News Around the Congregation

PASTOR BROOKE IS GRADUATING! Pastor Brooke graduates from Lexington Theological Seminary Friday, June 14, 2019, at 10 a.m. See the invitation on the Gathering Room bulletin board. Congrats, Pastor Brooke!

CONGRATS TO THE HUNGER WALK PARTICIPANTS Church of the Redeemer UCC members raised $760 through our participation in the May 11 Hunger Walk!

PEACE SUNDAY We will celebrate Peace Sunday on June 16. The Rev. John Rinehart, Minister of Justice at Dover Congregational UCC will be our speaker. As a Just Peace Church, engaging in justice work is one way in which we live into that covenant. Please plan on being in church to hear his message.

STAND UP, STAND IN FOR HOMELESSNESS Please consider attending the Homeless Stand-In that the City Mission is sponsoring June 29 from 4-7 p.m. on Public Square to bring awareness of the problem of homeless children in Cleveland. It will be a family-friendly event with plenty of security, food trucks, games for children, and opportunities for adults to learn what it is like to be homeless. There will be speakers and prayers and many church choirs and groups providing music. At one point, they hope to have 3,000 people stop and hold signs — each representing a homeless child — to show what that looks like. Most of us are fortunate to not have to face homelessness. This increases our awareness of a problem in our community.

Recent activities in the life of our congregation:

Pride in CLE 2019, June 1

Hunger Walk, May 11

Celebrating 65 years of Redeemer’s Christian witness on Heritage Sunday, June 2
When I look at all we have done in the last month and look ahead to June, I could definitely become weary. But then I remember the worship series I just completed on hope and instead I am filled with hope. There is a vibrancy around this congregation that is energizing. During the month of May we raised $760 for the Hunger Network walk, we cleaned up around the church, 18 people attended the Ramadan Iftar dinner, and we had a wonderful concert by members of our choir. This month we have people walking in the Pride in the CLE parade, we are celebrating 65 years as a faith community, we welcome six confirmants into our congregation, we will celebrate Peace Sunday and, as we continue to find ways to live into our ONA covenant, we will have a Pride service. God and God’s faithful people are good!

One of the great joys in preparing for Heritage Sunday on June 2, where we celebrated 65 years of being a faith community, has been getting to hear the stories. Whether it was the stories from Jean Noffke about the early days of Church of the Redeemer, or the stories from Cathy Moore or the stories from many of the members of this congregation — all of them have helped me know this congregation in a different way. While I have been with you more than a year now, there is still much I have to learn. As you continue to share stories about the past, I hope you will also share stories about how you hope our future will look. Perhaps you have an idea for something you would like to see happen at Church of the Redeemer. I hope you will tell me about that and then I hope you will do it. I hope you will do it because of your enthusiasm; because of your hope for this congregation.

Our history is rich and we are busy creating our future together. I cannot do it alone, but the last two months have proven to me that you don’t intend to let me do it alone! We have walking and running to do, and God will give us the strength so that we can do so with enthusiasm and hope.

I will see you while we are busy being church!

Blessings,
Pastor Brooke

Your Feedback Is Welcome
The Pastor Relations Committee and the Human Resources Committee would welcome your feedback if you have any to offer. Please see anyone on these committees.

Pastoral Relations Committee
Rudy Duscha
Elaine Freed
Bonnie Hawver
Emily Humphrey

Human Resources Committee
Bonnie Hawver
Janet Kramer
Dave Patzwahl

Please Wear Your Nametags
We have had many visitors in the last few months. One of the ways we can be welcoming to our guests is to wear our name tags.

If you have misplaced (or taken it home and forgotten to bring it back!) your name tag, please let the office know and we will make you a new one. If you have one, please pick it up and wear it where others can see it on your way into worship.
FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

June News in Faith Formation

Recognition of Graduates Sunday, June 9
Please come and offer your congratulations to our one graduate this year — Keeley Williams. Keeley graduated from University of Cincinnati, with a Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering with a minor in real estate. She graduated with cum laude and received the outstanding student award for the co-op program for her degree. And she still had time to be involved in the Water Ski Club and serve as their vice president for the 2018 season. They went to Nationals 2015-2017. Keeley has accepted a full time job at Gilbane Building Company here in Cleveland and will be starting in July. She will be working as a project engineer on the new high-rise apartment tower at Playhouse Square. We are so excited that she will be staying here in the Cleveland area.

Confirmation Sunday, June 9
Our confirmands will recognize and affirm their baptism and take personal responsibility for living out the promises their parents made at that time. In the rite of Confirmation, confirmands profess their faith and make promises before God very similar to those made by their parents. As an adult member of Christ's family, confirmands express their intentions to live among God's faithful people, attend to God's worship, and show the Gospel in lives of faithful service. It is a rite in which the congregation participates in as well. Join us for worship and the fellowship hour.

Appreciation of Faith Formation Leaders/Sundaes on Sunday, June 16
During worship, we will thank our Faith Formation Leaders during worship with a small gift, a token of our appreciation for the year long commitment to attend to the Faith Formation of our children, youth and adults. They are: Nancy Thome, Melissa Hille, Amanda Miller, Kathy Barrick, Julie Miller, Lisa Thomas, and Jim Stone. Ice cream sundaes will be shared in the Faith Formation program to celebrate the last Sunday of their program year.

Summer Faith Community Begins Sunday, June 23
All ages, 3 years old through 5th grade will meet together for our Summer Faith Community. Our theme this year will be LET US PRAY: A STUDY OF THE LORD’S PRAYER. We will take apart the prayer that Jesus taught us into manageable pieces so we can learn and understand it. There will still be nursery care for infants and toddlers. Our youth are invited to attend worship or assist with the younger children.

Redeemer UCC June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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GREETINGS, EVERYONE! Summer is almost here and we celebrate and thank God for the goodness He provides through music. We recently had the Sharon Signers present “Peter Pan” in concert, and as always, we were inspired by their warm and joyful performance. We also had our Chancel Choir “Spring Sing” concert and were transported back in time to some very nostalgic and heartfelt musical numbers. Both concerts were well-attended and very well received. A very special thank you to Barb Powell for her invaluable assistance with publicity; Wayne Borrelli for taking on the responsibility of sound technician; Emma Kozar, our greeter; Mary Kanzeg and her crew for hosting the after-concert receptions; and Pastor Brooke Baker for her warm and helpful support.

Thank you to every member of the Chancel Choir for filling our hearts with love and joy every Sunday and to Jason Aquila, for his exquisite artistry on piano and organ. We are also thankful to our Bell Choir and their faithfulness in providing another wonderful season of beautiful music.

God has blessed us with an abundance of talent, and we are truly grateful.

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will be off during the summer months, but the music will continue. Special music will be presented each Sunday.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our music ministry.
Blessings to all,
Carol
Looking forward to the peace of June with warm breezes and joy of time with family and friends? The second Saturday in June — June 8 — visit a local park and celebrate Family Health and Fitness day with the National Recreation and Park Association, ([www.nrpa.org/events/family-fitness-day](http://www.nrpa.org/events/family-fitness-day)).

One of the goals of NRPA is to increase the number and quality of parks. The benefits of community parks range from the obvious healthy behaviors of exercise to cleaner air, improved water quality, and higher property values, which translates to higher taxes and community funds and social interaction to name a few. We are also blessed with one of the 58 national parks within our community. A visit to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park will give you the opportunity to relax in the peace of woodland trails or view the transition of society from rural to urban with a train ride. The positive ripple effect of a few hours of activity at a park translates to lower stress, fun memories and a fresh perspective to life. God has blessed us with gardens and spaces to re-create (Mark 6:31; Matt 11:29). Take this opportunity to experience God's presence in your community and neighborhood.

**Save the Date**

On Sunday, July 14, following worship, you are invited to learn the principles of **Stop the Bleed**. This is a national initiative to empower all of us with skills and knowledge to help someone experiencing a trauma bleed. This type of injury is most commonly experienced at work, home and auto accidents. Unfortunately tragic events around our country and world made responders aware of this need. The training focuses on the care a bystander can provide while waiting for the professional responders to arrive. Although there may only be five minutes between an injury and response of 911, the five minutes can be critical to saving a life. Our training will focus on the principles and common items to help stop bleeding. Questions? Please leave me a message.

On Sunday, August 25, following worship, we will have the opportunity to view and discuss the award-winning documentary **Gen Silent**. Producer Stu Maddox helps us understand the transition LGBT seniors are facing as they consider moving to senior living and long term care. The Rev. Beth Long-Higgins from United Church Homes will be our guest and has made this viewing possible. Additional details will be in The Grapevine and bulletin. If you have any questions, please leave me a message.

Blessings and safe travels where ever you go to visit a park!
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**Even More News!**

**MULCHING TIME** Help our green-thumb gardeners June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, as we spread mulch and help out with various other outdoor projects. Mary Kanzeg promises lunch for all of our volunteers!

**COFFEE, TEA, & PASTOR B: MORNING EDITION** We will continue Coffee, Tea, & Pastor B throughout the summer on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Blackbird Bakery in Lakewood. June will be a little different due to Pastor Brooke’s graduation. We will meet June 18 this month.

**IT’S ICE CREAM TIME** It’s summer time, so that means it’s time for ice cream! We will meet June 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell’s, 26161 Detroit Road, Westlake. Come when you can and leave when you must! If you have a Church of the Redeemer t-shirt, please wear it so the community recognizes us. If you need a t-shirt, please see the office.

**THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERING** The next gathering is June 20, 6 p.m., at Arrabiata’s in Bay Village. Sign up in the Gathering Room!

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPT. 8** The Scriptures are full of references about water. The still waters of Psalm 23, the overflowing streams of Amos, or Isaiah’s springs in the desert — they all speak to the blessings of God. This summer, please collect a small amount of water from a vacation spot, a favorite river, or the pool in your own backyard. Bring the water to church on Homecoming Sunday and we will co-mingle our water to represent our coming back together as fall programming begins!