

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 16

Thanksgiving Baskets - Collection Ends Today

8:15am	Worship Service
8:15am	Nursery
9:15am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	Engage High School - High School Room
9:30am	Radiate Middle School - Gym
9:30am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	Worship Service
11:00am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
12:15-1:30pm	Membership Class - High School Room
6:30-8:00pm	Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6*

MONDAY • NOVEMBER 17

10:00-11:00am	MiniCo Playgroup - Nursery - Door 4*
6:30pm	Finance Meeting - Multipurpose Room - Door 3*

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 18

10:00am-2:00pm	Food Pantry Open
5:30pm-7:00pm	Food Pantry Open
6:00pm	Radiate Middle School - Gym - Door 6*

WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 19

10:00am-11:45am	Senior Bible Study - Meeting Room - Door 4*
7:00pm	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 20

6:30-8:30pm	MomCo - Multipurpose Room - Door 3*
7:00pm	Trustee Meeting - High School Room - Door 4*

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 21 - Office Closed

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 22

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 23

Giving Tree Begins

8:15am	Worship Service
8:15am	Nursery
9:15am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	Engage High School - High School Room
9:30am	Radiate Middle School - Gym
9:30am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	Worship Service
11:00am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
12:00-12:30pm	Thanksgiving Baskets - Packing Today
6:30-8:00pm	Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6*

*Door numbers refer to the large white numbers on the building's exterior, above each outside door.

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Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Sunday Services:

8:15, 9:30, & 11 am

Online: 9:30 am (FB & YouTube)

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LIVING LIFE BACKWARD

How would life look different if you chose to live with the end in mind? The biblical book of Ecclesiastes has a lot to say about living life backward...and maybe starting at the end will help us reconsider what it means to "live well" moving forward.

MESSAGE: AGE WELL

November 16, 2025

Text: Ecclesiastes 11:1 - 12:7

Pew Bible: 556-557

Welcome to Redeemer!

CHECK IN

Whether you're online, new, or here all the time, be sure to sign in on a connection card, on the Redeemer app, online, or use the QR code! You can also share prayer requests, ask questions, & more.



Membership Class is today at 12:15 pm in the **High School Room**.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR | SIGN UP

Rehearsal Dates:

- November 30 - After 11 am service
- December 14 - After 11 am service
- December 17 - Evening 7 pm
- December 21 - After 11 am service

Performance Dates:

- December 23 - Evening 7 pm
- December 24 - Afternoon 3 pm & 5 pm
- **November 23 is the last day to sign up**
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year, our Thanksgiving Offering is going towards the Youth Mission Trip 2026. The trip details are still in the planning stages, but here is some basic information:

- Date: June 20 - 25, 2026
- Location: Tennessee
- Donate online under [GIVE](#) or use a Thanksgiving Offering envelope in the Worship Center and drop it in the Offering Box.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING | SIGN UP

Decorating Day Prep - Mon. Nov. 24:

- 8 am - Move boxes from barn to main lobby

Decorating Day - Tue. Nov. 25:

- 9 am - Decorating the church
- 11 am - Move empty boxes back to barn
- Lunch provided afterwards
- Learn more & sign up online under [EVENTS](#)



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM | VOL. SIGN UP

- Sunday, December 7 | 5-7 pm
- Christmas Program performed by our Redeemer Kids
- Food and kids' crafts immediately following the program.
- FREE event; invite friends and family
- Volunteers needed!
- Kids can practice the Program songs on the Journey to Bethlehem webpage
- Learn more & sign up online under [EVENTS](#)

QCD INFORMATION

A Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) is a direct transfer from an IRA to a qualified charity, allowing individuals aged 70 ^{1/2} or older to donate directly without adding to their taxable income. This distribution counts fully toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, and the amount is excluded from gross income. Redeemer Church is qualified to receive a QCD under a section of the Internal Revenue Code. If you are interested in contributing to Redeemer using a QCD, please contact your investment manager or tax advisor for more information.



MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE | NO SIGN UP

- Campaign: Now - December 27
- Double Match Day: December 13
- Goal: raise \$5,000 so that Meijer can Double Match it for an extra \$10,000 in food-only gift cards for the Food Pantry
- Contributions to our goal can be made as a donation online to the Food Pantry under [GIVE](#) or dropped in an Offering Box on Sunday mornings.
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you for helping us bless 70 local families this year with a full Thanksgiving meal! Please join us **Sunday, Nov 23 after the 11:00 service** to help assemble the baskets.

TOYS FOR TOTS | SIGN UP

Sign up online to join us the morning of Mon, Dec 8 as we help set up the Clinton County Toys for Tot! It's light lifting with standing and walking.

FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY | NO SIGN UP

Join us on Thursday morning, November 20 at 7:30 am to help unload the monthly food pantry delivery. No need to sign up, the more the merrier. Ages 16 on up please.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL | SIGN UP

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help sort clothing donations at St. Vincent de Paul in St. Johns on Fridays, Nov 21 and Dec 19. Sign up under Outreach.

#BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

Find sign-ups & learn more online under [Outreach](#) or on the Redeemer mobile app under sign ups.

Nov 16 - Thanksgiving Basket collection ends

Nov 20 - Food Pantry Deliver -7:30am -Vol. needed

Nov 21 - Sorting—St. Vincent de Paul—St. Johns

Nov 23 - Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets

Nov 25 - Decorate for Christmas! Join us!!



Follow Redeemer Outreach on Facebook to see all the ways your donations and volunteer efforts are sharing the love of Jesus and supporting those facing tough times.

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IDEA

GENEROSITY TAKES ACTION FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

“Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again. Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.” V.9: “Young people, it’s wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do you everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do. So refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy... Don’t let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and say, ‘Life is not pleasant anymore.’” Ecc. 11:1-2, 9-10, 12:1

MY NOTES:

GETTING STARTED

What is the worst investment (of time, money, etc.) you ever made? Why?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happens when you “cast your bread” (v.1)? How will the giving of “portions” help in a time of disaster (v.2)?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 11:6. How does the advice here relate to the advice in vs. 1? How does this relate to your own life today?
3. How much do “eternal concerns” affect your daily decisions? Which areas of your life are most influenced by your faith in God? Which are least?
4. What is the biggest challenge for you in growing older? How does it affect your attitude in being “grumpy” or “grateful”?
5. How can you “remember your Creator in the days of your youth”? How can you help children to do so?
6. How has your faith in God affected your outlook on aging? On dying? On death? Which do you fear most? Or do you truly yearn for one of these? Why?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord God, thank you for the time and years that you have given to us on this earth. May we be generous and share what we have. Help us to “age well” and remember you all of our days. May gratitude characterize our hearts and lives and overflow to others. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:7. What is the overall theme that King Solomon is trying to communicate here? As you grow older, which do you want to hold on to most: (a) youthful body, (b) youthful mind, (c) youthful heart? How does generosity and gratitude affect the aging process? What does it mean in your own life?