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Youth Musical From the Beginning August 13, 14, 15



Voices of Light presents *From The Beginning* sponsored by the Youth Council of *Our Redeemer's* UMC. Come and enjoy a musical theater experience from Creation to Revelation, featuring an eclectic mix of gospel, rock, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and more, tied together with dramatically interpreted scriptures and original skits.

Ron Zemke, who directed *Godspell*, has been working with an amazing group of 28 youth from ORUMC and other area churches. All of the cast members from *Godspell* are participating in the new production. In addition to performing, the cast is helping write the material.

Performances are as follows:

Friday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15, 3:00 p.m.

You don't need tickets for the show. We will be accepting a goodwill donation to cover any costs during the performance. Any proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry at ORUMC.

For more information please contact **Marianne Rogenski** through the church office.

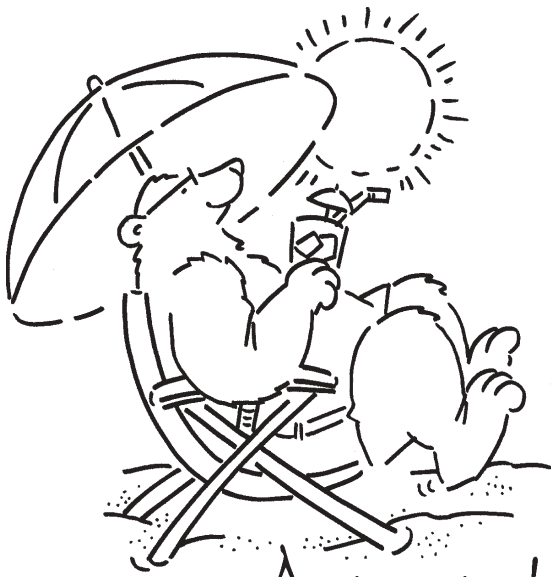
Vacation Bible School - August 2-6

UMM Golf Outing - August 22

Sunday School Rally Day - August 29

All Church Picnic - August 29

Worship Times - 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Winter and Summer
(Details Inside)



Angel of the Month Bob Kapp

by Bev Wilkes

Bob has been a member of *Our Redeemer's* 30 years or so along with his wife, **Kathie** and children, **Karen, Sharon** and **Brian**. Now that he is retired from United he has more time for his house, garden, and golf game. Bob keeps his aircraft mechanic skills sharp by working on a variety of projects around the church in addition to his home projects.

I discovered (to my everlasting joy) that if you spoke out loud about something needing to be done in our church, the next week it would probably be there all brand new or at least fixed up. No forms or who do we get to fix it for Bob! He is responsible for the Usher shelf in the Sanctuary, helped design and build the platforms for the Doctor in the House Play, and helped build the sound booth and install sanctuary lights for Steel Magnolias. He helps keep the ORUMC flowers watered and weeded and is the only person on the newsletter team that knows how to mail the newsletters (bulk mail is a real mystery).

Bob is a member of the Chancel Choir and the Men's Chorus and is often an usher when the choir is not singing. He belongs to the UMM and helps out with many of their activities such as the Spaghetti Dinner and Pizza project. Also, he can be relied upon to help with the UMW Rummage Sale every year.

All in all, Bob has long been known to be "Mr. Fix It" for everyone. If something needs to be done, just put your trust and faith in Bob. His friendly smile and sincere Christian actions are a joy for all of us and many are very proud to be able to call him "Friend".

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Freedom to Love

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Galatians 5: 13-15

Recently I have heard some painful news about our world. In the African nation of Sudan there has been a humanitarian crisis taking place. Because of a war 15,000 – 30,000 have been killed with close to 2 million refugees, whose homes have been literally destroyed. On the other hand, I was also encouraged to see our Secretary of State, Colin Powell, take strong compassionate leadership and encourage the world community to help with this imminent crisis.

As followers of Jesus, we cannot help but be touched by the pictures of suffering men, women and children. For most of us it is hard to imagine what it must be like to be in the middle of a war, to lose your home and belongings, or to become a refugee. We in the United States have been blessed with an incredible freedom that allows us to choose much of what we do. How do we each use this amazing gift that God has given us and many in our nation have defended? Paul tells us that we are to use this freedom, not as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but as an opportunity to become slaves to one another, to love one another. He finally sums up this passage by emphasizing that the *whole law*

can be summed up in, “*love you neighbor as yourself.*”

Our Redeemer’s is a wonderful place for us to be family and to know the freedom to worship, learn, fellowship together and serve as we are each called. Paul poses the question of freedom, not just to the Galatians, but to us as well. How do we use our freedom as followers of Jesus our Lord and Savior? It is my prayer that as we move into the fall of 2004 we might continue to grow in our effectiveness and potential for Christian ministry. It is so important for us that we commit ourselves to witness and mission so that we might be a place where; 1) *the hurt and the broken find healing*; 2) *the lost find their way to a grace filled life and*; 3) *the needy have the good news of Christ offered to them in word and in deed*. In this way we might all grow in our journey to become *fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ*. As we do that the resurrected Christ might continue to become a living reality for those in our local community as well as for those who are in need in the Sudan and other parts of our broken world.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Teachers and Families:

Note for the fall - it will be here before we know it! Sunday school will begin on August 29th (Rally Day).

No Sunday School on Labor Day weekend (Sept. 5th) but will resume again on Sept. 12th. Please mark your calendar!

Bible Sunday for 3rd graders is also Sept. 12th.

Sue Bruneau Retires

Sue Bruneau has retired as chair of the Education Committee. She will continue to work with the committee on various projects.

Thanks to Sue for her dedication and hard work to make our education program a success.

August Birthdays

- 8/03 **Jared Pierson**
- 8/07 **Ryan Greenwald**
- 8/07 **Jessica Rocha**
- 8/14 **Kyle Utne**
- 8/19 **Regina Byrnes**
- 8/22 **Samantha Nordli**
- 8/23 **Colleen Wilkes**
- 8/24 **Kiersten Swartz**
- 8/28 **Amy Rapp**



The Youth Council of *Our Redeemer's* has been busy with activities in July including a Carroms Tournament on the evening of July 9.

Congratulations to the team of **Lance Foss** and **Tim Shaw**—they are the official ORUMC youth Carroms champions! **Jamie Addams** and **Jeremie Lukowicz** gave them a run for their money and came in a close second. It was a fun evening for all that could attend!

Some activities for August need to be changed so please note your calendars.

The Chapel in the Sky outing originally scheduled for August 1 will be postponed indefinitely—we are hoping to get there in the fall.

Also, due to the youth musical rehearsal we will be moving the movie night back one week—it will be held at ORUMC on August 19 from 7-10pm. Come and enjoy a movie and popcorn!

Acolyte Training

Attention 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Acolyte training starts soon. Contact **Denise Pepper**, 847-882-6116, for details.



Vacation Bible School Notes

When: August 2 - 6

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We are looking for volunteers for:

- Teachers
- Craft Station Leader
- Snack Station Leader
- Outside Activities Leader
- Music Assistant

As well as assistants for all of the above.

Please call **Michelle Hill** at 847-882-6116 or e-mail at: michellehill@wideopenwest.com if you are interested in helping.

High School students are encouraged to be involved with VBS. All materials and lessons are provided.

Amy Meyer will be organizing a van service for those children who need a ride to and from VBS. Please call her at 847-882-6116 if your child needs a ride.

Registration forms for VBS are available in the office. Please sign up your children as soon as possible.

2004 Graduates:

Grade School:

Lauren Brown - Tefft Middle School
Andrew Byrnes - Canton Middle School
Nicole Clermont - Canton Middle School
Tara Hernandez - Canton Middle School
Danny Launhardt - Jane Addams Jr Hi
Kevin Machonis - Keller Jr. High
Ashley Mottar-Jay Stream Middle School
Matthew Patterson-Downers Grove Jr Hi
Nick Penev - Keller Jr. High
Ryan Randall - Keller Jr. High
Daniel Shaw - Lincoln Prairie
Kiersten Swartz - Tefft Middle School

High School:

Christine Bies - Conant
Tara Campbell - Schaumburg
J.J. Dombek - Schaumburg
Branden Jung - Hoffman Estates
Melissa Launhardt - Schaumburg
Jeremie Lukowicz - Hoffman Estates
Rachael Naumann - Hoffman Estates
Katie Oldberg - Schaumburg
Luke Pepper - Fremd
Lauren Randall - Schaumburg
Rebecca Riess - Schaumburg

College:

Michael Arcurie - Roosevelt Univ.
Ryan Bedingfield - St. Louis Univ.
Eric Hollingsworth-Western Illinois Univ.
Sarah Kobylewski - University of Illinois
Neal Papich - Southern Illinois University
Jeffrey Patterson - Purdue University



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our family camping program.

August 13-15 Lena KOA, Lena, IL

The August 13-15 campout is at the Lena KOA in Lena, IL. The campground has a nice pool and is not too far from Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park.

We will share a spaghetti dinner Saturday evening. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite sauce. Call **Don Wiebel**, 847-882-6116, for information and reservations.

September 10-12 Yogi Bear Campground Ft. Atkinson, WI

The September 10-12 campout is at the Yogi Bear Campground in Ft. Atkinson, WI. The campground has Yogi Bear in person (or in bear) along with lots of activities for the children.

We will cook brats on the grill for our Saturday potluck. Call **Marianne Rogenski**, 847-882-6116, for information and reservations.

UMM Golf Outing *August 22, 1:00 p.m.*

The annual United Methodist Men's Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 22 at The Highlands in South Elgin. All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate.

This is a husband – wife, father – daughter, father – son, and/or mother – daughter family event. Or invite that golfing neighbor as an introduction to *Our Redeemer's* members.

This will be a fun outing at a pretty nice golf course: \$50.50 per golfer- 18 holes, a golf-cart and a bucket of practice balls. Longest drive, closest to pin awards.

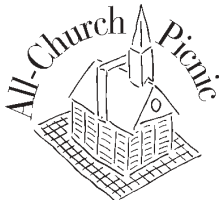
First tee time is at 1:00 PM. We need an accurate count. Sign up now at church or call **Dave Frederick** at 847-882-6116.

Worship Times ***9:00 and 10:30 a.m.*** ***All Year Long***

The Ad Council on July 15 voted to keep the worship times at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. year round.

The worship team has been experimenting with the earlier times for the last couple of summers and had discussed the proposed change with various committees.

The earlier services seem to be a trend among other churches. We believe these times will provide more potential for growing our church, particularly the second service.



Rally Day & All-Church Picnic *Sunday August 29*

Rally Day, Sunday, August 29, marks the beginning of the new Sunday School year.

There will be two worship services at the regular times followed by the All-Church Picnic.

The August 29 schedule is:

Rally Day/Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

All Church Picnic at 11:45 a.m.

Note: There will be no Sunday School on September 5. Sunday School will resume again on September 12.

We have volunteers to order the food and set up the tables for the picnic, but we need additional volunteers to help with games, tickets, and weather. If you would be interested in helping with the picnic, please call the church office, 847-882-6116.

The food for the picnic will be catered. All you need to bring is your appetite. Tickets for the picnic will be on sale in August. Advance tickets will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Tickets at the door will be limited, so please buy advance tickets if you plan to eat.



Crisis Center Needs

It is hard to believe that the stores are being filled up with back to school items already.

Please when you are getting your kids ready for school or when you are in these stores pick up extra school supplies. The center is always in need of pens, paper, crayons, markers, folders, etc. Any items that you see in the back to school aisles will be needed. The back to school items are given to the woman and children as well as families in the area who can not afford these items. Please leave these items in the back of the church in the wicker basket.

There is also a clear bin in the back for cellular phones. The center will receive money for every cellular phone that gets turned in. They need the phone only-no accessories are needed. For a complete list of items for any questions on what the center can use please call **Robin Erickson** at 847-882-6116.

Bowling League

Anyone interested in having a great time and meeting some new friends, please come and join the ***Our Redeemer's*** United Methodist Church bowling league. We bowl every other Sunday starting August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GOOD BOWLER TO JOIN! If you are interested, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-882-6116. We look forward to another exciting year!

Crisis Center Open House *September 12, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

After three long years of major renovation work the Community Crisis Center is finally ready for guest and visitors. Please plan on stopping by on September 12 any time between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. for an open house. *Our Redeemer's* has supported the center for many years. Take a tour of the center and see where and how our donations are put to use. Come see the new living quarters for the woman and children, the new playroom, office space, and counsel rooms.

The address of the center is 37 South Geneva Street, Elgin, Illinois. If you would like more details please contact **Robin Erickson** at 847-882-6116.

Register to Vote

The National Elections for President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. If you have moved (even if it is across the hall or across the street), changed your name, turned 18, or have just become a citizen, **YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE**. The League of Women Voters is currently in the process of arranging training for individuals to become registrars. On Saturday, September 11 many of the libraries in this area will have registrars available to register voters. In order to vote in the November elections, you must be registered by October 5, 2004.

If you are a registered voter check you voter I.D. card to make sure the information on it is accurate.



Personal Notes



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to:

Gaza Brunst and her family on the death of her daughter, **Shirlie Macek**.

and to:

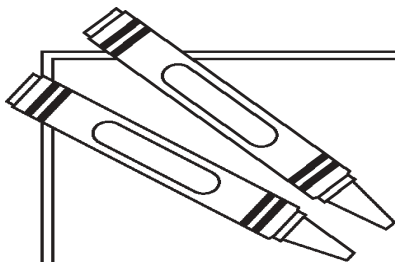
Peg Sanford and her family on the death of her sister and brother-in-law, **Sue and Paul Bell**.

He's Back from Iraq!

Former ORUMC members, **Wayne and Kathy Tummonds** are happy to report that their son **Jason** is back in the USA after a year's deployment in Iraq.

Jason said he didn't know if the happiest day of his life was the day he got married or the day he was reunited with his wife.

Wayne, Kathy, and Jason want to thank all of you who said prayers for him. Jason is sure there were several times that the Lord pulled him out of harm's way.

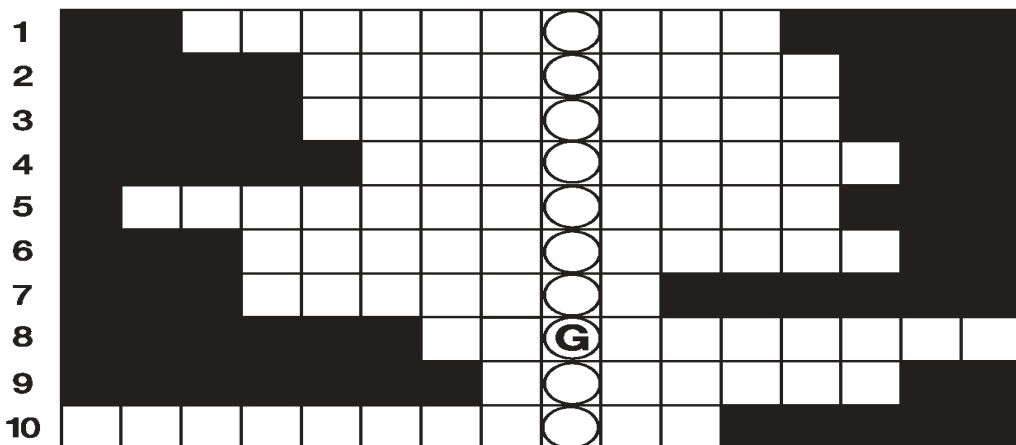


Just for **KIDS**

Fruits of the Word

Use an NIV Bible to look up the verses below. Find one word in each verse that will fit into the spaces of the puzzle. Use the circled letters (in order) to fill in the missing letters of the Proverb at the bottom of the page.

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| 1) Matthew 3:8 | 4) Psalm 107:37 | 8) Genesis 1:11 |
| 2) Amos 8:1 | 5) Deuteronomy 33:15 | 9) John 4:36 |
| 3) Isaiah 3:10 | 6) Mark 4:8 | 10) Hebrews 13:15 |
| | 7) Luke 22:18 | |



“___ WO__D AP__LY SPOK__N IS __IKE A__PLES
 __F __OLD IN SET__INGS OF SI__VER.”

—Proverbs 25:11

Answers: REPENTANCE, SOVEREIGN, RIGHTeous, VINEYARDS, FRUITFULNESS, MULTIPlying, KINGDOM, VEGETATION, ETERNAL, CONTINUALLY, “A WORD APTly SPOKEN IS LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN SETTINGS OF SILVER.”

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