

**Summer 2018**

****From Mother Regan**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

 Thank you for you for taking a few minutes to meet as a congregation before the May Vestry meeting. The comments, questions, and discussion in community was so wonderful!

There are so few places in our lives where we hold collective ownership—it’s hard enough to share ownership with just one spouse or partner, right?! Yet church is exactly that: a space possessed by all who endeavor in it. As we move into Pentecost, the birthday of the church, it is good to take a moment to reflect on what church really is.

Foremost, the church is God’s mission in the world. Our single most important task as the Body of Christ in Christ’s church is to work toward enacting God’s Kingdom. We do this by practicing Kingdom principles in worship and in our daily lives. We do this by evangelizing Christ’s message about the Kingdom of God that we are bringing and inviting others to become part of this collective story of salvation. We do this by living faithfully into Christ’s teachings about selfless Love, paradoxical worldviews, and effective community.

How we manage the church directly relates to our spiritual journey. How we live in community directly affects our success in enacting God’s Kingdom. And our collective ownership of the church is how we practice all this. Over the past several months, I have seen firsthand how beautifully a community can work together for God’s mission. And while there is always work to do—processes to solidify, invitations to extend as we work toward being ever more inclusive, times to listen more than talk—I would like to take a moment to name the most important, most foundational aspect of our communal life together: ***the congregation at Redeemer is committed to being a church community.***

Despite our differences or varying opinions, we have all agreed to remain engaged in this human collective for the glory of God. This is truly grace in action. Rather than taking our ball and going home when we disagree, we at Redeemer choose to live in the hope of continued conversation—even if we need to land on one side or the other in the meantime to keep things running smoothly. Poignantly, we choose to trust the community to do God’s will and do it right, even if it takes time to get there. THIS is practicing the Kingdom of God on earth. And how good it is!

I am continually awed by your graciousness and love for God and each other, and I am so so grateful to have been called to serve the Body of Christ at Redeemer. THANK YOU!!!

Lovingly,



Mtr Regan+

Priest in Charge

**ATTENDING CORPORATE WORSHIP**

There are a lot of good reasons to gather with your brothers and sisters in the sacred fellowship of worship each week.

* **Most importantly, God has commanded it** (Hebrews 10: 24-25 which says “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” If that were the only reason we had to attend corporate worship, it would be enough.
* **To grow your faith through participation in a local Church.** That is where Christians exercise their spiritual gifts in honor of God and in service to each other.
* **As encouragement to others.** Your church attendance is encouragement to others. This is especially true in small to medium sized congregations. Presence is impressive. When the saints gather, there is something spiritually helpful about the physical proximity of the brethren and even the relative fullness on the sanctuary. Even your priest will be encouraged by the visual of people loyally showing up week after week. Your presence encourages your priest!
* **As an act of self-crucifixion.** Your Church attendance is a rebellion against your sense of self-sovereignty. Going to Church can be a way of taking up our cross—not our will be done, but the Father’s, not our interests be first, but our brothers’.
* **As a witness to your neighbors.** One of the most countercultural things you can do is get up early on Sunday morning, put real clothes on, and drive to a church building. It is not that you’re better than everyone else. It’s because you realize you may in fact be worse. When you back the family car out of the driveway on Sunday morning, you are telling your neighbors that you need Jesus and no amount of Sunday leisure can satisfy you like Him, that no rest is better than that which is found in Jesus, and that when the thin veneer of worldly frivolities starts to show a few cracks, you might be the kind of person, they could talk to about the “alternative lifestyle” of following Jesus.
* **As a foretaste of Heaven.** We get a glimpse of the day when His elect people from every tongue, tribe, race, and nation will gather despite their differences to celebrate their union with Christ and their unity in Christ. Going to church, then, is a foretaste of that day. When we gather as brothers and sisters under the banner of the Gospel, we are rehearsing that glorious day. Going to church is perhaps the most heavenly thing you can do!!! Amen.

Source: Attending Corporate Worship by Jared C. Wilson as printed in the April, 2018 Tabletalk.

Submitted by: Ron Obenauf

**Summertime is vacation time!**

Summer is a marvelous time! It’s a time of vacations, a time when school is out, a time for all of us to refresh and renew ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually. Summer is the time for the family to spend time together, to go to the beach, the lakeside, or the country. Thank God for the good ol’ summertime!

We must not forget, however that the devil also rejoices in the summer, especially when we neglect our worship, our prayers, and our relationship with God, and, by so doing, fail to convince our children and grandchildren that our corporate worship of God is important. Therefore, in planning our summer vacation or weekends, we should always allow for the fulfillment of our “Sunday obligation.”

If impossible to attend Church on Sundays we can gather the family together for some reading from Scripture, maybe the singing of a hymn, but certainly some proper prayers from the Prayer Book. Gathering our family for the worship of God, however informal, can have a great influence on our children and grandchildren, as well as remind us that God never takes a vacation from us.



We will not grow as a community of believers if we are not openly active in bringing others to the Lord through the Church. Invite a relative, friend, or neighbor to a service this Sunday. Here are several reasons why it is a good thing to invite people to Church:

1. To obey the Lord – Jesus told his followers to go and make disciples. We are to take the initiative in contacting people in His Name, rather than waiting passively for them to come to us.
2. To share our blessings - Our Parish Family is a caring fellowship, our worship service is alive with the Presence of God and the Redeemer experience is worth sharing, especially with people who have been turned off by quarreling congregations.
3. To help people act on their good intentions – Many people really want to find a Church home but need a personal invitation to get them started.
4. To include the lonely – We often fail to realize how lonely many individuals are especially with major changes going on in their lives, like divorce, death, moving, etc.
5. To offer God’s Truth – To present others with the God of Holy Scripture and not of their own invention or imagination.
6. To give someone Hope – To help people grow and be nourished in a community that understands and helps during times of crisis.
7. To strengthen the Body of Christ - Each person who becomes a Church member brings God-given gifts for ministry, gifts the Church needs to accomplish the mission God has given us all.

So, invite a friend, relative, or acquaintance to be with us all this Sunday!

**Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County**

Submitted by Ardeth Obenauf

As you are probably aware, Father Peter Whalen has long been an active supporter of Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County, a charitable non-profit organization whose mission is “to provide free nursing support with Hope, Help, and Radical Loving Support to persons & Caregivers affected by Alzheimer’s Disease.

The services offered include:

* Free home visits by a registerednurse to assess the needs of clients & caregivers.
* Respite reimbursement program participation with the TN Respite Coalition.
* Development of a personalized plan of care and guidance in future planning needs.
* Provision of teaching materials and education for the participants.
* Community education to promote understanding of the needs of those with Alzheimer's Disease and their caregivers.
* Personal counseling and crisis intervention.
* Referrals to community services, agencies, and helpline numbers.
* Support for caregivers to help cope with emotions aroused by burdens of care.
* Establishment of a partnership with the health care team.

The Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County (CGRPBC) began in 1993.
The program has developed into a home based medical care giving ministry.
A Registered Nurse visits the home to assess the condition of the participant
and caregiver, offer support, education, medical assessment and referrals.
The program is very unique in that it is the only program in Tennessee
that provides free nursing visits in the home.

******Funding for these valuable services comes from a variety of sources. Several different grants support Caregivers Relief as well as United Way, Bedford County churches, businesses, clubs and Individuals. Many of us have attended the Annual Pancake Supper which is a major fund raiser for the organization. Office space is provided to Caregiver Relief by Christ Lutheran Church in Shelbyville. Donations can be sent to them at P.O. Box 584, Shelbyville, TN 37162 or call 931 685 9039.

***Three important ways YOU can make the lives of Alzheimer's families happier and healthier:***

***1. Give a donation to the Caregiver Relief Program;***
***$100 pays for quality respite care for one month/family***
***2. Offer to take a friend out to lunch or "sit" with loved one.***
**3. Learn how to support the caregiver; friend or family, and refer them to the
free services of the Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County!** [www.caregiverreliefbedfordcounty.org](http://www.caregiverreliefbedfordcounty.org)

 **Notes on the Daughters of the King.**

We will not be holding a DOK meeting in May due to Mother’s Day. Our monthly meetings will resume in June, 2nd Sunday after the worship service, June 10, July 08, August 12, September 9.

We are planning to host a quiet day with a prayer walk, in the form of stations for prayer, July 14. We will be inviting members of the churches in the Southeastern Convocation. All will be welcome to experience this prayer walk. More information will be forthcoming. Any questions can be directed to Sue Morphis.

In the fall we plan on a card ministry to begin for the residents of assisted living facilities and any other folks we hear need encouragement.

Sue and Teri Smith will be attending the Triennial in Austin, Texas June 20-24.

Fall Assembly will be held on September 29 at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville.

***One Service at 9 am***

After our brief church meeting last week, the Vestry agreed that having one service changes the whole feel of our corporate worship and Sunday fellowship. For the foreseeable future, **we will continue with one service on Sunday morning, our celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9 am**. While we recognize this is not ideal for everyone, it seems to work best for the most number of people. We are grateful for your compromise and commitment to the community!

***Hospitality***

Thanks to Babs, we now have a Sunday Morning Hospitality sign-up sheet! It is located on the bulletin board just inside the parish hall door as you walk in from the sanctuary. Please sign up for hosting one Sunday!

Hosting includes set-up of coffee, tablecloths, etc. as well as bringing in food and then cleaning up (and taking home the tablecloths to wash).

We ask that only the two people signed up for a Sunday participate in that day's hospitality, which will give everyone else a much-deserved break . . . until it's your turn:)

##### episcopal sealThe Redeemer community exists to share the power of the Lord Jesus Christ through worship in the Anglican Tradition and through the demonstration of His love in our daily lives.

**Church Office Hours**

**Office Hours:**Thursday 10-12 noon

**Church:** 684-5506

**The Rev. Regan M. Schutz:** 503-915-5755

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**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE**

Rev. Regan M. Schutz

**VESTRY MEMBERS**

**Senior Warden:** Jamie Williams

**Junior Warden:** Cliff Hirst

**Clerk:** Rick Francis

**Treasurer:** Garrett Gordon

**Stewardship:** Gary Smith

**Asst Junior Warden:** George Krause

**Music:** Billie Crowell

**Inreach:** Babs Chicoine

**Outreach:** Ardeth Obenauf

**Inreach:** Mary Darwin

**Sextons:** David & Michelle Daley

**Prayer List**

Good Samaritan

Cross Shelter

Participants in the AA Groups that meet here at the Redeemer

Justin Welby - The Archbishop of Canterbury

Michael Curry – Presiding Bishop

John C. Bauerschmidt – Bishop of Tennessee

Regan M. Schutz – Priest in Charge

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

**May**
**6  Easter VI**
All Saints’ Chapel, Sewanee *and* Chapel of the Apostles, Sewanee
**13 Easter VII**
St. George’s Church, Nashville
**20 Day of Pentecost**
St. John’s, Ashwood
**27 Pentecost I: Trinity Sunday**
Trinity Church, Clarksville

**June**
**3  2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Philip’s Church, Donelson
**10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Bartholomew’s Church, Nashville
**17 4th Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Paul’s Church, Murfreesboro
**24 5th Sunday after Pentecost**
Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville

**July**
**1  6th Sunday after Pentecost**
Church of the Holy Spirit, Nashville
**8  7th Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Mary’s Center, Sewanee *and*DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle
**15 8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Clergy and Staff of the Diocese of Tennessee
**22 9th Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Luke’s Community House, Nashville
**29 10th Sunday after Pentecost**
Magdalene House

**Server Schedule**

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| **Date** | **Chalice Bearer** | **Acolyte** | **Reader 1** | **Reader 2** | **Usher** | **Altar Guild** |
| 05/13/18 | Jamie Williams | Larry Morphis | Laura Williams | Tamra Smith | Gary Ashley | Sue Morphis |
| 05/20/18 | Rick Francis | Teri Smith | Ardeth Obenauf | Ella Cauble | Laura Williams | Mary Carol Palmer |
| 05/27/18 | Marsha Sharp | Rick Francis | Charles Whitaker | Laura Williams | Charles Whitaker | Renee Gordon |
| 06/03/18 | Melissa Harrison | Isaac Williams | Sue Morphis | Ardeth Obenauf | Wanda Krause | Lee Russell |
| 06/10/18 | Gary Smith | Larry Morphis | Ella Cauble | Sue Morphis | Cliff Hirst | Gary Ashley |
| 06/17/18 | Jamie Williams | Teri Smith | Lee Russell | Cameron Adams | Gary Ashley | Teri Smith |
| 06/24/18 | Rick Francis | Marsha Sharp | Tamra Smith | Charles Whitaker | Laura Williams | Sue Morphis |
| 07/01/18 | Marsha Sharp | Isaac Williams | Billie Crowell | Lee Russell | Charles Whitaker | Mary Carol Palmer |
| 07/08/18 | Melissa Harrison | Larry Morphis | Cameron Adams | Billie Crowell | Wanda Krause | Renee Gordon |
| 07/15/18 | Gary Smith | Teri Smith | Laura Williams | Tamra Smith | Cliff Hirst | Lee Russell |
| 07/22/18 | Jamie Williams | Rick Francis | Ardeth Obenauf | Ella Cauble | Gary Ashley | Gary Ashley |
| 07/29/18 | Rick Francis | Isaac Williams | Charles Whitaker | Ardeth Obenauf | Laura Williams | Teri Smith |
| 08/05/18 | Marsha Sharp | Larry Morphis | Sue Morphis | Laura Williams | Charles Whitaker | Sue Morphis |

 ***Monthly Events May 2018***

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  | 1[St Philip and St James, Apostles](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/PhilJames.html) | 2Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6[Sixth Sunday of Easter](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster6_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 amGood Book Club 10:15 amVestry 11:00 am | 7 | 8 | 9Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 10[Ascension Day](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BAscension_RCL.html)Service 5:00 pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13[Seventh Sunday of Easter](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster7_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 amGood Book Club 10:15 am | 14 | 15 | 16Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20[Day of PentecostWhitsunday](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BPentDay_RCL.html)Holy EucharistLazy AO Farm | 21 | 22 | 23Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27[First Sunday after PentecostTrinity Sunday](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BTrinity_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 28 | 29 | 30Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 31[Visitation of the Blessed Virgin](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Visit_RCL.html) |   |  |

***Monthly Events for June 2018***

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3[Second Sunday after PentecostProper 4](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp4_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 4 | 5 | 6Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10[Third Sunday after PentecostProper 5](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp5_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 amDOK meeting10:15 am | 11[St Barnabas, Apostle](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/Barnabas.html) | 12 | 13Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17[Fourth Sunday after PentecostProper 6](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp6_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 18 | 19 | 20Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24[Fifth Sunday after PentecostProper 7](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp7_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 25[Nativity of St John, the Baptist](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/NatJohn.html)(transferred) | 26 | 27Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 28 | 29[St Peter and St Paul, Apostles](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/PetPaul.html) | 30 |

***Monthly Events for July 2018***

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  1[Sixth Sunday after PentecostProper 8](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp8_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 2 | 3 | 4[Independence Day](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/Indepen.html) | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8[Seventh Sunday after PentecostProper 9](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp9_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 amDOK meeting10:15 am | 9 | 10 | 11Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 12 | 13 | 14DOK PrayerWalk |
| 15[Eighth Sunday after PentecostProper 10](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp10_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 16 | 17 | 18Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22[Ninth Sunday after PentecostProper 11](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp11_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 23[Mary Magdalene](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/MaryMag.html)(transferred) | 24 | 25[St James, Apostle](http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/James.html)Healing ServiceEucharist/Lunch12:12 pm | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29[Tenth Sunday after PentecostProper 12](http://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp12_RCL.html)Holy Eucharist9:00 am | 30 | 31 |   |   |   |   |

**Social Media**

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