



# Redeemer News

## Church of the Redeemer UMC

# November 2016

CONNECTING, CULTIVATING, CHALLENGING, AND CELEBRATING ALL IN CHRIST

IN THIS ISSUE

## Let Us Be Thankful

by Pastor Shannon

The beginning of November is quite possibly the most beautiful time of the year. The verdigris of summer has fully shifted into the resplendence of fall, yet more leaves are still on the tree than not.

It's also a beautiful time of year for the church: we have the opportunity to decide as a church family just what goals we will pursue in the coming year, how we will live out our call to follow Christ in new and dynamic ways, and how we will support the ministries that are central to that call.

On top of all that, we are mere weeks away from Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Advent season, when we remember the journey of Mary from teenage fiancée to the mother of Christ—God the Word made flesh.

For the last several years I have participated in #30daysofthankful, a social media campaign in which I mark one or more things every day for which I am thankful. It makes me look beyond the frustrations of the day to day, consider people and things outside of myself, and brings me back to the gratitude that forms the center of my relationship with Christ.

A sneak peek of my #30daysofthankful this year:

- I'm thankful for this church and the amazing people who are a part of it, whether near or far away
- I'm thankful for the freedoms I enjoy as a citizen of the United States, and for the conviction of those freedoms that there is still more work to do for others.

Which brings me to the other critically important part of November: Election Day. On November 8, those who haven't voted early will have the chance to visit their polling places nationwide and make their voices heard. We have the opportunity to set the path for our national, state, and local governments for the next several years. If you are registered to vote but have not done so, I encourage you to research the candidates and the issues and cast a considered vote on the 8<sup>th</sup>. See the article on page 3 for voter education resources.

I hope this is a season of blessing and abundance for us all. I look forward to worshipping with you!



### East Ohio Welcomes Bishop Malone

As Bishop Tracy Smith Malone settles in as East Ohio's resident Bishop, four area congregations have opened their doors for services of welcome and installation.

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### November at COR

Want to stay connected to the church family and get involved? Check out our list of worship themes and community events and mark them on your calendar!

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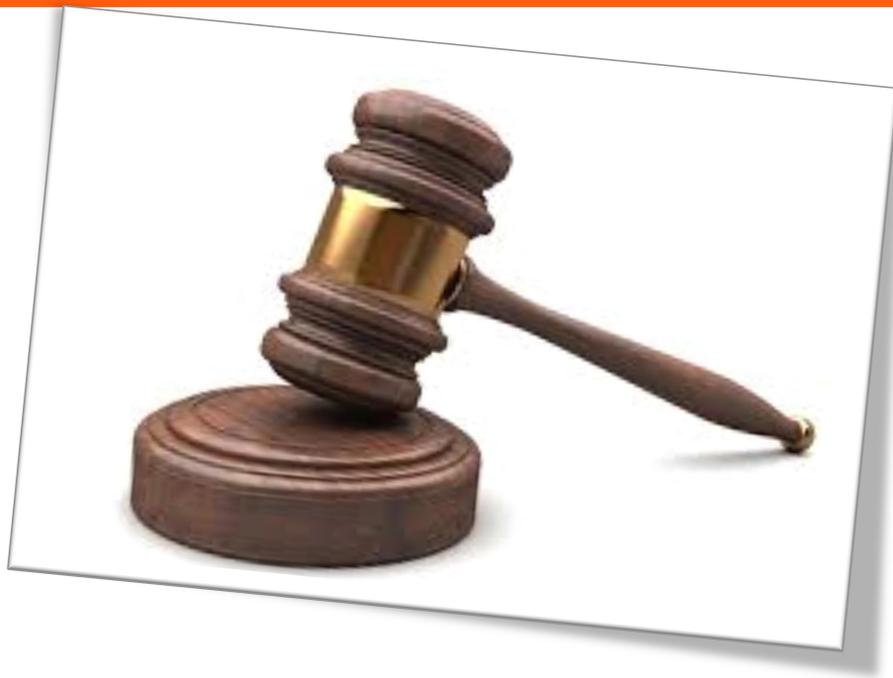
# Charge Conference 2016

This year, Redeemer will participate in the North Coast-Eastside Charge Conference on **Saturday, November 12 at 9:30 am**, held at Church of the Saviour UMC.

This annual meeting, required by the *Book of Discipline*, is where churches (charges) vote on their business for the coming year. Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to:

- COR's budget for 2017
- Membership changes, including new members and removed members
- Clergy & Lay Leader reports
- 2017 Committee assignments

Full members of Church of the Redeemer (that is, anyone received into membership through transfer, profession of faith, or confirmation) are eligible to vote on all church matters that come before the body. This is your opportunity to participate in the leadership of the church and to make your voice heard as we set our direction for the coming year and beyond.



A formal RSVP is not required; however, to reserve sufficient seating it would be ideal if you can let the church office know you plan to attend no later than October 30.

## WANT TO SHARE YOUR EVENT?

Please submit church events for the December newsletter no later than **Tuesday, November 15**.

Email [cleredeemer.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:cleredeemer.pastor@gmail.com) with "Newsletter" in the subject line. Include contact information for posting.



## November 20: Guest Speaker & Financial Workshop

On Sunday, November 20 we are pleased to welcome guest speaker Jonathan E. Wilterdink to the pulpit to conclude our *Earn. Save. Give.* sermon series.

Jon is a commissioned elder in the East Ohio Conference. He currently serves as a representative with Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit membership organization of Christians. From their description:

"While many financial firms see money as a goal, we see it as a tool to help the people, causes and communities you hold close to your heart."

Following service, Jon will give a free workshop titled "Your Legacy: Family, Church, Charity."

"It doesn't matter if you're a Midwestern farmer, Pacific coast fisherman or a Southern Belle. If there are people or causes you care about, we can help you uncover ways to enrich their futures and unleash your generosity."

We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 pm, and lunch will be provided by Thrivent Financial. Please plan to stay for a presentation about how you can live out your God-given purpose with the money you earn, save, and give.

Please respond to the church office no later than November 13 if you plan to attend, so we can get a proper lunch count.

## HEADING 4



# VOTE!



## Find Your Polling Place!

Use this handy [Google widget](#) to easily find your polling location.



## Help Others Vote on 11/8

If you need a ride to your polling place, or you would like to drive others to their polling place, contact the church office by November 6 and we will connect you!

### FAST FACTS

# 67%

Percentage of registered voters in Ohio who voted in 2012

# 66%

Percentage of registered voters in Cuyahoga County who voted in 2012



## Voter Education Resources

With the domination of presidential election happenings over the news cycle, it can be easy to forget that there are a number of other candidates and ballot initiatives to consider. Don't rely on yard signs to tell you what you need to know before you head to your polling place; check out these online resources to look at candidates' positions, ballot issues, and more.

### Vote411.org

The League of Women Voters has compiled this one-stop resource where you can enter your address and find a personalized list of the candidates and issues that will appear on your ballot. You can also browse for specific candidates and issues. All statements are drawn directly from the candidates' sites and are not edited before posting. For those with security concerns, the site does not retain any of your information when you close the page.

<http://www.vote411.org/ballot>

### Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections also offers a personalized voter guide, as well as polling place information. All you have to do is enter your address!

<http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/My-Polling-Location.aspx>

### Judge4Yourself.com

Judge4Yourself is a compilation of non-partisan ratings of Cuyahoga County judges and judicial candidates. Their independent ratings are the work of four bar associations; interviews and questionnaires from the judges; and feedback from the attorneys

who work with them in the courts. Check the ratings for the judges in your circuit before voting.

<http://www.judge4yourself.com/>

### Other Resources

Using your personalized ballot, you may check out the individual government and campaign pages for the candidates whose names you will see in the booth. Also, there will be a number of campaign events continuing through Election Day so if you want to learn more firsthand, get out there and take a look.

*"The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."*

Lyndon B. Johnson



# East Ohio Welcomes Bishop Malone

by East Ohio Conference

from EOC News:

The people of East Ohio have filled sanctuaries across the conference to welcome Bishop Tracy S. Malone and her family. Planned by the conference Episcopacy Committee and the Cabinet, the welcome services provide opportunities to meet the bishop while highlighting the hospitality, the passion, and the ministries of the people of East Ohio.

Photos from each of the four services can be viewed and downloaded [on the conference Flickr page](#).

"I am delighted, to be here in the East Ohio Conference. I look forward to leading you and with you, I look forward to loving you, I look forward to being your pastor, and I look forward to being your friend," the bishop said at **Salem First United Methodist Church** (Mahoning Valley District).

"It is my prayer that every congregation will be a vital force of healing and hope in the communities in which they serve, a community of faith where each person is growing in their faith in Christ but also in love and service to their neighbor," she said at **Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church** (Western Reserve District).

"I am praying for a fresh outpouring of God's spirit upon every pastor, every member and every congregation," Malone said at **Newcomerstown Christ United Methodist Church** (Three Rivers District).

The final welcome service is scheduled for 3pm on Sunday, November 13 at **Ashland First UMC** (Mid-Ohio District).

## Photos from Willoughby Hills UMC, October 16, 2016



Bishop Malone's husband Derrick & younger daughter Ashley



North Coast DS Steve Bailey waits to give his Scripture lesson



Some of the elements of the episcopacy, representing a Bishop's call to Word, service, administration and vision.



Rev. Tom Snode (Chardon UMC) introduces Bishop Tracy Malone.



Western Reserve DS Sondra Snode waits with Bishop Malone before conducting her installation.



Bishop Malone and Special Assistant to the Bishop Gary George



Bishop Tracy Smith Malone offers a moving and powerful introductory message as she takes on the mantle of leadership in East Ohio.

# COR November Happenings

Here are just a few of the things happening at and around COR throughout November. More information will be provided as events draw near. Plug in where you can!

## November Sermon Series

**November 6, 13, 20: *Earn. Save. Give.***  
***Wesley's Simple Rules for Money***

**From Amazon:** "John Wesley believed money was important as a way of expressing and living out Christian faith. To Wesley, the task was simple: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

To accompany our annual stewardship campaign, worship will focus on what Scripture and our Methodist faith have to tell us about wisdom in the accumulation and distribution of our material goods.

**November 6: Earn - Luke 16:1-13**

**November 13: Save - Luke 12:13-21**

**November 20: Give - Luke 19:1-10, Mark 12:41-44** \*Guest speaker: Jon Wilterdink

**Advent (November 27): *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam***

**From Amazon:** "Christmas always happens right in the midst of our chaos. God breaks into our noisy disorder and is made known in Jesus Christ. Christmas and confusion—weren't they intimately related at the first

Christmas when Jesus was born? Sometimes we forget that."

This year, we will celebrate Christ's birth by looking at all the ways that Christ—and Christmas—find us even when we are knee-deep in the chaos of our lives.

As always, the Adult Sunday School class will be studying these texts throughout the respective sermon series. See Pastor Shannon or Kari Queen for more information and to purchase a book!

## RMN Open Table Service

**Sunday, November 6, 5 pm**  
**Church of the Redeemer UMC**

Please join us in welcoming members of the East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network for an Open Table Service in our sanctuary. It's important for us to come together in affirmation of our Reconciling identity, to be in fellowship with one another, and to seek Christ's strength for the continuing fight for full inclusion in the UMC. Pastor Shannon will deliver a message of hope and courage before we take the communion meal together.

Childcare will be available from 4-6; also, come early for the RMN planning meeting at 4 pm in Room 4.

## Charge Conference 2016

See the "Charge Conference" article on page 2 for more information.

## Greater Cleveland Congregations: Justice and Jobs

**Thursday, November 17, 7 pm (seats at 6:30)**

**Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland**

Join members of Greater Cleveland Congregations for a panel with some of greater Cleveland's elected public officials, where "we will hold [them] accountable to their promises around Criminal Justice, celebrate our Get Out the Vote work, and announce our campaign around Jobs. Across lines of race, religion, neighborhood, and economics, GCC will continue to fight for justice through the power of relational organizing."

Contact the church office no later than November 13 if you would like to arrange a carpool to attend.

## Community Meal

**Tuesday, November 22, 5 pm**

This month's Community Meal falls on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We invite you to join us in serving and sharing a meal with the wide variety of visitors from throughout our community. It's a great time of service and fellowship, and a heartfelt way to be the hands and feet of Christ.



# CLEVELAND CHAMBER COLLECTIVE

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**MONDAY, 11/21**  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
DRINKO HALL

**MONDAY, 11/28**  
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
S. TAYLOR RD, CLEVELAND HTS.

**BOTH SHOWS: 7:30 PM**  
**FREE!!!!**

## Mark Your Calendars!

COR is thrilled once again to welcome the Cleveland Chamber Collective, including our own Ty Emerson, for a concert series to be performed at Church of the Redeemer during the 2016-2017 season.

This month, the Collective will perform an eclectic mix of mostly American composers. Walter Piston from Maine was the great American Symphonist during the 40's and was as highly respected as Aaron Copeland. His work for flute and strings is a real staple of the repertoire. The Stockhausen piece, written for the piccolo, is from one of his major operatic works.

The group will also present "Rumi Sketches" by renowned 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American composer Augusta Read-Thomas, whose music was described by the Philadelphia Inquirer as "music that celebrates the sound of the instruments and reaffirms the vitality of orchestral music." This work features violin and viola. Nick Underhill, the Collective's pianist, has composed a fun tribute to Schumann for a fitting finale.

We hope you'll join us for an evening of music that showcases outstanding American composers and the brilliant musicians who bring their works to life!

**When: Sunday, November 28, 7:30 pm**  
**Where: Church of the Redeemer UMC**  
**Cost: FREE!**

Follow [The Cleveland Chamber Collective on Facebook](#) to get the latest updates!

You can learn more about Augusta Read-Thomas on her site, [AugustaReadThomas.com](http://AugustaReadThomas.com).