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WORSHIP

SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist
(Sanctuary)

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
(Sanctuary)

The Banquet
(Great Hall)

5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm

Holy Eucharist with
Healing
(Chapel)

PARISH OFFICE

HOURS

Monday through

Friday

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Deadline: May 22



FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Oh, for the good old days!
You know what I'm talking
about. Virtually everyone can look back
and recall exquisite moments, seasons of
wonder, even stretches of golden years.
Living in the checkered present, we often
pine for precious times past when we
exulted, "It just doesn't get any better
than this!"

Of course, the past was rarely as
beautifully pristine as we remember it
now. My childhood, for example, was a
happy one. I can easily recall hundreds,
perhaps thousands, of positive memories.
I sometimes wish that my present life
was that simple and care-free! Yet I could
also list some (albeit far fewer) dark
times: accidentally torching my sister's
bedroom while playing with candles,
falling out of my bunk bed and cracking

my head open, getting paddled by the
principal for throwing snowballs at a
passing train, my grandfather Jesse's
sudden death... A more balanced view of
my growing up years will acknowledge
what writer George Will once observed:
"Childhood is frequently a solemn
business for those inside it!"

The other day I saw a music special about
the so-called "Summer of Love" in 1967 –
that famously idyllic season of communal
peace, love, and happiness. Do you
remember the sweet song by the Mamas
and the Papas?

*If you're going to San Francisco,
be sure to wear some flowers in your hair.
If you're going to San Francisco,
you're gonna meet some gentle people
there.*

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FROM THE ASSISTING PRIEST

As I sit down to write this article, I realize that my thoughts are a series
of different threads that perhaps can be woven together:

Thread Number One: In February, one of the women's retreats at
Redeemer focused on the theme of compost. Saturday afternoon's
activity consisted of our making compost bins to take home. We reflected on
compost as both a metaphor for the spiritual life and a practical response to our need
to care for creation.

Number Two: Last month, I attended a conference in Seattle called "Healing Our
Planet Earth: Singing a New Song of Hope." Speakers included Katharine Jefferts
Schori, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, theologian Sallie McFague and
Bishop Steven Charleston. It was an inspiring gathering of people of faith who are

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...as we pass through this life – remembering, celebrating, and learning from the past; leaning hopefully and energetically into the future – we always live in a dynamic present that is full of blessings and woes, wonders and terrors, challenges and possibilities, endings and beginnings. And in and through it all, God is actively with us!

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Looking back, however, the top Bay area musicians from the sixties acknowledged that *maybe* this was so in Haight-Ashbury...but only for a week, perhaps two! In any case, all remember that this utopian vibe quickly shattered under an avalanche of drug abuse, sexual exploitation, greed, and violence. What a bummer!

Nations and churches often talk glowingly about “the good old days.” Today we hear this yearning in the United States, a politically polarized country at war – “If only we could bring back President (fill in the blank)!” Today we hear this yearning in the Episcopal Church, creaking and groaning through dizzying changes – “If only we could bring back the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer!*” (Or the 1892, or the 1789, or the 1662, or the 1559, or the 1552, or the 1549...)

So it was in the Jewish community of Jesus. Suffering under Roman oppression during the so-called “Pax Romana,” the people longed for the perfect warrior king who would sweep away all oppressors and restore Israel’s halcyon days. Jesus was just the latest candidate for this “New David.” So when Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a plodding donkey, the crowds shouted out: “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!” – conveniently forgetting that the blessings of David’s reign were also marred by adultery, pre-meditated murder, and constant warfare.

As I write this letter, the Day of Pentecost is near, the “Birthday of the Church” when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered community fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. According to the Book of Acts, it was like the Summer of Love!

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.... Many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day... they broke bread from house to house and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number...

I don’t know how long this “love-in” lasted. But I do know that shortly thereafter Peter and Paul had a huge fight in Jerusalem about who belonged in this new community and who didn’t. The scattered congregations that Paul had so lovingly planted began bickering among themselves about everything from theology to table manners. A host of competing preachers appeared to stir up the faithful with troubling sermons. And followers of Jesus began to suffer persecution and death.

The birth of our own Episcopal Church in the United States is equally illustrative. When the American Revolution broke out in 1776, about one-third of the population supported the war, about one-third opposed it, and the final third could swing either way (or was apathetic). In this polarized and explosive climate, Samuel Seabury (who became our 1st American bishop and our 2nd Presiding Bishop) served as a chaplain for the *British Army!* And William White (who became our 2nd American bishop and our 1st Presiding Bishop) served as chaplain of the *Continental Congress!* Even our beloved Episcopal Church was born in conflict!

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I leave it to you to glean understandings from our glorious history, and your personal story. But one thing that I hold onto is this: as we pass through this life – remembering, celebrating, and learning from the past; leaning hopefully and energetically into the future – we always live in a dynamic present that is full of blessings and woes, wonders and terrors, challenges and possibilities, endings and beginnings. And in and through it all, God is actively with us! And so we pray...

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation;

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concerned about the environment and global climate change. Their words were both sobering and hopeful.

Three: I stayed in Seattle to attend another conference, this one an interfaith gathering on “Planting Seeds of Compassion.” Panelists included the Dali Lama, Desmond Tutu, Roshi Joan Halifax, Sister Joan Chitister and many others. They spoke about the role that faith traditions have in cultivating compassion and hope, particularly in our youth.

Four: Many of you saw notes and suggestions for Environmental Stewardship in Redeemer E-News April 23. Along with our time, talents and treasure, care for Creation is a central part of our stewardship of all that God has given us.

Five: A group of Episcopalians in our Diocese are joining with other communities of faith in forming Ohio Interfaith Power & Light (OHIPL). The purpose of OHIPL is to mobilize a religious response to climate change and to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. A breakout session at the May 3rd Diocesan Mission Convocation described the progress of this new initiative. Two congregations in our Diocese, St. Patrick’s Dublin and St. Stephen’s Columbus, have signed the OHIPL covenant.

Six: In my sermon on April 27th, I spoke about Earth Day and my belief that Stewardship of the Environment is central to our faith. I spoke about my own love of Creation – which I share with so many of you – and my own desire to protect this world for my children and my children’s children.

let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In this ever-flowing stream, *today* – not yesterday, nor tomorrow – today is *our day* to share in the dawning of God’s loving purposes for all creation!

Faithfully,
+Charlie

Seven: This month’s theme for our Sunday morning adult education on Reconciliation is “Reconciliation with Creation”. This theme for the month of May was set last summer as a part of the year-long series. It will end with a presentation on local and sustainable eating in Cincinnati.

Eight: Yesterday I started thinning the spinach and lettuce in my garden. I took the baby greens and made them into a salad for my lunch. I ate the salad out on our backyard deck, listening to the birds. It never ceases to feel like a miracle to me, how these seeds I planted grow into food. For me, picking and eating these greens is a form of *prayer*.

I am sure that many of you can add your own threads to this. How will they be woven together? What will be our response, individually and as a congregation? How will we support one another? On Sunday May 11 we celebrated the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Holy Spirit is the *Great Weaver*. The Holy Spirit will take these and other threads, will weave them together and will lead us into all truth and right action.

Psalm 104 which we heard on Pentecost says it all: *You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. Amen!*

+Nancy



MISSION

Walk for Hunger

By: Bonnie Kretschmer

The Church of the Redeemer, in all it's red-clad, glory will be running and walking together in support of the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC) at 9am on Memorial Day - Monday, May 26th. Please come out and join us - everyone - of all ages and abilities! Don't forget to wear a red shirt and look for the big red balloon when you arrive.

The need at MEAC has been exploding for over a year. In 2006, MEAC spent \$2218 at the Freestore/Foodbank and served 208 people. Just one year later, MEAC spent about \$9500 to provide higher quality food to 530 people! This was made possible by the increased Hunger Walk proceeds - which grew from \$738 in 2006 to a whopping \$7179 in 2007! Over \$4000 of those funds were raised by Redeemerites just like you.

MEAC's Freestore/Foodbank account is running low, and we need to fill it up again. Our goal this year is to have 100 participants, with registrations and pledges totaling at least \$5000 this year. In addition, Redeemer's Freestore/Foodbank Mission Outreach budget will be able to match the first \$2300 raised. This is more than double the donation last year. If we can achieve these goals, we will be able to send a total of \$7300 to MEAC.

For the math inclined - these goals represent a 50% increase in participation at an average donation of \$50 per person (\$15 registration and \$35 in pledges from friends and family). Challenging, but totally achievable, but not without you - so invite your friends, relatives and co-workers to join you - or at least to pledge to support you!



You can register online at:

http://donate.freestorefoodbank.org/site/TR/Events/General?fr_id=1050&pg=entry

Click on "Join an Agency or Team"

and then type in "Episcopal Church of the Redeemer."

Those who register before May 13 get \$5 off the entrance fee (remember to put that towards your pledges!), but you can register any time before May 23 (or on the day of the race).

The website is much, much snazzier this year. There are cool tools that allow you to have a personal homepage through which you can send emails to your family, friends and co-workers to ask them to pledge to support you, and where they can submit those pledges online. In addition, you can even check up on your personal goal progress, our team progress and other teams as well. For those less technologically inclined, I'll have paper registration forms and pledge forms for the asking. Please let me know what you need and if you have any questions! (bkretsch@spamcop.net)

When you register and when you pledge, please remember to indicate MEAC as your chosen charity.

Hog Wild for the Pig

Redeemer parishioners and friends went 'hog wild' supporting the Sole Mates and the Hog Collars in running the Flying Pig Marathon. The final tally shows a total of \$1877 raised to benefit Madisonville Education



and Assistance Center. In addition to financial support, a number of Redeemer parishioners stood out on the corner of Erie and Paxton with our own "Jiggin' Piggy" to encourage our runners. Thanks for your strong support!

Brasilia to benefit Jake Reed

Mark your calendars now for a special Redeemer performance on June 22 by Brasilia. Our own beloved Jake Reed, band director of Spikenard, will be leaving this summer for Los Angeles and graduate school in jazz. He has been a tremendous asset and friend in the Banquet and we want to send him out in style. He plays with recording artist Phil de Gregg in Brasilia, a Brazilian jazz band which frequently performs at the Blue Wisp Jazz Club downtown. Join us on June 22 at 2pm in the Great Hall for two hours of great jazz, food, and drink. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$10 for students.



On Sunday, June 8, we will begin our summer worship schedule which combines the two services at 10:00 am. All of God's children who worship at Redeemer will gather in the sanctuary for this service. We will sing praises and hear the first lesson or two together. When the Gospel hymn begins, children will be led out of the sanctuary by me or one of the clergy. Look for the red and orange twirling flag. We will go to one of our 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 we will say our own prayers of the people. At the peace we will then join the rest of the congregation in the sanctuary and enjoy the Eucharist together. If you are a musically talented parishioner, and feel called to share in helping us start on a singable note and stay on key, please contact me at your convenience (kelli@redeemer-cincy.org).

Childcare will be provided for infants through preschool age during the worship service. Infants and toddlers will meet in the Playroom. Three and four-year-olds will be cared for in the St. Francis classroom. It is possible they will also be taken outside to the playground, weather permitting. As the sun shines brightly in the morning hours, please either put sunscreen on your child or have it available, and be sure they have footwear appropriate for the playground.

Change is in the Air

It's that time of year again when our thoughts turn to summer vacation, summer jobs, summer boredom...and the Summer Blend at Redeemer! What is "Summer Blend" you ask? For three months, we mix up our Sanctuary and Banquet services—music, liturgy, and volunteers—into a new kind of service. A fun blend of contemporary and traditional.

One of the ways we blend our two services is by blending the volunteers. If you currently serve in the Banquet, consider this your invitation to participate in the Summer Blend service in the Sanctuary. Anyone qualified to read or offer the chalice in any service is allowed to serve in any other service. We understand that summer schedules can be crazy; please look over the schedule and call on a replacement if you are unable to serve. We also understand that your children or teens may not be comfortable in a leadership role in the Sanctuary; last year's volunteers note that it was not intimidating, and we encourage you to give it a try, but it is not required. If anyone is uncomfortable with their duties in the Sanctuary, the clergy will take time to train anyone before the service, so everyone feels comfortable.

We're looking forward to a great summer—vacations, missions, even boredom—and especially the Summer Blend! We hope you are, too!

Resources for Recycling:

Listed below are a few resources for your recycling program at home:

For information about general recycling in Hamilton County, or electronic (printer, cell phone, etc.) recycling, go to www.hcdoes.org or phone the recycling hotline (513.946.7766).

Hazardous Waste (paint, pesticides, prescription drugs, solvents, pool chemicals, propane tanks and more) requires special disposal. Go to www.ecienv.com for more information.

If you have a large volume of paper to shred, go to www.metrorecyclinginc.com.

Woman of Achievement

Congratulations to Redeemer parishioner Gina Drosos for her YWCA Women of Achievement Award. On April 29, the YWCA recognized Gina's accomplishments — one of only eight women in greater Cincinnati so honored. The women exemplify personal career success, dynamic leadership qualities, and the unique ability to serve as role models. They were nominated by businesses, organizations, and individuals and the recipients were selected by an independent panel of community leaders. In addition to her role as President of Procter and Gamble's Global Personal Beauty, Gina is involved with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization, the American Cancer Society, and the Cincinnati YMCA basketball program. Congratulations, Gina on this prestigious honor.

God in our Midst... Our Response of Time and Talents

By: Dawn Neely

It's an exciting time to be part of the Church of the Redeemer with all the ministry work that we are doing, especially our mission work as we partner with others in our community and beyond. With God in our midst, it's exciting to recognize over 150 families below because at least one person in that family has re-committed to Redeemer's ministries via our annual Stewardship of Time & Talents campaign.

If you have not made your **individual covenant** of time and talents yet, please do so now using the on-line form on the church website or the forms available at church. Even if you responded in previous years and plan to continue participating in the same ministries, please make your 2008 covenant now because we want a response from **every parishioner** regardless of your level of participation.

We ask each parishioner to prayerfully consider our *Worship + 2 model*, which means that God calls us each to worship on a regular basis and to participate in at least two ministries – one that feeds others (in body and soul) and one that feeds our own souls. Often we find that any ministry that is right for us will do both at the same time. We enter into the work of ministry thinking that we are doing something for others, but we end up being blessed by what others give back to us in the process. Thank you for your renewed covenant of time and talents and your continued ministry work through Redeemer!

Our community is grateful to the following families at least one member of which has made their commitment of time and talents to Redeemer this spring. This list is accurate as of Monday, May 12.

Acker	Cline	Henderson	Lindsley	Ragase
Acra	Colaner	Hendren	Lingrel	Richards
Adams	Colman	Herndon	Lubin	Riggs
Alexander	Connor	Hesser	Ludwig	Schmidt, G
Andrews	Cook	Higgins	Lund	Schmidt, PM
Arends	Cowan	Hill	Lyman	Schottelkotte
Babb	Crouch	Holbrook	Manzler, A&J	Schram
Bamford	Culp	Hollister	Mapes, G&S	Schulhoff
Banta	Darling	Hopper	Martin	Seidel
Barker	Derringer	Howe	Mashburn	Shires
Barter	Drumbarean	Hummel	Matthews	Slanker
Bass	Duval	Jacobs	Maxwell	Smith, S
Beauchamp	Ewbank	Jamison	McCarty	Staggs
Bennett	Federl/McNamara	Jasper	McCleary/Sesler	Staffiera
Berry	Feichtner	Jergens	McGraw	Stone, E
Black	Ferguson, R&H	Karpinski	McNeill	Stone, M & TL
Blemker	Fitton	Keeshin	Miller/Struebbe	Talbott
Bleyle	Flodder	Kemper	Misali	Taylor, N
Blocher	Frey, E&J	Keirle	Monks	Taylor, Wm.
Blocksom, D&C	Frey, L	Killen	Montgomery, B&MK	Terry
Boling	Galluzo	Kirk	Morrison	Theobald
Bond, C&E	Geier	Kirkwood	Mosher	Thompson, D&D
Bond, H&J	Gerwin	Kissel	Murakami	Thompson, R
Brokamp	Getgey	Knoll	Nelson	Thomson
Bulger	Gibson	Kovach	Neely	Upton
Bunn	Goodwin	Kranz	Neubroch, H	Van Niman
Burrow	Grover	Kretschmer	Nurse	Vatter
Callard, L&G	Gustafson	Krombholz	Orr	Vice
Callard, P&K	Haffner	Krug, M&K	Plunkett	Votaw
Campbell	Hall	Kuehn	Polaski	Weinewuth
Carlton-Ford	Hardie	Kuhn	Popp	Wetherill
Carroll	Harris, M&A	Laffoon	Porter	Williams
Carter	Harris, S&K	Ledford	Powell, C	Wilt
Cavaliere	Hassel	Light	Powell, NM	Zack
				Zimmerman

Sunday Calendar
(every Sunday this month)

May/ June 2008

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Banquet (until June 1)
Or **The Blend (beginning June 8)**
Godly Play for 3's and 4's;
St. Francis for 2's
Child care for under age 2
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist:
Celtic or New Zealand
6:00 pm Youth Group

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		16 Redeemer Preschool Party at Lunken playground 8:30 pm AA meeting	17 9:00 am Sole Mates 7:00 pm Hyde Park Center for Older Adults "Dancin' Thru the Decades"
18 12 Noon Parish Potluck 3:00 pm Chapel Concert ; Benedictine Way 6:00 pm Youth picnic at Connors'; 'Tween's Fellowship at HPUMC	19 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Mission Outreach Committee	20 7:30 pm CORe Game Night; Theology Group	21 12 noon Downtown Bible Study 5:30 pm Growing through Grief 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
25 11:15 am Children's Ministry meeting	26 <i>Parish Office Closed</i> <i>Memorial Day</i> 9:00 am Freestore/ Foodbank Hunger Walk	27 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm CORe; Cloister Garden meeting	22 9:00 am <i>Redeemer News</i> deadline 10:00 am Bible Study 8:00 pm Al-Anon
June 1 11:00 am Adult Formation Ministry Team 11:15 am Navajoland meeting	2 1:00 pm Staff meeting	3 7:00 pm Education Board meeting 7:30 pm CORe Bible Study	23 6:00 pm Spikenard Party offsite 8:30 pm AA meeting
			24 12:30 pm Over-the-Rhine Tour
			29 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Centennial Committee 8:00 pm Al-Anon
			30 8:30 pm AA meeting
			31 11:00 am Lay Weeders
			6 CORe to Ohiopyle State Park 8:30 pm AA meeting
			7
			4 12:00 noon Downtown Bible Study 5:30 pm Growing through Grief 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 7:30 pm Book Group
			5 10:00 am Bible Study 8:00 pm Al-Anon

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Centennial Celebration

Key dates for next year's Centennial Celebration:

September 20

October 18

November 2

November 29

December 13—14

January 11

February 24

March 7—8

May 30—31

Band Jam

Rally 'Round Redeemer

Centennial Communion

Advent Quiet Day

Presiding Bishop's Visit

Redeemer Art Show Opens

Mardis Gras Celebration

Phyllis Tickle Visit

Closing Centennial Weekend

Please mark these dates and look for additional information in an upcoming mailing