

Redeemer Life!

August 28, 2016

Jesus said, *"I am the way the truth and the life."*

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We're glad you're here! If you are a first-time visitor, please **pick up a gift of bread** at our Visitor Welcome Table in the front foyer. A nursery is available for children three years old and younger. To find out more about Redeemer Church, please visit our website at www.redeemer-opc.org.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:45 AM Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Coffee and Fellowship Time
5:00 PM Evening Worship

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TUESDAY, August 30

Sunday School Teacher Training – 7:00 PM Training for all Sunday School teachers at the church.

WEDNESDAY, August 31

Weekly Prayer Meeting – 6:30 PM

Pastor John will lead the Wednesday evening prayer meeting at Redeemer in the large Youth Room. Child care will not be provided.

NEXT WEEK AT REDEEMER

Labor Day Cookout and Campfire - We will have our Labor Day Cookout and Campfire NEXT WEEK **Sunday, September 4th** after the evening service. Please bring: **A-F:** s'mores makings, **G-Q:** hot dogs (or brats) and buns, **P-Y:** 3 (2L) bottles of pop and chips. Also, please bring: lawn chairs and roasting sticks.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Will begin on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 AM at the church. Pastor John will be leading the study in 2 Timothy.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study – Will begin on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:30 AM at the church. The book that we will digest is *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. It will be distributed at our first meeting. All women are welcome! Nursery will not be provided.

UPCOMING REDEEMER EVENTS

Sunday School for all ages – Begins Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 AM.

The Lord's Supper - Will be celebrated in the Morning Worship Service on September 11th. All items being served are gluten free.

Special Collection – A collection will be taken on September 11th for Tuition Assistance Fund and Building Fund. Envelopes are available in the seat backs. When designating to a specific fund, please remember to write this in the memo section on your check so it can be applied appropriately.

Women of Redeemer Reserve this Date: September 23, 2016

Revive Our Hearts True Woman 16 conference is airing a nationwide prayer event for women. It is called ***Cry Out!*** It will be a simulcast that will be aired from 7-10pm ET on 9/23/2016. All women across this country are invited to participate in this prayer event. More details will follow. Just wanted you to mark this on your calendar. If you want a little more information about it you can go to: CRYOUT16.com. Any questions ask Greta Entingh 813-5765.

One evening...one heart...one cry!! When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears. Ps.34:17

REDEEMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on Associate Pastor Search -

Since Pastor Jim Mong moved away to church plant in July of 2015 your Session (now two successive classes) has diligently searched for the next Associate Pastor for our congregation. Through elder consultation with members of their shepherding groups as to the needs and aspirations of the congregation a ministry role description was developed. Applications were solicited and received from men suggested by the congregation, from men known to the elders and pastor, and from several seminaries and churches. We have received applications from individuals in a variety of denominations and have had exploratory conversations and interviews with potential candidates from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in

America (PCA), the Reformed Church in America, the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, to name a few. Interviewees have been from a broad range of ages, ministry experience, and training. The Session has twice brought promising candidates to Ada to interview them in person.

While the session continues to follow through on additional applicants we have, at present, narrowed the search to one man whom we intend to bring back to visit with a broader group of serving and non-serving elders and deacons and their families, hopefully in September. The purpose of this visit is to get a broader perspective on whether the potential candidate has promise as a good fit for our congregation. If, based on the feedback of this broad group, it seems we should move forward the session will bring the man back a third time for an extended candidacy with the entire congregation. During this time various ministries, leaders, and focus groups within the congregation will be given dedicated time to visit with the candidate and provide their assessment to the session. This step would, most likely, take place in late October or November.

Redeemer OPC Session

Choir Announcement – All singers from middle school up are invited to be part of the choir. We will sing during the AM Worship Service on October 16th. Practices are scheduled for September 18th, October 2nd, and October 9th from 6:15-6:45 PM at church. The choir will be lead this year by Kristin Contant as Scottie Tiemersma will be taking a year off to dedicate himself to his ministry as a shepherding elder. *Thank you Scottie for your commitment and sharing your love of music in ministry with the Redeemer choir and congregation.*

Words of Thanks –

We would love to thank Pastor John and the congregation for their prayers and support. There is so much power in prayer and in the name of Jesus. What a privilege it is to be a part of the family of God.

Jim Sturru & Family

A big “thank you” to all the women who attended last Sunday’s meeting concerning kitchen volunteers. We have more than 40 women who have volunteered their time to help with the coffee time and kitchen cleaning in the coming year!! We are all blessed to have so many willing servants!

If you signed up to help with the coffee time, please check your church mailbox for a schedule and instructions. Thanks!

Kim Fields

Elder Duke Suwyn's resignation from his term -

In order to devote his energies to walking with Sue and his family through their journey with Sue's treatments Duke has resigned from his term as a ruling elder on the Session. We thank Duke for his service and encourage the congregation to continue to express love and care to the Suwyn family as we continue to pray for them during this season.

Redeemer OPC Session

Sunday School Coordinator – Sunday School for all ages is soon to begin. Karol Tiemersma recently presented session with her notice of resignation as our Sunday School Coordinator. We are extremely thankful to Karol for her involvement in our Sunday School ministry. The Elders are currently looking for a person or a team of people to fill the void left by Karol. Please prayerfully consider if this is a role in which you should serve. If you have any questions, please contact Elbert Yeh.

Todd and Amy Rester and Family Update – The Rester family will be flying out from New Orleans on Monday and will arrive at Belfast Tuesday afternoon! Their new address is 46A Sans Souci Park, Belfast BT 9 5BZ.

Thursday Morning Men's Nonna Study – Will begin on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 AM @ Noona's Cafe', 584 Ada Dr SE, Ada (new location). The group will be studying Philippians. We will begin by reviewing the first 3 chapters. Please see Tom VerHage for a study guide. All men are welcome. Come join us for a time of fellowship and a good time in God's Word!

Thursday Morning Ladies GROW Groups –

Will begin on Thursday, September 15th at 9:15 AM at the church. We will be studying *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* by Barbara Hughes. Please return your completed registration form to Katie VanRee's mailbox by Sunday, September 4, 2016. This will allow us to make plans for the coming year. If you have questions, please contact Mary Meulenberg or Katie VanRee.

Inquirers' Class – Pastor John will be starting an Inquirers Class on Sunday, September 25th. The class is for those who are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer Church, contemplating making a profession of faith, or would simply like to know more about Redeemer Church. If you would like to attend the class, please sign up by contacting the church office.

Backpack Blessings – We are collecting school supplies through TODAY for grades K-12. The school supplies will be donated to **The Potter's House School and no longer Jefferson and Emerson Elementary as previously printed. Due to unforeseen community support the schools graciously suggested we bless another recipient this year.** Look for a flyer with a list of needed supplies in your mailbox.

Redeemer Office – Tracy will be on vacation Monday through Wednesday, August 29-31. If you have an immediate need during this time, please contact Pastor John at 215-510-9779 for assistance.

The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

Missionary Focus –
Miriam Grady
Zlin, Czech Republic

Please pray with us for our annual leadership retreat. We will go away for several days to pray and think about the work of the local church and how we can further God's kingdom here. Pray for a spirit of wisdom and unity as we seek God's leading.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hope Heralds – A 90-voice Reformed men's chorus that presents concerts throughout the summer in the Grand Rapids, MI area, will present a concert at First United Methodist Church on Friday evening, September 16, 2016 at 8 PM. While the concert is free to the public, a free will offering will be collected. The address of the venue is 227 E Fulton St., Grand Rapids, 49503. Please join us as we sing praises to God in the beautiful acoustics of this facility.

Thrift Shop to Benefit Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS) Scholarship Program - We would like to introduce you to Re.gen.er.ate Thrift, a shop started to raise funds for the Scholarship Program at PRTS.

The old location in Grand Rapids recently closed in anticipation of moving to Grandville. With the projected opening date of the new Chicago Drive location set for late fall, we are asking that you thoughtfully start setting aside items to donate. Popular items are furniture, antiques, linens, bedding, games, decorative items, kitchen items, small appliances, jewelry, vintage items, and clean clothes of all sizes.

We would also appreciate more volunteer help, from a couple hours a month to once a week. For any questions, feel free to call Susan at 616-498-2551, or visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/regeneratethrift. Another notice will be forthcoming to announce the opening date and the address of the new shop for drop-offs and shopping.

Words of Hope – Is building the church in Albania by giving those curious about Christianity a safer way to explore the faith. Many people still experience strong social pressure from their family and friends if they visit a church building. Radio programs and smartphone apps provide an easier first step for those curious about the faith. If you are interested in how you can help, please see the flyers located at the Missions display area.

Keith & Kristyn Getty In Concert – “*FACING A TASK UNFINISHED*” featuring *Living Waters, O Children Come, and In Christ Alone*. Saturday, October 1 – 7:00 PM at First Byron Center Christian Reformed Church, 8541 Byron Center Ave S. General Admission is \$20 (all proceeds to go to Missions). Tickets can be purchased online at Gettymusic.com/tour.aspx or by phone at 616-878-9768.

America’s Christian Heritage Conference – Oakland Hills Community Church, Farmington Hills, MI is hosting the conference September 30 – October 1, 2016. You are invited to register at www.ohcc.net. Early registration is \$40. After September 5th, registration will be \$50. Seating is limited so you won’t want to wait. More information can also be found on the postcards located on the mailbox counter.

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Today’s Greeters:

AM – Elbert and Kristen Yeh

PM – Lance and Julie Zaagman

Next Week’s Greeters:

AM – Dylan and Ashley Amtsbuechler

PM – Tom and Denise Amtsbuechler

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

AM – Wendi Vogel, Rebekah Baker,
Mary Campbell, Beth Harmon

PM – Cyndee VanderHeide, Rebecca and
Amanda Braam

Next Week’s Nursery Volunteers:

AM – Molli Vanderjagt, Rhonda Currie,
Emily Paauw, Monica Rubingh

PM – Kate VanRee, Norma Burley,
Abby Timmis

August Elder of the Month: Duane Bras

August Deacon On-Call: Kirk Harmon

August Ushers: Jeff Braam (West), Matt Entingh (West Center), Adam Gorlewski (Center), Kirk Harmon (East Center), Tom Segal (East)

August Coffee Volunteers:
Cherryl Scaturro and Diane Stockreef

August Water & Cookies Volunteers:
Beth Bras and Bertha Bruinius

September Elder of the Month: Steve Entingh

September Deacon On-Call: Jeff Rosendall

September Ushers: Ron Kuite (West), Duane Torrence (West Center), Ray Van Grouw (Center), Jeff Rosendall (East Center), Marty Nosko

September Coffee Volunteers:
Kim Fields and Linda Schubert

September Water & Cookies Volunteers:
Gladys Vermeulen and Mary Korhorn