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FROM THE RECTOR

Sisters and brothers,

I cannot think of a more difficult, more dynamic, more eventful and influential time in our lives than those years when we transition from childhood to adulthood. Sometime in our early teens, it's as if scales fall off our eyes and we see the world for what it really is. We are equal parts terrified and emboldened, overwhelmed and overjoyed. Things like justice and mercy start to matter to us, as do things like romance and money. Questioning and pushing and critical thinking become a part of everyday life for us.

High school, sports, theater, music, first cell phone, learning to drive, proms, college applications, summer jobs, graduation, college moves, picking majors, learning how to do our own laundry, to shave or not to shave, voting, staying up all night, long distance relationships, trips abroad, more graduation, maybe grad school maybe not, but more work, unpaid internships, waiting tables, digging ditches, getting a credit card, going into debt, falling in love, breaking up, repeating that a few times...

Somewhere among all of this, in our transition to adulthood, people we love die, someone we know grapples with addiction, another commits suicide. Cancer happens somewhere all too close, as does divorce. Some of us get married, some don't. We figure out what political party we belong to. Research shows the favorite movies, books, and music of our whole lives will be things we discovered in our late teens.

So much of who we really are, so much of what we become in this life is packed into a period of give or take 15 years.

Where is the Church in all of this?

Take a moment and answer that question honestly. These are some of the most formative years in our lives, and all too often, the Church is either absent or ill-equipped to participate in them. Incorporating us into its larger life, giving us a voice, pastoring to us, and walking with us in our skepticism and doubt, in our passion and excitement, does not seem to be a priority to the Church.

And we get it: We're difficult people at a difficult time, aging at different speeds, wanting different things, and yearning to be taken seriously even as we still need so much help and guidance. When we are in our teens and 20's, we are a moving target. Churches don't know what to do with moving targets. Churches like stability and programming. Like most institutions, churches are not structured to privilege nuance and complexity.

Nevertheless, something being complex or messy is not a reason for the Church to ignore a whole section of our lives. The Church cannot say, "We have no idea what to do with you, but come back when you have babies, and we'll have some great things for you then."

The Church is the Body of Christ, the earthly expression of God's grace – and the grace of God that is in Jesus Christ is not meant only for certain stages of life. Incarnate love and embodied mercy are not age specific. When we are teenagers and twentysomethings we still need God, we still have so much to learn about who Jesus is in our lives, and we can benefit greatly from a connected community that cares for us. What's more, when we are in these stages of life, we have so much



to give to a community that recognizes our voice as valid, our lives as precious, and our struggles as meaningful.

The Church of the Redeemer is a strong, Christ-centered community with faith-filled, highly committed, and involved members. We take our church seriously. We care about the Gospel, we care about each other, we care about our city.

Something else I've noticed about Redeemer in my short time here is that we care about doing things well. Excellence matters to us, and we are unabashed about this. It's not perfectionism: It's passion, and a recognition of what it looks like when we give our whole hearts to something.

The leadership of this church, your rector and clergy, staff, wardens, and vestry have discerned that right now is the time for Redeemer to give our whole hearts to Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We plan to hire a full-time clergy person and fund programming for this specific purpose. It is our intention to raise the money necessary to make this happen within this calendar year.

A number of committed parishioners who are passionate about this ministry are already stepping forward, and we have received gifts and commitments that put us well on our way to being able to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to this essential ministry. Your vestry has voted unanimously to increase their personal giving in order to enable the hiring of this position. You will be hearing from some of them over the next few weeks as we begin to explore what this means for us as a community.

We have a responsibility to the youth and young adults of Redeemer who are so faithful to this congregation. And we have a responsibility to the many youth and young adults in Cincinnati who don't know about us, don't know the Episcopal Church, and whose lives could be transformed by our unique embodiment of the Gospel as they transform our shared life by joining us.

If we at Redeemer are serious about the next generation of our beloved community, we've got work to do. Youth and young adults are currently underserved. We will deepen our investment and commitment to this area, and we will do so without cannibalizing or neglecting the other thriving ministries of the church.

I am hoping that you are able to give financially so that we can fund this program. I'm asking for you to give an upfront gift if you are able, so that we can hire someone soon without deficit spending. And I'm asking you to consider increasing your pledged giving this Fall during our annual pledge drive. If every pledging member of this church increased their giving just 2% every year for the next 5 years, we would be able to fully fund this ministry. I'm asking you to do just that – if you're able. And please pray for Church of the Redeemer, that we move forward in a way that is responsive to the Holy Spirit, faithful to Jesus, and relevant to the lives of people of all ages.

Your friend and brother in Christ Jesus,

Philip DeVaul †

P.S. Please contact me directly if you would like to help contribute to this ministry initiative, and do not hesitate to ask me any questions you might have!

rites of passage

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

BAPTISMS

Savannah Margaret Cox, *daughter of Pamela & Ronald*
 Reed Baxter DeVaul, *son of Krista & Philip*
 Hannah Elizabeth Larsen, *daughter of Sarah & Daniel*
 Maisie Eleanor Umpan Thienprayoon, *daughter of Rachel & Paul*
 Aveline Lillian Utah, *daughter of Kylene & Jared*

DEATHS

Lynn Whiting Roy, *sister of Emily Johann*
 David Knoll, *husband of Pat Knoll*
 Ray Ferguson, *husband of Helen Ferguson*
 Don Young Sheldon, *brother-in-law of Gale Sheldon*
 Linda Parrish Allenbaugh, *cousin of Gale Sheldon*

MARRIAGE

Lynne Wright Lingrel & James D. Partin on May 20

REDEEMER SMALL TALK



Summer Camp at Redeemer is always a great time! It's five weeks of fun with different themes every week, such as Music, Farm, Messy Art (we painted with fly swatters!), Ocean, and Red, White, & Blue.

Not only do we have our Redeemer Preschool families attending Summer Camp this year, but we also have children from six other preschools joining us for all the fun! It's a wonderful way to expose new families to Redeemer's Preschool as well as our church!



A WORD WITH EVAN BOND

On Friday, June 9, The Rev. Philip DeVaul sat down with Evan Bond and spoke with him about growing up at Redeemer, and what he hopes for the future of the church. To hear the interview in its entirety, please visit the new Redeemer website. Go to: Redeemer-cincy.org, click on "Welcome" > "Latest News."



Have you been a part of Redeemer your whole life?
Yes.

So you grew up here? What was your first memory of Redeemer? Your earliest memory?

My earliest memory? Oh man, I'm sure there's plenty of things that happened before I can remember, but definitely my earliest and best memory is when there was the Tweens group - and it was sort of in between Club COR and youth - it was like 11 and 12 year olds, in between double digits and teens, and we did this video all about finding Jesus. We did it in a sort of detective or investigative style - we completely filmed like an entire movie and we played it for the sermon. I just remember that was a blast.

Who else was in it?

Sarah, Katie, Lucy. I'm pretty sure Will Henning was in it too. It was just all of the youth. And then Sarah's dad was Jesus, and so I just remember following him around pretending he was Jesus.

So you guys found Jesus in church, literally?

Yeah.

That's great. And now you're a junior in high school?

I will be a senior next fall.

You were on the search committee for the rector, so you were one of the first people that I met at this church. In fact I think you were probably in this room. Were you on the Skype interviews?

I was. I had to set up all of the technical stuff because no one else knew how.

By being the youngest person you were also the technical person. I love that. How did you get into that?

I don't know. I'm just pretty active in the church. I come all the time and usually have some sort of role in the service every week... going on all sorts of missions like we did

Mountain T.O.P. a couple of times. Sarah and I are going to this E.Y.E (Episcopal Youth Event) thing which is exciting. And so, basically, I guess people just noticed how much I was doing and then I got asked more than once by different people if I wanted to do it. And I was like, "Sure!"

Was it a pretty cool experience?

It was. It was pretty taxing at times, but I'm glad I did it. At one point I had finals, a 12-hour lifeguard training, and four hour long back-to-back skype interviews all in the same week. It was probably one of the most hectic weeks of my life so far, but it's over now and I'm glad it happened.

That is crazy. When they asked you to be on it, what were you hoping to find in terms of - like what were your priorities?

Someone who could work well with the youth definitely, because that's the biggest part of the church for me - the youth group. It's a great place to meet people that I can connect with. I definitely have, and I've made some awesome friendships. It's a really big part of my life.

I wasn't here when this started, but can you tell me a little bit about the healing prayer during the Eucharist in the Banquet service?

Yeah, so it sort of just started out of nowhere and Carol (Potterton) came one week to the youth session and presented the idea. It was when Paul was our youth minister. He loved the idea and so she made these cards that had a prayer for yourselves and a prayer for others.

How did she present it to you?

She presented it as a way where people could just go, and whatever they felt like they needed, they could talk to someone and have it be a really meaningful connection with God. She just basically wanted everyone in the church to have - if they didn't want to say it out loud during the Prayers of the People - they could come over and just quietly have a laying on of hands.

So was it scary when you first started doing it?

Kind of. I'm a people person, so I definitely think I had maybe a better time with it than others, but I thought it was an amazing idea. And before Paul left, we would go like once a month to the rehab center not too far from here -

Marjorie P. Lee?

Yeah that's it. We would go and do laying-on-of-hands for people staying there and it was an amazing thing. Mike, the Interim Priest-In-Charge who left not too long ago, he came up to me as one of my first people and asked for laying on of hands because he had been diagnosed with cancer. And afterwards I went up to him and told him I

really hoped it gets better. A couple of months later he came up to me and told me it had gotten cured. So that was just like a really eye-opening and amazing experience I had where I really felt like it worked. It was amazing.

You're part of something special in that. And you still do that?

Uh huh, yeah. I don't even think it's assigned really. Usually the youth just talk before church and some of us go grab a card. So it's not really, I don't think, a scheduled thing like acolyting. People just come and do it.



I know you helped with a ramp build sometime in the last year or two.

PWC. People Working Cooperatively, I think. Yeah. I've been doing that for a while – since I was like seven. I wasn't really much of a help when I was seven but...

You could hold the bolts, right?

<laughter> That's right. Recently I haven't been doing it as much. But it's really cool how fast you can – you never really think you can install a ramp in four hours, but it's definitely doable. And it really helps. Like four hours ago this person couldn't get out of their house because they didn't have a wheel chair ramp and now they can go... wherever I guess. It's just more like a manual going out and helping the community type thing rather than an internal thing. But it's definitely great.

Did you know that we are looking to hire a new person for youth and young adults?

Yeah I've heard.

What kinds of things would you like to see happen with youth at this church – even after you're gone?

I don't know – I think it just needs more of a pull towards it. We have our youth weekly gatherings, but really if people haven't been coming they usually don't start coming. So that's like a pretty big flaw. We talk to people and invite people down when we see them, but a lot of times they're just – I don't really know. Either they're just nervous or they have stuff going on, so it's generally been a rather small group. I think there is a generation gap between like me and Sarah's age because there's a lot of us, and like Lilly Kirk and that age because there's a ton of them.

They're going to be in high school in no time and all of the sudden there's going to be a huge youth group. Or there will be if we have someone to help out and get it to where it needs to be, right?

Right. But I feel like there's a gap in between, and it's kind of hard and really just a youth leader who has ways they feel like they can involve people. I feel like that's really kind of key. And more planned out regular things. Because we go down there, and don't get me wrong, I love it. It's an amazing way to transition from week to week – going down there every week. We just generally talk about our week and anything big that may have happened in our life.

What's your favorite mission work that you've done with the church?

Probably Mountain T.O.P. You go out and you meet new people, and then you work with those people to do amazing things for the community. It was a great experience. I don't even know how to describe it.

Tell me what this church and this community means for you in your life. What is this place for you?

Generally, just coming for the general service, I don't see it as a chore, but I'm not waking up like "oh man, let's go to church."

But it's sort of just a good serious time that I can come and reflect on the past week. Like I said earlier for the youth, it's really just a good transition from week to week. And you can just kind of forget all of the bad things that might have happened in the past week and refresh yourself for the next week. It's a good recovery spot where you don't have to worry about anything else. Afterwards, going down to youth is a time to see people that I definitely love. So, I don't know, it's great.

Is there anything else you'd like to say about your experience here before we wrap up the interview?

I've met amazing people here – I've had some experiences I couldn't have had without the church. And it's something I'll be grateful for for a long time. And so, I just love what has happened because of the church in my life.

Me too. I feel the same way. Thanks for bringing me to Cincinnati, Evan!

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2017 Stewardship of Time and Talents

A special thank you to all who submitted a covenant of Time and Talents as of June 8. We appreciate your participation in and discernment of new and existing Redeemer ministries. We are deeply grateful and thank God for your ongoing support of Redeemer's ministries! If you have yet to make your covenant, it's never too late to answer God's call to serve. Please fill out the T&T covenant form today, located on the Redeemer website.

Richard Adams	Maggie Gough	Kathleen Krug	Laura Rogers
Lee Adams	Brad Gough	Mike Krug	Elizabeth Clapp Ross
Kathryn Zajac Albertson	Anna Grisi	John Krug	Lin Roth
Elise Allred	Mike Grisi	Susan Laffoon	Stephanie Rudy
Christine Andrew	Elizabeth Grover	Stewart Lewis	Sarah Sanderson
Ryan Andrews	Lissa Grubbs	Terence Lilly	Carol Sanger
Lisa Andrews	Blake Gustafson	Elizabeth Lilly	John Schenk
Armand Antommaria	David Haffner	Lynne Lingrel-Partin	Tom Schram
Blair Barter	Randol Haffner	Carolyn Ludwig	Betsy Schram
Jack Barter	Carol Hall	Angela Lyman	Nancy Schulhoff
Hollis Bass	Lauren Hanisian	Ann MacDonald	Lisa Senter
Julie Anne Baur	Kate Haralson	Anni Macht	Linda Senter
Christine Bennett	Leora Hardy	Judith Manzler	Audrey Sesler
James Bennett	Michael Hardy	Carolyn Martin	Mark Sesler
Barbara Bennewitz	Chuck Hardy	Kevin Martin	Shannon Langston
Betsy Berry	Thomas Harmon	Bain Massey	John Simpkinson
Ann Blemker	Rebecca Harmon	Richard Massey	Janet Simpkinson
Cynthia Blocksom	Kelly Harris	Whitt Massey	Sharon Smith
Clay Bond	Alex Harris	Minda Matthews-Smith	Phil Smith
Christina Borneman	Isabella Harris	Sheila Maxwell	Elizabeth Staffiera
Sara Breiel	Michael Harris	Leslie McNeill	Karen Staffiera
Joan Burrow	Patricia Hassel	Peter Merten	Michael Staffiera
Lauren Carey	John Hassel	Becca Morehous	Ron Staggs
Christine Cho	Jackie Heinitz	Emily Morehous	Dan Startzman
Gordon Christenson	Mary Heinlen	John Morehous	Laura Startzman
Elizabeth Coley	Robin Henderson	Sara Morehous	Elizabeth Stone
Pam Colman	Carol Hesser	Francie Morrison	William Taylor
Anne Lilly Cone	Janice Hill	Russell Morrison	Kristin Theobald
David Cook	Laura Hobson	John Mosher	Rachel Thienprayoon
Doris Crouch	Missy Holzman	Sarah-Theresa Murakami	DeannaThompson
Paul Crouch	Anne Housholder	Kathleen Murphy	Nancye Van Brunt
John Crouch	Gayle Hummel	Patty Nagelkirk	V'Ann Ryther
Polly Culp	Lynn Jacobs	Dawn Neely	Emily von Allmen
Missy Darling	Hume Jamison	Jim Neely	Daniel von Allmen
Janet Davis	Kelli Jasper	Andrew Nepomuceno	James Votaw
Krista DeVaul	Andrew MacAoidh Jergens	Emma Nepomuceno	Rachel Votaw
Shelley Dumoulin	Megan Johnson	Deborah Norman	Carter Waide
Carol Ewbank	Josephine Keenan	Jane Nurse	Cynthia Walker
Edward Ewbank	Frank Keenan	Jason Oden	Laurie Fairlie Weil
Charles Fellows	Carter Kemper	Marilyn Ott	Mei Li Weil
Kelly Firesheets	William Killen	Marlo Parlin	Beth Weinewuth
Mike Firesheets	Michelle Kirk	James Partin	Brian Weinewuth
Allison Flege	Tom Kirkwood	Jeanne Plunkett	Sue Wilkening
Kelley Flodder	Kathleen Kissel	Edward Polaski	Cynthia Williams
Brett Flodder	Larry Kissel	Pamela Popp	David Woodburn
Lisa Frey	Erin Knodel	Cindy Powell	Steve Zimmerman
Judy Frey	Patricia Kovach	David Richards	Edie Zimmerman
Naomi Gerwin	Rob Kranz	Dave Roberts	
Robyn Gibboney	Heather Krombholz	Kyle Roberts	
Chris Gorz	Kirtley Krombholz	Jennifer Rodway	

GALE SHELDON'S WITNESS, JUNE 11

What a gift to be asked to be a witness to the meaning of Redeemer to me in the long span of time that it has been a core part of my life. The Stewardship Board was looking for someone who had been a member for many years; and who treasured Redeemer as I do. Along the way, there have been some amusing times. One morning before the 8:00 service, the acolyte accidentally let the candle wick fall on the beautiful altar cloth, setting it on fire. When Andrew Jergens and I came out of the sacristy to check the altar, we saw the fire. Andrew's immediate and clever response was, "Holy smoke." After my husband Hank's death and service, I asked Charlie Brumbaugh if the leather box with Hank's ashes in it could stay in his office until I was ready to take it home before the committal service. So, I went to see Charlie about my grieving and to take the ashes, determined not to cry. We sat down, whereupon Charlie began to weep. I began to cry too, then said to him, "You're no help!" When the time came to take the box home, Charlie said, "Gale, I really wish you wouldn't do this. I have been having such great conversations here with Hank."



Over the years, Redeemer and its people have been a source of joy, inspiration, solace, and strength... my rock. Hank and I first came here when we were a young couple with our 2-year old son Tre. Al Vail was then rector. We stayed through a series of inspiring clergy, who became my friends and co-workers in ministry... Jim Hanisian, Andrew, Charlie, and Bruce Freeman. The sacraments and pastoral offices of the Episcopal Church have been woven throughout the lives of our family at Redeemer. Susannah was baptized here, as was her infant son Tre, Susannah were confirmed here, Tre and his Laura celebrated their marriage here, and Hank's final service and committal were at Redeemer. I have served on the Liturgy Board, co-chaired the lay reader ministry, and written the first lay reader customary with Cindy Carlton-Ford. I graduated from the Education for Ministry Program at Redeemer, and I was deeply honored to be accepted as a postulant for the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. Although it was not the right season in my life to become a priest, I will cherish that experience forever. I am now a lay reader and Lay Eucharistic Visiter, going out to take communion and the church to our brothers and sisters who are unable to attend the services.

We can all have the assurance that the people of Redeemer are incredibly comforting and supportive during difficult times in our lives. In the span of Hank's illness, Red McNeill, David Richards, and Steve Carlton-Ford took turns bringing Hank home from dialysis; allowing some extra time for me. Of course, people of this church offered delicious meals to us and wrote loving notes of encouragement. Charlie sat with me throughout Hank's surgeries, Bruce and Charlie prayed with our family during the many hospital stays, and the wonderful people of Redeemer came to the hospital to visit. Over these years, I have come to Redeemer to fall on my knees in front of the altar, alone in the sanctuary or chapel, to pray in gratitude for the many blessings of my life, and to ask God, as stated in my favorite Psalm 51, to renew a right spirit within me and give me the joy of His saving help again, to do His work in the world; now through my ministry with the Lord's Gym working with people in poverty.

I have received so generously and abundantly at Redeemer that I want to return the treasure that has been bestowed upon me; by helping insure that it is all here for others. There is something here at Redeemer for each of us. We can select our own of four services, our own ministries, our distinct mission here. God fills this church with glory, purpose, joy, and love... they are here waiting for us in this holy place.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Redeemer will host a FAIR TRADE SALE on September 29 and 30 in the Great Hall. This will include some of the vendors from past holiday sales, as well as some new ones. All are associated with non-profit organizations which partner to provide opportunities for people in the developing world.

The MINISTRY MARKETPLACE will be held on Sunday, November 19, and will feature Redeemer's ministries with First Step Home, Bread Guild, Knittin' Kittens, Bead for Life, El Hogar, Goodie Guild, and others.

Contact Carolyn Martin (ckm7381@gmail.com) if you would like to help with either event.



~ Witness ~

This can begin with the one hundred year oak
 Standing in your neighbor's yard
 And how the morning sunlight plays
 Off the leaves perfectly as you watch
 A chipmunk busy in its shade,

The sound of the ocean breaking in the dark,
 The call of a loon on Lake Michigan,
 Laughter of old friends sharing a beer,
 Cicadas singing in late June,
 Hearing the last breath leave your father,

That newborn baby smell, your mom's
 Apple pie baking, receiving an A in algebra,
 That deserved promotion, diving off
 The high board, finding your true love,
 Standing beneath the Milky Way. All amazing.

And somehow this truth stays with you.
 The infinite things you see, hear, experience.
 You find in them wonder, awe, sadness, joy.
 These moments that break over us
 And within us...make us stewards of life.

Happily, stand and believe in them.
 Reverently, speak to their power.
 Rejoice each day in love of this life,
 An Almighty gift given freely to you.
 Now be a witness. Tell the world.

Jim Votaw, Redeemer Poet-in-Residence

HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER

THE REDEEMER SOLE MATES ARE BACK! They have been reorganized as a group of runners, walkers, and strollers who participate in local events, raising funds for various charities, and enjoying the time together. Unlike its former reincarnation, the group does not meet on other occasions to run or walk together. ALL ARE WELCOME to join in the fun, which is healthy for bodies and good for souls. We are grateful to Lin Roth for getting us re-started.

A group of over twenty Redeemer Sole Mates joined in the annual Hunger Walk supporting Freestore Foodbank on Memorial Day. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

Our next event will be the Hyde Park Blast on Saturday June 24. A fundraiser for The Cure Starts Now and Cancer Research, this is a 4 mile walk/run that goes right through Church of Redeemer's neighborhood. The race starts bright and early at 7:30 am in Hyde Park Square.

You can register as part of the Redeemer Group online at: <http://tiny.cc/RedeemerSoulmates>. After the walk there has traditionally been a festive after-race gathering that has included beer for those who are of age. At 9:00 am there is a Kids Fun Run for ages 2 to 13 with distances from .1 mile to .5 mile based upon age to make this an activity the whole family can participate in.

We may be able to park at the church and then walk together as a group to the starting line but we won't know for sure until the race route is finalized (Marburg Road closure continues to vex us all). Feel free to contact Lin Roth at mrlcdr@aol.com with any questions.



Participants of the Hunger Walk on May 31. (l-r) Nancy Hopkins-Greene, Lin Roth, John Morehous, Anny Stevens-Gleason with Prudence, Becca Morehous, Lynne Lingrel-Partin, James Partin, Emmy Morehous, Gary Lubin, Sara Morehous, Mike Hardy, Jerusha Riess-Smith, Lee Hardy, Christine Andrew, Tom Kirkwood, Jan Hill, Tom Hill, and Roger Greene. (Not pictured: Elizabeth Coley, Sarah Greene, John Grover, and Elizabeth Grover.)

2017 GRADUATIONS

High School Graduates

Sam Bass, Madeira High School.
Will attend the University of Cincinnati next year.

David Cook, The Summit Country Day School

Elizabeth Herndon, Turpin High School.
The Christ College of Nursing and Health Services.

Helen McKay Kemper, Mariemont High School.
Will attend the Design, Art, Architecture & Planning School at the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

Charles Perez, The Summit Country Day School.

Jerusha Riess-Smith, Purcell-Marian High School.
Plans to take a gap year.

Katherine Legg Schaefer, Turpin High School.

Andrew Paul Sesler, Turpin High School.
Will attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in Business, in the fall.

Saunders Riley Swan, Ursuline Academy.
Will attend Northwestern University.

Caroline Walton

College Graduates

Hollis Carlton-Ford
Graduated with a degree in Fine Arts from DAAP at UC on April 29.

David Johnson
Received his PhD in Higher Education at Miami University.

Jack Manzler
Graduated from Ohio State University in Computer Science.

Caleb Weston Musgrove Neely
Graduated from Centre College with a BS in Biology and a Minor in Education. Caleb will be working as Camp Coordinator at Procter Camp this summer and hopes to find a full-time job working with animals at a zoo or wildlife preserve, etc. in the fall.

Stewart Stanley
Received his MBA from Xavier University.

Stephenson Ritchie Swan
Graduated from Ohio University. Is moving to Boston to work for Dell/EMC.

*Please keep us posted on graduates' future plans.
Contact Anny Stevens-Gleason, Minister for Worship & Incorporation, at anny.hpredeemer@gmail.com.*



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "ARMY" OF VOLUNTEERS

From May 28 until June 4, Redeemer was home to four families who are experiencing homelessness and participating in Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Once again, we called for volunteers to help fulfill Redeemer's mission to "reach out with love and support to those in need" by making our undercroft feel like home to 7 adults and 8 children. And so many of you responded to our call!



Carol Sanger and brother, Kenny.

Here's what some of our volunteers had to say about their experience:

Carol Sanger, who brought dinner one night with her brother Kenny: "One woman came in looking so sad, actually wiping tears from her eyes. By the end of dinner, she thanked us and shared a smile. That meant a lot."

Annie Graner, who came three nights to play with the children: "IHN was really fun. I loved hanging out with the kids. We played tag, Pictionary, and charades. We also jumped rope...overall I had an amazing time. I get so much joy from being with the families."

Catherine Leopard, who came on two nights with her son, Luke, to play with the kids: "It was so much fun getting to know the kids and then coming back again to play. We could pick up right where we left off. The weather was so nice and we played outdoors the whole time. Luke said he had a blast blowing bubbles, playing charades, and leading the kids in a make-believe game with zombies, pirates, and knights!"



Catherine Leopard and son, Luke.



Elise Allred and daughter, Fiona.

Elise Allred, who volunteered on two nights—one as activities host (with daughter Fiona) and one as overnight host: "I don't usually do activities, but Hollis inspired me to invite my yoga instructor friend to lead a yoga activity with the families. I'm so happy he and his wife Julie showed up. It was the first time I witnessed a gathering of IHN adults and children engaged together in an activity. Parents and children moving, breathing, and hopefully feeling some peace, care, and God's love working through all of us."

Special thanks to our "army" of volunteers! Besides dinner, activity, and overnight hosts, we also have food shoppers, a laundry team, and those who help with set up and clean up.

The following people made our **May-June** IHN hosting week a success (apologies to anyone left off this list):

Sunday "8 o'clockers"	Julia Dose	Maggie Gough	Kevin McDonnell	John Schenk
Kathryn Zajac Albertson	Abby Esselen	Annie Graner	Mark McGovern	Karen Schlanz
Kevin Albertson	Lucy Esselen	Matt Grever	Barb Mehlman	Lisa Senter
Elise Allred	Will Esselen	Lee Hardy	Kim Morrison	Emily von Allmen*
Fiona Allred	Franklin Firesheets*	Kelly Harris	Bob Oaks*	Travis Weedn
Fatima Alsaghaier*	Ian Firesheets*	Tom Hill	Julie Oaks*	Laurie Fairlie Weil
Hollis Bass	Mike Firesheets*	Nancy Hodges	Hannah Phillips*	Ben Wiman
Christy Borneman	Brock Fowler	Deb Kapuscinski	Michelle DeMoss-Phillips*	Joe Wiman
Christine Cho*	Julia Freedman	Pattie Kovach	Phillips*	
Clark Comstock	Liz Freedman	Catherine Leopard	Noah Phillips*	<i>* 1st time volunteer</i>
Liz Comstock	Chris Gorz	Luke Leopard	Mary Ragland	
Chuck Darling	Ainsley Gough	Carolyn McCabe	Carol Sanger	
Janet Davis*	Everly Gough	Katie McDonnell	Kenny Sanger	

Please consider joining us as a volunteer for a future IHN hosting week: **August 13-20, October 15-22, and December 17-24**. Contact Hollis Bass (hollis@fuse.net), Kathryn Zajac Albertson (kmzalbertson@gmail.com), or Lisa Senter (lsenter623@gmail.com).

JUNE/JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule (except where noted) 8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Sanctuary) 8:45 am Coffee (Lobby), Rise and Shine (Chapel), CLUB CoR and BEATS (Except 4th Sunday of the month) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Sanctuary) Banquet Holy Eucharist (Great Hall) Child care (infant-3 years), Godly Play (ages 3-6) 11:15 am Adult Forum, Youth Formation, Children's Activities, ConnectFour (4th Sunday of the month) 5:00 pm Celtic Holy Eucharist (Chapel)				15 6:15 am Al-Anon 9:00 am RPS Summer Camp 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Yoga 8:00 pm Al-Anon	16 8:30 pm AA	17 1:00 pm Spikenard Rehearsal
18 Father's Day 9:00 am Stewardship Of The Earth Breakfast 7:00 pm BS Venture Crew	19 9:00 am RPS Summer Camp 9:30 am Chair Yoga 7:30 pm AA	20 9:00 am RPS Summer Camp 9:30 am Spiritual Directors 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm BS Venture Crew 8:00 pm AA	21 9:00 am RPS Summer Camp 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Downtown Bible Study 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Poetry Lovers	22 6:15 am Al-Anon 9:00 am RPS Summer Camp 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Yoga 8:00 pm Al-Anon	23 8:30 pm AA	24 8:00 am Habitat For Humanity Build 1:00 pm Junior Spikenard Rehearsal
25 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting Week Begins 7:00 pm BS Venture Crew	26 9:30 am Chair Yoga 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting 7:30 pm AA	27 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting 8:00 pm AA	28 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Downtown Bible Study 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist	29 6:15 am Al-Anon 10:00 am Bible Study 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting 6:00 pm Yoga 8:00 pm Al-Anon	30 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting 8:30 pm AA	July 1 1:00 pm Spikenard Rehearsal 5:15 pm IHN/Knox Hosting
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SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 20

Redeemer's Annual Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 20 at Ault Park. Outdoor worship will begin at 10:30 am, followed by the picnic. All are invited to join the picnic which will begin at around 11:30. A 10:00 am service will be held at Redeemer in the Sanctuary for those who prefer to worship indoors. More details to come!