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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS in SUMMER

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm

Holy Eucharist with Healing

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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FROM THE RECTOR

Summer is here

For a while this last spring, it didn't seem like it would ever warm up. But the sticky heat of summer in Cincinnati has arrived. With the arrival of summer, the rhythm of life changes. School is out, camps are in, vacation lakes beckon, and many of our fellow parishioners find a way to spend all their time in Michigan. Life at Redeemer changes in the summer too. It's not that we stop worshiping God or sharing time in fellowship. Rather, our focus shifts, softens, and opens to another way of knowing God. It is during this time of year that our high-energy schedule slows, allowing us to seek God in a quieter and calmer manner.

Beginning on June 3, Trinity Sunday, our two 10:00 am services will come together. We are calling this common worship, which will take place in the Sanctuary, **SUMMER BLEND**. There will be elements of both the traditional Rite II Sanctuary service and the Great Hall Banquet worship. The music may alternate between organ and guitar, piano and voice, medieval and postmodern. Our Banquet lectors, lay readers, psalmists and intercessors will be woven into the Sanctuary schedule. The Eucharistic Prayer will vary by month and will come from *Enriching our Worship* and the New Zealand prayer book.

In addition to the liturgical blending, we hope to blend in the Banquet's feeling of welcome for all ages by adding an option for children. Before the Gospel, we will invite all children to gather for a session which will include storytelling, singing and prayers. At the Peace, the children will rejoin the service in the Sanctuary for the Eucharist. We hope that the Summer Blend service will provide a common ground for all of us looking for a restorative, traditional Sunday morning service, open to the diverse sensibilities of our parish.

Summer is also a time for vacation. Many will visit other parts of the country and have opportunities to worship in churches with different styles. Do visit other churches when you travel. It is often a confirming experience because it brings home the reality that we

are a part of a much bigger spiritual community than we often realize. And do bring your bulletin home with you. I often kid that I not only want a bulletin to prove that you've attended church somewhere else, but I also want the priest's signature. Seriously, do share your experiences with Redeemer clergy, staff and lay leaders. Those reflections help us know what's working out there and what we might want to weave into our worship.

I want to make a couple of suggestions regarding your spiritual practice during the summer. First, consider inviting a friend to church. Summer is a wonderful time for somebody to experience our community for the first time. The pace is slower, and it is easier for strangers to get a sense of the kindness of our parish and of the welcome they might expect if they wanted to come again. What we have to offer here is more than a lovely community. We have a living faith, a faith in God in Jesus Christ which just has to be shared. Secondly, get involved in one of our mission ministries. We are hosting IHN in June, volunteering at MEAC all summer, and participating in all sorts of mission trips. Notably, we begin our Habitat for Humanity house this summer. This is our first big, new mission project since the creation of our new Mission Board structure. A lot of thought, prayer and work has gone into identifying this project. God is surely moving through this house and through the leaders who are making it happen. Do participate in whatever capacity you can, for you will find that in the act of giving, you will always receive much more than you give.

May your summer be filled with joy and a sense of knowing God in a new way.

In Christ, Bruce Freeman

An energizing experience

The great cathedrals of the world create extraordinary spaces in which we can experience God. A recent conference at Washington's National Cathedral afforded Bruce, Alice, me and a couple of hundred others from churches all over the country the priceless opportunity to spend two days in that lovely setting – listening, thinking, worshipping, discussing, feasting – all bathed in light tinted by brilliant stained glass or in deep darkness illuminated only by candles as distant voices sang the ancient office of Compline.

Accurately titled *Church in the 21st Century: A*

Gathering to Envision, Encourage, and Energize Congregations, our time in this huge space was designed to help us think big thoughts. A densely packed agenda offered a rich menu of renowned Christian theologians and preachers, among them Sam Lloyd (Dean of the Cathedral), Phyllis Tickle, Marcus Borg, Michael Battle, Barbara Brown Taylor and Diana Butler-Bass. Diana's name may sound familiar; she recently published a book called *Christianity for the Rest of Us* – and we at the Church of the Redeemer are in it! It's probably fair to say that her work (in which she was assisted by Joe Stewart-Sicking, formerly of Redeemer) undergirded the conference; representatives from several of the churches featured in the book led small-group sessions on the kinds of intentional Christian practices she identifies as sources of new growth and vitality in mainstream congregations.

An amazing worship experience called "Holy Banquet, Holy Feast" crowned our one full day together. This was a Eucharistic meal like no other I have ever experienced – the altar laden with grapes, figs, apricots, almonds, tahini, cheese, wine and more. As we waited to receive this abundance, we sang songs I knew from our own Banquet here at Redeemer. At the end of each day, the last item on the agenda at 9:00 pm was "Theology and Beer" – irresistibly down-to-earth and about the only time we had for conversation with our fellow participants on a less-directed basis.

I came away from this conference with lots of ideas, some of which could be translated into practice in the immediate future. I also gained a sense that God is leading the church through a transformation which will continue long beyond our lifetime and that those who catch the vision will thus be equipped to bring the gospel of Jesus to people who don't necessarily look or think the way we do. And finally, I returned home with a longing that we at Redeemer be given the Spirit's power to carry out what our Vestry understands as our share in God's work: "to invite all to know and serve Jesus as a part of our faith community and to reach out with love and support to those in need."

A special word of thanks is due to the Rev. Howard Anderson, Warden of the Cathedral College (and friend of our rector) who not only did an amazing job of organizing the conference, but also graciously invited us to stay at the College and eat breakfast in the College refectory, affectionately referred to as "Hogwarts."

Christine Carter

Continuity, novelty, transitions: A good year for Kenyon

The Kenyon Summer Conference allows two different things to be true at once (so Anglican!): it offers continuity to a widely extended family and embraces and enfolds newcomers year after year.

Last July I watched my 13-year-old son – newly tall and deep-voiced – as he bent forward, long hair covering his face, palms upraised, to receive the communion bread from Nancy Baxter. Like all mothers, I often see my child as part of a collage of similar moments from the past. Watching him take the bread from Nancy, I recalled the image of his first sip of communion wine at the Kenyon Summer Conference when he was a toddler.

Nancy is a cheery, energetic Pied Piper. She's not related to Hollis. They don't go to the same church. They are not even from the same diocese. But she's been a powerful spiritual presence for one week every summer of his life at the conference. Hollis first went to Kenyon in 1993, the day he was baptized (by Chad Smith, the baptism a first for Chad, too). Two of Hollis's godparents attending the conference – Elizabeth Grover and Huxley Miller – carried Hollis so much that at the end of the week, somebody asked me if I had had a chance to hold Elizabeth's baby.

When Hollis was two or three, he took a workshop from Nancy and began following her around. She's irresistible. All the children – now teens – love her. One year she taught her preschool groupies to make bread, which they proudly offered, an informal Eucharist of sorts, to anyone who passed their work site.

Such continuity, such an extended Christian family, is one of Kenyon's most valuable gifts, but the opposite is equally true. New families can – and do – jump right in, generally feeling quite at home by the second day, offering their talents to make Kenyon run as effectively and comfortably as it always does.

There is a new format to the conference this year, and our diocese has a new bishop. This is a great time to come and help shape the conferences of the future. Let's all go sit in the Adirondack chairs under the tall trees and be fed by toddlers, teens, clergy, and each other.

Cindy Carlton-Ford

Kenyon Conference 2007

The Kenyon Conference *is* undergoing a transformation, but you have a chance to be part of this rebuilding year. The dates are July 22 to 27 and the place (of course) is Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. This year all conferees 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 for more information.

MISSION BOARD

What you can do for El Hogar

On April 15, Rich Kunz, executive director of El Hogar Projects in Honduras, preached and spoke at Redeemer. His stories of the transformation of children's lives at El Hogar were moving and inspiring. Many people responded by saying, "*What can we do?*" Here is a concrete opportunity. *Literally* concrete! El Hogar is undertaking a dormitory project at the Tegucigalpa home for younger boys; four unsafe wooden dorms will be replaced with one large concrete structure that will accommodate ten more boys.

Liz Kinchen (Director of El Hogar Ministries in North America) points out that this new dormitory will also provide a more home-like environment for these children. Right now, the dorms are used solely for sleeping at night; the new dorms will have a place where boys could spend evening time together and also come inside during inclement weather.

The total cost of the project is \$285,000, which includes the cost of the dormitory and an additional \$35,000 for various other projects and repairs. El Hogar has \$72,000 in hand and a \$50,000 challenge grant. Two Redeemer families have put together another \$5,000 challenge grant. This means that Redeemer contributions (up to \$5,000) will be matched 2 to 1! If you feel called to contribute, checks can be written to Redeemer and sent to the Redeemer office (memo line: "El Hogar Dormitory ") so that we can total them and send them all in together.

EDUCATION BOARD

*Kelli's
Keys to the
Kingdom*

Summer Reminders

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! The dates are June 18 to June 22, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon each day – with a closing picnic on Friday night. Visit the Redeemer website for a quick and easy link to register your children. You can also register to volunteer on the same link! Hope to see you at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

Have you heard there is no Banquet this summer and you are wondering about the children? Bring the kids to church this summer. Summer Blend (with its outside component) is for those children of God eager to experience the Gospel outside of the sanctuary. So this summer's services are for everyone! Read on ...

Outside! This summer all children who attend worship will be invited to participate in Summer Blend Outside. All kids like to go outside; this is time outside of the sanctuary where we can explore the Gospel in a more relaxed and interactive way. Everyone will begin worship in the sanctuary. During the sequence hymn (just before the Gospel), any of God's children who wish to join us will depart the sanctuary to do our own thing either in the Great Hall, Chapel, cloister or on the plaza. Our group will rejoin the congregation at the Peace so we can feast on the Eucharist together!

Coming Soon! Worship Bags! I have recently purchased canvas bags to be filled with items to keep little (or big) hands busy while they absorb the sights, sounds and smells of worship. As soon as I can assemble them, I will put them in the back of the sanctuary for easy access. Be on the lookout. Please let me know if you feel called to take on the ministry of replenishing the supplies inside.

Kelli Jasper

More educational opportunities this summer

If your child enjoys music, one of the best ways to give him or her the gift of musical skill is through piano lessons. Loretta Graner offers piano lessons for children ages six and older – as well as adults. Call her at the church office (extension 210) if you are interested.

Would your child like to learn some history this summer through the stories of a World War II vet? For some stimulating, enriching and entertaining sessions for anyone in grades 4 to 12, call Ted Gardner at 871-1982.

A report on *The Brothers Karamazov* (or What will we read this summer?)

Alleluia! We've made it to the end of *The Brothers Karamazov*! What an adventure! Thank you all for your spirited participation, whether you came just once or every time! The group has decided to continue reading some fiction, but will shift to significantly shorter works – at least for the summer. On Tuesday, June 26, we will meet at the church from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm to discuss Flannery O'Connor's short story "Revelation." Claire Terry will provide us with a little background information on the author that evening. This remarkable story is readily available in many different anthologies, including *Flannery O'Connor: The Complete Stories* and in a wonderful book (available in the parish library) entitled *Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith* (Paula J. Carlson & Peter S. Hawkins). The public library has multiple copies of *The Complete Stories*, as well as *Complete Works* and *Everything that Rises Must Converge*, which also contain "Revelation."

Mark your calendar for June 26 – and plan to bring others with you (from within and beyond our parish family). This will be a great opportunity for people to read good writing and experience a lively, rich theological discussion without having to wade through the *Summa Theologica* or *Moby Dick*!

And while we're at it, we're trying to come up with a catchy and descriptive name for our group. "The Large Theology Group," while descriptive, is not catchy! Bring ideas on the 26th, and we will see you then.

Anne Galluzzo and Charlie Brumbaugh

Mission flash report!

We counted sixty-nine Redeemer participants at the Freestore/Foodbank's Hunger Walk and Run on Monday, May 28. And when we added up their fees and their pledges (adding in the Mission Board's matching grant), the total raised for MEAC (the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center) was just over \$4,000! Wow! What a great fellowship opportunity and a great cause to support. With apologies to anyone we left out, many thanks to:

Blair Barter
Denise & Keenan Beauchamp
Mark Blocher
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Bruce, Dana & Nat Freeman
Jim & Isabella Getgey
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Randol & David Haffner
Mike, Amy, Sam & Anna Harris
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Ron & Emma Staggs
Jim, Kathleen & Trevor Stengel
Laurie, Bruce, Julia & Mei Li Weil
Chris Weiner
Jackie Williams

Congratulations to Mark Ragase who finished 3rd in his age category and to Isabella Getgey (the first 6-year-old girl to finish!).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poetry Group to meet

The next meeting of Redeemer's **Poetry Lovers' Group** will be **Monday, June 18**, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The theme will be fathers. As always, you may bring poems to share, you may share original work, or you may simply listen. We will be hosted by Ann & Ed Kuehn on Mt. Adams, so carpooling (or motorcycling!) is encouraged. More later!

An update on stock gifts

The Permanent Property Fund trustees and the Investment Advisory Committee have assessed some options and made the decision to change where some of Redeemer's funds are invested. As a result, some of the account numbers that you have used in the past when donating stock are out of date. If you are planning to make a stock donation, please contact our Finance Officer, Diane Bair, and she will be happy to explain the new procedures and account numbers.

Bread workshop coming soon

The Bread Guild has scheduled their next bread workshop for Saturday, June 16, at 1 pm. As always, we will teach the basics of baking communion bread, as well as other recipes of interest. All are welcome – especially if you would like to begin participating in this ministry. For more information, call David Richards at 631-4413.

MEAC needs some "people" help

On Saturday, June 16, from 1 pm to 4 pm, MEAC will hold its annual cookout. Not only is this a great gift to the community, but it's a lot of fun. There are a number of opportunities to participate – from grilling and serving to face painting and hosting games. Please contact Minda Matthews at 351-9199 or minlmatt@hotmail.com.

CORe events coming soon

The young adult group (CORe) will host a retreat this Saturday, June 2, from 9 am to 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral downtown (318 E. 4th Street). Join us for a day of Sabbath rest, exploration, and fellowship! The cost is \$10 for lunch and materials. Contact Jill at 470-0694 for details.

CORe will also volunteer at the Freestore/Foodbank on Saturday, June 9, and go to a Reds game on June 15. Call Jill!

Bookgroup on June 6

Join us at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 6, for a discussion of *Nancy Culpepper* by Bobbie Ann Mason. This is always a lively group, and newcomers are always welcome. We meet in the parish library.

A word on the library

The computerized catalog of our library collection is underway. It is not yet open for public use, but there are about 170 titles in the database. Anyone interested in helping with this project should email elizabeth@redeemer-cincy.org.

Additionally, a batch of overdue notices was recently sent out. So far nine of the books have been returned, but we are missing more than 70 books. This would be a great time to either return or replace any library items.

Upcoming events

June 2	9:00 am	CORE retreat
June 3	11:15 am	Adult Formation Ministry Team Junior High Missioners Children's Ministries Mission Board
	6:00	Youth BBQ at the Connor home
June 4	5:30 pm	Admin Committee
June 5	9:00 am	<i>Redeemer News</i> deadline
	6:30 pm	Navajoland meeting
June 6	7:30 pm	Book Group
June 7	9:00 am	<i>Redeemer News</i> collating
June 9	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Freestore/Foodbank The Celebration and Blessing of the Marriage of Kelley Mihelik and Brett Flodder
June 11	3:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Facilities Management Stewardship Vestry
June 15	7:00 pm	CORE to Reds game
June 16	<i>Navajoland trip leaves</i> 1:00 pm	Bread workshop
June 17	5:30 pm	IHN hosting begins
June 18	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Vacation Bible School begins Poetry Lovers
June 19	9:00 am	<i>Redeemer News</i> deadline
June 22	9:00 am	<i>Redeemer News</i> collating

**PARISH CALENDAR
EVERY WEEK THIS SUMMER**

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Summer Blend (Eucharist) in the Sanctuary
Child care for the youngest ones
11:15 am Fellowship and lemonade
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Monday

1:00 pm Staff meeting

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