

# The Grapevine

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## Coming Events and Information

### All About Us -- Redeemer News



### MORE SCREAMING FOR ICE CREAM!!

Join your friends for some fellowship and ice cream on **July 11 between 7 and 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Ice Cream, 26161 Detroit Road, Westlake.** Nothing tastes better than ice cream with friends! We hope to see you there!

## **WESTLAKE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!**

Members of Church of the Redeemer UCC are invited to sign up on the bulletin board to **march in the Fourth of July parade. Walkers meet at Sts. Peter and George Coptic Orthodox Church, 25800 Hilliard Blvd., by 9:30 a.m.** The parade ends at Clague Park. Around 11:15 a.m., Mayor Dennis M. Clough, members of City Council, and special guests will preside over a short ceremony. Clague Park continues to be the site of many of the day's other events.

## **MALACHI HOUSE: MISSION OUTREACH FOR JULY**

If you had made your first visit to Malachi House back in 1987, you would have been told that St. Malachi Church had just been given four row houses on Cleveland's Clinton Avenue. Father Paul Hritz demonstrated his typical compassion by agreeing that these homes should be joined to become a home for terminally ill people. Those patients would have limited, or no, financial resources, and would be in need of special home care in the final stages of life. Each patient would also be in the care of hospice.

In more recent years, if you were to visit Malachi House, you might meet one or more of the 15 patients and some of the many volunteers who grace this home with their time and talent. Among these volunteers are St. Ignatius students who volunteer 45 of their sophomore year to a local nonprofit organization.

To truly appreciate the ministry of Malachi House, we should visit their chapel, where we can count the hundreds of stars on the walls and ceiling, each one representing a person who passed this life with love and dignity.

As we have for many years in the past, we have a chance to help them celebrate "Christmas in July," a time of year when gifts are fewer but needs remain the same. Some of their greatest needs this year are liquid laundry detergent and Giant Eagle, Aldi's, Home Depot, or Walmart gift cards. First-class postage stamps, toilet paper, and paper towels are also needed.

## **CLAGUE UCC/REDEEMER UCC COMMUNITY MEAL**

July 28: Jeff Reitz will be cooking sloppy joes.

Aug. 25: Elaine Freed will be preparing a special salad.

**Volunteers are always needed to help with set-up, serving, and tear down, no matter who is cooking -- Redeemer OR Clague!**

## **HERITAGE SUNDAY**

On June 17, our church celebrated Heritage Sunday with the leadership of Pastor Brooke and Bonnie Hawver. On that special day, our bulletin carried the following quotation from Nelson Mandela: "Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead."

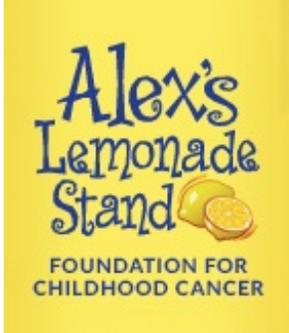
Those milestones are beautifully illustrated on the quilt that was hung in the altar (and usually resides in the Lounge). Those handmade quilt squares begin with the picture of a very small church building that was one of the original gathering places for First Church, begun in 1848. That church continued, providing seed for 8 other churches over the years, including Church of the Redeemer, which was planted in 1954.

Since then, the milestones have continued to be established. We have experienced the union that gave us the United Church of Christ, and the merger of First and Redeemer.

Yes, Nelson Mandela, we are preparing for the road ahead!

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**Hille/Foote Lemonade Stand July 19!**



As many of you know, the Hille and Foote kids have held a lemonade stand that benefits childhood cancer research for the past six years. The proceeds all go to Alex's Lemonade Stand, which is a childhood cancer research organization. This year's lemonade stand is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at the Foote's house, located at 21870 Cromwell Avenue in Fairview Park.

Here's the link to their fundraising page:

<https://www.alexslimonade.org/mypage/1482605>

**SPECIAL NOTE:** There will be lemonade and sweet treats to enjoy at the stand. There will also be donation kits available from the Be the Match organization, which matches cancer patients with life-saving bone marrow for certain blood cancers. Everyone always has been so generous in the past, and we hope to see you at the stand.

Thank you from Elizabeth, Andrew, Nola and Graham!

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## A Minister's Reflection on the Life of Adelle Kleinecke



Here's a wonderful surprise: The Rev. Cathy Lawrence, on staff at [United Church Homes](#) and its [Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging](#), recently wrote a blog celebrating her long friendship with Adelle Kleinecke. Even if you didn't know Adelle as the longtime First and Redeemer member she was, you are sure to find her story, as told by Cathy, to be inspirational!

<https://www.abundantaging.org/2018/04/memories-of-a-dear-friend/>



## Sneak Peak!

Here's a first look at the new, exquisite quilt being created by our Tuesday morning group. As always, when the quilt is completed, you will have the opportunity to win it, with all proceeds benefiting Redeemer!

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## Life Line Screening in November

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at Church of the Redeemer **Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018**. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment! Questions? Contact [Nurse Gayle](#).

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## Caregivers Meeting

There will be no Caregivers meetings during the summer. The next Caregivers meeting will be following worship on Sunday, Sept. 16.

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## Men's Spiritual Discussion Group

This group meets the second Sunday of each month at 8:45 a.m. They are reading *Origin* by Dan Brown Next meeting: July 8 in the lounge.

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## Science and Religion Discussion Group

The Science and Religion Group, led by Jim Stone, meets the third Sunday of the month after worship in the lounge.

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## Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga classes are on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Yoga is healthy, relaxing, rejuvenating ... and FUN! You know you want to join in!

Questions? Ask class members Janet Kramer or Bonnie Hawver, or ask Nurse Gayle!

Namaste!

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## Prayer List Information Update

The Sunday bulletin prayer list is cleaned out approximately every four weeks. If you wish to have someone remain on the current list, please notify Emma Kozar (440-899-6221).

## From Our Pastor

### A Message from Pastor Brooke



Greetings, Church of the Redeemer Friends,

How have we gotten to July 4th already? As I write this, I am about to finish my last class in my seminary career. I am experiencing a mixture of emotions as I look forward to completing my capstone and working towards ordination while saying goodbye to friends I have grown to love and cherish. I am looking forward to sharing some of the things I learned in my last

I am excited about marching in the Westlake Fourth of July Parade and sharing our faith in our community. We will also demonstrate our faith with our second ice cream evening at Mitchell's in Westlake on July 11. We had a great turnout for our first one and I hope to share with more of you at the next one.

I know there are many of you who are concerned about the separation of families at our southern border and I share that concern with you. I continue to hold those families in my prayers and hope that those families are reunited and receive the justice they deserve. I encourage you to also continue to pray and invite you to keep your eyes open for public ways in which you can provide witness to your faith. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25:40 that "when you do it for the least of these, you do it for me." As a Just Peace church, we are called to use our voices to stand up for the marginalized. I cannot imagine anyone more marginalized than people fleeing violence and danger.

I continue to enjoy serving as your pastor and look forward to seeing you in worship this summer.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Brooke*

## Leadership Team Update

*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. - Mark 16:15*

With our search for a new pastor well under way, the Leadership Team (formerly "consistory") is forming a Ministry Team Committee. The Ministry Team Committee will be an ad hoc committee with the responsibility of bringing to life the seven Ministry Teams as explained in our new By-laws.

The new ministry teams are: Congregational Health Ministry Team, Finance Team, Faith Formation Team, Property Team, Mission Team, Human Resources Team and Invitation Team.

Although the By-laws give a brief summary of each team's responsibilities, the Ministry Team Committee will be charged with defining these responsibilities as well as digging deeper into the long-term goals of each team.

On Sunday, June 17, we heard from Christine Foote and Rudy Dusha about another ad hoc committee being formed. This committee is the Strategic Vision Committee. That committee will be asking the question, "What does the future of Church of the Redeemer look like and how can we make it stronger and more viable?" You will be hearing more about the committee as we recruit members and define the responsibilities.

As always, if you have questions, please reach out to the Leadership Team President, Janet Kramer, or Vice President, Bonnie Hawver.

## Mission Outreach

### **July In-Gathering: Items for Malachi House**

This month, we are collecting items for Malachi House. See the wonderful description

and explanation of their good work in the "All About Us" column at the beginning of this issue of the *Grapevine*. Thanks in advance for giving generously!

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## July Offering: Malachi House

Please take a moment to read the description and explanation of the good work at Malachi House in the "All About Us" column at the beginning of this issue of the *Grapevine*!

Malachi House serves people who are terminally ill. Thank you for giving generously!

## Faith Formation

### Messy Church is coming to Church of the Redeemer



So, hopefully by now, you have started to hear something about Messy Church. And I hope your curiosity and excitement are growing as well. If you are still wondering what it's all about, one of the founders of Messy Church describes it this way:

*"Messy Church is a once-monthly time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together, and celebrating God together....With Messy Church we are trying to be a worshipping community of all ages, centered on Christ, showing Christian Hospitality-giving people a chance to express their creativity, to sit down together to eat a meal and have fun within a church context."*

Following the example and success of what they call MESSY CHURCH in Great Britain, we are going to try offering this type of church here at Church of the Redeemer for three months starting in September to see if this is something for which our neighbors here in Westlake are hungering. It will be especially focused on attracting people for whom our Sunday Morning Traditional Worship does not meet their needs.

Using Jesus' example when he fed the 5000, Messy Church is all about hospitality. Jesus had compassion. In a casual setting, Jesus met their need by providing food. There was no concern about who was being fed. There were no boundaries, so there were no insiders or outsiders. The crowd didn't worry that something was going to be asked of them. They were just welcomed.

Life is messy and while the church has so much to offer people, for a variety of reasons, many don't think it is being offered to them. With Messy Church, we will try to remedy that, by offering church in a different format. One of our team members expressed it simply. I think it offers a great invitation-

*Life is messy.  
Thrive within life's mess.  
Embrace life with Messy Church.*

You will continue to hear more as the weeks go on this summer. There is an opportunity to sign up now for the planning team, which will give you a voice in what this new venture looks like. OR wait until August when we will be seeking many of you to fill the important roles it will take to put on this new vision.

### Mark Your Calendar Now for an All-Church Retreat



Sunday, August, 26, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.  
Elmwood Cabin  
600 Elmwood Road, Rocky River

We will hold our morning worship service at the cabin, followed by a potluck picnic, and an afternoon filled with activities, as we role out a prototype of our new Messy Church. You will not want to miss this fun-filled day.

## Summer Faith Community



Our Summer Faith Community continues each week with CEREAL: AN OUT OF THE BOX EXPERIENCE!

All ages meet together to discover how the cereal on our breakfast tables can reveal truths about God's Love.

Here are our themes for July:

- July 1 Rice Krispies: Share God's Love with Others
- July 8 Lucky Charms: Go to God first when Life gets Hard
- July 15 Trix: Discover the gifts of the Fruit of the Spirit
- July 22 Cinnamon Toast Crunch: Following Jesus can require Sacrifice
- July 29 Apple Jacks: Grow Closer to God's Love

Bring your favorite child or youth to join us!

## Confirmation Trip to the UCC Church House



700 Prospect Ave, Cleveland  
Monday, August 13

Meet at the church at 11 a.m. Other adults are welcome to join us. You must be able to walk some distance.



*Blessings,*

*Margaret Borrelli  
Faith Formation Minister*

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## Music Ministry

### July News from the Music Department

Greetings!

The Chancel and Bell Choirs are enjoying their time off during the summer months. However, special music is presented every Sunday. You will hear vocal solos and duets, as well as instrumental numbers. Jason Aquila can be heard as well, playing the piano and organ.

It's not too early to think about joining our music family. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and the Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our season begins on September 5, and goes to June 2, 2019. We welcome new members and if interested, please contact Carol Peddie or Jason Aquila.

Thank you for continued prayers and support of our music program.



*Blessings to all,*

*Carol Peddie  
Director of Music*

## Community Nurse and Caregiver Ministry

### Some Tips About the Summer Sun

Have you felt the power of the sun this summer? Whether it was the warm rays, the lift to your spirits, better sleep patterns, generally feeling healthy or the photosynthesis in plants, sunlight is needed for healthy living.

God gave us the ability to make Vitamin D a crucial element for bone development and many metabolic functions when we are exposed to the sun. This amazing process is accomplished in 10-15 minutes of early morning or late evening sun on the backs of our hands, arms and face every day. During the remainder of the day, when sun rays are direct, the cumulative effects are challenging the skin protection and repair system God provided.

In Jonah 4:6 we read, "The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush" (NRV). During these fun months of summer, if you do not have a bush big enough to protect you from the sun and reflected rays, remember to slip, slop, slap: Slip on light but tightly woven clothing; slop on the sunscreen; slap on the wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

If you would like to debate the risks and benefits of solar exposure please send me an [email](#) or leave a message. I will bring the sunscreen and lemonade.



*Blessings,*

*Gayle Donahue  
Community Parish Nurse*

## Monthly Devotional

*Each issue of the Grapevine will feature a UCC devotional for meditation.*

### Asking for Help

**By Jennifer Brownell**

*A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, 'Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.' Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them*

until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted." -- Acts 20:9-12

Between work and parenting and caring for a disabled husband, being the protagonist in my life story is sometimes tiring. "Ask for help," my friends tell me. I wonder how people do that. Usually asking for help just seems like one more thing to add to the long list.

Last week, I prepared to drive my husband to the emergency room after a negative reaction to a medication. For the chronically ill or disabled like Jeff, hospital visits aren't that unusual and the visit was really quite routine, in its way.

"Ask for help," I remembered. So, on the way out the door I did something I don't usually do. I sent a short text to three soul friends, asking them to pray. All day, our friends kept us company with notes of love, offers of food, even a real live visit. By the end of the day when Jeff was discharged with a plan in place, I noticed I felt less weary and more uplifted than I usually would after a day in the hospital.

Eutychus appears only once in the Bible story. It's amazing we even know his name, because he never speaks or acts in any meaningful way. All he does is fall asleep and then need help. And yet, his need mobilizes those who care for him to acts of healing, compassion and gratitude.

Eutychus, the protagonist of the story, didn't do anything but need his community, and that was enough. Maybe one day we will know that it is enough for us, too.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me ask for help. Amen.



### About the Author

Jennifer Brownell is the Pastor of First Congregational Church of Vancouver, Wash., and the author of *Swim, Ride, Run, Breathe: How I Lost a Triathlon and Caught My Breath*, her inspiring memoir.

## Deadlines and Reminders

### Deadlines to Remember

**Sunday bulletins and screens:** If there is a church event you want listed in the Sunday bulletin, please turn in the information and contact name/number to the church office by Monday morning at 10 a.m., or it will not make it into that week's bulletin.

**Grapevine:** The deadline for getting information into the monthly Grapevine is the third Tuesday of the month. Anything received after that will not make it into that month's Grapevine.

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## We Need YOU to Sign Up!

Sign-up sheets for flowers and the bulletins, and many other events and activities, are on the main bulletin board in the hallway.

Please DO remember to sign up as you pass by!

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## Phone Guide

Trying to reach someone at the church? Here's a handy list of extensions:

Worship Times 1  
Faith Formation Minister Margaret Borelli 3  
Parish Nurse Gayle Donahue 4  
Main Office 0

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Joys, & Concerns

### July Birthdays

- 1 Sandra (Ross) Novicky
- 7 Jessica Barrick
- 8 Shaun Chapman  
Jennifer Walters
- 9 Alexis Cross  
Jason Aquila
- 13 Carole Adams
- 15 Ryan Williams
- 20 Julie Barnes  
Susan Zann
- 21 Kathy Tomsu
- 24 Maggie Chapman  
Bev Eckard  
Dorothy Murphy  
Bill Freed
- 28 Kaylee Janes
- 29 Jill Negray  
Mary Ellen Bonin
- 31 Samantha Stone

### July Anniversaries

- 4 Mark & Lori Lentz
- 7 Dave & Melissa Hille
- 8 Chris & Ann Davies
- 10 Kevin & Angela Reed
- 19 Rich & Debbie Shank  
Michael & Julie Miller
- 21 Persis Sosiak & Brett Miller

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