



## ***Redeemer News***

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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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**Next issue: May 30**

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## **FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR**

Dear Parish Family,

One of the loveliest worship experiences at the Church of the Redeemer is the Wednesday evening service. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., it's a simple Eucharist held in the Chapel of the Holy Cross. We usually observe the feast day of some fascinating saint listed in the Calendar of the Church Year (from biblical heavyweights like St. Peter or St. Mary to more recent Christian witnesses like Enmegahbowh or Martin Luther King, Jr.). The congregation is often small ~ in fact, I sometimes invite all present to stand with me 'round the Altar for the celebration of the Holy Communion. And, on the first Wednesday of each month, we've included prayers for healing and the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil, if desired.

Beginning June 6, however, *every* Wednesday night Eucharist will include this healing liturgy.

This is a new twist at the Church of the Redeemer. But there's nothing new about the ministry of healing. Holy Scripture is peppered with stories about people seeking healing in mind, body, or spirit. Healing, as we all know, was a central component of Jesus' ministry. And, from the Church's birth on the Day of Pentecost to this very day, Christians have carried on our Lord's ministry of healing in a multitude of ways.

One significant way in which the Church carries on this healing ministry is by offering "Unction of the Sick." In "An Outline of the Faith" (our Prayer Book Catechism), this is defined as "the rite of anointing the sick with oil, or the laying on of hands, by which God's grace is given for the healing of spirit, mind, and body."

For now, I will say two things about this. First, every single one of us needs healing. Sometimes our brokenness (or the brokenness of loved ones for whom we pray) is obvious ~ we may suffer from cancer or arthritis; we may be burdened by depression or anxiety; we may be tormented by the painful memory of a hurtful deed done by us or to us. But even when we

have the world by the tail and feel glad all over, there are still crevices and cracks that cry out for the balm of God's healing Holy Spirit. I've discovered that participating in the Wednesday night healing service is a wonderful way to bring myself into that healing Presence.

Second, the Church's ministry of healing is "sacramental." By this we Anglicans mean that it is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." Or, as I prefer to say, "There's a lot more going on than meets the eye!" It's a mystery. And, like all mysteries, the what-when-where-how-why isn't always exactly clear to us. Even so, God continually invites us into conversation (another word for prayer), and through that conversation the gift of healing flows. I've discovered that participating in the Wednesday night healing service is one wonderful way for me to allow that blessing to wash over me.

If you've never experienced one of these services, I suggest that you give it a try this summer. Bring yourself into our risen Lord's healing presence; let yourself be inundated by God's healing Holy Spirit. In the journey between Sundays, it's like dropping in on a refreshing mid-week oasis! Come as you are (no need to dress up). And bring a family member or friend with you!

Faithfully,  
Charlie

## FROM OUR ASSISTING PRIEST

It is mid-May. Others might be living in clear, spring-cleaned spaces, but my house is a mess. It is a mess because I am now spending all of my free moment – which come too few and far between – outside in my garden. With a mission trip, a family vacation, a visit to my parents and long-term houseguests, I had a very busy late winter and early spring this year. I simply didn't have time for the winter clearing outside and the spring cleaning inside. And when I returned from California a few weeks ago and walked the perimeters of our yard, my heart sank. Everything was totally overgrown. Weeds and unraked leaves had nearly smothered some perennials. Other perennials had done the smothering themselves, invading and nearly suffocating neighboring plants. As invasive as the weeds were the strawberry plants that had taken over the vegetable garden and the

raspberry canes that were popping up in a perennial bed. *Too much of a good thing?* It all felt very overwhelming.

Lacking the courage to begin my attack on the garden, I decided to flee. On a free Friday, my husband and I decided to go on a bike ride. We got our bicycles out, pumped the tires up and got ready to set out, only to discover that a bird had made a nest and laid six eggs in the canvas bag that hangs on the back of Roger's bike. Clearly when I was out of town, the family hadn't bothered to close the garage door much! This Carolina Wren had found a safe, dry place for her nest. After a call to the Nature Center, we carefully transferred the bag to another hanging space for a couple of hours and returned it to the back of the bike when we returned. We've been leaving our garage door open a few feet since then, and now I am worrying about those soon-to-be-hatched baby birds. It has both delighted me and frustrated me. They, like the weeds, have invaded my space.

It did not take me long to realize that my garden and my household had become icons for my life: overgrown, invaded and overwhelmed. There are some weeds that need pulling: concerns and burdens that I need to let go of and put in the compost pile. Yet I will never pull all the weeds, and there are things in my life, burdens I share with friends and family, that I cannot remove. Yet, the weeds are only a small part of the problem. My life becomes overgrown, invaded and overwhelmed with many *good* things, just like those strawberries and raspberries. In the same way that I find it hard to pull a strawberry plant with blossoms and even tiny green berries out of my garden, I find it hard to pull things off my calendar. I find it hard to say no to the next great mission project idea or the next friend who wants to go out for lunch. And sometimes I simply need to live with and accept the overabundance. My garden that looks like a jungle is a lot like the month of May, filled to overflowing with sports events, church meetings and celebrations and end-of-the-year concerts and recitals.

I'm sure that there are many of you, like me, with overgrown lives. Easter, our season of New Life, can often seem like *too much* new life. I have no great words of wisdom or advice on how to live. But as I go out to my garden these days, I try to be present: to hear the birds, to feel the dirt between my fingers, to do one thing at a time. I recite the Serenity Prayer to myself, knowing that I can only do so much. As I extract perennials like weeds, I remind myself that less can be more, and that there can be too much of a good thing.

I did manage one afternoon in late March to spread some compost and plant some spinach seeds. They haven't all survived the strawberry assault. But the other day, I picked enough spinach to make a salad for my lunch. I ate it on the deck, watching a red-bellied woodpecker feed at my birdfeeder, goldfinches drink from the birdbath. I looked up into the blue sky. The words of Julian of Norwich came to me (I realized later that it was May 8, her feast day!): *All shall be well. All manner of things shall be well.* This is the great promise of Easter: no matter how overgrown or overwhelming our lives and the world can feel, life will overcome death and *all shall be well.*

Blessings,  
Nancy

## Overwhelmed

Like Nancy in the article above, I too feel overwhelmed at this time of year. My children and I have a name for the month of May – *avalanche month* – so named because a year's worth of activities all come crashing down into a grand finale. It is sometimes too much. Nancy is right that it is hard to pull things off our calendars. I have made a concerted effort to do so recently; I have stepped off of the Adult Formation Ministry Team, and I have passed the responsibilities of treasurer of our tai chi group to another member. But these changes are not enough.

In my case there is more going on than simply a busy life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It has been over nine years since I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disorder that makes movement difficult. Parkinson's involves the death of brain cells that produce the neurotransmitter dopamine; a deficiency of dopamine results in symptoms such as slowness of movement (which makes working on a computer hard), rigidity of muscles, difficulty walking – and basic underfunctioning of just about any muscle. Treatment involves attempts to replace the dopamine or to trick the body into thinking it has enough dopamine. The medications to accomplish this have unpleasant side effects and, over time, become less effective. So the windows of time each day when I am functioning normally get smaller and smaller.

I have been hiding it well, but these physical issues are catching up with me, making the usual busy life even harder to deal with. The bottom line is that I need to cut back. I would like to reduce the scope of my job to half-time within a few months. What that job will look like

and how much longer I can continue in even a half-time capacity are still unknown.

I know that whatever happens, I will be blessed. I know that God – in the form of the people who are the body of Christ – will be with me through the journey because I know the love of this community will surround me. I am grateful for the understanding and flexibility of the administration of this parish and for your prayers. And I try to have faith that all will be well.

Elizabeth Grover

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning June 3, we will offer one 10 am service for the summer. The **Summer Blend** service will mix the best of both of our 10 am services into one package of praise and joy! Don't miss it!

The **Hyde Park Center for Older Adults** is hosting its annual gala – *Forever in Blue Jeans* – at Arthur's on Edwards Road on Tuesday, May 22, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets are still available. Call the center at 321-6816 for more information.

If you are interested in **piano lessons** for yourself or for your child, summer is a great time to start. Our music director, Loretta Graner, offers piano lessons for ages six and up. Contact her at [loretta@redeemer-cincy.org](mailto:loretta@redeemer-cincy.org) or 321-6700 x210.

On Saturday, May 26, at 7 pm, the Church of Our Saviour welcomes **Davis Mac-Iyalla**, the director of Changing Attitude-Nigeria and an outspoken proponent of equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons throughout Africa and within the Anglican Church.

On Pentecost Redeemer will make the switch to the **Revised Common Lectionary**. General Convention 2006 passed the resolution to require all parishes to follow the RCL by Advent, 2007 at the latest. The lectionary is a schedule of the Bible readings prescribed for each day of the liturgical year. Both the Prayer Book lectionary and the Revised Common Lectionary have three years' worth of lessons listed, and we rotate through a three-year cycle which begins anew every Advent. The RCL was originally issued in 1983 and then revised in 1994. Currently it is authorized by the Catholic Church and nine Protestant denominations in the U.S., as well as over thirty other churches worldwide. Watch for future articles about various features of the Revised Common Lectionary .

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We gathered together to make our covenants of time and talent as a parish last Sunday, May 13, but it is not too late to return your form if you have not done so. Please mail it to the church office or bring it to church and leave it in the basket in the narthex. Blank forms are available in the narthex. We will follow up with reminder cards next week. If you want to simply continue in the ministries with which you are currently active, you may call the office at 321-6700 or email [missy@redeemer-cincy.org](mailto:missy@redeemer-cincy.org) and let us know this.

### Some final thoughts on the stewardship of time and talents

We have spent the last few weeks sharing our thoughts on covenants of time and talents. It seems almost easier to focus on our talents – those tangible skills and innate abilities we are each blessed with – as the main driver for this process. Sometimes the *time* component gets less attention. Redeemer member John Grover spoke about finding God in time at the adult education time on May 6. John responded to a question about the stewardship of time and talents by saying this annual campaign provides an opportunity for each of us to reconsider our involvement with Redeemer's ministries and the amount of time we can commit. Can you devote extra time to ministry now? Or are you overcommitted? Either way, now is the time to reassess your level of commitment and to determine if you are being spiritually fed by your ministry work.

Let us remember that Katharine Jefferts Schori said her most important accomplishment during her term as Presiding Bishop would be to help each person find his or her most meaningful ministry. Imagine how much we could accomplish collectively (as a parish, as an Episcopal denomination, as an Anglican Communion) if each of us engaged passionately in a ministry. It would be awesome!

Finally, we would like to thank several parishioners for helping the stewardship team organize and mail over 850 personalized time and talent forms. Thank you to David Richards, George Alexander, and Tina Glass for your *timely* help. The church staff was also indispensable. Thank you to Elizabeth Grover, Juliette Stuard, and Missy Darling.

Dawn Neely, Jo Henning, and Jim Bennett

## MISSION BOARD

### What's up at MEAC?

MEAC (Madisonville Education and Assistance Center) is an amazing place. Last month MEAC fed over 400 people from the surrounding community from its food pantry, and that number continues to grow each month. A huge *thank you* to everyone who has made a donation to our little red wagon. Please keep MEAC on your list as you do your grocery shopping. Any non-perishable items are welcome, but especially needed are toiletries, rice, beans, canned vegetables, and canned fruits.

In addition to supporting the food pantry, there are other ways you can be involved with MEAC.

- ✓ Join your Redeemer friends and walk (or run) in the Hunger Walk on Memorial Day. (See article on page 8.)
- ✓ Consider donating summer clothes – socks, t-shirts, and shorts for men, women, and children are greatly needed.
- ✓ Consider volunteering at MEAC. There are several ways you can participate – from answering phones to sponsoring a Wednesday evening *Feed-n-Seed* dinner. (We are looking for someone to coordinate a monthly *Feed-n-Seed* that would be sponsored by Redeemer.)

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help in any way.

Minda Matthews  
[minlmatt@hotmail.com](mailto:minlmatt@hotmail.com) or 351-9199

## The Millennium Development Goals

### Goal #6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

**The prayer:** *O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of all who suffer: Grant your saving health to all who are afflicted by disease throughout the world. Bless the labors of all who minister to the sick, and unite the wills of nations and peoples in seeking an end to the pandemics of our age; that sickness may be turned to health, sorrow turned to joy, and mourning turned to praise of your Holy Name.*

### **The facts:**

- Five people die from AIDS every minute.
- There are 42 million people living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. It is a global emergency claiming approximately 8,000 lives every day – and hardest hit are some of the poorest countries.
- AIDS experts estimate that it will cost more than \$10.5 billion a year to fight AIDS globally. That price tag will escalate to more than \$15 billion a year by 2007. Wealthy countries currently spend less than \$4 billion a year on global AIDS.
- Every day in Africa, 6,500 people die and another 9,500 contract the HIV virus; 1,400 of these are newborn babies infected during childbirth or by their mothers' milk.
- By the end of 2005, women accounted for nearly half of all people living with AIDS worldwide, and represented almost 60% of infections in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Currently more than 11 million children in Africa have lost at least one parent to HIV/AIDS; that number is expected to reach 20 million by 2010.
- Approximately 40% of the world's population (mostly those living in the world's poorest countries) is at risk of contracting malaria.
- Malaria causes more than 300 million acute illnesses and at least one million deaths annually.
- Someone in the world is newly infected with tuberculosis bacilli every second.

from the Millennium Campaign  
and the Global Health Council

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

- Pray.
- Support, with your time, talent and treasure, Aids Volunteers of Cincinnati. ([www.avoc.org](http://www.avoc.org))
- Donate to the Episcopal Community Services Foundation. ([www.episcopal-dso.org](http://www.episcopal-dso.org))
- Donate to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. Use the ERD "Gifts for Life" Catalog to buy Supply care kits to comfort those with HIV/AIDS or educate a child orphaned by HIV/AIDS for a year as a gift for friends and family. ([www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org))
- Support full funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. ([www.theglobalfund.org](http://www.theglobalfund.org))

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

Linda Thomson

## **EDUCATION BOARD**

### *Kelli's*

### *Keys to the Kingdom*

**Summer Blend:** Although we have offered Godly Play for children for the past two summers, this year we are trying something new! For the Summer Blend service, which begins June 3, all of God's children who worship at Redeemer will gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 or earlier. We will sing praises and hear the lessons together. When the Gospel hymn begins, children (of any age) will be led out of the sanctuary by me and/or one of the clergy. We will go to one of our beautiful spaces like the cloister, the plaza, the chapel or the Great Hall to hear and explore the Gospel in a more informal way. We will do a little singing. One of the children in our group will read the Gospel, and one will lead our own prayers of the people. At the peace we will then join the rest of God's children back in the sanctuary and feast on the Eucharist together.

It would be *great* if a few someones were called to share in leading music with us – just to make sure we start on a singable note and stay on key.

For God's youngest children, those who are infants through preschool age, we will have child care during the worship service. Infants and toddlers will be in the playroom. Three and four-year-olds will be cared for in one of the preschool classrooms. It is possible they will also be taken outside to the playground, weather permitting. The sun shines on the playground in the morning hours; please either put sunscreen on your child or have it available.

**VBS is June 18-22:** Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 18 from 9 am to 12 noon at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Registering to **participate** and **volunteer** for VBS is quicker and easier than ever this year! Both can be done online. Below is the web address to sign-up your kids and their friends for a fantastic week of fun. (The link is also accessible from the Redeemer website; go to [www.redeemer-cincy.org](http://www.redeemer-cincy.org) and click on "Children" from the column on the left.) Each day the children will experience the word of God through Bible stories,

games, snacks, videos, crafts, music and drama. But let's not forget one of the biggest benefits to participating in VBS – **community!** What the children will remember most about their week of VBS is the feeling of belonging. Come be a part of this western adventure – a new adventure in your relationship with God! **Results are GUARANTEED!**

There are volunteer positions to fit most needs and schedules. If you can only volunteer a couple of days, you could be a preschool teacher for each learning station or a snack helper. If you can volunteer the whole week, you can be scheduled as a crew leader which requires you to just take your little group of 4 or 5 children through the stations. The website gives descriptions of each volunteer position, and you can always ask me if you have questions. Teens are also encouraged to volunteer for service hours. Child care is available for volunteers with child under 3. Go to <https://www.groupvbs.com/myvbs/?churchid=388>. Hope to see you at the ranch!

**Pentecost! May 27 at the Banquet** is the day to wear red, orange or yellow for the flames of Pentecost. The morning will begin at 9:30 am when we will gather to make special crafts for our Pentecost service. We want to see flying doves everywhere! And don't forget your Hope Chests (those boxes you've been collecting money in since Lent – remember?).

**5/6th Grade Youth Group:** Our last gathering until fall will be Sunday, May 20. *Bring the family!* We will meet at the Erie Building at 6:00 pm for a cook-out. Bring a side dish to share.

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## Thank you to our teachers!

The end of the program year is here. While the Church School classes that meet at 10:00 (St. Francis and Godly Play) will continue to meet through May 27, all other classes ended on May 13.

I would like to ask that everyone give a huge thank-you to those who answered the call to teach and lead our children on Sunday mornings during the 2006-2007 program year. What an excellent group of teachers! They go above and beyond what is asked and do all they can to provide our children with meaningful, formative Sunday morning activities. All of them are conscientious

about preparing for their Sunday morning duties. And no matter how many children show up, the teachers are there ready for whoever comes. So whether your child is there or not, someone has been praying for and preparing for this time together.

Even if you don't have children in the Church School program, please take a moment to pray for and recognize those called to the ministry of teaching.

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| <b>Peri Barker</b>               | <b>Tom Kirkwood</b>      |
| <b>Blair Barter</b>              | <b>Wendy Kirkwood</b>    |
| <b>Keenan Beauchamp</b>          | <b>Kelley Mihelik</b>    |
| <b>Clay and Emily Bond</b>       | <b>Karen Murphy</b>      |
| <b>Leighton Connor</b>           | <b>Rebecca Reynolds</b>  |
| <b>David and Christina Gault</b> | <b>Mark Sesler</b>       |
| <b>Paula Gerdson</b>             | <b>Karen Staffiera</b>   |
| <b>Jennifer Hardy</b>            | <b>Bill Schildknecht</b> |
| <b>John and Patty Hassel</b>     | <b>Liz Schildknecht</b>  |
| <b>Jo Henning</b>                | <b>Heather Swan</b>      |
| <b>Renee Herndon</b>             | <b>Millie Vatter</b>     |
| <b>Anne Kelly</b>                | <b>Edie Zimmerman</b>    |
| <b>Michelle Kirk</b>             |                          |

In addition, **Hollis Bass** and her team of assistants have been extremely helpful as our feast ministry by shopping for and keeping us stocked with snacks for Sunday morning. We also have many **parents** that assist in the playroom, St. Francis classroom and the preschool classrooms for which we are greatly appreciative. **Marianne McGraw** spends time making sure our playroom is staffed and cheerful.

And I can't forget to thank **Charles Gault** who has been my right-hand man this program year. Thanks to him we have accurate attendance records and have participated in some really great classroom projects like the Peace Tree and Project Picture. His support allows us to broaden our leadership on Sunday mornings, giving me time to interface with the Banquet.

To all who have contributed to our children's ministries in the 2006- 2007 program year – your ministry is important and valued. **THANK YOU!!!**



## PASTORAL BOARD

### A letter to families with young children

On March 14, a few families met to discuss the possibility of forming a new group that would serve families with young children. Goals included building a social network of families with young children at Redeemer; sharing, discussing, and learning about common themes and issues encountered by young parents; and learning what resources are available for help. We'd like to meet once every six to eight weeks at the church – on Saturdays from 4 pm to 7 pm. During the first hour, parents would meet (with the children in child care) to hear a speaker or see a video on a given topic and to discuss their experiences as it relates to the information provided. During the second hour, families would enjoy a potluck dinner together.

Possible topics include discipline, current theories on parenting, faith in everyday life, faith development in children, dealing with diversity and special needs, advice from more experienced parents, the Godly Play program, and much more.

We recognize that children change our lives – and our schedules – and even our spiritual needs. As there are more than fifty families at Redeemer with children under age five, we know there are many of you with needs that we think this group can serve. Are you interested for other fellowship opportunities besides Sunday mornings? Do some of these topics sound interesting to you? We'd love to hear from you with feedback. Please call Michelle Kirk (777-0461) or Tara Lee Stone (533-0759) or email [mkirk1@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mkirk1@cinci.rr.com) with comments or questions.

Peace to you and your family,

Michelle Kirk and Tara Lee Stone

### Flying Pig runs by Redeemer

Once again this year, on May 6, the Flying Pig marathon route brought thousands of runners past Redeemer. Our cheering section spurred them on! Special thanks to Bob McGonagle who helped with making coffee and lemonade and setting up; Carolyn Martin who made the

great signs encouraging the runners and inviting them to Redeemer; Linda Busken Jergens who provided treats, Les and Benn McNeill who brought treats; and Luanne Hardy, Jan Hill, Anne Galluzzo, Betsy Babb, Molly Babb, William Babb and others who cheered.

Congratulations to the Redeemer runners who **completed the marathon:**

Brian Babb  
Charlie Brumbaugh  
Paula Gerdsen  
Lee Krombholz  
Karen Murphy  
Zach Pittsenbarger  
Mark Ragase

**Completing the half-marathon:**

Lisa Frey  
Jim Getgey  
Joyce Keeshin (walking)

**Participating in a relay:**

David Haffner  
Kirtley Krombholz

### Sole Mates to run or walk May 28

The annual Hunger Walk, which is sponsored by the Freestore/Foodbank every year on Memorial Day, was the inaugural event for Sole Mates several years ago. This year join us for this 5K event – and get your friends and family to join us, too! ***We are trying to get forty walkers and runners*** on our team. Sign up on the Redeemer team and designate MEAC as the beneficiary. (Go to [www.fsfbhw.org](http://www.fsfbhw.org) to register or see Bonnie in the narthex on Sunday.) What your \$20 registration fee (and any other donations you are able to give or solicit) will earn for MEAC is a credit in their Freestore account. Then when MEAC needs some food from the Freestore's stock, they have the means. (Even though the food is donated, there are transportation and storage costs.) ***But there is more!*** The Mission Board will match your donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,000! Call Sole Mates representative Karen Murphy at 351-3210 or Freestore representative Bonnie Kretschmer at 871-1299 if you have questions. Register today, get ready to wear a Redeemer shirt (or other red shirt for Pentecost!), and plan to run or walk with us on May 28.

## Things are happening at CORE

CORE is Redeemer's young adult group – roughly ages 21 to 35. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the library, and we love email (so be sure you are on our email list by contacting [jburketragase@gmail.com](mailto:jburketragase@gmail.com)). Please note the following special events:

**Monday, May 28, at 8:30 am**

**Hunger Walk for FreeStore/FoodBank**

*See the above article about Sole Mates for details.*

**Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Young Adults Retreat at Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East 4th St., downtown**

Jesus met people where they were – in the midst of grief or joy, as sinners or saints. Where are you? What is your spiritual journey like? Join us for a day of Sabbath rest, exploration, and fellowship with other journey-ers. The cost is \$10 for lunch and materials.

**Friday, June 15, at 7:10 pm**

**Reds game at Great American Ball Park**

Break out the peanuts and Cracker Jacks as the Cincinnati Reds take on the Texas Rangers. We will meet just outside the ballpark gates, near the statues at 6:50p.m. Cost is \$5. RSVP to Jill by June 2.

**Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8**

**Rafting Trip in Big South Fork NRRA**

Get ready for a whitewater extravaganza! We'll meet at Redeemer on Friday at 5:30 pm for those who want to carpool. The drive is about 3 hours and we'll camp out on Friday night. Then we'll raft the Cumberland River below the falls. After five miles of rapids (such as Center Rock and Surfing Rapid), we'll be picked up by the Cumberland Star riverboat for a lake cruise. The \$65 cost includes two nights camping, meals on Saturday and Sunday, and all the s'mores you can eat!

**Reservations are required to participate in this trip.**

You **must** register and send a \$30 deposit to Jill Burket Ragase ([jburketragase@gmail.com](mailto:jburketragase@gmail.com)) by Tuesday, May 22. You may also email Jill if you have questions.

## Upcoming events

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| May 19 | 11:00 am                                   | Lay Weeders   |
| May 20 | 10:00 am                                   | Confirmation:<br>Bishop Breidenthal<br><b>NO Banquet</b><br><i>Spikenard plays in sanctuary</i> |
|        | 3:00 pm                                    | Way of St. Benedict   |
|        | 6:00 pm                                    | 5th/6th grade group<br>Youth and parents talk   |
| May 21 | 7:00 pm                                    | Theology Group<br>Education Board   |
| May 24 | Last preschool day<br>9:00 am              | Newsletter deadline   |
| May 26 | 12:30 pm                                   | Over-the-Rhine Tour   |
| May 27 | 10:00 am                                   | Baptism in both<br>services   |
|        | 11:15 am                                   | Welcome Tour  |
| May 28 | Parish office closed<br>8:30 am            | Hunger Walk   |
| May 30 | 9:00 am                                    | Newsletter collating  |
| June 2 | 9:00 am                                    | CORE retreat  |
| June 3 | <i>Senior Appreciation Day</i><br>10:00 am | Summer Blend starts   |
|        | 11:15 am                                   | Jr High Missioners<br>Mission Board   |
|        | 6:00 pm                                    | Senior High BBQ   |
| June 5 | 9:00 am                                    | Newsletter deadline   |
| June 7 | 9:00 am                                    | Newsletter collating  |
| June 9 | 9:00 am                                    | Freestore/FoodBank  |

***EVERY WEEK THIS SUMMER AT REDEEMER***

(begins May 28)

**Sunday**

8:00 am . . . . . Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am . . . . . Summer Blend (Holy Eucharist)

in the Sanctuary

Child care for the youngest

5:00 pm . . . . . Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**Monday**

1:00 pm . . . . . Staff meeting

**Tuesday**

7:30 pm . . . . . CORE (every other week)

**Wednesday**

12 noon . . . . . Downtown Bible Study

7:00 pm . . . . . Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**Thursday**

10:00 am . . . . . Bible Study

8:00 pm . . . . . Al-Anon meeting

**Friday**

8:30 pm . . . . . AA meeting