News Around the Congregation

COFFEE, TEA, & PASTOR B  The October get together takes place Nov. 12 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Blackbird Bakery in Lakewood. Join us for a great cup of coffee (or other beverage) and conversation!

SMALL GROUPS WITH PASTOR BROOKE MAKE YOUR VOICE KNOWN  Who is Church of the Redeemer? Join Pastor Brooke at one of the upcoming gatherings and help answer this question. Gatherings are scheduled at a variety of times and places so that EVERYONE can find a time to attend!

- Sunday, Nov. 3, noon, Redeemer
- Monday, Nov. 4, 12:30 p.m., Rocky River Library Auditorium
- Sunday, Nov. 10, noon, Redeemer, special meeting for Youth
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Rocky River Library
- Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Rocky River Library

LIVING WATER OHIO NORTH EAST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING takes place Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m until 1:30 p.m. at Bath UCC. Please talk with Pastor Brooke if you are interested in going.

SIGN UP FOR JOURNEY by Nov. 3. The Leadership Team will determine Nov. 3 if there is enough support to hold Journey this year. Tentative dates are Dec. 13 and 14.

SIGN LANGUAGE YOUTH, ADULT CLASSES CONTINUE on Tuesday evenings. Youth, ages 7-13, meet 5-6 p.m. Adults, ages 14 and up, meet 7-8:30 p.m. For information and to sign up, contact Cory Svette: email csvette09@mail.bw.edu; cell 440-213-8755.

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY is Nov. 3. Don’t miss this special Sunday morning worship service celebrating our loved ones who’ve died.

THE 2020 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE is now underway. All members should have received a letter and pledge card from Pastor Brooke and the Stewardship Team. Extra pledge cards and letters are on the information table in the Gathering Room near the bulletin board.

POINSETTIA ORDERS are due Dec. 1. Look in the bulletin or on the information table for order forms.

FALL ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK is slated for Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 17. Please plan to attend. Sign up in the Gathering Room by Nov. 3 with what you can bring to the potluck.

SHARON’S SIGNERS “Charlie Brown Christmas,” Nov. 23, 6 p.m., sanctuary. Everyone will enjoy this festive start to the holiday season!

HANGING OF THE GREENS takes place after worship Nov. 24.

EVERLASTING LIGHT THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS A Cantata performed by the Chancel Choir, Dec. 22 during worship. Don’t miss it!
Thanksgiving and Abundance

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

— Colossians 2:6-7

Happy November!

November is a time to give thanks — although as Christians, we are called to give thanks daily. I admit that some days my gratitude is that I have made it to the end of the day without having a meltdown like a 2 year old. But most days, my abundance of things for which to give thanks is far greater. I know that I have not only more “things” than many people in our world, but I have a supportive network around me.

We are in the midst of our stewardship campaign, so in addition to it being the month of Thanksgiving, we also have the opportunity to pause and give thanks for all that we have at Church of the Redeemer. It is my prayer that, as you consider how much you might pledge in monetary contributions, you might also consider how you might contribute your time. Sometimes we wish we could contribute more to the budget, but forget that using our talents to help the church actually saves the church money. Also, do not discount the importance of your presence at church for worship. Of course no church can survive with only volunteers or financial support, so as you count your blessings, be sure to consider how you might express your gratitude for Church of the Redeemer.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you. I continue to be excited to be your pastor and am excited to see where God is calling us in our abundance.

I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Brooke

‘I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given.’ — Luke 19:26a

2019 Church of the Redeemer UCC Stewardship Campaign

Small Groups with Pastor Brooke

Please attend one of the sessions in order to make your voice known. Discussions will be framed around “Who is Church of the Redeemer UCC?” Gatherings are scheduled at a variety of times and places so that EVERYONE can find a time to attend!

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**Music Ministries**

The Holidays are Filled with Music!

GREETINGS! We celebrate the next two months with thankful hearts and joyful voices.

On Saturday, November 23, at 6 p.m., SHARON’S SIGNERS will present “CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS” under the direction of Cory Svette. We invite you to come and enjoy their inspiring performance.

On Sunday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. during the morning service, our very own CHANCEL CHOIR will present “EVERLASTING LIGHT, The Promise of Christmas,” a Cantata by Larson, McDonald, Rouse, and Shackley. You will hear original music as well as familiar carol melodies. We invite you to come and join us as we bask together in the everlasting light and love of Christ.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our music ministry.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving,
Carol

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**Faith Formation Ministries**

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**Youth to Put their Faith in Action as they Care for Creation**

Our Youth started out their program this fall studying the Sermon on the Mount. Engaging the Beatitudes, the teens were invited to share their concerns about what they see happening in the world. (The list of 15 items, included everything from gun violence, the opioid epidemic, racism, immigration rights, hunger, and peace)

After brainstorming, they prioritized their Top 5 list. Their concern that rose to the top was a combination of Global Warming, The Amazon Rainforest on Fire, and The Dying of the Great Barrier Reef that we are now calling CARE FOR CREATION.

The next step was to talk about why this is important not only to us as human beings but as the church. They again brainstormed, this time about ways that they could take action here at Church of the Redeemer.

Next they created a calendar. While doing all of this they discovered there is a newly formed Go Green Group here at Redeemer, so they plan to send representatives to their next meeting.

Some other things you may see them doing in the coming year:
- sharing with the younger children,
- prayer stations in the chapel,
- a pledge to bring awareness to single use plastics,
- a Youth Sunday for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, and
- writing to their government representatives.

Their first project is to work with Lisa Thomas to create Backdoor Reading for the restrooms about ways we can all Care for Creation. So stay tuned and support our youth as they work to put their faith into action.

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**Redeemer UCC November Birthdays**

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- 6 Emily Humphrey
- 9 Brent James Stone
- 11 Jennifer Bernard
- 19 Victoria Miller
- 19 Russ Williams
- 25 Carter Humphrey
- 25 Jean Badger
- 28 Meghan Zann
- 29 Jeff Reitz

**Anniversaries**

- 3 Rob & Donna Miller
- 18 Chuck & Marilyn Hughes
- 28 Bill & Sue Schlitter
Quilt Raffle Another Success!

Our talented quilters have done it again! After diligently working on another beautiful quilt, the team raffled it off Oct. 27. Jean Noffke was the lucky winner of this year’s quilt!

Since the quilters had enough fabric, they made two “consolation prize” pillows, which were won by Leslie Patzwahl and C. Watson, Erin William’s mother.

The 2019 quilt raffle brought in $359 for Redeemer: the most ever! As usual, the quilters donate the money to a project or purchase not covered by the normal Redeemer budget. They are soliciting ideas for how best to use this year’s quilt proceeds. Give your suggestions to Marilyn Hughes or Jane Huml.

The quilters are already starting plans for their next labor of love!

November Mission Offering; plus looking forward into December ‘Adopt a Family’

The mission offering in November will be for the West Side Ecumenical Ministries’ Food Centers. In 2011, WSEM and El Barrio join forces with The Center for Families and Children, and the new name of the organization becomes The Centers for Families and Children. As a combined organization, The Centers now has an integrated service model that invests in individual’s and families’ physical health, mental health, early learning needs and workforce development needs.

Beginning Nov. 24, and running until Dec. 15, we will hold our annual Christmas drive for families in need.

This year, we will provide for a family of four and two single older adults through the City of Westlake Community Services program. A sign-up sheet will be posted the 24th.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!