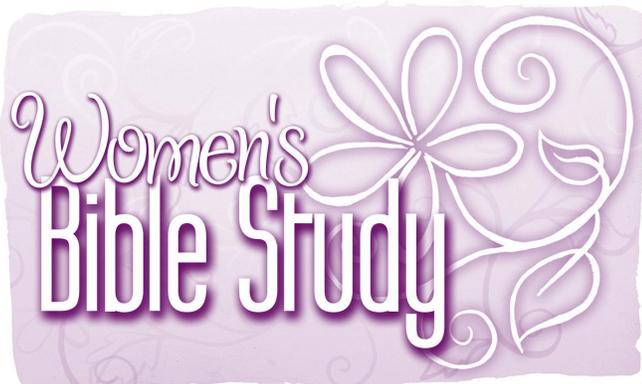


I am excited that we are moving, while a bit slowly, on repairing and updating our physical building and grounds. A few groups have been organizing and meeting to discuss, dream and make proposals to Consistory on upgrades and updates of our campus. As the ideas, plans and proposals are made to Consistory we will then begin to build a master plan of projects that can be done now, in 3 to 12 months and then longer term. We will share these plans with everyone so that you too may be involved in some way; helping to do the work, funding or praying for all of us.

May God bless and keep each of you safe.

In Christian love,

*Sam*



### **“Tuesday Women’s Bible Study” Small Group**

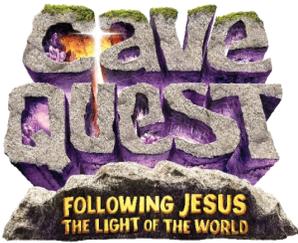
This group meets from 1:00-3:00pm every Tuesday until June. We are studying Romans currently. Great bible study, sharing and discussion. Everyone is welcome to come. This might be a great study to learn more about the bible.

#### **Contact persons:**

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**Mary Van Lieu 314- 6022**

**Carol Moore 868-0102 [csmoore@fuse.net](mailto:csmoore@fuse.net)**



**Help wanted: “Must love God, have a servant’s spirit, be ready to learn, and love kids.”**

Redeemer is gearing up for this year’s Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Fun Night on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

Vacation Bible School is our opportunity to be missionaries in our own community, inviting children to our church to learn about Jesus and God’s love. Feel free to call or text me at 419-388-5663 with questions or comments

*Lorrie Newmister*, VBS 2016 Coordinator



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT IN'S**

Redeemer Church has a number of members who are either confined to their homes or residing in Care Centers. Please remember them with a card or call. Remember, if you send a card please be sure to add “Redeemer Church” after your name!

Norma Gammell

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**Birthday list**

- June 3 Karen Schumm
- June 6 Ed Swope  
Lori Lohrer  
Gabriel Zapata
- June 8 June Sumser
- June 9 Wanda Chalk
- June 11 Kim Katterheinrich  
Heather Hayes
- June 15 Ann Benson  
Mike McIntire
- June 16 Tessa McDonald
- June 17 Sherry Phillips
- June 18 Gail Anderson  
Bill Hyatt
- June 19 Bonnie Gronas
- June 20 Missy Davis  
Roy Coffey  
Lisa Mannix
- June 21 Jessie Myers

- June 23 Rose Marie Stieh  
Stephanie Hoes  
Rick Bowersox
- June 29 Joann Paulsen  
Nancy Henry  
Mike Khulenberg



Happy Birthday!

**Serving in Worship**

Liturgists

- 6/5 Larry Kachner
- 6/12 Dan Childs
- 6/19 Amy Dermen
- 6/26 Karl Oakley

Prayer Intercessors

- 6/5 Charlotte Burkhardt & Lisa Mannix
- 6/12 Carol Moore & Lori Lohrer
- 6/19 Joan Riley & Linda Hoover
- 6/26 Nancy Henry & Lisa Mannix

Ushers

1st Service

- 6/5 Ed & Kathy Swope,  
Nancy Henry, Mary Van Lieu
- 6/12 Ron & Mary Sue Peters,  
Dewayne & Sharon Grammel
- 6/19 Larry & Charlotte Kachner,  
Duane & Claudia Cantrell
- 6/26 Brent Clark & Lisa Mannix,  
Richard & Joan Riley

2nd Service

- 6/5 Karen Wittmer & Carol Hahn
- 6/12 Jon & Tari Lawson
- 6/19 Teens
- 6/26 Duane & Claudia Cantrell