

# Welcome All. Tell The Story. Grow As Disciples.

## August 2023

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**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1:8**

To begin, I wish to dispel two rumors I hear occasionally:

First: We are worshiping in the chapel temporarily. This is not a permanent move.

Second: Youth group is not dying or ending. It is just changing.

Now, let's talk about the verse above from Revelation and maybe connect all these things.

The one "who is and who was and who is to come" is an odd way to describe God and an old way. In fact a few of you may remember some prayers ending on that refrain "the one who was and is and is to come." however it is more than just an odd thing the bible says. Instead it is trying to say something important. God is both the one present in our pasts, the one with us in our present, and the one who is with us in the future. God is not just located in any one of those places.

The truth about us humans is that we tend to think that God is present only in either the past, present, or future. We think about God as being present only in the past when we focus on nostalgia for the way things used to be (or the way the church used to be). We think about God as only with us in the present when we focus on the now to the exclusion of all thoughts about the generations to come. We think about God as only in the future when we ignore the realities we have to focus on right now. But the truth that scripture tells us is that God is with us in all three times. He is with us in our pasts, but not to the exclusion of our future or our present. God is, in fact, working right here and leading us into something amazing in the future.

So that brings this back to my two rumor dispelling points at the beginning. As we worship in the chapel it can be tempting to think about this as purely a return to golden days of years past. Yet as we worship there we are not attempting to recreate the past. We are worshiping in the present and waiting for where God is leading us in the future. Similarly, as the leadership in our youth group changes that means things will be done differently. This does not mean God was any more with us in the past than God is in our present time.

Through all the changes of our lives God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the one who was and is and is to come.

~Pastor Dave



### Bible Study with Pastor Dave

Adult Education/Sunday School - Sundays before worship in the youth room at 9am  
In person Bible Study (Current Focus -Women in the Bible) - Tuesdays at 11 am at RELC  
Zoom Bible Study (Current Focus -1st Corinthians) - Thursdays at 7 pm via ZOOM  
(Email [pastordave@relc.org](mailto:pastordave@relc.org) for the ZOOM link)

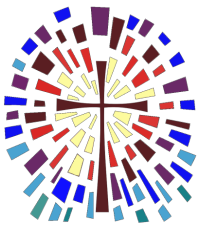
Please note there will be no Bible Study 8/3, 8/6, or 8/8 as Pastor Dave will be on a much needed vacation.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any requests to [prayerteam@relc.org](mailto:prayerteam@relc.org)  
or contact the office at 614-876-7926, or by email [office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)





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## August Worship Assistants

	Assisting Minister	Lector	2 Ushers & 1-2 Greeters	Children's Church
August 6	Barb Emmets	Donna Roof-Suain	Janet Poulson & ????	Jill Rill
August 13	Tricia Ohler	Shirley Rush	Janet Poulson & ????	Donna Roof-Suain
August 20	Renee Mushalko	Melanie Anderson	Janet Poulson & ????	
August 27	Candy Franz	Don Kincaid	Janet Poulson & ????	

### ATTENDING WORSHIP ONLINE

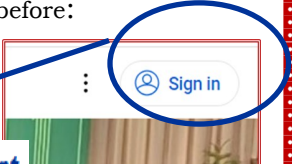
In June, the access for attending worship virtually switched from our Website host to our YouTube channel. It's still easy to attend following these instructions.

Go to [relc.org](http://relc.org) and then click "Watch Online" on the home page:



You will be transferred to our YouTube channel directly. The chat ("Comment") functionality is accessed a little differently from before:

Go to "Sign In" (upper right corner of RELC's YouTube channel); then



*Sign in with your YouTube account*

OR

*Start a YouTube account (it's free!)*

**Having an account will allow you to**

- \* engage with the Backrow Media Ministry volunteers
- \* make prayer requests
- \* provide information to share for "New and Good"
- \* enjoy the virtual "Sharing of the Peace"

**In other words, be a part of our virtual congregation!**

### WEBSITE DESCRIPTION UPDATES

If you have not already done so, please read the description for your ministry on the website ([relc.org](http://relc.org)). Assess if it answers these questions:

- Is the description clear and up to date?
- Does it feel welcoming to someone looking for a church body?
- Is the time and place given?
- Is there at least one current picture?
- Is there a contact name and email (either for the church office or an relc email address for the contact person)?

Please email the church office ([office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)) any changes that need to be made. Thank you for helping with this effort!



## Ways to grow in faith with RELC!



### Weekly at home bible study!

Pastor Dave has created a weekly Know the Story Bible Study you can access online or pick up from the binders in the narthex. These are short bible verses to read followed with a few questions to think about. Great to do at home with your family with a few friends. These are designed to highlight important stories in the bible.

**Know the Story to Tell the Story.**

<https://www.relc.org/know-the-story/>

### 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. Join us around 11:15am live in the Worship & Life Center, or on our live YouTube stream at <https://bit.ly/RELQ-QA>.



**Church in Space**, RELC's innovative podcast exploring the 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. - 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/](http://www.relc.org/podcast-2/).



I would like to thank the RELC members for the overwhelming support I received during my heart surgery. Thanks for the Prayer Chain, the many cards I received, phone calls, visits, and food. Heartfelt Thanks, God be with you.

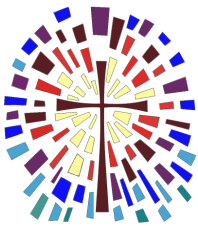
~Elizabeth Lockhart











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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - For the month of August, we continue to collect school supplies for the shoe boxes. At this time we have enough erasers and pencils. **We are in need of sharpeners, scissors, markers, notebooks (spiral and composition), coloring books, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, small activity books and packets and pens.** Items may be put in the tubs in the Donation Station, and monetary donations are always welcome. (we will shop for you) Any questions - see Barb Emmets or Pam Davis

As usual, please continue to pray that God will bless this ministry and many children and their families will come to know the love of Jesus.

- January - washcloths
- February - Ivory soap
- March - cups
- April - small stuffed animals
- May - small toys
- June - toothbrushes
- July - school supplies
- August - school supplies**
- September -socks and small stuffed animals
- October - any remaining needs for the packing party.



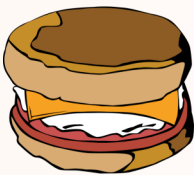
## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES - FAITH MISSION AND CHOICES

FAITH MISSION AND CHOICES could use the following donations (all donations must be new): men's athletic shorts (all sizes), men's large underwear, **full size gender neutral lotion and body wash.** Please place all items in the marked tubs at the Donation Station in the narthex. Even though we are worshipping



in the chapel, you can still use the Donation Station. Any questions - see Barb Emmets.

**1<sup>st</sup> English Meal Ministry** -This month, RELC will be providing 2 meals to our friends at First English. **We will prepare and serve dinner on Thursday, August 10 and then we will prepare and serve our usual breakfast on Sunday, August 13.** As always, help would be welcome for both meals. Whether you would like to help with the preparation or would like to come along to First English and help serve the meals, your participation would be appreciated. Contact Kathy Rotolo by email ([kathy.rotolo@relc.org](mailto:kathy.rotolo@relc.org)) or in person at church on Sunday for additional details regarding times for prep and serving for each of the meals.



In addition, we could use cookies or brownies, or muffins, etc. for dessert at the Thursday dinner. We just ask that there not be anything with nuts, in case of allergy issues. Just leave the donation in the RELC kitchen anytime by August 9, mark the bag or container FELC so we know for sure they are for the dinner.



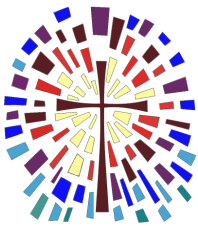
Please save your coffee grounds and filter and put them in the white bucket hanging on the compost bin which is directly behind the dumpster on the back church property.

Hey coffee drinkers out there we need your coffee grounds!!!

**'CHRISTMAS IN JULY'** -drop completed sets off Christmas Card off in the Christmas Box found in the lobby. This is a very simple task to complete and we have been told that the children just love to get a card -don't we all! Any questions - see Barb Emmets or Pam Davis







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## Giving Garden Harvest Update for July 2023



We are mid-growing season right now. Vegetables being harvested include cucumbers, garlic, peppers, and squash. The vegetables that are starting to flourish are tomatoes, eggplant, beans and peppers. As grand as that sounds, we are well behind last year's harvest for the same time frame. By this time last year, we had harvested 231 pounds of vegetables compared to this year at 109 pounds. July last year was 187 pounds and this year to date only 69 pounds. So, what is going on???

Well good old Mother Nature has just not let the sun shine as frequently. We have had numerous cloudy days and yes, several dreary smoke-filled days. This has caused the tomatoes to fall behind in turning colors. Rainfall has been very good and we are on automatic irrigation this year so we cannot blame the lack of water. Unfortunately, over the past week we have lost 4 of our yellow squash plants to the squash vine borer. (I have a fix for that nasty insect next year)

Keeping my fingers crossed that our tomatoes will make a big splash in the next few weeks along with eggplant and peppers and beans. Late plantings of zucchini squash and some cool fall crops will hopefully bring a strong finish to the garden.

Your prayer support is always appreciated.  
~Carol Williams ([mwill999@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mwill999@columbus.rr.com))



### RELC Choir will be back in worship starting August 20th for Rally Sunday!!

Which means Sunday morning rehearsals will start 8/20 at 8:30am and Wednesday evening rehearsals will start 8/9 at 7:00pm. If you are interested in joining choir please reach out to Jae Park, our Director of Music, [Jae.Park@relc.org](mailto:Jae.Park@relc.org) Please be on the lookout for the "My Favorite Hymn"

insert in your bulletins on Sunday and help us select some RELC favorites to celebrate!



Please write down your favorite Songs to share (any hymns or contemporary praise songs). We will select 10 songs to share with the congregation on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>!

- Song Name
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to sing for us or help lead the congregation? (Yes, No)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Update for Grief Support Group (Widow/Widower/ any type of grief)**  
RELC people interested in joining a grief support group presented for any type of loss including loss of a spouse will be attending the program at Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church. We can meet at RELC at 12:00 starting on September 10 and go as a group or drive individually. I plan to be a part of this group. You can call or email me for any questions. 614-578-4763 or [louisevaselakes@gmail.com](mailto:louisevaselakes@gmail.com)



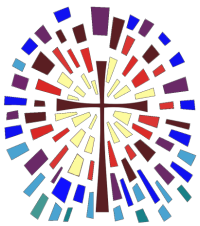
*Message from the Grief Share team at Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church.*  
A new session of Grief Share will begin on Sunday, September 10, at 12:40 PM at Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church (4343 Dublin Rd., Hilliard). This support group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one to death. The meetings consist of a Christian based video followed by group discussion. A light lunch will be served. Our group is facilitated by caring people who have experienced grief and successfully rebuilt their lives. We will walk with you on your grief journey toward healing and hope for the future.

The goal of Grief Share is to bring people together who are experiencing the loss of a loved one to provide encouragement and comfort. It is an open group and you are welcome to begin anytime during the 13-week session. Each participant will receive a workbook titled "From Mourning to Joy". There is no cost for Grief

Share, but please register at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

For more information, please email Karen Kemp at [snowangel811@outlook.com](mailto:snowangel811@outlook.com) or call the church at 614-876-4343.





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## Do you know.....



### Do you know...Tom Ohler??

**How long have you been at RELC?**

Since 2000 (before in my mom’s belly)

**What do you love best about RELC?**

The people! Especially the Youth Program being a big part of growing up!

**What is your favorite thing about Hilliard?**

I love the Old Hilliard events and all the local businesses that are always a blast!

**What are your hobbies and favorite things to do?**

I enjoy walking, playing tennis, sand volleyball, and reading.

**What do you enjoy doing with family and/or friends?**

I enjoy catching up with friends, going on walks, getting coffee, and enjoying happy hour! I also enjoy playing cards with my parents and Grammy every week!

**A funny story that people might not know about you.**

I am told that when I was a little kid, I told famous Indy Car Racer Mario Andretti that my Uncle Vince was better than him because he had more snowmobiles than him at his house. I think it’s pretty funny but I’m not sure he would agree.

**You just completed your 1<sup>st</sup> year as a nurse. Why did you choose nursing as your career and what do you like best about it so far?**

Plainly, I just wanted to help people. I love my position now in the Operating Room at The James! Being a specialized Cancer-Specific OR, I am able to be a part of some incredible surgeries and I feel that I am really able to make a difference. It has also helped me to develop a voice, to be more assertive in both my personal and professional life.

**If you could meet anyone in the world, who would it be and what would you ask them?**

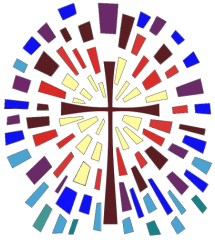
I would really like to sit down and talk to Taylor Swift. Being one of the country’s biggest music stars currently, I’d like to ask her about her experience navigating the industry at such a young age and how she handles the pressure, being someone from a generation closer to my own.



*Thank you so much for partnering in ministry with Festa to serve our neighbors together at Festa Summer Lunch Camp! Because of your prayers, your generosity and your time, 188 children had the opportunity to do crafts, play games, eat a nutritious lunch, run restaurants, and so much more at RELC!*







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# REL C Folks out in Hilliard this July!



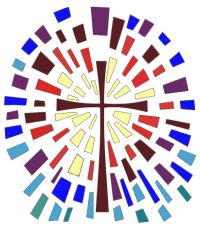
The Hilliard 4th of July Parade was enjoyed by many from our congregation! Roger and Phyllis Reynolds led the parade. Saydi Tumeo twirled with the Darby band and many of our scout troops that meet here were also represented.



Many RELC folks were busy the week of Franklin Co. Fair.

Lydia VanVleet was voted Queen and worked the fair all week, while also doing her own projects. Pierce and Ewan Kountz both did well in their projects. Angela Bontz had a booth with some of her sewing crafts.

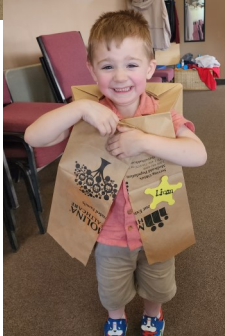




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## Youth News

Vacation Bible School here at RELC July 11th - 13th was a hit! We had about 16 little cowpokes come learn about how awesome it is to be an outlaw for God!! Crafts we made, snacks had, stories read, donations' collected, and lots of fun learning and conversations had. A special Thank you to Becky and Mollie for planning it and all the amazing volunteers who made it possible.



## Children's CHURCH

Children's Church will be continuing throughout the school year. This option is for all children aged 3 years through 2nd grade.

Pastor Dave gives a children's message and afterward they go with an adult leader for a lesson and activity. Everyone comes back during Share the Peace. Thank you to those who have volunteered as leaders for this activity. There are still some open dates so if you would like to help lead please contact Kathy Rotolo ([kathy.rotolo@relc.org](mailto:kathy.rotolo@relc.org)) or the church office ([office@relc.org](mailto:office@relc.org)). \*Note Pastor Dave will provide the lesson and activity options for you to use.



### Sunday School is Back for Rally Sunday August 20th

The following options are Sundays at 9am

(check bulletins for actual dates and cancellations)

~Godly Play (preschool -3rd grade, they meet in the Godly Play Room)

~Youth Sunday School w/ PD (grades 4-7, they meet in the church office)

~Adult Forum (usually lead by Pastor Dave, this group is currently meeting in the Youth Room)



## August Birthdays



8/2 Gayle Lungociu  
8/3 Emma Badenhop  
8/4 Andrew Rogers  
8/4 Candy Franz  
8/5 James Ohler

8/17 Caroline Rogers  
8/17 Sean Rogers  
8/18 Ronda Castle  
8/19 Jacob Kibbe  
8/22 Jodi Collins

8/22 Nicholas Lungociu  
8/23 Bob Drenten  
8/24 Michael Neill  
8/24 Connie Boring  
8/25 Barb Emmets

8/26 Pat Gloeckner  
8/27 Bob Wintering  
8/28 Andrew Ohler  
8/28 Jackie Kibbe  
8/31 Drew Neill





# August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1) 11:00am Bible Study (youth room) 11:00 am Tent Breakdown (outside) festa Summer Lunch Camp move out day 7:00pm Finance Team Meeting (office)	2) 6:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7:00pm Endowment Team Meeting (office) 	3)Council Report Deadline 7:00pm Boy Scout Leader Meeting (WLC) <del>7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) Canceled</del>	4)PD on Vacation 	5) PD on Vacation 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
6) PD on Vacation <del>9:00am Adult Education Canceled</del> 10:00am Service of the Word –No Communion (chapel) <del>11:15am Q &amp; A Canceled</del>	7) PD on Vacation 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting (WLC) 	8) <del>11:00am Bible Study Canceled</del> 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (office) 	9) 6:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7:00pm Choir rehearsal (choir room) 	10) 9:00am FELC dinner prep (kitchen)  4:30pm FELC Dinner (First English Lutheran Church) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)	11)  Aug 11 Mountain Day	12) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 9:00am FELC Breakfast Prep (kitchen) 
13) 7:30 am First English Breakfast (First English Columbus, OH) 9:00am Adult Education (youth room) 10:00am Worship (chapel) 11:15am Q & A (chapel) 	14) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	15) 11:00am Bible Study (narthex) 7:00pm RELC Book Club (Church Office) 7:00 pm Communion Meeting (classroom) 	16)  11-5pm Red Cross Blood Drive (WLC) 6:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC/classrooms) 7:00pm Choir rehearsal (choir room)	17) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	18)  <b>Happy National Kool-Aid Day!</b> 	19) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
20) Rally Sunday 8:30am Choir rehearsals (choir room) 9:00am Sunday School Adult, Godly Play and Youth (youth room) 9:30am Confirmation Check-In with PD 10:00am Worship with Baptism of Beckett Lattro (chapel) 11:15am Q & A (chapel) 	21) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 7:00pm Worship Planning Meeting (office)  	22) 1st Day of School 11:00am Bible Study (narthex) 7:00pm Theology on Tap (Crooked Can, Center St. Market Hilliard)  	23) 6:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7:00pm Choir rehearsals (choir room)  	24) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	25)  <b>NATIONAL BANANA SPLIT DAY</b> 	26) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 11:30am RELC Lunch Ladies (Cracker Barrel) 
27) 8:30am Choir rehearsals (choir room) 9:00am Sunday School Adult and Youth (youth room) 10:00am Worship (chapel) 11:15am Q & A (chapel) 12:00pm Adulting 101: Credit and Debit (Youth Room)	28) Newsletter Article Deadline 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	29) 11:00am Bible Study (Room 7.) 11-5pm Red Cross Blood Drive (WLC)  <b>American Red Cross</b>	30) 10:00am Piano Tuner in WLC and Choir Room 6:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7:00pm Choir rehearsal (choir room) 	31) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	Don't forget to email or call the office to get events and meetings on the church calendar before each newsletter come out. September deadline will be August 28th.	

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Council President- Renee Mushalko  
Council Vice President - Michael Boring  
Council Secretary - Donna Roof-Suain  
Council Treasurer - Charlie Anderson  
Others - Drew Nelsen, Michael Biggert, Nick Lungociu