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Well done, good and faithful servants!

Redeemer has made immense strides and faces great challenges ahead



“Because everyone who is a child of God has the power to triumph over the world.” - 1 John 5: 4

I never could have imagined that a church the size of Redeemer could come so far in such a short period of time.

In roughly 2 ½ years, this “little church that could” has become an organized, compassionate and focused faith community that has inspired me.

Most importantly, worship services are consistently organized, focused and integrated with Jesus as their focus.

WARNING: *The following compliments may embarrass some, but please let me indulge in some Italian hyperbole!*

Music – an exemplary hallmark of Redeemer for several decades – has continued to be a worship gem with increased diversity.

If anyone can find a music director with the talent, passion and unwavering devotion of the current one – and a general pleasure to work with – please call “Ripley’s Believe it Or Not “ now.

As for the office staff, do NOT, I repeat, DO NOT call her a secretary any longer. Executive office administrator (EOA) would barely do her justice.

Your EOA is blessed with creativity, resourcefulness, patience, humor, people skills and dedication. Give her a medal of honor for dealing with my “stream of consciousness” talking style!

I’ve also been doubly blessed with consistory chairs of great integrity, good will and immense patience. I doubt I will ever fully realize how much they humbly and quietly did behind the scenes.

No one I know exemplifies the spirit of “the suffering servant” more than the current chair. I mean that in only the kindest way, of course.

While we’re like “oil and water” at times, we both have a passion for glorifying God, serving others and being a faithful inspiration to those in pain.

I’m praying to absorb more of the current chair’s patience, kindness and discretion to blend with my boldness, candor and persistence.

“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

That’s the good news. In the past few months, I have sat in on Zoom calls, online Webinars and read articles about the challenges faced by Redeemer, other UCCs and U.S. churches, in general.

With few exceptions, mainline denominations and non-denominational churches face cultural forces that sap vitality, limit attendance and exert mighty financial pressures.

Consider these sobering statistics:

* The U.S. population has risen 15 percent since 1991, but the percentage of unchurched folks has risen 92 percent.

* Only 70 percent of church membership is in Christian communities vs. close to 90 percent 60 years ago.
*UCC and other mainline denominations are just 15 percent of the Christian community.

The Rev. Dr. Norman Bendroth, who has served a dozen-plus UCCs as interim, says we are nearing “an end of the era” when Christian churches shaped our popular culture.

We must get out into the community, he says, and think of ourselves as “mission outposts” vs. a holy gathering place or club for members.

The pandemic kept folks indoors, but time’s running short to serve the community in person. Younger folks do not want to gather inside but yearn for hands-on work in the community.

Put another way, think of the gifts of compassion, grace and generosity you have to share with God’s children!

Finally, never forget that Jesus is the head of our church and faith life.

“Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

The Rev. Thomas W. Caruso has been our interim pastor since November 2018. His service to us ends June 13.



Together WE accomplished many great things at Redeemer

- Completed, revamped and posted our church profile in June 2020
- Hired an experienced, ordained UCC clergy as settled pastor
- Relunched, redesigned and distributed the monthly *Contact* Newsletter
- Rejuvenated our website design and content with more photos
- Unanimously agreed to lease space to Life Gospel Chinese Christian Church
- Expanded pastoral and lay care to shut-ins and stay-aways
- Re-introduced sponsorships of Sunday bulletins and *Contact* newsletters as a fund-raiser
- Upgraded the organ with \$15,000 in funds outside the annual budget
- Instituted a vigorous building-wide COVID sanitary and protection plan for Redeemers, groups and visitors
- Cleaned, repaired and sanitized the basement restrooms
- Launched a mid-week email update through MailChimp
- Launched on-line giving in the middle of the pandemic
- Recorded and released worship services from Lent 2020 to Lent 2021
- Returned to live services in July 2020 with no interruptions thereafter
- Re-designed, simplified and streamlined bulletin production
- Purchased pre-printed bulletin covers to save money
- Re-instituted the projector use for sermon visuals
- Attended workshop to learn how to evaluate and enhance the church's "welcoming appearance" for visitors
- Increased the response rate to LT emails after years of disconnects and miscommunication
- Re-established a working group for Music and Worship planning
- Debuted shared Epiphany Sunday services with Hummelstown UCC
- LT members attended an in-house presentation on how Love INC is structured and operates
- Held three public forums on the draft Profile for congregants with PCC staff attending one
- Spruced up narthex with new carpets
- De-cluttered the front hallway outside the sanctuary
- Launched more features of Outlook software (Calendar sharing, RSVPs)
- Got the Leadership Team on board w/Office365
- Stored bulletins online vs. solely paper-form copies
- Created digital files of church documents, contracts, projects, etc.
- Joined the Parish Resource Center – a resource center for PA churches.
- Got an overview of social media for churches by our Web moderator
- Attended PCC training on Small Groups, Emotional Intelligence, etc.
- Maintained our holiday Fill-the-Sills and gift-card drives for UCC Homes
- Re-organized LT committees into oversight areas
- Resolved the complex issue of having a licensed pastor and presiding pastor
- Made 2019 mission visits to churches (Market Square & Good Shepherd) and UCC homes in Annville
- Gathered examples of other churches' Building Use Policies
- Made pastoral connections to church Recovery groups
- Secured new quotes and moved to repave the parking lot
- Created an updated guest preacher list and a guidance letter for guests
- Improved notetaking at LT meetings to create consistent transparency
- Got the LT officers' names on our banking accounts instead of just the church treasurer
- Continued with Meals-on-Wheels
- Authorized the pastor to visit or speak with every member household in Summer 2019
- Sent delegates, including the pastor, to conference Annual Meetings
- Attended Mid-Winter Clergy Convocations in January 2019 & 2020
- Did a pulpit exchange with Trinity UCC/Palmyra in October 2019
- Developed a comprehensive time-based agenda for LT meetings
- Developed in-person worship protocols to honor Covid safety restrictions
- Modified our Communion liturgy
- Joined the Hershey Ministerium & preached at its Lenten Lunches
- Developed brochures for our outside Garden Labyrinth
- Welcomed more support groups into our meeting space
- Organized office hard-copy files, purged and/or archived old files
- Completed a cost analysis of our printer usage and changed vendors
- Created an updated funeral policy
- Attended a state police workshop on church safety, another one by WellSpan & held our own onsite
- Took, posted online and printed more photos of church activities
- Re-dedicated our outside water garden as an integrated part of a Sunday worship service
- Agreed to have an outside financial review and to outsource payroll
- Engaged in a complete boiler and furnace system overhaul
- Crafted a 2020 Lenten Theme based on the *Wizard of Oz* movie
- Attended UCC Harrisburg Ministerium
- Began volunteer service program
- Attended a Community Health forum at Hershey Medical Center
- Tried out a monthly ritual to Bring our Light to the Christ Candle Light
- Repaired Internet and electrical connections to sanctuary projector
- Had PCC consultant Bruce Conrad talk about conflict with LT
- Overhauled and improved financial reports for LT meetings
- Culled and updated Redeemer's official membership rolls
- Introduced small-group prayer into worship services
- Expanded and deepened All Saints Day services to honor loved ones lost, other griefs and a healing service
- Created a more collaborative and harmonious LT atmosphere
- Ended the disruptive pattern of high office-staff turnover
- Created a worship to grieve and release our Covid losses/sacrifices
- Unified our Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday worship into thematic Tripartite services

Soup for the Soul Session Set for June

Please plan to join this lively group of seekers to discuss current day news topics and how they correlate with scripture. Each session is developed from Wired Word, a real-time weekly subscription service.

The group will meet in the sanctuary on June 7 at 7:00 PM. Future session dates will be planned once Pastor Christina is onboard as Redeemer's settled pastor.



Love INC 5K Run / Walk

Saturday, July 3, 2021 • 8 AM

Cocoa Beanery • 1215 Research Blvd • Hummelstown, PA 17036

Love INC of Greater Hershey would like to invite participants of all ages to join us for our annual Run Your Race.

On **Saturday, July 3**, people from all over South Central Pennsylvania will come together to run, walk, and have fun while supporting families in need.

This *professionally timed event* winds along a scenic trail consisting of hills and flats, starting and ending at the Cocoa Beanery. On the day of the race, **check-in and packet pick-up begin at 7 AM**. The **Competitive 5K Race starts 8 AM**, followed by our **1 Mile Fun Run/Walk at 8:45 AM**.

Cash prizes of \$100 will be given to the male and female winners of the Competitive 5K Race. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female runners in the following age groups: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+. Children under the age of 10 will receive a gift bag and medal.

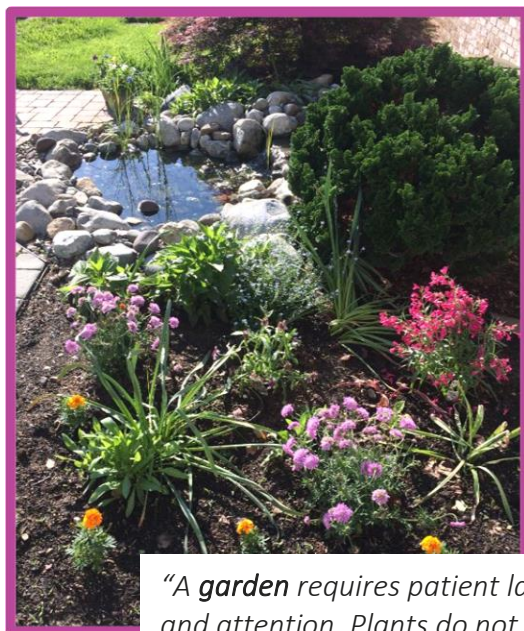
Entrants may **register online** at LoveINCGreaterHershey.org/RunYourRace. **Prior to June 15**, the race and fun run/walk entry fees are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children ages 18 and under. *All registrations before June 15 are guaranteed a race T-shirt.*

For additional information, please contact the Love INC Office by calling (717) 835-0101 or by emailing Office@LoveINCGreaterHershey.org.

All proceeds from this race will benefit Love INC and its community outreach programs.

Love INC is grateful to **Diamond Sponsor Gabrinda Franklin Foundation** and **Gold Sponsor UPMC** for their generosity and help making this race a success.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."
- Helen Keller



*"A **garden** requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them. The glory of **gardening**: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature."*

<https://brainyquote.com/topic/garden>

A special **THANK YOU** to the Green Thumb Gardeners who pitched in to beautify the church grounds on May 22. A special thank you goes to Dave Stong and George Kapp for coordinating this effort.

Do be sure to visit the groomed labyrinth. Brochures on our labyrinth are available on our website, in the lobby and in the info box outside adjacent to the lower parking lot. Invite a friend to visit too!





Prayers of Joy for

Pastor Tom's brief but inspiring May 20 chat with a **Harrisburg Public Works' employee** who cheerfully picked up his unbound yard debris and then exchanged a witness for Christ.

Barry Mongold, who has finished his radiation treatments

Kevin & Nadia Mongold, who are expecting a baby girl in September

Matt & Matthew Zook, son and grandson of Dan Hottenstein, who have recovered from Covid.

Prayers of Healing for

Shirley Reale, friend of Bev Patton, who has been hospitalized

Kathleen Herman, 98 yr. old friend of Bev Patton, who fell and broke her hip. Sadly, her partner of 40 years passed away while Kathleen was hospitalized. Bev's daughter-in-law, **Suzanne**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer

Charlie Goedken, friend of George Kapp, going through stem-cell injections to restore his sight

Randy Rupert, friend of Matt & Audrey Baker, who is undergoing treatment for throat cancer

Mike Wojdylak for continued healing following his successful cardiac surgery!

Phyllis Weikel, who is suffering with open wounds on her legs. She is back in treatment.

Prayers of Support for

Kemmy Himmelberger who remains under Hospice Care at Country Meadows Nursing Home. Kemmy continues to welcome cards at Country Meadows, 451 Sand Hill Road, Hershey, PA 17033.

Lois Wood continuing to settle in at Kindred Place Harrisburg. Lois welcomes cards sent to her at 4700 Oakhurst Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Prayers of hope and gratitude for healthcare workers and scientists for developing vaccines.

For individuals who have been able to return to employment and for the restaurant and hospitality industry that is gradually returning to some normalcy.

JUNE Special Celebrations

Birthdays... Have a happy one!

6/2 Alan McLin

6/10 Sharon Thomas

6/11 Rachel Bickelman

6/12 Betsy Baker

6/14 Matt Baker

6/18 Bryan McLeod

6/26 Beverly Patton

Anniversaries... Congratulations!

6/22 Robert & Robin Yeingst

Community Resource Corner

Dauphin Co. Area Agency on Aging

Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Set for June

June kicks off the summer season and access to wonderful produce availability from local farmer's markets. Thanks to a provision in the Federal Farm Bill, the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program provides income eligible seniors 60 years of age and older with four (4) five-dollar (\$5) vouchers for a total benefit of \$20. Due to the pandemic, the SFMNP vouchers will NOT be distributed in person at the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging, senior centers, or distribution sites. The SFMNP vouchers can only be obtained by completing a short application and mailing it to the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging. The application is available on Dauphin County's website [Welcome to Dauphin County, PA](#) or it can be obtained by calling the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6209.

Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging

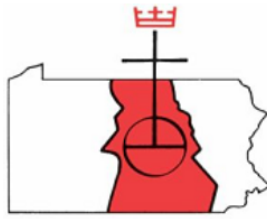
"Loan Closet"

The Agency's loan closet is designed to allow Dauphin County senior citizens to borrow (free of charge) medical equipment/supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, portable toilets, shower chairs, incontinent supplies, excluding hospital beds and scooters. Because such medical equipment and supplies are expensive and often needed for only a short term, the loan closet helps those in need access the necessities that a senior may not otherwise be able to afford.

The Agency is also committed to replenishing its loan closet. All items are donated to Agency consumers or their family members, or to people from the community who learn about the loan closet. Donating to the loan closet will not only assist in maintaining the free service but will allow the Agency to better serve Dauphin County senior citizens in assisting with patient care.

For more information about accessing services or to donate items to the program, contact the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130.

*Content suggestions, articles, and pertinent calendar dates for **CONTACT** are requested by the 25th of each month. Please reach out to Jorja in the Church Office for more information by calling 717-533-7300 or email at info@redeemerchurchucc.org. Thank you!*



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering the church to demonstrate and declare the courageous love of Christ!

Members and friends of Penn Central Conference -

“Day by day they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46-47)

Pentecost is a glorious festival day for the church, during which red banners, red clergy shirts, red shoes and red decorations take center stage. It is a day of fire and wind and a reminder of new possibilities and new directions.

How appropriate that Pentecost fell this year at a time when our nation seems to be waking up and emerging from the cave of Covid-19. Vaccinations continue and people are hugging and touching and joining together in groups again. I confess, it feels miraculous. And then I am reminded of what comes after Pentecost: Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar is long and expressed through the color green. It is a quiet time that falls outside of the two “great seasons” of Eastertide and Christmastide. And this year it parallels our own return to “ordinary life”. I have seen the emergence from Covid back to ordinary life expressed tentatively, as if we are putting our hands out the door to see if the rain is falling. Emergence is also punctuated with sudden bursts of extravagance and exuberance as groups join together in celebration without masks on. The pace is uneven as so many are in different places emotionally, physically and psychologically. Abiding grief remains for many, alongside the realization that our ordinary time will look differently now.

In the ordinary time that followed Pentecost the believers in the early church focused on sharing meals, praying together, and praising God. Their glad and generous hearts must have made them glad and generous to others, as their numbers increased. The message of salvation was part of daily life and the response was prayer, thanksgiving, and providing sustenance.

My hope is that our ordinary time might be filled with the same actions as those of the early believers. After all, we are all the result of the testimony of the believers through the centuries. We would not be here if it were not for their glad and generous hearts. Consider for yourselves, after Pentecost, as you emerge from the Covid-time, how will you give thanks, praise God and share the word of new life with glad and generous hearts?

May we feel the movement of the Spirit and embrace the practice of the early Christian community to testify, pray, praise and give thanks. Our saving God is with us in this new time.

Peace, Carrie

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call
Conference Minister
Penn Central Conference



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations.

The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Thank you for your continued support of STC.



The 59th Annual Meeting of Penn Central Conference June 12, 2021 "Called to Covenant"

Due to continuing concerns around Covid-19, Penn Central Conference has once again moved our Annual Meeting online. There will be two options for attending and participating: most associations will have a church setup to join the Zoom meeting as a group or attendees can join the Zoom meeting individually from home. All satellite sites in associations will be following their own onsite precautions including wearing masks, temperature checks and social distancing.

This is a very important Annual Meeting. We will be voting on the changes to the bylaws, as well as budget and a slate of nominees. Delegates are essential as we need 225 to make quorum. More information on how to vote will follow registration.

Tentative Schedule:

- 8:30 AM – Webinar opens
- 9:00 AM – Meeting officially opens – devotions, business tasks and voting
- 11:30 AM – Break for Lunch (bring your own picnic!)
- 12:00PM - Continued Business Tasks
- 12:45PM – Time of Recognition and Remembrance
- 1:15PM – Closing worship, including installation of Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola as Association Conference Minister (bring your own communion elements)
- 2:30PM - Meeting closes

Registration is now open!

Click [here](#) to read more or visit <https://pccucc.org/annual-meeting/>

See documents as they are uploaded on the PCC Website. Submit budget questions in advance at pccannualmeeting@gmail.com.

Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Ecumenical Worship Program

Friday Nights in June - 7 PM

"GOD'S PRESENCE" is the common theme for Friday night worship services during June at the historic Mt. Gretna Tabernacle. For speakers and more info, check out the full flyer [here](#).

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St., Mt. Gretna, PA 17064



Pastor Tom broadcasting from TV Station W.H.O.L.Y on Ascension Sunday 5/16/2021

Snapshots at Redeemer thanks to George Kapp, our official Photographer.

Siyahamba Liturgical Dancers
(Front to Back) Nancy Kapp, Lorna Davis, Jan Stong 3/28/2021)



Redeemer Dutch Iris Garden Clean-up Day 5/22/2021



Redeemer Ringers from left Nancy Kapp, Bev Patton, Jan Stong, Kira Merkert, and Dave Stong on Pentecost Sunday 5/23/2021

Leadership Team Update

from Kira Merkert, Chair



The Leadership Team met on May 6 for its regular monthly meeting. The Leadership Team Chair began with a personal announcement that she will be changing her nickname from Kim to Kira and will be going by Kira from now on. Her legal name will remain unchanged as Kimberly. After our opening activities, we discussed housing allowance changes for both our interim pastor, Pastor Tom, and our incoming settled pastor, Pastor Christina. Both pastors have had changes to the expected amounts of their housing this year. Usually, this amount is set during budget discussions each year. For Pastor Christina, since she has not begun her ministry with us yet, we can increase her housing allowance and decrease her cash salary, so her total salary/benefits package will remain at the same amount. For Pastor Tom, since his housing costs have already been paid, we cannot change the amount retroactively.

As changes to Covid guidelines have been made by the governor and the CDC, the Leadership Team reviewed our current covid procedures. We decided at this time, since our procedures are working well given the large number of people using the building, we will continue with all the precautions we have in place, including masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing, and extra cleanings. We will re-evaluate as needed throughout the summer and fall.

We continued discussion of Audrey's proposal to have Leadership Team help with phone calls to our members. We are in the process of setting up a Pastoral Relations Committee, and we feel that this committee can help to coordinate the call effort. More details on this will be provided as they are worked out.

Pastor Tom reported on his activities from the past month. He has been in regular contact with members who are struggling and ill. He has also been busy planning worship for Ascension Sunday, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday. We will also have an upcoming new member service on June 6, as well as a service of release at the close of Pastor Tom's ministry with us on June 13. We also discussed having outdoor receptions after worship and have polled the congregation. Enough people are interested in covid-safe receptions, so we will plan accordingly.

We reviewed Jorja's office report. At Pastor Christina's request, Jorja is preparing cards of all the members' photos and names. Eventually, members will be asked to write a few things about themselves. These cards will be given to Pastor Christina so she can get to know us. As part of Pastor Christina's physical challenges, she finds memory aids helpful. Please extend grace to Pastor Christina with this project. Jorja was recognized by the Hershey Ministerium for her dedication and work for the organization. An item of note...a few of our outside support groups will no longer meet at Redeemer. We will try to formulate a plan to invite new groups into our building. This will be done within our covid guidelines and will also be coordinated so that groups already using the building (even if they haven't been meeting for a while due to covid) will, of course, keep their current schedule.

Tom Bell will be getting estimates to refurbish the sign out front, which we can do when we add Pastor Christina's name to the sign. Dick Conrad and Tim Conrad will check the air conditioning filters. We will also be refreshing the pastor's study in welcome to our new settled pastor.

Our next Leadership Team meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10 at 7 pm. As always, please reach out to the Leadership Team if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Kira Merkert
Leadership Team Chair



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Members and friends of Penn Central Conference -

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (from Jeremiah 31, select verses.)

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting on June 12 is "Called to Covenant". Yes, we come together to do the business of our conference. But the time together is so much more than that. This year we come together virtually and in select churches that have technology. We will worship together, pray together, remember those who have gone before us, and celebrate the many anniversaries of clergy and churches.

All of this being together and activity can be translated into "we are called to covenant"; or maybe even more accurately, "we are calling one another to covenant with God and with one another."

Because, my friends, covenant is the hallmark of God's people; covenant is the centerpiece of church life; covenant is the main focus of our denomination. We are in covenant with God to do God's work as disciples who spread the life-giving abundance of life to all around us. We are in covenant with one another to worship together, pray for one another, celebrate each other's joys and weep with each other's sorrows. We are in covenant to discover our gifts, celebrate them, and use them for the Godly good of all people. We covenant in the midst of a unity that binds our hearts and minds together; in a diversity of theologies and life experiences; all loved and cherished no matter who we are or where we are on our faith journey.

And this year we will covenant to do something at Annual Meeting that we may have not done for a very long time: we will celebrate and embrace the installation of one of our Associate Conference Ministers.

Many of you may know the term installation because you have installed your pastors to affirm their call of covenant with the members and friends of your church. Participating in my installation as your Associate Conference Minister is an affirmation of my call to join all of you in covenant as members and friends of Penn Central Conference. Let us be "called to covenant" together, Associate Conference minister and beloved of Penn Central; and let us celebrate that covenant, as surely as we celebrate our covenant with our God and with one another.

Marisa

The Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D.
Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Transitions
Penn Central Conference

Special June Events at Redeemer

June 6: New Member Service. Join us as we officially welcome Gary & Annette Mastrangelo, their daughters Amy and Heather, Annette's mother Faye Witmer, and Suzanne Cook into the Redeemer Family. Communion will be served. A small outdoor reception following the service is planned.

June 13: Service of Passage and Farewell recognizing Pastor Tom and his time, talents, and leadership during his interim position at Redeemer. An outdoor reception will follow worship.

June 13: Life Gospel Chinese Christian Church returns to Redeemer to resume worship activities! Welcome Back!

June 20: Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola will be preaching from our pulpit. Her message is entitled "*Bring Many Names*"

June 21: Pastor Christina Fidanza begins her role as Redeemer's settled pastor.

June 27: Pastor Christina delivers her first sermon as our settled pastor.



CHURCH OF THE
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June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA <i>Pastor Tom on vacation</i> | 2 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA 6:30 pm Bell Choir <i>Pastor Tom on vacation</i> | 3 12 pm Nooner AA 12 pm Focused Prayer | 4 12 pm Nooner AA 7 pm KISS AA | 5 7 am Sunrise AA |
| 6 9:15 Worship New Member Induction Service Communion 3 pm KISS AA | 7 12 pm Nooner AA 7:00 pm Soup for the Soul 7:30 pm OA | 8 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA | 9 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA 6:30 pm Bell Choir | 10 12 pm Nooner AA 12 pm Focused Prayer 7 pm Leadership Team Meeting | 11 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA | 12 7 am Sunrise AA 9 am PCC Annual Meeting via Zoom |
| 13 9:15 am Worship <i>Pastor Tom Caruso's last day with Redeemer!</i> 11:30 am LGCCC Worship 3 pm KISS AA | 14 12 pm Nooner AA 7:30 pm OA | 15 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA | 16 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA 6:30 pm Bell Choir SCRIP ORDERS DUE! | 17 12 pm Nooner AA 12 pm Focused Prayer | 18 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA | 19 7 am Sunrise AA |
| 20 Happy Father's Day! 9:15 am Worship <i>Guest Preacher Dr. Marisa Laviola</i> 11:30 am LGCCC Worship 3 pm KISS AA | 21 <i>Pastor Christina's First Day at Redeemer!</i> 12 pm Nooner AA 7:30 pm OA | 22 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA | 23 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA 6:30 pm Bell Choir SCRIP ORDER DELV <i>Jorja on vacation 6/21 through 6/25</i> | 24 12 pm Nooner AA 12 pm Focused Prayer | 25 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA CONTACT CONTENT DEADLINE! | 26 7 am Sunrise AA |
| 27 9:15 am Worship <i>Pastor Christina's First Sunday as Settled Pastor!</i> 11:30 am LGCCC Worship 3 pm KISS AA | 28 12 pm Nooner AA 7:30 pm OA | 29 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA | 30 12 pm Nooner AA 6:30 pm KISS AA 6:30 pm Bell Choir | | 28 | 29 |

Please be sure to check the CONTACT & Bulletin Sponsor sheets for openings remaining this calendar year!

Thank You for your sponsorship!



It's Strawberry Time!

My Grandma's Strawberry Cake

Submitted by Whitney (Gorman) Standlee of Eastington, England

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
½ cup shortening (butter or margarine)
1 ¾ cups sugar
1 tsp vanilla
4 egg whites
1 1/3 cup buttermilk or sour milk



Grease and lightly flour two 8x½ in. or one 9 x 13" baking pan and set aside. Stir flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and set aside.

In large mixing bowl, beat shortening, butter or margarine with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar and vanilla, beat until well combined. Add egg whites, one at a time, beating well after each. Add dry mixture and buttermilk alternately to beaten mixture, beating on low speed after each addition just till combined. Pour batter into the prepared pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until a wooden toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes. Remove layer cakes from pans. Cool thoroughly on racks. If using 9 x 13 pan, cool cake in pan before applying frosting.

Frosting:

3 cups heavy whipping cream
2 tsp vanilla
¼ c powdered sugar

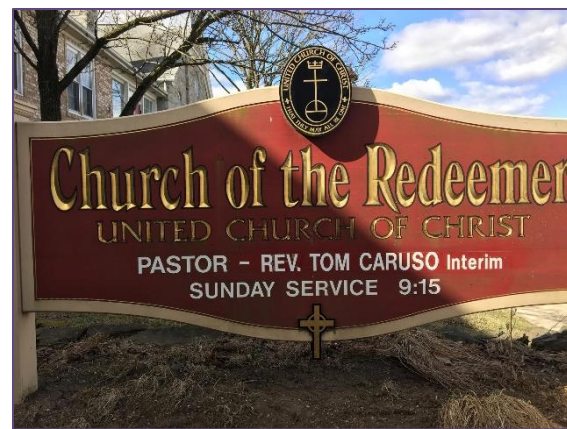
Whip ingredients to stiff peaks. Spread thickly on top of the lower cake layer and top with very ripe, cored and halved fresh strawberries arranged in concentric circles. Then add the top cake layer and frost full cake with remaining whipped cream mixture. Arrange remaining prepared strawberries on the top in concentric circles. Refrigerate cake before serving. Enjoy!

Recipe History:

Whitney is the daughter of Pat Davis, a very dear friend of Jorja's. Whitney, her husband Todd, and their two young sons moved to England in the 1980's for Todd to assume a new position with Boeing. Whitney recently made this cake in memory of her grandmother and posted photos on Facebook. Since it is a perfect time for strawberries, it's a perfect time to make this cake for a special occasion!

Whitney shared her fond memory of her gramma and this cake. "When I was 11, we (my grandma, grandpa, cousin and I went to a U-pick strawberry farm near Kent, WA. We picked strawberries all day. My grandma always made strawberry freezer jam for the extended family for the year, and we came home with crates of strawberries for that purpose. I think we picked 11 pounds of strawberries that day and I had the lowest total pick of all of us! That evening, grandma made this cake for the first time and it became my favorite ever after. She always remembered how much I loved it and when I moved to Seattle, every year when strawberries were in season, she would make one for me at freezer jam time!

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