

## Today, September 16, 2018

**TODAY – WE WELCOME** Pastor Al Debelak as our guest preacher this morning while Pastor June is on vacation. Pastor Debelak retired after serving close to 30 years at Redeemer and has taught adult classes at Bethel in Grove City and Messiah in Reynoldsburg since retiring. He says he is “now reading some of the most interesting biblical/theological writing in my whole career. It is transforming my everyday life.” After worship he begins a 4-week study of the Gospel of Mark. See details below.

**TODAY – FLOWERS** decorating the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by Dr. Tim and Betty Guenther on the occasion of Betty’s birthday.

**TODAY – THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH** have begun a new collection – the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center. Youth are invited to bring their offering forward to the altar and place it in the glass jar. This past year we collected \$415.46 for C.R.I.S. (Community Refugee and Immigration Services).

**TODAY – LIFETIME LEARNING** in the Multi-Purpose Room at 10:45 begins *The Wrath of the Lamb* - a study of Mark’s Gospel with Pastor Al Debelak. *The Wrath of the Lamb* determines our life - our vision - our hope - our power, and the utter vulnerability involved with living in the way of Jesus. The four-week Lifetime Learning series will be an adventure into what one writer calls the *poetics of violence in Mark’s Gospel*. We will look at work by anthropologist Rene Girard and how the lens he uses to view the gospel story opens up that whole narrative so that we may more freely see it - experience it - and enter it - as part of our own narrative today. All this will insist on a dialogical energy in the class. Lecture will be used to get us all to take the risk to see the Gospel adventure in a new light.

**TODAY – STATEMENTS OF INTENT:** We are still collecting Statements of Intent for Gethsemane’s Special Appeal “*Build Up, Reach Out!*” They are available at the Welcome Center. Contribution envelopes are also available there.

**TODAY & SEPT. 23 – FLYER DELIVERY FOR FALL SERVICE DAY:** Although this year’s Fall Service Day isn’t until Nov. 10, we need your help to deliver flyers. You can pick up flyers and your selected route after the worship service or education hour today or next Sunday. The flyers can then be delivered at your convenience. If you have questions, contact Jim Siebert (614-890-6820 or [jsiebert@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jsiebert@columbus.rr.com)).

**TODAY – CONCERT SERIES:** Everyone is invited to the first concert of the new season at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Northwest Blvd, Upper Arlington. It will feature Trinity’s Minister of Music, Joshua Brodbeck, playing some old favorites and a selection of new music by Puccini that has just been discovered. Join us on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 4:00pm. A reception will follow. Free will offering to support the concert series. Please join us.

**SEPT. 19 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH** meets in the library at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, Sept. 19. The group is studying the Book of Acts. This week: Acts chapters 13 & 14. Bring your favorite Bible and a sack lunch.

**SEPT. 22 – QUILTING:** This is the final push in our quilting project for the year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept 22, 9am-12noon - final quilt workday and moving quilts to the sanctuary; **Sunday Sept 23**

- **quilt dedication.** Our quilts will be delivered on Friday, Oct. 5. Questions? See Terri Siebert, quilting coordinator, [tsiebert@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tsiebert@columbus.rr.com), 614-890-6820.

**SEPT. 26 – BOOK CLUB** meets Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7:30pm in the library to discuss the book *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. Diane Langner leads the discussion. All are welcome to join the group on a regular basis or just when a particular book interests you.

**SEPT. 20 – VOLUNTEER AT LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CAMP:** Several Lutheran churches are organizing a men's work day at Lutheran Memorial Camp on Saturday, Sept. 29. The work will include landscaping, trimming, painting, etc. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Work will be undertaken all morning, but it's fine if you can only work for a couple hours. Contact Allen Crossley from North Community Lutheran Church if you have questions or want to sign up (614-316-1278).

**OCT. 3 – CONFERENCE ON POSITIVE AGING:** You are invited on Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 8:30-12:45pm to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5475 Brand Rd. for a video presentation of the "Refresh Your Soul" Conference. Featured speakers include Dr. Gary Chapman. He will share the "5 love languages" he has developed and explain the benefits of using them in our relationships to support healing and positive aging. Health aging expert, Kay Van Norman, will share thought-provoking insights on aging. For more information or to register visit [www.parishhealthministry.com/rys-encore](http://www.parishhealthministry.com/rys-encore). Tickets, including lunch, are \$20. Registration deadline: Sept.26.

**OCT. 6 – NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – 9-1:30PM.** On Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9:00-1:30pm the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Gethsemane. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex at the Welcome Center.

**OCT. 7 – BLESSING OF THE BEASTS:** Bring your pets to church (in a crate or on a leash) on Sunday, Oct. 7. We will have a special blessing for your beast along with the neighborhood beasts outside at the end of worship.

**OCT. 21 – NEW MEMBER CLASS** will be taught by Pastor June on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10:45am for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Gethsemane. Please contact Pastor June at [pastorjune@gethsemane.org](mailto:pastorjune@gethsemane.org) or 614-885-4319 if you are planning to attend. Those who decide to join the church will be received into membership during worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28.

**FOOD PANTRY MEALS SIGN UP!** – The food pantry needs people to make dinners to serve about 50 people. People will eat just about anything you can put together. Dinner is served 6:30pm on Wednesdays. A sign-up sheet and more details are at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

### **NEEDED ITEMS AT THE FOOD PANTRY:**

Tuna—Cereal—Peanut butter—Toilet paper—Snack foods

Toiletries: Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo, etc.

We **urgently** need plastic bags.

## **Activities September 16--22**

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### **TODAY**

8:30 am Health Ministry Team

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 am Education Hour

4:00 pm Ibada Ya Kiswahili

### **MONDAY**

8:00 am Reflections

7:30 pm AA & Al Anon

### **TUESDAY**

9:30 am P&L Chapel

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:45 pm Swahili Choir

7:00 pm CAC District 9

### **WEDNESDAY**

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Bunch

6:30 pm Food Pantry

### **THURSDAY**

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

7:15 pm Vocal Choir

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 am Quilting

## **We Remember in Prayer**

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**New concerns:** Sue Jones

**Members with ongoing concerns:** Janice Dunham ... Elaine Haines ... Melanie Jessie ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... Dick Reuning ... Eric Walton.

**Friends and family with concerns:** Carol Bartley Carder (friend of Bob and Jan Davis) ... Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) ... James Lapisa ... Monica McLean (daughter of Brian McLean).

**Homebound:** Donna Baer (Laurels on Karl) ... Marie Cooper ... Beryl Cumberland ... Carolyn Fergus (Wesley Glen) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Sue Jones (Mayfair Village) ... Phyllis Nelson ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Joanne Vollrath (Worthington Christian Village) ... Phyllis Wei ... Reva Woodruff (Columbus Colony).