



Redeemer News

Church of the Redeemer

June 2017

In this issue:

Worship in June 2

Final Update from Your Coordinating Team 3

Celebrating 2017 Graduates! 4

Adopt a Bed A Huge Thank You 5

The Evening Book Group 6

Summer Music and Dance

Summer Sunday School 7

Ushers and Hospitality Schedule 8

Calendar 9

From the Moderator

Friends,

Last Sunday at separate congregational meetings, both Church of the Redeemer and United Church on the Green took under consideration the proposed *Covenant of Union* to join our churches into one. After heartfelt discussion in both congregations, there was not the required 2/3 majority in either congregation to approve the *Covenant*.

Those gathered at Redeemer rose as one to give a resounding round of applause and to express their deep appreciation for the work of the Coordinating Team representatives from both congregations. Their two years of dedicated service to nurturing the idea of what our churches could be will not be lost. The Work Team reports, developed by many members of both congregations, included in the committee's final documents contain important seeds for our work here at Redeemer moving forward, and we will use them to guide our development of the coming year's ministry priorities.

We hold our friends at United in our hearts and in our prayers, and we will continue to work with them seeking paths to do God's work here in New Haven.

Please take a moment to read the report from the Coordinating Team included in this newsletter.

Our meeting also included the election of new officers and Leadership Council members. The Council representatives elected for 2017-2018 are: Bob Parker - Moderator, Kay Comendul - Clerk, Hank Sykes - Treasurer, and At-Large Members: Paul Berry, David Carter, Kathy Czepiel, Lori Fast-Minkema, Roslyn Hamilton and Carolyn Ladd.

Continued on page 2

From the Moderator, continued

I would like to express my deep appreciation to those who have served this church so well during this past year:

Thanks to Kristen Forman, Kathryn Gaffney and Babz Rawls-Ivy as they step down from Leadership Council, it has been a real pleasure working with you.

Jordan Rebholz, thank you. We will miss you this summer, but are delighted you will be back with us for our next program year. You, along with Grace Halsey, Courtney Mason, Peggy Strickler and all those who took a turn teaching in our Sunday school, have nurtured our children and strengthened their participation in our worship.

Thanks to Maggie, Larry, Sarah, Julia, Paul and Brian and all the voices in our amazing choirs. What a beautiful and inspiring ministry of music you offer us!

Thanks to all the Ministry Teams! It's how we get our work done, all your behind-the-scenes attention to the details.

And a huge thank you to Barbara Repetsky! In the midst of change, expansion of the community use of our facility, and a very green Moderator, Barbara holds us all together in her care.

Thank you all. You are always in my prayers.

Bob



June 11 Trinity Sunday — Jordan is preaching
 Church Picnic following at Redeemer

June 18 Mary Nelson will be our guest preacher

June 25 To Be Announced



Final Update from Your Coordinating Team

On June 4th, both Redeemer and United Church on the Green held congregational meetings. On the agenda at each church was a vote on the proposed Covenant to come together to form a new congregation. In both congregations, perhaps for different reasons, there was not the required 2/3 majority to approve the Covenant.

This was an unexpected end to the two-year process of visioning and planning for a new congregation. This process engaged over 50 members from both congregations and generated carefully thought-out and inspiring reports from the many joint work teams. Unfortunately, the process ultimately revealed differences in culture between the two congregations that convinced a majority of members from both congregations that the time is not right for the two churches to come together as one.

It will be sometime before we can articulate the lessons learned from this process. In the meantime, there is interest in continued shared mission projects to serve God's work in New Haven, and perhaps youth or other special programs where critical mass will come from both congregations.

Redeemer is in search for an Interim pastor to lead the transition into the next chapter in our life as a congregation. We have the inspiring work of the various work teams to guide our development of ministry priorities. We will have some difficult choices ahead as we face the challenge of supporting these priorities with limited resources.

We are deeply grateful to our coordinating team colleagues at United, for the support of our congregation, and for the work of the holy spirit in helping us find a path to creating the new thing that we are called to do in service to God's work in our communities, our city, and the world.

David Carter, Nancy Carrington, Tony Forman, Peter Halsey,
Beth Pellegrino, and Matt Taylor

With gratitude to our colleagues from United, Center, and Dixwell for their
inspiration and companionship on this journey:

Roger Adams	Jean Bowen
Caryne Eskridge	Linda Consiglio
Janyss Morse	Judy Gray
Jennifer Pugh	Annette Streets
John Schneider	Dan Wade
Kathyrn Thomas	Charles Warner
Michael Waterston	



Celebrating 2017 Graduates!

Redeemer congratulates our High School and College graduates for 2017!

If by any chance we have left a graduate off of our list, please contact the church office with their info so that we can congratulate them in the July newsletter!

- Kate Bradley earned her BA from Yale.
- Tim Bradley graduates from Hamden Hall high school June 16.
- Margaret Izard (granddaughter of Anne Schenck) has earned a Master of Music degree from Chicago College of the Performing Arts.
- Charlie Haberstock (grandson of Anne Schenck) will graduate from junior high school in Waterville, Maine.
- Katie McLaughlin completed her GED exams, has her high school diploma and plans to take a gap year as she prepares a portfolio for art school to study photography.
- Alyssa Pagan graduates from ECA June 12 and Wilbur Cross High School June 22nd. She was accepted into the honors program at UConn.

**Congratulations to all the graduates and those families
who have supported and encouraged these students
throughout their past and ongoing education!**

Adopt a Bed:

Two or three very small areas on the Cold Spring side of the building still need a gardener to adopt them. This is a very simple task: light weeding and general TLC for one or two small planting beds. Work on your own schedule, probably just a few visits over the summer and into the fall to keep your plants happy as you see fit. Willing gardeners should e-mail Kathy Czepiel at KLZeep@sbcglobal.net.

A Huge Thank You

June 4th was the final Sunday for donations to the Davenport Dunbar food drive.

The Davenport Dunbar board, staff and residents would like to send a "Huge Thank You" to Church of the Redeemer for your generosity. Davenport Dunbar residents have been truly blessed by Redeemer's support.



Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Luke 12:27 (NRSV)

The Evening Book Group



The Evening Book Group will be reading *Gutenberg's Apprentice* by Alix Christie. The group will meet June 26 at 7:30 pm at the home of Kathy Hagearty (11 Raynham Rd, New Haven).

For a review of the book go to:

https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/entertainment/books/book-review-gutenbergs-apprentice-by-alix-christie/2014/12/11/cad8bd72-73fa-11e4-a5b2-e1217af6b33d_story.html

At this point no summer meetings have been scheduled. Past practice has been to meet at least once so mark July 24 and August 28 as possible dates. Books to be determined.



Volunteers needed for Summer music

Call for summer volunteer singers and instrumentalists and dancers!

The choirs are officially on hiatus from now until the Thursday after Labor Day. Soooo, if you are willing and able to volunteer to sing, play or dance during worship this summer, either solo or with some friends, please sign up on the sheet in the tower lobby as soon as possible.



Our regular Children’s Sunday School program ended with Children’s Sunday on May 21st and our Minister for Faith Formation Jordan Rebholz would like all of the children to be with us at worship on June 11.

During the summer at Redeemer, we have an opportunity to share our varied gifts with the children of the church. If you have an idea for Sunday School or a gift you’d like to share, think about signing up for a Sunday during the summer. All children are grouped together. There are approximately 3-10 children each

Sunday. In the past, we’ve had mandalas and dogs, baking and doctoring, making lunch for folks dealing with homelessness at Chapel on the Green, and lots more. This is a great time for choir members to get to know Redeemer’s children better.

Here are the dates that are available:

June 18 _____

July 30 _____

June 25 _____

August 13 _____

July 9 _____

August 20 _____

July 16 _____

August 27 _____

July 23 _____

To share your gifts with the children of Redeemer:

- Sign up on the poster on your Sunday of choice
- OR email Grace Halsey at gjphalsey@yahoo.com.

The sign-up poster is on the CFF bulletin board in the hallway that leads to coffee hour. Two adult volunteers are required each Sunday to be in compliance with our safe church policy.

Ushers and Hospitality Servers

June 4th through July 9



Thank you so much to all who serve as Ushers and Hospitality Servers each Sunday!

Ushers and Hospitality Servers are assigned by their respective teams to serve on a given Sunday. Under Redeemer’s hospitality plan two individuals or couples are assigned as hosts and hostesses for a given Sunday. One provides a savory food item and the other a sweet treat. While our office administrator Barbara will continue to send reminders via email each week, this list should serve as a reminder in advance of Sundays that you are assigned.

If you are unavailable on a date you are assigned please try to arrange to exchange dates with someone else and let Barbara know so that she can acknowledge the correct ushers or hosts in the bulletin. This is the usher or hospitality server’s responsibility.

Ushers	
June 4	Wes & Carol Poling Jon Reed
June 11	Babz Rawls Ivy Margeaux Ivy
June 18	Roz Hamilton Twila Harper Peggy Strickler
June 25	Lorenzo & Roslyn Evans
July 2	Bob Parker Marilyn Toland
July 9	Doby Hall Courtney Mason

Hospitality Servers	
June 4	Maggie Brooks Susan Gooley
June 11	Church Picnic
June 18	Anne Baltzell Kay Comendul
June 25	Carol & Wes Poling Hank Sykes
July 2	Twila Harper Shirin Hollis
July 9	Kristen & Tony Forman



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 Leadership Council, Phillips	2	3
4 8:55 Senior Choir, sanctuary 10:00 Worship and Holy Communion, sanctuary	5	6 7:30 Leadership Council, Phillips	7 7:00 Interim Search Committee, Parlor	8	9	10 10:00 Deacons, Parlor
11 8:30 Treble "Pick-up" choir 10:00 Worship 11:30 Church Picnic	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 Worship and Sunday school	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 Worship and Sunday school	26	27 7:30 The Evening Book Group, home of Kathy Hagearty	28	29	30	

The Church of the Redeemer

**185 Cold Spring Street
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 787-5711
redeemer@uccredeemer.org**



**Jordan Rebholz,
Minister for Faith Formation
Robert Parker, Moderator of the Church
Henry Sykes, Treasurer
Kristen Forman, Clerk
Marguerite Brooks, Director of Music
Julia Blue Raspe, Chancel Choir Director
and Alto Section Leader
Paul Berry, Boys' Choir Director
and Tenor Section Leader
Sarah Reed, Soprano Section Leader
Brian Robinson, Bass Section Leader
Larry Bishop, Organist
Barbara Repetsky, Office Administrator
and Financial Secretary
Collin Morrissey, Security
Lou and Valarie Fanelli, Sextons**

A quote from "Searching For Sunday"

"And we learned, perhaps the hard way, that church isn't static. It's not a building, or a denomination, or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Church is a moment in time when the kingdom of God draws near, when a meal, a story, a song, an apology, and even a failure is made holy by the presence of Jesus among us and within us."

— [Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church](#)