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# A Pastoral Word on the Grand Jury Decision in Louisville

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. — Ephesians 2:14 In response to the grand jury decision in Louisville, Ky., we offer a word of prayer and healing following the decision not to charge police officers for Breonna Taylor's death. As a nation, we are struggling with and divided by the decision. It has affected so many of us in so many ways. We grieve the brokenness of the criminal justice system. We are tired and weary of the violence. Has not God created all of us to have inherent dignity, value and worth?

Despite the anger, violence and injustice connected with this sad and horrible tragedy, we should not abandon our neighbors. Our baptismal covenant with God calls us to better relationship with one another than we are currently demonstrating. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ's presence in the world. The covenantal relationship we have with God in Christ leads us to our neighbors in a common cause to confront the reality of

systemic racism in our country.

We come together at the cross. The proclamation of the gospel is the only nonnegotiable in the life of this

church. Yet, we know the gospel can be divisive for us in our ministry for justice and peace. As we dwell in God's word, we pray God will give us the strength and the courage to act in service of the gospel's free course for the life of the world.



Because of the cross, we have peace; we have hope; we are

loved. We join with you in prayer for the Taylor family, Officer Hankison and his family, the prosecutor and his family, the grand jurors and their families, the community of Louisville and all who work for justice and peace.

#### In Christ,

-Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop, E.L.C.A. National -William O. Gafkjen, Bishop, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, E.L.C.A.

As we walk forward together as a community, "may we continue to love one another as Christ loved us."

## "Drive Thru" Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, October 31, 6:00-8:00pm.

Join your community for a fun, **safe time** of trick or treating. This year we will hold a "DRIVE-THRU" Event and there will be "TRUNKS" filled with "TREATS" for



EVERYONE. ALL are invited to come and have a great time. Watch our "sign," and visit our website at: www.redeemerlansing.com for more information.

The time for the event will be the same as the allotted time for city *Trick or Treating*.

All are invited!!!

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Sunday Choir Rehearsal, @ 8:30am Sunday Adult Study, "Various Studies" @ 9:00am Sunday Children's Study/Fellowship Time, @ 9:00am Sunday Worship begins at 10:00am \*Holy Communion is Celebrated Every Sunday and Open To all of God's Children

Sunday Luncheon follows worship Wed. Adult Enrichment Hour, 7:00pm

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Church Council meetings are open to all members.

Their normal meeting time is the 3rd Sunday of each month @ Noon.

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center Board meetings are open to all to all members, parents and community members. Their normal meeting time is the 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:00pm

#### **Helping Hands Newsletter**

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\*The editors reserve the right to make changes to all items submitted.





#### October BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Vogt	Oct.	05
Mary Ann Wilson	Oct.	
Howard Vogt	Oct.	13
Jeff Sand	Oct.	17
Jim Lamar	Oct.	26

#### October ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Paula Gartung Oct. 04

We are sorry if we missed your special day. Please let the office know of your date by calling the office, 882-8000, emailing, janhite@sbcglobal.net or dropping your name and Birth date or Anniversary date in the offering plate. Thank You!

# God Bless Your Day...



#### Please Remember...

Daylight Savings Time will End on Sunday morning, November 1 @ 2:00 a.m.

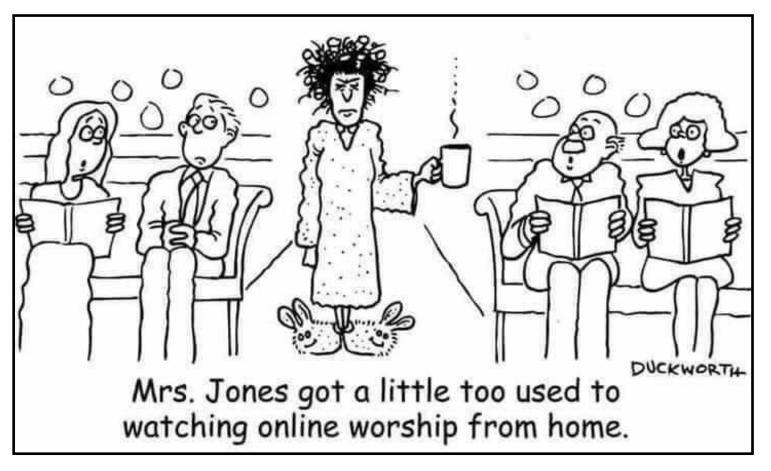
Set your Clocks Back (1) hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31st.

Yes, we "FALL BEHIND" so we have an extra hour of sleep.

DON'T FORGET!!!

Helping Hands October 2020

#### We Will Get Through This With God's Help!!



# DO WE STILL NEED REFORMATION DAY?

Ultimately the Protestant **Reformation** led to modern democracy, skepticism, capitalism, individualism, civil rights, and many of the modern values we cherish **today**.

The Protestant **Reformation** increased literacy throughout Europe and ignited a renewed passion for education throughout the world.

Today, due to Covid-19 and our society's need for JUSTICE, we cry out for these VALUES more than ever and look back on the REFORMATION more than 500 years ago. We remember those who were willing to "reform" in the name of the GOSPEL and make many changes for the betterment of ALL. YES, this HALL-O-WEEN, this RE-FOR-MATION DAY, let us look to the "GOOD NEWS" of Jesus Christ and remember we are... "Justified by Grace through FAITH

Alone."

Yes, you don't have to

work for your SALVA-

TION—you don't have to pay for it—it is a FREE GIFT from your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With that said, all that it requires from you is FAITH and the ability to move forward with the "changes" that are needed.

Right now during the challenges we face in life, we need something that is FREE. Something that guarantees

us a RELATIONSHIP with God/Jesus. Something that promises us a journey to Heaven when our time comes to venture there.

END the day we become silent about things that really matter. -Martin Luther

Our lives

begin to

So, always stand up for what is right, regardless of who is committing the wrong. Never be afraid to raise your voice for justice and honesty and truth—knowing that you are speaking against injustice, lying and greed. For if you do this it will change our world for the betterment of all of God's people and each will experience the LOVE He intended.

Do We Still Need the RE-FOR-MATION? YES, WE DO!!

**\*\*REFORMATION** 



# Helping Hands Christian Learning Center

Our Mission: to provide nurturing care to God's children through our helping hands, offering a safe haven for holistic growth.

#### October's theme is Pumpkins

Try these fun activities to help your child learn more about fall and cooking:

#### **Talk Together**

- For your baby: Look at pumpkins in the pumpkin patch or at your local supermarket. Let your baby touch the pumpkins. Talk about how they look and feel—they're big, and round, and orange. Are they smooth or bumpy? Knock on the pumpkin. Is your baby interested in this sound? Let her try to knock on the pumpkin, too.
- For your toddler: Look at pumpkins in the pumpkin patch or at your local supermarket. Talk about the pumpkins with your toddler—their color, texture, shape, and size. Use new words to describe the pumpkins; this helps expand your child's vocabulary. For example, you can talk about the scratchy stalk or the tough vine. You can talk about where pumpkins grow—in a pumpkin patch. You can talk about how pumpkins grow—from seeds (think about buying a packet of pumpkin seeds to show your child). Which of the pumpkins is your child's favorite? Why?

#### **Read Together**

Read stories about this most special part of fall
For babies, try: Plumply Dumply Pumpkin by
Mary Serfozo, The Little Pumpkin Book by Katy
Bratun, and My Jack-O-Lantern by Nancy J.
Skarmeas.

For older toddlers, good choices include. <u>Apples and Pumpkins</u> by Anne Rockwell, <u>It's Pumpkin Time</u> by Zoe Hall, <u>Pumpkin Pumpkin</u> by Jeanne Titherington, and <u>Too</u> <u>Many Pumpkins</u> by Linda White.

#### **Play Together**

- For your baby: Purchase a tiny pumpkin (or gourd) and let your baby finger-paint it using washable tempera paints. Give your baby a taste of pumpkin pie filling (look for a low/no sugar brand) or a pumpkin muffin. (But first talk to your pediatrician before introducing any new fruits and vegetables into your baby's diet.) What does your baby think of this new taste?
- For your toddler: Line a table with newspaper or a plastic tablecloth. Cut the top off a pumpkin (adults only) so that your child can help you reach inside with a big spoon and take out all the

seeds. Let your child play with the seeds and "pumpkin innards." This kind of sensory play is great fun for toddlers who love to get messy. Be aware, though, that some children won't like the feeling of the smushy pumpkin and will want to get washed up right away. When you are done emptying the pumpkin, your child can paint it using washable tempera paints or draw on it using washable markers.

Do a cooking project with your toddler.
 Try making the easy pumpkin muffin recipe below. Involve your child in scooping, stirring, and dumping ingredients in. Be sure to keep him away, though, when it's time to use the oven and let those hot muffins cool down before you dig in!

#### **Pumpkin Muffins**

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 15-oz. can of pumpkin pie filling
- 3 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice (or substitute 1 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp nutmeg, and 1 tsp cloves)
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 bag mini chocolate chips (optional)
- Blend the sugar, oil, eggs, and pumpkin together for 1 minute on high. (adults only)
- Add the pumpkin pie spice and cake mix. Beat for 2 minutes on high. (adults only)
- Mix the chocolate chips in by hand (if using).
- Pour the batter into muffin papers placed in a muffin pan. Bake as the cake mix box directs. Stick a toothpick in (should come out clean) to check for doneness. Makes about 1½ dozen muffins. Zero to Three



#### What's Happening

- 10/1—HHCLC Board of Director's Meeting
- 10/12—Columbus Day
- 10/12—Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10/24—United Nations Day
- 10/30—HHCLC Halloween Party
- 10/31—Happy Halloween Redeemer Trunk or Treat, "Drive Thru"
- 11/1—Daylight Savings Time End. \* Fall Back
  - 11/3—Election Day
- 11/5—HHCLC Bd. Mtg. 6pm



Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is a ministry of Redeemer Church and has been servicing the community for 23 years. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children. Come in today to see what we have to offer you and your family.



Sunday Schedule

Choir Rehearsal: 8:00am
-Adult & Youth Study Time: 9:00am
-Worship: 10:00am
-Lunch and Fellowship: 11:15am
-Adult Enrichment Class: Wed.7:00pm

We are a church of this community and ALL are welcome. Come as you are!



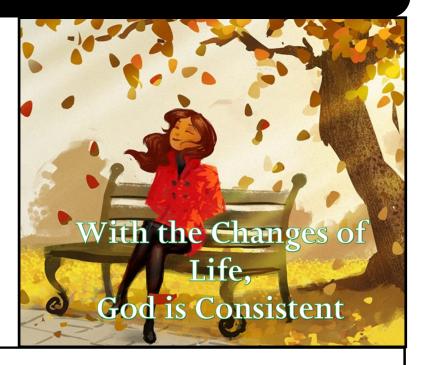
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Jon W. Jr.	10/07
Ms. Tina	10/14
Henry D.	10/25
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Ms. Mary	10/29
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Jim Noble

1948-2019

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-Vickie



#### The Helping Hands of Redeemer Church...



#### Please join us for these upcoming Events

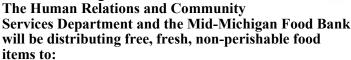
#### Mobile Food Bank...

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020

9:00-11:00am

Located: Friendship Baptist Church 2912 Pleasant Grove Rd.

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- The disadvantaged and vulnerable
- Senior citizens on fixed incomes

Families/individuals with limited or low income jobs \*All participants must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license

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great time. Watch our "sign," our October newsletter and the local newspaper for more information. The time for the event will be the same as the allotted city's time for Trick or Treating. Please spread the news!!!

#### "Thanksgiving Baskets...For the Needy"

As always, we will be providing 10 food baskets for those in need in our community this year during the Thanksgiving season.

There will soon be a sign up sheet in the Entrance Area of the church. Please sign up to bring items or to donate \$10 toward this worthy cause. If you are NOT attending church, but would like to donate food items, you can call the church and see what items are needed. Thanksgiving Call, 882-8000. Thank you.

More than ever there are families in our community who will struggle this year due to unemployment and covid. So, help to put a healthy Thanksgiving dinner on the table Thanksgiving day. Our prayer as a church is that we can still help those around us in need.

Items are due in the church by **Sunday**, **November** 22th at 11:30am. Baskets will be assembled on Sunday, Nov. 22th and made ready for pick up and delivery hat day. drivers are needed also.

Remember, Jesus said, "What ever you do unto the least of these who are my family, you have done to me." Let us reach out with the hands of Jesus and help others!

#### "Annual Ice Cream Social"...

Was held Sat. Sept. 12th, and this year it was a "Drive-Thru." The weather was good, the turnout was amazing and everyone seemed to enjoy our willingness to serve them.

Due to covid-19 we cut a lot of our regular Social activities and instead offered FREE "Hot-dog" dinners to go and of course, Free Ice Cream to go. Also, we provided Free grab bags filled with toys and goodies for all kids.



Between the donations, the sponsors, & the 50/50 raffle, we raise about \$7200.00. This was amazing, considering the battle we have been in.

#### **JOB WELL DONE!!**

#### Does Your Child Need a Coat?...

Winter will be here before you know it and with it comes the cold. Many have depended on the schools for some of their needs in the past, however that avenue is not as easy to venture down as it was a year ago due to Covid-19.

If your child will be in need of a coat this fall/winter there are 2 resources available to you.

- St. Luke's Coat Bank, 122 S. Pennsylvania Ave. (517) 482-2252, \*By Appt. Only. Child & Adult
- Love Closet @ Judson Baptist Church, 531 Glendale, 394-5411, \*By Appt. Children Only.

It is important that you contact one of these organizations as soon as you can and get set up with you need. Love Closet also has underwear and clothing for your children. Blessings.



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community witnesses to a God who is active in the world. We proclaim God's active love for all people: poor and rich; people of all cultures and races; women, men, children, younger, older, single, married, divorced, widowed, those of all lifestyles, blended families, single-parent households, ... all are welcome! You are invited to meet this community that seeks to reflect God's open and loving embrace.

# CURRENT SUNDAY MORNINGS Praise Time!

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

- Holy Communion is shared each week
- ALL are welcome \*Dress is casual

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!!

WE ARE A DIVERSE, AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY.

#### WE ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP AND TAKING IMPORTANT "STEPS" TO KEEP YOU SAFE

There are strong mixed feelings regarding churches opening during this challenging time in our society. It was after much prayer, research and many meetings that the leader-ship of our church chose to re-open.

### WHAT ARE WE DOING TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE?

- The church/entrance/bathrooms are thor-ough-ly cleaned before church each Sunday
- · Seating is marked for safe distancing
- MASKS are required
- All are encouraged to stay home if they are sick, have a cough or have any kind of fever

#### Changes in Worship are thus:

- Worshippers remain seated throughout worship time
- No singing during service
- All Tithes Collected in the Entrance Area
- No books/items in pews
- Communion is "self sealed" and given to worshipper at the door so they can commune themselves during worship
- No fellowship or food follows worship

This process has kept all attending safe & filled with the Holy Spirit for the past (3) months. Please join us!!