

Welcome All. Tell The Story. Grow As Disciples.

October 2022

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Can we be Christians when we don't have any power?

That may seem like a weird question, but it is one that many of us are asking either implicitly or explicitly. Is it possible to be Christian without any cultural or political power?

This may seem like a strange question, but if you think about it many of us remember a Christianity with a lot of cultural and actual political power. There was a time when nothing other than worship took place on Sunday mornings. Even in the life of our congregation some remember a time when police, fire chiefs, and city officials attended this church (and some still do). But the make up of our congregation and much of our society has changed. So can we get by without all the power?

Power can be a funny thing. It's helpful, but also seductive. Power is something you grow accustomed to. Power also has a habit of becoming an end itself. Do we want a return to the days of a powerful church and a powerful Christianity because we think it was genuinely good or because we simply miss the power? It's hard to know.

Paul in the book of Romans is writing to Christians in Rome. Rome is the center of power in the Roman empire. So it's fascinating to this church at the heart of power what he advises. Paul writes in Romans 12:14-19: *"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord."

That's not a recipe for worldly power. Bless those who persecute you, don't try and run them out of town or off social media. Live in harmony, not fighting all the time. Be willing to associate with people lower than you. Instead of fighting back, repay no one for evil. Instead of being ready to fight, live at peace. Finally, give up any right of revenge because that belongs to God.

There is very little power in the way that Paul tells us to live. However, there is resurrection and new life in that way and I think that is a better deal. Who needs power anyway.

~Pastor Dave



Bible Study with Pastor Dave

Tuesday at 11 am at RELC & Thursday at 7 pm via ZOOM

(Email pastordave@relc.org for the ZOOM link)

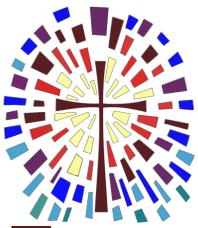
All are invited—join when you can!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any requests to
prayerteam@relc.org

or contact the office at
614-876-7926,
or by email
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Self-Study: Each week there is a worksheet with a Bible reading available with questions to explore more of the story. Please grab one from the bulletin table Sunday mornings, the binders in the narthex, read it online {RELC.org under the Grow tab} or reach out to the office at office@relc.org



The prophet Ezekiel witnessed an alien spacecraft in Babylon. Or he was a hallucinating madman. It depends on which cohost is riffing on *Church in Space*, RELC's innovative podcast exploring the fertile ground between science fiction and religion. No matter how spaced-out Drew Nelsen and Dan Mushalko get, Pastor Dave Kamphuis sees the seeds of a Bible lesson. Sometimes Dave delivers hard-hitting theology; other times, it's an excuse to share a Martin Luther quote about beer. Then the three are off again to the final frontier! Find out why *Church in Space* has a growing worldwide audience -- tune in on your favorite podcast platform, on Podbean at <https://bit.ly/ChurchInSpace>, or on the RELC website at www.relc.org/podcast-2/. (New Podcasts are usually uploaded weekly.)



Is evil real? Or Jesus? Why is it impossible to take the Bible literally?

Q & A with The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic

If you've ever had questions about your faith, or questioned if you should even *have* faith, join us for **The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic** every Sunday after service. It's an open discussion about anything you've ever wondered about religion. As a recovering heretic, Dan Mushalko takes no Church teaching at face value...while Pastor Dave Kamphuis taps his vast knowledge of Church history and theology to fill in the gaps of our doubt. Most importantly, they take *your* questions, too. Ask about Lutheran practices, the day's readings, how the Bible fits with science, even whether Lazarus was the first zombie (yes, that was an actual topic from a listener question)! Join us around 11:15am live in the Worship & Life Center, or on our live YouTube stream at <https://bit.ly/RELC-QA>.

Special finance Q & A with our church treasurer Charlie on October 16th.

October Worship Assistants

	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>2 Ushers</u>	<u>2 Greeters</u>
10/2	Andy Ohler	Candy Franz	????	????
10/9	Michael Boring	Barb Emmets	????	Donna Suain & ????
10/16	John VanVleet	Shirley Rush	????	????
10/23	Melanie Anderson	Barb Emmets	????	????
10/30	Candy Franz	Karen Harvey	????	????



WANTED

Happy Smiling Welcoming People to serve as GREETERS ON SUNDAY MORNING

We know that we are a Friendly and Welcoming community, just notice how long we "Share the Peace" every Sunday. So why is it so hard to get volunteers to be Greeters on Sunday morning? There are a few folks who do the job every week, but there are LOTS MORE of us who would be GREAT at meeting and greeting those who come through the doors on Sunday. Whether it's someone we've known for years, or someone we recognize but don't know their name, or someone who is visiting for the 1st time, being welcomed by a smiling face, a handshake, or maybe a hug is a perfect way to begin Sunday worship.

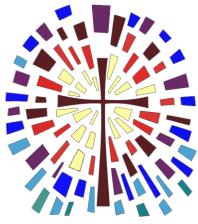


So why not give it a try, sign up for one Sunday morning maybe once a month, or every other month. Ideally it would be best to have at least 2 - 3 people each week so that both sets of doors can be covered; and it would also be best to be at the doors by 9:30am to catch those early arrivers.



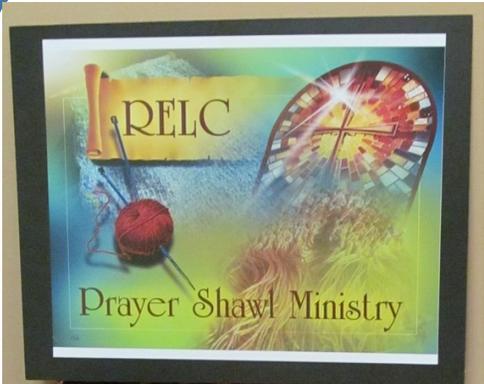
WANTED Happy Smiling Attentive People to serve as USHERS ON SUNDAY MORNING

Ushers take over after the Greeters have done their job. The usher hands out the Bulletins and, if needed, show visitors into the Worship space, point out the "soft-space" if there are children, and answer questions. Ushers pass the baskets to collect the Offering, and they manage the flow of people going forward for communion. Like the Greeters, there are only a few people who volunteer for this position every week. Why not sign up for one Sunday, once a month or every other month, whatever works for you and your family – training is available, or maybe volunteer to partner with someone who is experienced at the job. Two people are needed each week, and it would be best to be ready to begin by 9:30am.



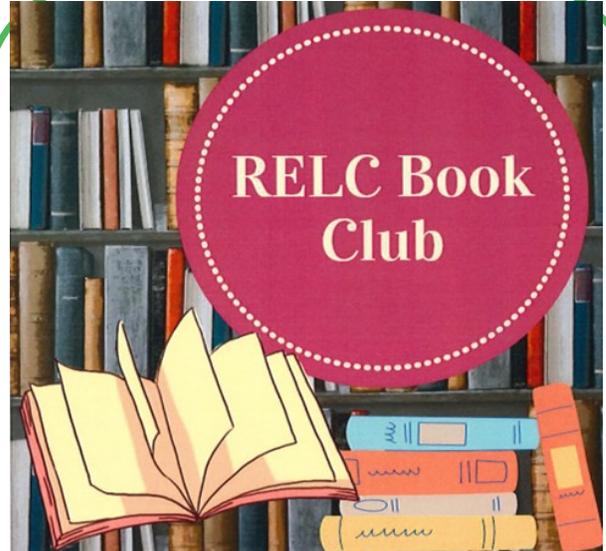
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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to work on shawls and patches at home. We are in need of 450 patches, to put in the shoeboxes

for OCC. If you knit or crochet and are willing to make some patches, we would really appreciate that. Yarn is available in the cabinets in the sacristy. Any questions call Barb Emmets.



RELC book club will meet

Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm

This months book is *The Favorite Daughter*

by Patti Callahan Henry

- Nov. 15th *Seven Perfect Things* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- Jan. 17th *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe
- Feb. 21st *The Goodbye Quilt* by Susan Wiggs



Theology on Tap

October 25, 2022, 7pm

@ Crooked Can Brewing Co., Center Street Market

Theology on Tap meets once a month usually on the 4th Tuesday of the month for fellowship and discussion on how faith influences what we think about current events and the world around us. Our September gathering was held outside and we discussed Matthew 5:38-42.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Question: Originally the rule was meant to limit retribution (you can only take an eye for eye, no more). How have you heard the phrase "eye for eye" used in our culture today and how closely does this adhere to the original meaning?

Men's Fella-ship

Breakfast

Saturday, October 8th @ 8:30am

Please join us for breakfast on Saturday, then a bit of back yard work as we expand the compost bins for the garden. (Ohio State has an away game that doesn't start until 4, so you'll have plenty of time to get cleaned up before your Buckeye festivities.)



Garden Tip-

If frost is predicted, pick tomatoes that are mature (pale) green to ripen indoors. Immature (dark) green tomatoes won't ripen; use these in salsa or pickles or fry them.

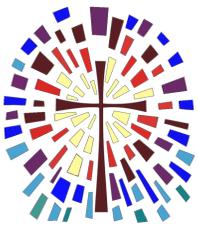


RELC Lunch Ladies
Saturday,
October 15th
at 11:30am

Lunch will be pizza and salads here at RELC while we enjoy all the photos from Kathy's trip to Ireland. There will be a "free will" donation to cover cost of food. Please RSVP to the office for an accurate head count. office@relc.org or 614-876-7926

Please contribute to Operation Christmas Child. Any amount or small toy will be greatly appreciated.





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POTLUCK!!!!

Join us!!!!

Sunday,
October 16
~11:15 AM

* Entrée *
* Will be provided by RELC *

WHAT TO BRING

Last Name: A-L



Salad or Side Dish

Last Name: M-Z



Dessert

Presentation:

Ministry 2023

Refugee Sponsorship
&
Discussion about
**2023 Stewardship for
All Seasons**

This discussion will help in
the finalization of the 2023
budget, so your input is
important!

Stewardship Lessons from a Cruise

You may already know Melanie and I went on a cruise for our anniversary last month. We had stops in Rhode Island and Maine, en route to St. John, New Brunswick before turning around to avoid the hurricane that hit Nova Scotia. All-in-all, a good trip with time to relax and see things and places we won't likely see again.

Among the sights at our first stop was the "cottage" built and used by the Vanderbilts in 1895. The summer home (they only lived there 8 weeks out of the year) had 70 rooms and cost 12 Million dollars at the time. Not typically one to judge, but I couldn't help...what a waste. Now, I have no idea what their total fortune amounted to, what percentage of it "the beach house" represented, or how much of it may have been given to charity or other philanthropic ventures. But I know why they built it like that—they wanted a vacation home that adequately depicted their stature, so that everyone who saw it would know.

Later in the week, we attended an art auction on the ship. The first item up was a Peter Max painting with a pre-bid of close to \$40 thousand. The auctioneer explained that there were people on board who knew the value of art and collecting and that they would gladly pay that much to own a Max....but they may not want to draw attention to themselves on ship.

These experiences bookended a chapter in a book I was reading...while standing in line for the auction no less. The book was about finding happiness that was unexplainable apart from God; the chapter about how we define success. The author referenced the Luke 12 parable of the Rich Fool who tore down his barns to big builder barns so that he could retire knowing his possessions were safe. The World defines success by the perceived value of stuff we collect. Jesus has a different plan...trust that God will provide to meet your needs and give to the poor. "Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

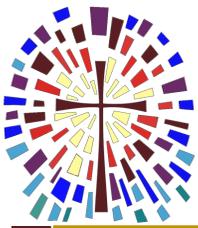
This doesn't mean that we can't have nice things, or enjoy life. It's about the importance we place on it. As we talk about stewardship goals over the next month, please ask yourself these questions:

How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?

How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?

~Charlie Anderson



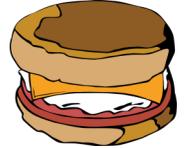


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1st English Meals Ministry – September was a busy month for our meal service at First English.

On September 11 we served 100+ guests. The weather was a bit rainy so we had to make a few adjustments to our serving process, but the crew of Mark & Michelle Docter, Michael Boring, Vickie Dengg, and Mark Williams along with some volunteers from First English got it done! The meal was prepared on September 10 by Michelle Docter, Amelia Jones, Vickie Dengg, Renee Mushalko, Patty Eakins (and Patty's sister). Stand back McDonalds, RELC's egg sandwiches are really GREAT! The next breakfast will be October 9 with prep on Saturday, October 8.

If anyone is interested in helping with prep or service please see Kathy Rotolo (email kathy.rotolo@relc.org or phone 380-212-7052.)



On September 15 we prepared and served dinner for 100+ guests. This time the menu featured BBQ pulled pork sandwiches and sides. A big thank you to Carol Williams, Connie Boring and Amelia Jones who "pulled" 50 pounds of roasted pork! ALL of it was gone by the end of evening. Thanks too to all the RELC bakers who provided cookies, brownies and other goodies for dessert. We were blessed to have lots of helpers once we were ready to serve. Mark & Carol Williams and Roger Knudsen were assisted by students from Capital University and volunteers from First English. It was a beautiful evening with lots of good food, helping hands and friendly people. Our dinner service is done for the year, but we will start again in January, so anyone who may be interested in helping with prep and/or service, please contact Kathy and we will add you to the list.

Special THANKS to all at RELC who support this ministry.

~Kathy Rotolo



SOME ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE OPERATION

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

- * SHOE BOXES – (No Boot Boxes Please)
- * PLASTIC CUPS
- * CHILDREN'S SOCKS (ALL SIZES)
- * STUFFED ANIMALS
- * SMALL TOYS
- * GLUE STICKS
- * MARKERS



CHRISTMAS CARDS - We are putting a Christmas card in each OCC shoe box this year. Cards were passed out last month and there is a Christmas wrapped box in the narthex for you to bring your cards back in, if you haven't already. Also - this is the time of year that people get blank cards in the mail from various organizations - if you are not using them, please bring them in and put them in the same box and we will use them for next year. Any questions see Barb Emmets.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are now one month away from the OCC packing party at RELC - November 6th at 5:30 pm in the Worship and Life Center. Items for the boxes are collected all year round and your donations are much appreciated. Our goal this year is to pack 450 boxes and at this time we have 450 of some of the needed items. But as we approach the finish line for this year, there are still some items that we need - plastic cups, children's socks (all sizes), glue sticks, markers, a few stuffed animals and especially small toys. Items can be brought in and placed in the OCC tubs at the Donation Station. Any monetary donations for supplies and postage can be given to Barb Emmets. (Checks should be made to RELC, but given to Barb) Please mark November 6th on your calendar and join us at the packing party - it's an event you don't want to miss. Any questions see Barb Emmets or Pam Davis



September Drive was able to collect 17 units of blood. Those 17 units have the potential to save 51 lives!



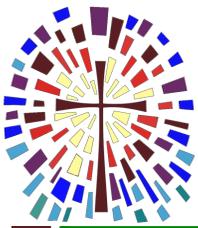
Red Cross Blood Drive @ RELC 11-5pm

Thursday, October 27th

To schedule an appointment visit

RedCrossBlood.org

or call 1-800-RED CROSS or scan the QR code to the left.



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Giving Garden Update



October 2022

Have you ever noticed a plant's roots?

Sure, the beauty of a plant is typically the blooming colorful flower or the new buds opening in spring but I will ask you again, have you ever noticed a plant's roots? I have (go figure) but just this week as I was tearing out the first row of cucumbers in the Giving Garden, I really studied the roots that transports the water and nutrients to the main stem and eventually to the whole plant. The cucumber roots are shallow and thick and easy to count compared to most tomato roots which are very thin, go deep into the soil and are too numerous to count. But both root systems get the job done. As I am out in the garden feeding my soul with contemplation, I asked this question. What kind of "root" is the Giving Garden? This ministry is a good solid root, like a weed taproot, that goes deep into the soil and is hard to remove. May God continue to bless our church and BOLD with the deep support of the Giving Garden.

Our harvest support to BOLD was impressive this month. The GG provided 200 pounds of fresh produce to BOLD. (Just an aside, September 2021 was 118 pounds). Thank you, Jesus!

This month will be our final harvest of most crops as a frost is certain. As we "put the garden to bed" we will implement strategies for soil health over the winter so the GG is ready for next year. Stay tuned.

~Carol Williams

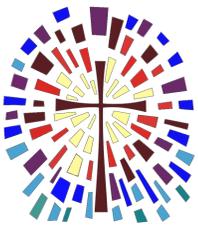


Do you know.....



This month we would like you all to officially meet our new Director of Music, Jae Hyeong Park. Jae is new to the Hilliard area, but really likes Sam's Club and likes how welcoming RELC is and really likes how we all Share the Peace each Sunday. Jae, a native of Seoul, South Korea, lives in Upper Arlington with his family and has been a choir conductor since 2005. Jae is earning his Doctor of Musical Arts at OSU and is a graduate teaching associate in Orchestral Conducting. Aside from being our Director of Music here at RELC, he is also currently a conductor of University Community

Orchestra, and assistant conductor of Westerville Symphony Orchestra. Jae's hobbies include music research, listening to classic music watching movies and of course taking naps when he can. His plans for RELC this year is to have Christmas Music, bells, instruments and maybe even a few kids singing.



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CHOICES - LSS CHOICES provides temporary emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, legal advocates, peer support groups and counseling for victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence is a serious and tragic crisis in Ohio and CHOICES is the only facility in central Ohio that meets that need. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October - there will be a jar in the narthex for you to make donations- just check your purse or pockets and empty change or bills in the jar. Every little bit helps. Any questions see Barb Emmets.

Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 30th 3-4:30pm

Join the Youth Group for an afternoon of outdoor trick-or-treat!

Trunks = Please be in the north parking lot no later than 2:45pm. We will have cones set up.



**Youth Group
Fall Party
October
9th @5pm**

Godly Play
Sunday Dates!
10/2, 10/9, & 10/16



Sunday Schools Sundays at 9am
(check bulletins for actual dates and cancelations)
~Godly Play (preschool –3rd grade)
~Youth Sunday School w/ PD (grades 4-7)
~High School Group (grades 8-12) usually meets a few times a month



Our annual basket raffle and silent auction will be open 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30. Stop by the tables in the narthex to buy your tickets and place your bids! Proceeds benefit our Youth Group. We are also looking for donations of silent auction items! Please have auction items and baskets in the office no later than Friday, October 14th. See Susan or Alli with questions.



October Birthdays



10/2 Alexander Neill

10/7 Gloria Davis

10/20 Charlie Anderson

10/3 Debbie Lockman

10/10 Judy Miller

10/21 David Heath

10/5 Doug Castle

10/13 Dan Suain

10/26 Judy Horn– Miller

10/5 Lydia VanVleet

10/14 Becky Rader

10/29 Donna Suain

10/16 Brenda Boring

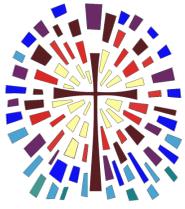
10/31 Amy Ruolo

10/7 Benjamin Boring

10/20 Chris Kibbe



**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**



October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
2) PD off 9:00am Sunday School (Adult, Godly Play and Youth) 10:00am Worship w/ Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott (WLC) 11:10am Q&A (WLC) 	3) PD off 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting (narthex) 	4) 11:00am Bible Study (narthex) 7:00pm Financial Stewardship Meeting (office) 	5) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 	6) 11:30am Staff Meeting (office) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting	7) Office Closed 	8) 8:30am Men's Fellowship (kitchen/narthex) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 9:30am FELC Breakfast Prep (kitchen) BREAKFAST
9) 8:00am Breakfast FELC (First English Columbus, OH) 9:00am Sunday School (Adult, Godly Play and Youth) 10:00am Worship (WLC) 11:10am Q&A (WLC) 5:00pm Youth Group Fall Party	10) Office Hours 10-2pm w/ PD 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	11) 11:00am Bible Study (office) 7:00pm Cub Scout 672 Pack Meeting (WLC) 7:00pm Council Meeting (office) 	12) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 	13) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	14 Fall Baskets Due 	15) 8-12:00pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting (Room 7) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 11:30 am RELC Lunch Ladies (WLC)
16) 9:00am Sunday School (Adult, Godly Play and Youth) 10:00am Worship w/ Baptism (WLC) 11:15am Potluck (WLC) 11:15am Mission / Stewardship Q&A (WLC)	17) 4:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	18) 11:00am Bible Study (office) 7:00pm Book Club (Room 7C) 7:00pm Cub Scout 672 Pack Meeting (WLC)	19) 7:00pm Communication Meeting (office) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting	20) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	21) 	22) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
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