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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

#### **SUNDAYS**

**8:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**10:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)**

**The Banquet (Great Hall)**

**5:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)**

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

**7:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)**

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Friday**

**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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## **FROM THE RECTOR**

### **Reframing how we see the world**

It was such a joy to talk to our several Redeemer members who recently visited El Hogar in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The way they each spoke of their time in this poor but beautiful country suggested that something had changed in them during their trip. Playing and socializing with the boys at the main school of El Hogar, worshiping with the Episcopal community in Tegucigalpa, and getting to know the visionary and compassionate leaders who served as their hosts all served to reframe how our fellow Redeemerites saw the world.

Having visited El Hogar last summer, I know what they felt. After I experienced the poverty of Honduras, I could not comfortably take our material privileges for granted. Nor could I ignore the call for justice when we are so rich and there are so many who are so terribly poor. The richness of the Episcopal community in Honduras also reminded me of the power of the Christian faith to bring light and new perspective in even the darkest of situations. Needless to say, I feel that participating in such a mission trip is a helpful aid in deepening our faith, expanding our awareness and reframing how we see the world.

This week is our Holy Week. I can think of no other eight-day period that does a better job of reframing how we see the world. At Redeemer our intentional daily worship during Holy Week forces us to dive deeply into the story of Jesus. From the hosanna-shouting crowds that accompany Jesus' approach to Jerusalem to the depths of despair of the Good Friday crucifixion, we are urged to take on the core Christian story as our own. This is not for the weak of heart. To follow Jesus on this holy trip is to look directly into the pain of the world, to take on the suffering of the world's disenfranchised, to taste the despair of the hopeless and to experience the depths of the evil of which human beings are capable. In essence, Holy Week worship strips away any illusion that Jesus' message only addresses themes of sweetness and light. Instead, we

are thrown headlong into the realization that Jesus' mission was to confront and overthrow the powers of evil – in the world and in us. His call is for God's justice and mercy to reign here and now and his followers are the means by which this will happen. The starkness of Jesus' journey to the cross allows us to take an honest account of the evil in the world as we reframe our faith.

The daily Holy Week worship grounds us in an honest understanding of our human condition but also performs the critical function of preparing us for the glory of Easter. Glimpsing the darkness that life has to offer prepares us to understand the amazing power Jesus' victory over evil and death. Only when put into relief by Holy Week worship is Easter the celebration of new life it is meant to be. Easter not only reframes how we see the world but in many ways gives us new eyes to see. This is Christ's power, God's hope for each of us, that we would see and know God as God sees and knows us.

So — go to church this week. It's not just a Redeemer tradition; it is the essential practice that brings our faith alive. What we will find is that we will have our eyes opened to the glory of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and to its power to reshape our lives. May each of us have a most holy Holy Week.

In Christ,

Bruce Freeman

## FROM OUR CURATE

Have you ever seen someone by the side of the road with a sign saying, "Will work for food" or "Homeless vet — please help"? Or on the sidewalk shaking a cup and asking for money? Have you ever been approached by someone needing gas or a cab ride or just being honest and saying they want beer? What did you do?

After seeing a movie at Newport on the Levee the other night with my husband, Leighton, we wandered outside into the beautiful spring evening. A casually dressed guy approached us and launched into a story about how he had been accidentally left behind at one of the bars when his friend broke up with his girlfriend, how he'd tried calling the friend several times for a ride and left messages, how all of his stuff (which he named as his

laptop, cell, wallet, etc.) was at the friend's house, how he was not homeless and hoped we could tell by looking, and, oh yeah, just needed \$12 for the cab ride. Right. We gave him the dollar we had on us and left.

At first glance, it's a reasonable story. He's not asking for rent money, and he's not dirty or smelly as you might expect. (He's at Newport, for goodness sake.) But it was a lie. Could he have been left behind? Of course. Could he have called another friend to pick him up instead of taking a cab? Probably. Was *all* of his stuff at the friend's house including his cell and wallet? Unlikely. Was he homeless? Perhaps — not all homeless folk are disreputable-looking. Some take a lot of care with their appearance out of pride so as not to appear needy. The kicker came in his delivery. He threw out his story with no pause between sentences, trying to get it all out before I could interrupt him with doubt or recriminations. I've heard it before, the "I've never done this before, I just need a few bucks, I'll totally pay you back if I ever see you again" line.

It kills me to say this, but 90% of the time when people ask for money, it's a scam. It's for drugs or alcohol. It may even be for legitimate things like bills that they're able to pay but don't want to. The people who really need the help are hidden — with too much pride to ask for help, too destitute to go where the people are, too beaten down to ask. They're working two or three jobs to make ends meet and the ends just aren't meeting. They're good people to whom bad things have happened. They're normal people who have made mistakes. They're our brothers and sisters. And the folk who ask for money? They're our brothers and sisters, too. They, too, have made mistakes, are trying to make it from day to day, are struggling with identity, hope, and misery. How do we connect with these brothers and sisters of ours? When they ask for money, they really do need it — but for what? How do we help them when they may not know how to help themselves?

Jesus Christ, the center of our life together, told us to feed the poor and clothe the naked and visit the incarcerated. It's hard when the people we're meant to help are flawed and manipulating and distant, just as we ourselves are. We tell ourselves that we shouldn't give money to beggars because they'll just buy booze, that the system we live in is as good as we can make it and that there's an inevitable human cost. Or we feel sorry for them, write a check to a charity, and move on with our lives. Jesus himself said that the poor would be with

us always, did he not? But Jesus also told us to give our extra coat to a man who has none, to feed the children of the world with bread and love, to set the captives free and to heal the sick. Can we ignore that?

This guy at Newport was lying to me. So why did I give him the money? What would you have done? Given him a couple bucks and hoped that he'd go away? Given him a twenty with the hope that your generosity would shame or change him? Called him out in his lie?

I wonder what would have happened if I'd taken the time to introduce myself and ask him his name. What if I'd said, "This must be really hard for you. How did you get here?" What if I'd taken the situation seriously — the real situation, not the one in his story. What if we who have been given much decided not to give up? What if we decided that we would change the face of a neighborhood in Cincinnati? What if we *expected* to see Jesus in the faces of all our brothers and sisters and showed Jesus in ours?

Alice Connor

## MISSION BOARD

### IHN time again

The next hosting period for Interfaith Hospitality Network begins on Sunday, April 15. Please sign up at the information center in the narthex. Volunteers are needed to help with meal prep, children's activities and overnight stays. IHN is a ministry that volunteers find extremely rewarding – join us! Questions? Call Bob Schlanz at 533-1367.

## The Millennium Development Goals

### Goal #5: Improve maternal health.

**The prayer:** *Almighty and ever-living God, giver of life and love, and Sanctifier of all families: Protect the health and safety of all women in childbirth and inspire your people to work for an end to the deadly conditions which fuel maternal mortality throughout the world; that, in building strong and healthy families and communities, all may be strengthened to do your will on earth until the day when you gather us into one heavenly family.*

### The facts:

- More than half a million women die in pregnancy

and childbirth every year - that's one death every minute. Of these deaths, 99% are in developing countries. In parts of Africa, maternal mortality rates are 1 in 16.

- Every day, 1,600 women and over 10,000 newborns die due to complications that could have been prevented.
- Worldwide, more than 50 million women suffer from poor reproductive health and serious pregnancy-related illnesses.
- Raising the status of women, developing poverty reduction strategies, providing quality reproductive health services including family planning, improving community-based maternity services, and upgrading accessible first-level referral services, will contribute greatly to the reduction of maternal mortality.
- In Africa the rate of births with skilled attendants is 46.7%; in North America it is 98.9%.
- In countries such as China, Cuba, Egypt, Honduras, Jamaica, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Tunisia, significant declines in maternal mortality have occurred as more women have gained access to family planning and skilled birth attendance with backup emergency obstetric care. Professionally trained midwives have been critical to these successes.

– From the World Health Organization and The United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)

### What you, ONE person or family, can do:

- Pray.
- Donate to The Episcopal Community Services Foundation ([www.episcopal-dso.org](http://www.episcopal-dso.org)).
- Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development. Use the ERD "Gifts for Life" Catalog to buy health care for women as a gift for friends and family. ([www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org))
- Donate to *Americans for UNFPA*, dedicated to building American support for the work of UNFPA ([www.americansforunfpa.org](http://www.americansforunfpa.org)). UNFPA is the United Nations Population Fund (originally U.N. Fund for Population Activities), an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity.

**Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?** *I will, with God's help.*

## **El Hogar Executive Director to visit Redeemer**

Richard Kunz, the executive director of El Hogar Projects in Honduras, will be at Redeemer on Sunday April 15. He will be our guest preacher at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. (sanctuary) services and will be speaking in the Great Hall during the Education Hour. El Hogar Projects includes El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza in Tegucigalpa, the El Hogar Technical Institute and the Agricultural Institute ("the farm"). A group of twelve parishioners from Redeemer just returned from a week at El Hogar in early March. A trip to the farm is planned for July 13-20.

## **Ministry needs: Hyde Park Center**

Do you have any expertise in art? Computers? Sign language? Literature? A craft? Hungarian food? Growing houseplants? The history of anything? Anything you are interested in is likely to be something that others are interested in as well. The Hyde Park Center for Older Adults would welcome anyone interested in sharing his or her expertise (skills, talents, knowledge, etc.). If you are interested in teaching a class or workshop at the Center, call Cathy at 321-6816.

## **LITURGY BOARD: HOLY WEEK**

By the time you read this, Holy Week will be underway. All meetings at Redeemer are cancelled this week. All attention focuses on Jesus as the end of his earthly life draws near. We hope you are taking full advantage of the daily worship we offer during this most important week, as well as the children's program on the Stations of the Cross. No child is too young to appreciate this week if given age-appropriate activities. (And there is child care for the very youngest for all Holy Week services.)

The culmination of the week is Good Friday. The fact that the afternoon service is a full three hours is significant because it coincides with the hours that Jesus hung on the cross. For those who cannot attend this service, the evening service offers the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, as well as a special opportunity to personalize Jesus' sacrifice – by writing down your sins or burdens and nailing them to a wooden cross.

**Monday, April 2**                      **Monday in Holy Week**  
**Tuesday, April 3**                    **Tuesday in Holy Week**  
**Wednesday, April 4**                **Wednesday in Holy Week**  
Holy Eucharist at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm

**Thursday, April 5**                    **Maundy Thursday**  
Holy Eucharist at 7 am and 12 noon  
Agape meal and Eucharist at 6:30 pm

**Friday, April 6**                      **Good Friday**  
Liturgy of the Hours from 12 noon to 3 pm  
Proper Liturgy for Good Friday at 7 pm

## **Maundy Thursday vigil**

In the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his arrest, Jesus asked his disciples to watch and pray with him. Between the end of the Maundy Thursday evening service and the beginning of the Good Friday service at noon, we accept the challenge to watch with Christ one hour. You can sign up for your chosen hour on the website ([www.redeemer-cincy.org](http://www.redeemer-cincy.org) and click Holy Week to get to the vigil information), at the information center in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Vigil watchers are asked to enter through one of the two doors with keypads – the parking lot door and the chapel door on the Paxton side. (If you do not know the parish access code, please call the office before Maundy Thursday.) You may watch and pray in the sanctuary, the chapel or the oratory, but please be sure that the vigil watchers whom you are relieving know that you have arrived. Reading material will be available on the library cart outside the chapel. Come meet God in the middle of the night! He's here.

## **Good Friday Offering**

Throughout Holy Week, there will be an offering plate with special envelopes available in the narthex. Contributions placed in these envelopes will be designated for the Good Friday Offering, an offering collected every year by the national Episcopal Church and sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. These donations symbolize unity with and passionate concern for the Church there. Support received through the Good Friday Offering translates into operating funds for hospitals, school, orphanages, and many other ministries that benefit all people in the province – no matter their faith or heritage.

## Easter at Redeemer

Although the focus is on Holy Week here at Redeemer, we also look to Easter and its special celebrations. Easter services at Redeemer this year will be at 8 am, 9:15 am, and 11 am. There is no 5 pm service on Easter. The music at the 9:15 am service will be the contemporary style that we hear in the Banquet. The 11 am service will offer music by organ, brass and choir.

We encourage all children to bring a flower from home for the creation of a flower cross. This cross will be coordinated jointly by Children's Ministries and the Flower Guild. Children are also invited to accept a planted flower on Easter. This gift was endowed in perpetuity by Dorothy and Myranda Gradolf.

Many churches offer an Easter Vigil service on Saturday night. While this is not part of the Redeemer tradition, Vineyard Central in Norwood offers an Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 7, from 9 pm until 12 midnight, at 1757 Mills Avenue in Norwood. If you are interested in helping with music or writing a prayer, contact Alice at 321-6700 x209.

**The Music Program at Redeemer**  
presents  
***Thom Miles***  
organist at Lakeside Presbyterian Church  
and at Wise Temple  
in a recital on  
our Juget-Sinclair organ in the Chapel  
Sunday, April 15, at 3 pm

## EDUCATION BOARD

### What's up in the library?

New titles on the book cart include:

- + Campbell's *How to Really Love Your Child* recommended by Kelli Jasper
- + Newell's *The Book of Creation* and other titles by our recent Celtic visitor Philip Newell

Many thanks to those of you who came by the library during our recent visioning meeting and shared your views. There is an increasing amount of interest in the Redeemer library as an important parish resource, and

plans for action are being developed. Within a few weeks you will see the presence of a computer in the library. This will eventually provide computer access to a listing of the library collection. Building the database for this listing will be a summer project for a team of library volunteers. If you are interested in helping in the library, please contact Betsy Schram at 871-6724 or [betsys@coactive.net](mailto:betsys@coactive.net); if you have ideas to be considered by the visioning group, please email them to Linda Busken Jergens at [linda@eos.net](mailto:linda@eos.net) or Cindy Powell at [cwp@fuse.net](mailto:cwp@fuse.net).

## Inquiring minds

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Or have you been attending for a while, but still have questions? Or have you been an Episcopalian all your life, but feel the need for a renewal, a reminder of why you belong to this branch of Christ's church? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we urge you to consider attending the Inquirers' Class, a series of four sessions that will introduce you to the Episcopal Church, explore your place in this Church and this parish, and prepare you to be confirmed or received (by our new bishop) in May.

The Inquirers' Class will meet on four Wednesday nights – April 18 and 25 and May 9 and 16 – from 7 pm to 9 pm. Each meeting will begin with the Holy Eucharist in the chapel. Bruce Freeman leads this class and always enjoys getting to know the participants. If you are interested in this opportunity, please register on the website ([www.redeemer-cincy.org/register](http://www.redeemer-cincy.org/register)) or call the parish office at 321-6700.

## Diocesan educational opportunity

Our diocesan Anglican Academy is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 class in a program called the Southern Ohio Lay Leadership Initiative (SOLLI). The goal of SOLLI is to identify lay people who are emerging as or have the potential to become leaders and to provide them with the opportunity to learn more about the Episcopal Church and the diocese and to engage in discussions about scripture, mission, conflict management, community involvement and much more. SOLLI is a two-year program; participants spend three weekends a year at Procter. This year's dates are September 28-30; January 25-27; and April 18-20. Applications are due May 15, 2007.

## Youth News

We raised approximately \$7,400 at this year's Pancake Supper and Auction. Thanks to everyone who supported us, bought tickets, ate pancakes, bid on or won items, or generally loves our youth. We are grateful for all your generosity! Alice is, however, still missing paperwork for the following items. If you purchased them or know anything about them, please call the church office:

- ! Marble Hill Chocolatier gift certificate (not purchased by the Salters)
- ! a glass "ice" dish (square and kind of layered-looking)
- ! a beaded Navajo necklace in reds and golds with leather ties
- ! the Crate o' Yarn (turquoise)
- ! turquoise necklace and earrings set (Navajo)

### Youth Calendar:

**March 31: Over-the-Rhine tour w/ Bob McGonagle**  
Going to Navajoland this summer? Need service hours? Come see how the poor of Cincinnati really live. 12:30-2:30pm, lunch provided. RSVP to the church office.

### April 2-6: Holy-Week-o-Rama

We expect all members of Redeemer to participate in Holy Week services. That includes you. Come and sit together.

### April 11: Jesus and IHOP returns!

Come eat pancakes and just relax. The meaning of life has the night off. Meet us at the Ridge/Target location at 7:30 pm. Junior and Senior High.

### April 27-28: Celebration: Number 9

\$25 buys you an evening of relaxation and fun with youth from around the Diocese, a fabulous evening worship service with our very own Spikenard and Presiding Bishop Katherine, and a guaranteed seat at our new bishop's consecration! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited; for more information, check out <http://www.dsoyouth.org/9bishop.html> and sign up! [Alice Connor is your registrar, by the way.]

## PASTORAL BOARD

### New group for parents

On Saturday, April 14, at 4 pm, parents of very young children (under age 5) are invited to an introductory meeting to explore the possibilities of a parent group. Bring your child – we'll offer child care for the first hour, then all join in a potluck dinner together. Call Michelle Kirk at 777-0461 or Tara Lee Stone at 533-0759 if you have questions.

## DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

### Southern Ohio's new bishop

The Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, the Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, is scheduled to be consecrated as the ninth Bishop of Southern Ohio on Saturday, April 28, at 11:00 am, in the Mershon Auditorium in Columbus. If you are interested in attending, please contact Juliette at the parish office (321-6700 or [juliette@redeemer-cincy.org](mailto:juliette@redeemer-cincy.org)). Only a few of Redeemer's allotted tickers have been claimed so far. More information about the consecration is available on the diocesan website ([www.episcopal-dso.org](http://www.episcopal-dso.org)).

Bishop-Elect Breidenthal invites you to share with him your hopes and dreams for the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He will hold listening sessions in each deanery this spring. This is your chance to help the bishop-elect as he crafts a vision for our future. Our deanery will meet on Wednesday, May 2, at 7 pm, at Christ Church Cathedral. All are invited.

### Kenyon Conference 2007

The Kenyon Conference is undergoing a transformation, but will still be happening this year. The dates are July 22 to 27 and the place (of course) is Kenyon! (That is Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.) Instead of workshops, full-conference sessions will meet with the two bishops – the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth of the Diocese of Ohio and the Rt. Rev. Tom Breidenthal – and with the Rev. Mike Kinman (executive director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation) and musician Kate Campbell. Go to the conference website at [www.kenyonconference.org](http://www.kenyonconference.org) for more information.

## Upcoming events

April 2	Holy Week begins – see page 4 No meetings during Holy Week No Bible study; No CORE No regular choir rehearsal No Spanish class
April 6	Parish office closed
April 8	EASTER DAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Holy Eucharist with contemporary music 11:00 am Choral Eucharist with organ and brass No 5 pm service
April 9	Parish office closed 7:00 pm Theology Group
April 10	1:00 pm Staff meeting 7:00 pm Spiritual Journeys 7:30 pm CORE Bible study
April 11	12 noon NO Downtown Bible Study 7:30 pm Book Group 7:30 pm Jesus and IHOP
April 12	10:00 am Bible study 1:00 pm Knitters Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Alanon
April 13	9:00 am <i>Redeemer News</i> deadline 8:30 pm AA
April 14	9:00 am Freestore/Foodbank 4:00 pm Families with Very Young Children
April 15	8 am & 10 am Rich Kunz preaches 10:00 am Holy Baptism 12 noon Youth confirmation 12 noon Liturgy Board 3:00 pm Organ recital 3:00 pm Way of St. Benedict 5:30 pm IHN hosting begins 6:00 pm 5th/6th grade youth

## Guitar concerts scheduled for Redeemer

The Cincinnati Guitar Society will hold two concerts in our Chapel of the Holy Cross this spring. The first will be on **Sunday, April 22, at 3 pm** and will feature Richard Goering, guitar, with Naomi Lewin, mezzo-soprano, and Betty Douglas, flute. The program will include *Ten Sefardic Songs* by Manuel Vals, a set of Spanish folksongs, *Tango Suite* by Piazzolla, *Entr'acte* by Ibert, *Habanera* by Ravel, *Three Stories* by Laurindo Almeida, and more.

Guitarist **Richard Goering** has performed in New York, New England, and the Midwest, as well as in Spain and Italy. At the Yale School of Music he won the Harriet Fox Memorial Prize and a Charles H. Ditson Scholarship. In addition to singing professionally in such works as Handel's *Messiah*, Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, and the Vivaldi *Gloria*, **Naomi Lewin** is the mid-day announcer for WGUC and serves as writer and host of *Classics for Kids*. **Betty Douglas** is a member of the Schoolhouse Symphony (which performs educational programs at over 70 schools per year) and has performed with symphonies in Kentucky, South Carolina, Oregon, and Ohio. A piccolo specialist, she was the 1996 winner of the Piccolo Artist Competition (sponsored by the National Flute Association) in New York City.

On **Saturday, May 12, at 7 pm**, baroque lute player Christopher Wilke will present a concert of masterworks from the 17th and 18th centuries. This will be a rare chance to hear J.S. Bach's *Suite in G Minor* performed on the original instrument as well as the "*L'infidele*" *Sonata* by Sylvius Leopold Weiss, the greatest and most prolific lute composer of all time. Also included will be a sonata by the last giant of the lute, Joachim Bernhard Hagen, written during the days of Haydn and Mozart.

**Christopher Wilke** plays electric and acoustic guitars, renaissance and baroque lutes, and theorbo. He has participated in contemporary music festivals, baroque operas, rock bands, and solo performances in North America and Europe. Mr. Wilke is also a composer and teaches music at Xavier University and the College of Mount Saint Joseph in Ohio and at Northern Kentucky University.

All concerts are open to everyone. As the artists are donating their time and talent, donations are accepted.

