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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAYS

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist
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10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
(Sanctuary)

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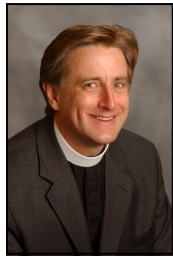
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FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Parish Family,

I love to read. I always have. As a neophyte, I devoured *Fun with Dick and Jane*. And I was ecstatic when my third grade teacher, Miss Niley, gave me first dibs on the new copy of *The Mystery of Morgan Castle*. Over the years I've read countless books, some (e.g. *Good Night Moon*, *Siddhartha*, and *A Prayer for Owen Meany*) multiple times.

But here's what bothers me: I've forgotten so much of what I've read! For example, I know that Dick and Jane had a dog named Spot, but I can't remember the name of their cat. (Thanks to Google, I am now reminded that it was named Puff.) Speaking of Google, I find myself relying more and more on worldwide web searches to jog my faltering memory. Just yesterday, during the Downtown Bible Study, I tried (don't ask why!) to recall the lyric for "Marching to Pretoria" – a favorite song of mine from grade school music class. I was startled to re-discover:

*I'm with you and you're with me and
So we are all together...*

Could this have inspired John Lennon's lyric for the Beatles' "Come Together"?! But I digress...

Since I forget so much, and absorb and retain so little, one might well ask: what's the

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FROM THE ASSISTING PRIEST

Last Sunday's Gospel, the account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, has always been one of my favorite stories in the Bible. Bishop Price preached eloquently about how we, like those disciples, often meet the risen Christ at times of despair and hopelessness. This certainly is good news and it is the heart of the Easter message: death and despair are never the final answer.

But what speaks to me most about this story, at least in my life right now, is the fact that they were *on the road*. It was in the midst of the *movement* of their lives that they met the risen Christ. "*Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?*" they asked. So it is for us too: although God is encountered in moments of stillness and silence, most of our lives are spent *moving*, and it is good news that the risen Christ comes to us along the way.

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use of reading? Here's what I say: I can't remember what I had for breakfast on January 14, 1959 – but it surely nourished me. I can't remember what my parents did for me on October 3, 1966 – but they surely provided care. I can't remember what I was reading for English class on May 21, 1973 – but it surely stimulated at least a handful of neurons! What I mean to say is this: who I am today in mind, body, and spirit is the culmination of innumerable experiences. Some I recall quite clearly. Most are lost to memory. But *all* are precious.

I see this dynamic at work in my growth in faith.

- I've heard myriad sermons over the course of my life. I remember bits and pieces from only a handful. Yet all have fed me.
- I've received the Body and Blood of Christ countless times. Only a few sacramental moments along the way are still etched in my mind. Yet all have nourished me.
- I've meditated on Holy Scripture and prayed from *The Book of Common Prayer* all my life. I know some of it by heart, but much is beyond recollection. Nevertheless, the words have seeped into my very marrow to encourage me.
- I've encountered innumerable people. Some stand out clearly, but the names and faces of many have faded. Yet each and every one did and/or said something, however seemingly inconsequential, to mark me.

As I write, in this very moment, I am reminded of a poem by William Stafford. As usual, I can't remember the title! But I do recall the phrase "a million intricate moves." So I google it, and ... voilà! I find the line "justice will take us millions of intricate moves" from his intense poem "Thinking for Berky." (Fascinating – the poet is apparently thinking back to someone from *his* earlier life!) Yes, our lives are shaped by a million intricate moves – shaped by our choices, shaped by others, shaped by chance, shaped by joy, shaped by suffering, and (thank God) shaped by grace.

Day by day we may think that nothing is happening. But look around! Do you see the subtle yet relentless birth of spring? The temperature is just a little warmer today. The forsythias have begun to blossom. The buds on the dogwood are poised to explode. Birds are mating and building nests. It seems to me that the unfolding of our lives is much like this. While the change is inexorable and ultimately transforming, it usually occurs imperceptibly.

I write all this to encourage you, and me, to be relentless in doing good, healthy and vital things. Keep reading. Keep praying. Keep participating in the sacraments. Keep engaging kindly with one another. And keep noticing signs of God's loving hand at work. Don't be distressed if every single moment of your life isn't a memorable, earth-shaking experience. In some mysterious way, each fleeting moment quietly builds on what has been and leans into the future. The million intricate moves, awash in God's providence, will culminate (as poet Mary Oliver put it) in "one wild and precious life!"

Faithfully,
Charlie

“...our lives are shaped by a million intricate moves – shaped by our choices, shaped by others, shaped by chance, shaped by joy, shaped by suffering, and (thank God) shaped by grace.”

(From the Assisting Priest, continued from page 1)

I spent the week after Easter in southern California. It was easy to see God on my early morning runs, navigating the green golf course, watching the sun light up the surrounding mountains. And, after my run, I would climb a tree in my parents' front yard and pick grapefruit for my breakfast. *Taste and see that the Lord is good*, writes the Psalmist. The risen Christ met me along the way.

Yet, more importantly, Christ meets us – not simply on vacations – but in the everyday activities and movements of our lives. The story says that *their eyes were opened and they recognized him*, not in some momentous moment or gourmet meal, but in the simple act of breaking bread. The invitation of Easter for us is the same: to encounter Christ in our everyday movement and acts.

How might we recognize Christ as he meets us in the midst of our daily lives? How might our eyes be opened to see God in all things? Creation certainly is one vehicle through which we encounter the Holy. The green growth and bursting buds of spring are icons of new life and possibility. All we need to do is to open our eyes to the glory of God all around us.

And, just as new life speaks through creation, the risen Christ can burn in our hearts in the midst of our mundane routines: the carpools and commutes, the challenges and chores. We encounter God when we shift

our focus to see the need in another person, a tree in bloom or sparks of hope in the midst of despair. Yes, sometimes our lives are so fast-paced that God probably wants to cry out STOP! But, at the same time, the promise of Emmaus is that Christ will walk – maybe jog – at our side, keeping pace with us, bringing new life.

You've heard it before: We are Christ's hands and feet in the world today. The risen Christ is present in all aspects of our lives, both by our side and burning in our hearts. Christ needs us to re-kindle the fires of compassion and justice, beauty and hope in the world.

Whether it is on a golf course in La Quinta, California or on a suburban street under gray sky in Cincinnati, Ohio, I often find that the rhythm of running or walking can be the road to Emmaus for me. True, I rarely have a companion with me. Yet, so often insights come at such times or I see a path or a tree in a new way. Or, I simply go into a contemplative “zone” where I am fully present to God and what is. On a good day, I take this experience of presence into the rest of my life.

What are the routines and rhythms of your life? Can you see the risen Christ by your side? Let us pray that our eyes might be opened, that we might recognize him along the way.

Easter Blessings,
Nancy

Reflections on the Michael Battle visit

By William Babb

The person that helps me know Christ is the Rev. Michael Battle. This person is from South Africa. Mr. Battle is an African American. He is a great preacher that travels around telling others about Christ. Rev. Michael Battle has written a few books on Christianity. Though I have never read a book of his myself, I have heard he fully explains our life with God and how to tell others of Christ.

Even though I have only met him once, I still have found more of Christ through Him. I was at a point in my life when I didn't like church, but when he came I became interested in Christ and strained to learn more about Christ. Mr. Battle talks with adult words, but when my parents explain what he means, I understand him. He has done much to help me be a better Christian. Michael Battle is a great person to listen to and meet. Mr. Battle is a great person to be thankful for and I hope from what you've heard you think so too.

Editor's note: This reflection was written as a class assignment for William's fourth grade class. He was not instructed to write about Michael Battle, but chose his topic independently.



Raising the Roof

by Nancy-Hopkins Greene

In December, Redeemer's Mission Funding Committee (formerly Mission Implementation Team) approved a \$5,000 Emergency Requests and Emerging Needs grant to the South American Missionary Society (SAMS). This grant was made for construction of a new roof at the Clinica Esperanza in the Dominican Republic. The Clinic is the home base for the important work of Drs. Michael and Anita Dohn, medical missionaries from the Diocese of Southern Ohio. A number of Redeemer parishioners have been ongoing supporters of the Dohns for many years. Many also made individual donations to this project. The roof was completed in February and a very brief video of its construction can be seen at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGEBP5t-II4>.



Thoughts about the Freestore/Foodbank

Contributed by Chris Gorz

I heard a news story on NPR today about how the sagging economy is contributing to a reduction in donations to food banks nationwide, as some donors think twice about giving away such necessities that their own families may need. This is especially difficult considering that while donations are in decline, the need by those less fortunate and those typically on the cusp of need is increasing correspondingly.

While our ministry at the Foodbank is primarily about the distribution, and not the supply, we still are making a difference by serving the increasing demand. Please plan on joining the efforts on the second Saturday of each month, and consider inviting a friend or family member along as well. Please review the upcoming volunteering opportunities with Freestore/Foodbank over the next few weeks summarized below. May you share your blessings with those who could use a few more. Contact Chris for more information (chriseago@yahoo.com).

April 18-20: Trade In, Trade Up (volunteer for a 3-hour shift to accept donated clothing at the five area Steinmart stores)

May 10: Letter Carriers Can Food Drive (load and sort donated canned goods)

May 26: Hunger Walk (help with set-up, registration, aid stations or other support functions to make the event happen.)

Celebrate Earth Day

Contributed by Betsy Shram



Some of us remember the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. This was a time when cities were buried under their own smog and polluted rivers caught fire, as the Cuyahoga River did in Cleveland. Each year we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, reflecting on the gains we have made and focusing on the work still ahead.

Every day should be Earth Day as we each create new visions on how we can make a difference to improve our environment. Please take time this spring to consider the changes you can make, whether planting new trees, recycling as many materials as possible or using fewer pesticides or chemicals that are harmful to the greater environment. We can all be environmental stewards.

As a possible first step, the Junior High has offered several solutions in support of the Millennium Development Goal number 7 by recycling our batteries and plastic bags. In the next issue of Redeemer News I will have a list of locations for recycling various other materials. Let's celebrate Earth Day together and make a very real difference.



Pizza, Basketball, Kids, and a Bouncy Castle

Contributed by Tara Lee Stone

Parents of Young Children enjoyed their monthly gathering on Saturday, April 5. More than ten families, complete with over 25 children, gathered at Redeemer for fellowship and fun. The parents enjoyed an hour of adult conversation before the children joined us for a family pizza potluck dinner organized by Michelle Kirk. The after-dinner entertainment was taking turns in the bouncy castle where Jr. Warden Matthew Stone served as doorkeeper and peace keeper. The lucky adults enjoyed some NCAA basketball in the youth lounge. Kids and adults alike went home happy and exhausted. If you would like to join this group, contact Michelle Kirk (mkirk@cinci.rr.com) or Tara Lee Stone (taraleestone@yahoo.com) for information about our May gathering.



SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA WITH CORE

Contributed by Jill Burket-Ragase

CORE's Second Annual Summer Extravaganza is scheduled for June 6 through 8 at Ohiopyle State Park in southwestern Pennsylvania. The park is situated on nearly twenty thousand acres which are at the base of the Laurel Mountains. Hiking, biking, fishing, natural rock waterslides, and tons of great spots for picnics await our arrival.

The plan is to depart mid-day on Friday; please plan your workplace vacation days accordingly. Accommodations will be similar to last year's trip: group camping. One change this year is that we will

handle our own meals. The total cost for the trip, including meals and accommodations, is \$25 per person. The RSVP/payment deadline is May 2. Your check, payable to the Church of the Redeemer, will reserve your place.

Alice is coordinating t-shirts again this year, so remember to include your shirt size with your payment. Questions? Concerns? Contact Jill Burket-Ragase (jill.burket-ragase@cincinnati.library.org). Check out some pictures from last year's trip below.





Theology Group Gets Tickled

By Charlie Brumbaugh

The Redeemer Theology Group has chosen a new book to read and discuss: *The Words of Jesus: A Gospel of the Sayings of Our Lord with reflections by Phyllis Tickle*. (Tickle will be visiting the Church of the Redeemer in Lent, 2009.) The conversation will begin on Monday, April 28, 7:00-8:30 (in the library or the Great Hall). For this first session, the group will read through page 105. *Please join us!* For more information, contact Anne Galluzzo (annypoetry@aol.com) or Charlie Brumbaugh (CFBCOR@aol.com, 321-6700).

Tickle is the founding editor of the Religion Department of *Publishers Weekly*, the international journal of the book industry. She is an authority on religion in America and a much sought after lecturer on the subject. In addition to lectures and numerous essays, articles, and interviews, Tickle is the author of over two dozen books on religion and spirituality, most notably the *Divine Hours* series of manuals for observing fixed-hour prayer.

Tickle, who retired from *Publishers Weekly* in 2004, began her career as a college teacher and, for almost ten years, served as academic dean to the Memphis College of Art before entering full time into writing and publishing. In September 1996 she received the Mays Award, one of the book industry's most prestigious awards for lifetime achievement in writing and publishing, and specifically in recognition of her work in gaining mainstream media coverage of religious publishing. In 2004, she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Berkeley School of Divinity at Yale University, also in recognition of her work. In 2007, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Christy Awards "In gratitude for a lifetime as an advocate for fiction written to the glory of God."

Tickle is currently a Senior Fellow of Cathedral College of the Washington National Cathedral. A founding member of The Canterbury Roundtable, she serves now, as she has in the past, on a number of advisory and corporate boards. A lay eucharistic minister and lector in the Episcopal Church, she is the mother of seven children and, with her physician husband, Sam, makes her home on a small farm in Lucy, Tennessee. You can learn more about her by clicking on <http://www.phyllistickle.com/index.html>.

'Tweens Fellowship

Children in grades 5 and 6 (and parents) should mark their calendars for Sunday, April 20. The 'Tweens from HPCUMC and Redeemer will meet at REDEEMER in the Great Hall at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to bring your school or neighborhood friends – the more the merrier!! We provide the pizza and drinks, you can bring a snack to share – healthy is good – or a dessert. If you can, bring a \$2 donation to offset the cost of the pizza.

What do we do at the 'Tweens Fellowship? We play games, do service projects, EAT, laugh, meet new friends, hang out with old friends, we might learn a little something new, and sometimes we sing. The one thing we always do is have fun! If you have questions, call or email Kelli Jasper kelli@redeemer-cincy.org.

Summer 2008 Vacation Bible School

By: Kelli Jasper, Director of Children's Ministries

Redeemer has participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS) for years. I love vacation bible school and the experience of seeing 200 + young faces smiling, singing and having fun all in the name of Jesus. It is a rare and unique opportunity to be completely immersed for a full week in the joy and love we experience in our lives in Christ. But it takes a lot of coordination, volunteer support and financial commitment to run a VBS program, especially the size of the VBS programs we have participated in. And to be honest we haven't had the volunteer base to support our sponsorship of a VBS program in quite some time. That is why the Children's Ministry Team has decided we will not sponsor or take a leadership role in VBS this year.

My hope is that this will be a temporary state, giving us a chance to discern our calling in this ministry. I still

invite you to get involved. Anyone from Redeemer is welcome to participate in Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church's program. They are hosting a community VBS from June 23 through June 27 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The theme for this year's program is *Power Lab*, using science to discover Jesus' miraculous power. To obtain registration or other information please contact Maggie Jennings (mjennings@hpcumc.org) or Karen Bruner (kbruner@hpcumc.org). In addition to participating in the Hyde Park Methodist VBS, Redeemer is also invited to participate in the ecumenical VBS held at St. Mary Catholic Church on June 16 through 20, from 9:30 am until noon. Both programs have a nominal charge per child and volunteers are always appreciated. You can find out more information on St. Mary's VBS by contacting Tiffany Zents (321-2573).

Rites of Passage

Since the last publication of this column, we have marked the following milestones in our parish life:

<u>Confirmed</u>	April 6	<u>Received</u>	April 6
Blair Whitney Barter		Jolene Marie Struebbe	
Alyssa Michelle Bunn		Suzanne Elizabeth Van Niman	
Thelma Lee Campbell			
Hollis David Carlton-Ford		<u>Reaffirmed</u>	April 6
William Rushton Foster Duncan		Joan Peck	
Andrea Lyn Ferguson			
John William Hopper, III		<u>Baptized</u>	April 13
Victoria Alyse Kranz		Addison Scott Durrett	
Anne Chamberlin Mapes		(St. John's, Houston, TX)	
Ian Keyes McNamara		Granddaughter of Nancy and Jule Schulhoff	
Kathleen O'Keefe McNamara			
James Boyd Miller		<u>Married</u>	April 12
Emily Manon Musgrove Neely		Maggie Rose and Andrew Lindsley	
John Karl Nenner			
Caroline Gordon Perrin			
Anna Louise Smith			
Nathan Scott Taylor			
Cherie Hill Wallpe			
Alexandra Ruth Wilt			

Help Wanted:

Are you: Eager to volunteer at church?
Computer savvy?
Detail oriented?

We have a great short-term opportunity for you. Parishioners will be returning Stewardship of Time and Talents (T&T) Covenants in April and we need some volunteers to work in the Redeemer office to help enter and update the T&T database in April and May. You can work during weekdays, or we will schedule a few evening and weekend shifts until the work is complete. This is a great opportunity for teens (or adults) who need volunteer hours. If you are interested, contact Dawn Neely (321-5267 or neely@current.net) or Elizabeth Grover (321-6700 or elizabeth@redeemer-cincy.org).

Sunday Calendar (every Sunday this month)

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 am	Coffee Hour
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Banquet Godly Play for 3's and 4's; St. Francis for 2's Child care for under age 2
11:10 am	Spiritual formation for all
5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist: Celtic or New Zealand
6:00 pm	Youth Group

Can You Hear THE CALL? A Reflection on Stewardship

By Steve Carlton-Ford

Why am I involved at Redeemer? The short answer is: I got THE CALL. I'll tell you about my call a little later. The longer answer has to do with the discernment process at Redeemer, which works pretty well. Let me give you a couple of examples.

Let me start by noting that none of you has ever heard me sing. Over ten years ago, when my two oldest sons were in the children's choir, Loretta hadn't heard me sing but was pretty certain that I was a good prospect for the adult choir. I kept telling her that I didn't think that I was "choir material"; she kept saying that she wanted me to "try out." So, she had me sing a few scales and try a couple of hymns. After my best shot she said, "Thanks. That's *really* interesting." And that was the end of my choir career.

A second example of the discernment process is more recent. Last Wednesday I literally "got the call." It was David Haffner calling to tell me that it was "my lucky day," that I was being "given the opportunity" to give a "time & talent" testimony. I started providing the reasons why this was **not** a good idea—that I don't like to talk about me, especially not in public. David countered with my experience as a lecturer; I had lots of practice at public speaking. I argued that I was the wrong person; David pointed out that I had been at Redeemer for nearly 20 years, and had served on a number of committees and been involved in several mission activities. We went around like this a couple of times, but it was clear that David was right; it made sense for me to give a time and talent talk.

So when I get "the call" that's how it always comes, not from on high but in a conversation or a phone call about a project that I might (or perhaps might not) help out with. But of course, what I was supposed to tell you was **why** I get and stay involved at Redeemer. So, why do I? About forty years ago I had an experience that showed me that every day we have here on earth is a gift; it's extra, over and beyond what we have any right to expect. And I know that gifts aren't much good unless we give gifts in return. Imagine a Christmas and you get gifts—really excellent gifts—and you don't give any in return. And it's not just on Christmas; suppose that every day you get a gift and never give one back. It might seem great for a while; but eventually the entire situation would feel wrong. Those gifts, instead of bringing joy, would become oppressive. So, that's why I stay involved—the gifts only bring joy when they are used to give gifts in return. At Redeemer, we are blessed with folks who help us discern our true ministries. So, it's not scary to test out a call here at Redeemer. The community helps us, with frankness and generosity, to discern how we can best give gifts back. So, with a little discernment, we all get a chance to say "yes" when we get the call.

April/May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 <i>ECSF</i> <i>Ingathering</i> 12 noon CORe lunch 3:00 pm Benedictine Way 6:00 pm Tweens Fellowship	21 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	22 7:30 pm CORe Bible Study	23 12:00 noon Downtown Bible Study 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing	24 9:00 am <i>Redeemer News</i> deadline 7:00 pm Adult Formation Ministry Team	25 <i>No</i> <i>Redeemer</i> <i>Preschool</i> 6:00 pm Senior High Lock-In 8:30 pm AA meeting	26 9:00 am Bread Workshop
27 <i>Time and</i> <i>Talents</i> <i>Renewal of</i> <i>Ministry</i> 12:00 noon Liturgy Board ; Pastoral Board 6:00 pm Poetry Lovers	28 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Admin Committee 7:00 pm Theology Group 7:30 pm Mission Outreach Committee	29 4:30 pm Cloister Garden Meeting 7:30 pm CORe Bible Study	30 9:00 am <i>Redeemer</i> <i>News</i> Collating 12:00 noon Downtown Bible Study 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing	May 1 10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir 5:30 pm Centennial Committee 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Al-Anon	2 8:30 pm AA meeting	3 8:30 am Community Land Co-Op 9:00 am Sole Mates
4 12 noon Choir Brunch	5 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	6 7:30 pm CORe Bible Study	7 5:30 pm Growing through Grief 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 7:30 pm Book Group	8 9:00 am <i>Redeemer News</i> deadline 10:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Knitting Group 4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Al-Anon	9 8:30 pm AA meeting	10 9:00 am Freestore/ Foodbank; Lay Reader meeting
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Facilities Man- agement Com- mittee 5:30 pm Stewardship Committee 7:00 pm Vestry	13 7:30 pm CORe Bible Study	14 9:00 am <i>Redeemer</i> <i>News</i> collating 12:00 noon Downtown Bible Study	15 10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Al-Anon	16 8:30 pm AA meeting	17 8:30 am PWC project 9:00 am Sole Mates

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Time and Talents Stewardship Campaign

By now, you should have received your Time and Talents covenant form in your mailbox or e-mail inbox. This annual campaign is an effort to engage all of our parishioners in the ministries to which God calls us. Please prayerfully consider ministries where you can do God's work and where you can also see God working in the world.

"God wants not just our offering, but all of us. The portion of our time, talents and treasure that we give to the church is only a symbol of what we pledge to do with our whole being."

—Dr. Mark Allan Powell

Our Time and Talents Renewal of Ministry will be on Sunday, April 27. Please bring your covenant form to church on this day. You may also submit the form online or by mail.