



Food Bank Needs

- Jello
- Saltine crackers
- Salad dressing
- Baby products

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the foyer. Thank you!



Book Club News

I will have a new book, *Crossing to Safety*, available during the week of Sept. 19. Book Club members can contact me during the week or pick up the book on Sunday, Sept. 25, at church. We will have a restart meeting on the third Wednesday in October. The meeting will be the start of a trial to see if we have continued interest in having a Book Club at Redeemer.

■ Thank you,
Roberta Hansen

Innovation

Have you ever had to scrap a really great idea? I mean the sure-enough, earth-changing, life-altering, once-in-a-long-time idea which could potentially change so many other things in its wake? I wonder what is worse, having to abandon a great idea on our own or having it abandoned for us when we reveal it to the outside world?



Take, for instance, Nicholas Copernicus, arguably the father of the heliocentric theory and spherical astronomy — in other words, the fellow who alleged in the face of conventional wisdom that the earth was the one on the move, not the sun. He offered the idea that the sun was the center of our universe, rather than what we just *knew* was the legitimate center of the universe. I commend his story to you for reading sometime, if for no other reason than that he put forward a revolutionary contribution for the world, which most of the world never noticed. Thank God the church took issue with Copernicus, even if it was 75 years later and even though the church was wrong.

The bottom line is that sometimes it takes a long time for innovation to gain traction and even longer for it to fan out or take hold. Whether we instinctively know this or whether it is something we are conditioned into understanding, we secretly know it is true. What may in fact be the next big thing, the lynch pin which unleashes a dynamic creative wave, often gets shelved or scrapped for fear of what the surrounding world might think of it.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m.

Teen Class

9:30 a.m.

Adult Class

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time

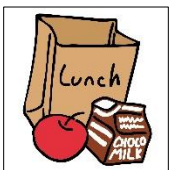
11 a.m.

Worship Service

WANTED: Keys!

Do you have any old keys laying around the house that you don't use anymore? If so, Carol Moser would appreciate getting them from you! Carol is creating a necklace from old keys, in a project for the RUMC Bazaar. (FYI: It's not too soon to start thinking up your own projects for the Bazaar.)

Prime Timers Meeting



Prime Timers, the group for those 65 years and older, will meet at

noon on Tuesday, Sept. 6, for a sack luncheon. See you there!

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What if it is not an idea that already exists but more just a picture of what should be but is not something you seem to be able to find in practice? Often in the Christian culture we do not put much critical thought into questions like: What would it look like if the kingdom of God set up shop in our midst? Who in the community is being overlooked? Or, what would it take to bring the Good News to our community? Many times the answers we search for are already there, or elements are there, if we just have the encouragement to give it a go. It is always reassuring when we discover the Spirit of God has long been at work ahead of us, and we are being invited to join in the work at hand or to implement new works for new folks.

So my questions are numerous, and the point is singular. The questions first: What would you attempt if you knew there was no way it could fail? Would you do it if failure was equally as certain? Who would you share it with? What does it look like? How would you describe or explain it to the rest of us? How much would you sacrifice to bring it into being? How much of this would you be willing to turn over completely to the Lord? At the end of the day, it is in the questions where we find the Lord's words to be true once more: ⁷“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8).

Discovering what the Lord has in mind is both exciting and terrifying, exhilarating and excruciating. At times it involves introducing new ideas that are met with marginalization or ridicule. Other times it involves jumping into the deep end of the pool and joining in on the work which began long ago. Either way, something of the kingdom of God comes to be in the world when the people of God are renewed in the innovation of the Holy Spirit.

■ Godspeed, Pastor Andrew



Cleanliness is Next to ...

You've undoubtedly noticed how clean the church is, thanks to the Ladies Fellowship and others who rolled up their sleeves and scrubbed it this summer. The Ladies Fellowship has scheduled yet another cleaning — this one beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. All help would be appreciated!

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone who answered my request for help; we now have coffee and powder creamer to use for Sunday coffee time. I also would like to thank Joe and Faye Sanford for bringing fruit and other goodies each Sunday.

■ Fran Larrabee

Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls in the passing of my father. Your loving kindness has meant so much to me and my family.

■ Tammy McMullen

A special “thank you” to David Wakeman for donating the red rock for the area in front of the church and to Richard Horton for donating the Redeemer sign on Jesse Shanklin’s property.



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Ad Council Notes



The Aug. 21 Administrative Council meeting was our first meeting with our new pastor. Pastor Andrew’s wife, Kelly, has graciously taken over the scheduling of the small group meetings since she knows their family’s availability. If you haven’t already done so, please let Kelly know what time (10 a.m., 2 p.m. or 7 p.m.) works for you. She will schedule dates and arrange the meetings. (*Pictured: Pastor Andrew and Kelly*)

Joe Sanford’s article about the “Adopt-a-Plot” grounds maintenance in last month’s newsletter has resulted in most of the plots in front of the church being adopted. There are still plots on the sides and back available, so see Joe if you can take on an area.

The reception to welcome the Gregg family will be Sunday, Sept. 25, after service. This will be a finger food potluck, so please plan to bring an easy-to-eat appetizer to share.

Pastor Andrew would like to put together a small team of people to covenant together to explore the vision and mission of the church and community, develop generative systems and help lead transformation work decided by the group. Pastor Andrew will begin talking to folks who are interested and will put together a team with the best synergy.

The Ladies Fellowship has graciously volunteered to revive the printed bulletin for our Sunday services. The bulletin can be handed out by our greeters as a way to engage new and existing attendees as they enter the church.

Redeemer on Nov. 1 will host the Chamber of Commerce luncheon to promote the Holiday Bazaar and Magical Strings concert. The Ladies Fellowship and Community Connections will work together to decorate the Chamber tables and to prepare flyers.

The fall stewardship campaign was postponed until spring.

■ **Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair**

School Supply Drive Continues...

RUMC is collecting school supplies, backpacks and hooded sweatshirts (all sizes!) for Kingston Middle. The KMS list can be found in most stores that sell school supplies. Please put your donations in the red bin in the foyer.