



THE HAPPENING

March 2017

What's Happening

Events

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

Open Gym Saturday Mornings
10AM-Noon

Chosen servers

March 5 Pinley's
March 19 Deacons

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March 2017 Minister's column by Rev. Craig Pinley



Any pastor can tell you that even if you feel like you're completely dialed in to your congregation you always get surprised by people. For example, Hayley Otto is a freshman at Edgewood High, a very kind young lady who happens to sing in her school choir and plans to play softball at her school this spring – I knew those things. But what's under the radar is that she also can cook a little. At least that's what chili eaters decided on February 11th as she earned first-place honors at a chili cook-off coordinated by Deb Khulenberg as a way to get folks together.

Thanks to the 12 contestants who entered the contest, as well as those who provided hot dogs and soup as supplemental foods and took care of desserts for us. For the record, Linda Hoover and Kent Hoes tied for second in the cook-off. Along with food tasting, we played Family Feud, card games and just enjoyed hanging out together. It was a good time. The evening before, we had some kids and adults playing volleyball and eating pizza on a youth night. On February 15th we had some 20 folks attend a new book study on **"The Shack"** while others were in a parenting class and our kids had their regular programming. The following night I was part of Confetti Club, hanging out with a group that includes some from church and others from the community.

I bring this all up because I've gotten the impression that we've neglected looking at the relational connections that have been occurring in lieu of some relational 'misses' we've had in recent months. I grieve those misses; it speaks to opportunities lost and perhaps the continuation of some unhealthy communication patterns that have cropped up. I also grieve the losses that some feel at Redeemer Church because things aren't the way they were 'back then,' whenever that heyday was. I've mentioned this in previous sermons that **"people don't grieve change, they grieve loss,"** and I understand how the loss of what WAS is painful.

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But I don't want to miss the things in our PRESENT either, things I've seen in the fun events, the book study, the lunch with Sew & Sowers or other meals with other parishioners. We have a group of teens that seems to enjoy each other's company; I appreciate the efforts Confetti Club make in reaching people outside our regular church family; I value a healthy group of 30 or so meeting on Wednesdays (kids and adults); I respect the committed people on leadership and the four middle schoolers hard at work on their first year of confirmation; I applaud the work of a solid group of folks that feed adults through Serve City's Sunday night meal ministry called Chosen; and I am aware of a great many of others that do a lot of behind-the-scenes ministry that doesn't fall under any sort of Redeemer program.

All that said, our elders and deacons meeting a couple of weeks ago was full of discussion about what we can do to make Redeemer a more healthy church. Our leaders want to be more forthcoming when there's a problem that needs addressing. More than one person has been convicted that perhaps the Lord is calling us to be a more prayer-centered church (we'd like to put together a prayer team to make that a higher priority). And as we begin to formulate a 125th anniversary weekend September 23-24, we've had folks considering ministry efforts in the past that we might re-capture or at least review what made them successful.

As always, we value your feedback on things and a town hall meeting following our combined 10:30 a.m. worship service on March 5th is one place to express it. It's also a chance for leadership to give updates on things that were discussed at our most recent large-group gathering. Since we're doing a potluck for lunch, we'll need some volunteers to make either casseroles or side dishes or provide desserts for the meal. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming.

One last thing: at our recent Elders meeting, we approved making April 30th a "Bring a Real Friend" Sunday, a chance to ask folks in your sphere of influence to come to one of our two worship services. We hope it'll be a chance to put our best foot forward to the community and I value any suggestions that you think will help us do this better.

IN CHRIST,

Pastor Craig

Redeemer's Chili Cook-off 1st Place Winner

Hayley Otto's Chili

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| 1 large onion chopped | 2- 8oz cans of tomato sauce |
| 2 cans of black beans 16 oz each | 2 cans diced tomatoes 14.5oz |
| 2 cans diced tomatoes w/ chilies 14.5 oz | 2 cans of corn drained |
| 2 cans kidney beans 16oz each | 2 packets of chili mix |
| 2 packets of taco seasoning | 6 chicken breasts |



Combined everything but chicken in crockpot then lay the chicken on top of mixture. Cook on high for 5.5 hours. Remove chicken and shred it. Mix back together and cook another half hour then serve with cheese and sour cream on top. Can be eaten with tortilla chips or with a spoon!



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President of the Congregation



The weather has been a rollercoaster; warm, cold, wet, dry and the cycle starts all over again. The trees and flowers think it is spring and starting to bud and grow. Along with this comes colds and flu and some of us are battling it now. I recently had my turn at illness and am slowly getting back to strength. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and stepping up to assist during my absence.

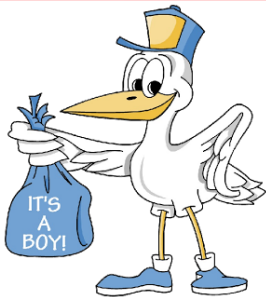


Watch for more information on how you can help clean and spruce up the church and our grounds as spring gets nearer. Our campus needs a good cleaning and many hands make light work for each of us. I plan to assemble the necessary equipment, parts and instructions for those who'd like to help with these tasks. Please consider helping where you can.

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



Congratulation to Elijah & Emily on the birth of Eden's little brother:
Elliott Daniel Balsbaugh
Born 2/27/17
9 pounds, 21 inches

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



March Serve City donation is shaving cream and razors. 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!

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Serving in Worship

Liturgists

- 3/5 Stephanie Tillman
3/12 Rose Marie Stiehl
3/19 Bill Hyatt
3/26 Duane Cantrell

Prayer Intercessors

- 3/5 Mary Van Lieu
3/12 Charlotte Burkhardt & Carrie DeFevers
3/19 Carol Moore & Joan Riley
3/26 Lori Lohrer & Linda Hoover

Ushers

1st Service

- 3/5 Kyle & Janie Schuppe, Dewayne & Sharon Grammel
3/12 Larry & Charlotte Kachner, Richard & Joan Riley
3/19 Bill & Sherry Phillips, Ron & Gloria Spurlock
3/26 Carol Moore, Karl Oakley, Mary Van Lieu

2nd Service

- 3/5 Jon & Tari Lawson
3/12 Karen Wittmer & Carol Hahn
3/19 Teens
3/26 Lori Lohrer & Lee Skorupa

Birthday list

- 03/01 Carol Hahn
03/02 Claudia Cantrell
03/05 Janet Grissom Sadara Courtney
03/07 Ken Hyatt
03/25 Brian Taylor
03/27 Brian Hall



MARCH BIRTHDAYS