



THE HAPPENING

February 2017

What's Happening

Events

Family Movie Night
Saturday, Feb 4th 6:30 PM

Wed Night Studies
Dinner @ 6PM
Classes 6:30-7:45 PM

Open Gym Saturday Mornings
10AM—Noon

Chosen servers

Feb 5 Elders
Feb 19 Cantrell

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February 2017 Minister's column by Rev. Craig Pinley



**"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us."
(I John 5:14)**

In recent months, our leadership has talked about and prayed about a definitive process for assessing what Redeemer Church should aspire to in the future. Last fall, the discussion began with a Great Lakes Conference administrator presenting a one-year Vitality process to help us discern things. However, our Elders didn't feel this would draw enough prolonged interest to give us a 'whole-church' decision, so as we held a Leadership Retreat on January 14th, we did so knowing that we'll consider this year's ministry while still desiring a process to discern our larger vision for Redeemer.

But our retreat went well, we discovered a little of our leadership DNA as we assessed our individual personalities, and we approved a tentative calendar of events as a body after giving some time for prayer and discussion. So, with that in mind, here is our 11-month programming month-by-month list, with point people for each event.

Feb. 11 - Family Fun Night with chili cook-off, 6 p.m. (Amy Dermen/Debbie Khulenberg)

March 1 – Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m., with meal and regular programming following

March 5 – Combined worship service at 10:30 a.m., with a meal and town hall meeting afterward (It was felt that this would allow a forum to discuss impending building repairs)

April 1 – Bunny Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Jill Grissom, youth group)

April 6 – Secret Sister event (Charlotte Burkhart, with women's ministry committee input)

April 7-9 Church outing to a production in which a young adult from our church, Seth Mobley, is cast in the lead role (we'll plan a common date to go together).

April 13-14 – Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. either at Redeemer or Covenant Community Church in Fairfield; Good Friday service at the other church.

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- April 16** - Easter service schedule includes 7:30 a.m. youth service (Amanda Wittmer); breakfast at 8:45 a.m.; traditional service, 9:45 a.m., and contemporary service at 11 a.m.
- May 6** - Final Family Movie Night at 6 p.m. until the fall (Sam Lohrer/Debbie Khulenberg)
- May 11** - Mother and Daughter Banquet, 6 p.m. (Women Ministries team)
- May 17** - Final Wednesday night programming, 6 p.m., until the fall
- May 21** - Membership Sunday, with 10:30 a.m. combined service and reception following
- June 2-3** - Yard sale to benefit youth ministries, noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday (see Pastor Craig if you'd like to help with the sale, or Nathan Khulenberg if you'd like to help with post-event packing up of excess stuff).
- June 9** - Hamilton Joe's Collegiate Baseball "Redeemer Night" at 6 p.m. at Foundation Field.
- July 15** - Cori Mobley and Alec Vivian wedding at our church
- July 22** - "Christmas in July" fundraiser dinner and program to benefit Serve City, 6 p.m.
- July 30** - Vacation Bible School begins and runs through August 4 (Lorrie Newmister)
- Aug. 5** - Family Fun Night as part of VBS (YFMT)
- Aug. 26** - "Women's Day Out" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Women's ministries team)
- Sept. 13** - Tentative start date for fall kids programming and adult studies, 6 to 7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 23-24** - Redeemer Church celebrates 125 years of ministry with a hopes of a men's golf outing during the day, a 6 p.m. Saturday night dinner and a Sunday combined service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a carry-in meal. (More details will be given later as people have already been busy with preparations)
- Oct. 7** - Family Movie Night restarts, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 8** - Annual Business meeting, with combined service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a carry-in meal (Consistory)
- Oct. 25** - "Trunk or Treat" event as part of Wednesday kids programming, 6 p.m. (YFMT)
- Nov. 18** - "Hanging of the Greens" pre-Advent decorating of the church, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 5** - Women's Christmas party, 6 p.m. (Women's ministries team)
- Dec. 17** - Christmas program, 10:30 a.m., with a lunch following (Amy Dermen)
- Dec. 24** - Sunday morning 9:45 and 11 a.m. services and Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 31** - New Year's Eve party, 6 p.m. to at least midnight (Youth group)

Note: You'll notice that our annual fall "Harvest Happening" dinner is not on the schedule. We'd like to host this event, but we'll need a committee to commit to the event, which would occur in either October or early November. We've also broached the idea of a camping weekend sometime in the summer at Hueston Woods. And if we could find point people, service projects are also ministry possibilities (one church inquired about combining forces for a fall endeavor). Please keep this calendar handy as you think of your own events in your family schedule. I'm sure we'll have a change or two, but it's good to have things to look forward to and to anticipate how God can use what we do to transform who we are. It is to that end that we minister.

IN CHRIST,

Pastor Craig

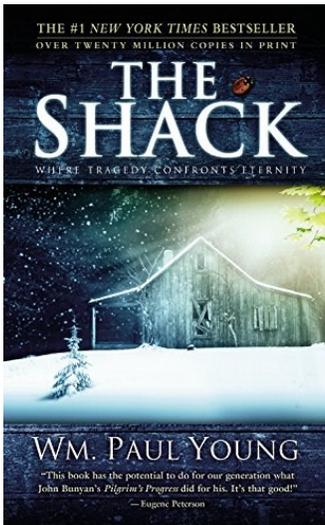


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President of the Congregation

Planning, scheduling, winter turns to spring. I'm excited with everything that is happening at Redeemer and encourage you to get involved. Try a small group, open gym, Wednesday night study or any of the other opportunities going on at Redeemer. If your first attempt doesn't fit, give another option a chance.

Many thanks to several "busy workers" in our congregation for stepping up and taking on many projects around the church campus. Light bulb replacement with high efficiency LED bulbs in the sanctuary (badly needed and now it is bright), work in the kitchen to repurpose the cabinets removed from the Fellowship Hall, preparations in the Fellowship Hall to allow for the remodel project and other areas. We still need help when it snows to shovel & salt to keep the sidewalks cleared for all the functions almost every day at church. Please consider helping and if you can let me know.



Pastor Craig is starting a new 4 week Wednesday night study (starting Feb 8th) based on the book *Shack* which I encourage you to attend. The book has been a very interesting read and I look forward to the study and conversations to come. This is a small time commitment but I believe it may have a big impact in your life. Wednesday nights start with dinner at 6 PM, studies start at 6:30 and we are done by 8 PM. Come join us!

If you have any questions or concerns, input or suggestions please let me know as I want to make sure the line communication stays open.

In Christian love,

Sam

Are you a young person grades 7-12? Got one living in your house?
Youth group - every Sunday night from 6:00 – 7:30pm. At the Muller's, 5612 Red Oak Ct in Fairfield. Join us for games, songs, skits, and teaching for both junior and senior high. We'll tackle some hard stuff and some fun stuff too. Don't miss out!

**YOUTH
GROUP**

STUDIES @ REDEEMER

Sunday Morning

Children's Sunday School program is Dig In, from Group Publishing. Offered during both services each Sunday in the Children's wing.



Tuesday Night Groups

Men's Study — Men Under Construction, God @ Work — 2nd & 4th weeks—7:00 to 8:30 PM
Women's Beth Moore Study: The Patriarchs — 2nd & 4th weeks—7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday Night

Family Studies Adult and Children
Dinner @ 6 PM— classes 6:30 - 7:45 PM



February Serve City donation is laundry detergent. Please place items in the barrel in the lobby.

KROGER

Redeemer Church has been approved as a Non-profit Organization in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your Kroger Plus card. Redeemer's NPO # is 80053.



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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Serving in Worship

Liturgists

- 2/5 Cori Mobley
2/12 Amy Dermen
2/19 Larry Kachner
2/26 Lorrie Newmister

Prayer Intercessors

- 2/5 Charlotte Burkhardt & Carrie DeFevers
2/12 Carol Moore & Joan Riley
2/19 Lori Lohrer & Linda Hoover
2/26 Gary & Carolyn Maschmeyer

Ushers

1st Service

- 2/5 Larry & Charlotte Kachner, Richard & Joan Riley
2/12 Bill & Sherry Phillips, Ron & Gloria Spurlock
2/19 Carol Moore, Karl Oakley, Nancy Henry, Mary Van Lieu
2/26 Ron & Mary Sue Peters, Jim & Pam Miller

2nd Service

- 2/5 Jon & Tari Lawson
2/12 Karen Wittmer & Carol Hahn
2/19 Teens
2/26 Lori Lohrer & Lee Skorupa

Birthday list

- Feb 1 Bob Huntington
Feb 2 Kent Hoes
Feb 10 Dot Huntington
Feb 11 Joel Mobley
Feb 13 Joan Riley
Feb 14 Richard Riley
Feb 15 Ed Crowthers
Feb 15 Terri DeFevers
Feb 19 Carol Moore
Feb 22 Matt Taylor
Feb 24 Cori Mobley
Feb 25 Lloyd Jackson
Feb 27 Stephanie Tillman



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS