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"Passion" Movie Discussion

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Palm Sunday Worship

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"Godspell" Youth Musical

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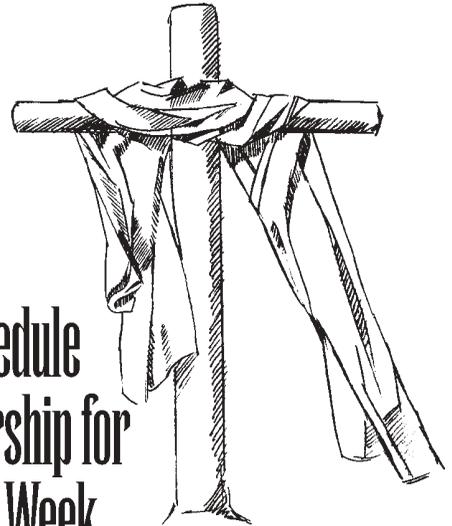
Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday & Friday, April 8-9

Good Friday Fast



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Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Service of Music

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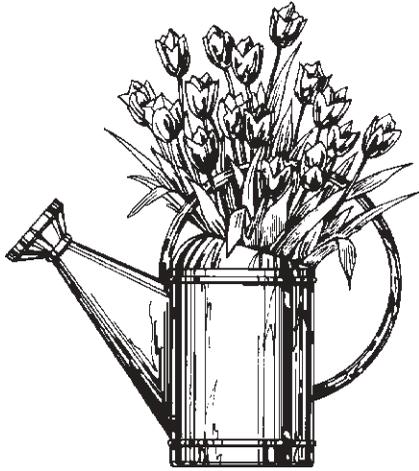
The Rock Lock-In

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The Rock Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 11, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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by Bev Wilkes

Jean Patterson is a lovely lady who can always be found at our 9:30 service as she just loves when the children participate. She has been a member since 1993 when Jay Walkington was the minister.

Both Jean and Jay came to us from the Addison church where Jay married her son and daughter-in-law and baptized their baby 2 years later. When they came to ***Our Redeemer's***, Jay did the confirmation class for Jean's grandchild.

Jean loves being a greeter so that she can meet all the new people and the friendly people she already knows. She will be helping to put together the Newsletter in the near future and she helped put together our new directory. She sometimes participates in the UMW, she is a very good prayer partner, brings food for the pantry as often as she can and loves to buy for the children in the Gift From the Heart program at Christmastime.

This year appears to be full of tiny angels who are mighty and full of Christian spirit. We are happy and proud to know Jean and thank her for her many good deeds.



Discussion Night for *The Passion* *April 1, 7:00 p.m.*

The current movie *The Passion* by Mel Gibson has brought renewed interest in the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. I had the opportunity to view the movie with many of the leaders of our church as well as with a colleague in ministry who is of the Jewish faith. Through the movie's imagery and graphic violence it left many of us speechless following the show.

In the movie Gibson gives his interpretation of the last 12 hours of Jesus' life. Much in the movie is based on the events that have been recorded in our 4 gospels. However, he has also included stories and legends that have come down through the centuries about Jesus' death and crucifixion. All in all it raises some powerful questions for us as Christian people.

On **Thursday, April 1** at 7:00 p.m., we many of us will meet in our sanctuary to discuss the movie. We will examine our theology of the cross, the scriptural accounts of the crucifixion and the meaning of these events for our lives. We will also look at some of the history of Jewish - Christian relations relating to the story of Jesus' passion. Besides myself, our lay leaders and other members of our congregation will be there to share their perspectives and experiences of the film.

All are invited to attend and be part of this event (member and non-member alike). I would encourage everybody to take advantage of this discussion as a way to grow in our faith and more deeply experience the Risen Lord in our lives.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Education

Earth Day Thursday, April 22nd

As part of our theme “Caring for God’s Creation” think of something you or your family could do in the community for that day, or the weekend before or after. The village can tell you certain areas that need cleaning up (trash), or you could just go to a local park, or walk down some streets in your neighborhood. Don’t forget to take a trash bag and wear protective gloves. You could also plant a tree or some new bushes.

Notice to Parents:

Due to the majority of people leaving town Memorial weekend, the Children’s Program has been changed to June 6th at 9:30 & 11:00. We would like them to perform at both services if possible. Teacher recognition will also be that day. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

April Birthdays

- 4/08 Luke Pepper
- 4/15 Hannah Greenwalt
- 4/21 Jeremy Miller
- 4/21 Justin Miller
- 4/22 Danielle Huber
- 4/24 Alyssa Wiebel
- 4/29 Aubrey Balk
- 4/27 Matthew Dean



30-Hour Famine

On February 27-28 the youth of ORUMC and five friends from the community participated in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine. They fasted for 30 hours—consuming only water and juice during that time—and raised money for the poor and hungry in Zambia.

During their fast they came to church and participated in games, Bible studies, service projects, and much more. It was an amazing experience for all of those involved. This is our second year participating in this event and we more than doubled the amount of money that we raised!

This year our students raised \$2629.76 and World vision has received a grant that will multiply that amount by 4! So, that means that our kids have made it possible for World Vision to feed 29 underprivileged children for a year (\$360 feeds one child for one year)!

Thanks to all of the student who participated—**Aubrey Balk, Kevin Balk, Lindsay Bucher, Christine Budz, Vanessa Clermont, Jenn Coffey, Kim Echtner, Lance Foss, Tiffany Foss, Tara Hernandez, Kyle Huber, Kiersten Swartz, Jeremie Lukowicz, Jessica Miller, Megan Moody, Jennifer Moran, Ashley Mottar, Jen Mottar, Jenna Nystrom, Kelley Oster,**

Lindsay Oster, Nick Penev, Stephanie Penev, Don Rathje, Daniel Shaw.

I also want to thank the adults that helped throughout the weekend—**Mary Balk, Marshall Nystrom, Michelle and Rich Hill, Sharon Clermont, Dan Wilkes, Donna Echtner, Cathy and Rob Mottar, Jeff Oster, Laureen and Christian Penev, Steve Miller, Ian Rogenski, Jon Montgomery, and Jami Addams**—we couldn't have done it without all of you!

Coming in April:

KFC (Jr. High)

Apr 4, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation/MYF
Celebrate Easter

Apr 25, 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation/MYF
Summer Olympics

The Rock (Sr. High)

Apr 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m. MYF

Apr 10-11 Easter Sunrise planning lock-in

Apr 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m. MYF

ASP Team Building

ASP will meet on Sunday, April 18, for a team building ropes course. We will meet at church at 11:30am and travel to Wesley Woods. We will arrive back at church at approximately 7:15pm.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Sr. High would like to extend a special invitation to everyone—you are invited to the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am on April 11. Join us for this most special occasion!



Godspell
April 4,
4:00 p.m.

Our Redeemer's Youth Council proudly invites you to enjoy the spiritual expression of our youth and area friends as they present an encore performance of *Godspell*, a musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All are invited to attend. Admission is free, but there will be a free will offering.

Godspell was conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak. Music and new lyrics were written by Stephen Schwartz. The show was a huge success, first off-Broadway in 1971, then on Broadway a few years later. The show features wonderful songs, including the famous *Day By Day*. The parables and passion of Jesus Christ are brought to the stage through drama, comedy, pantomime, and music.

Godspell is produced in cooperation with Music Theater International.





Mom's Night Out
April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Max & Erma's

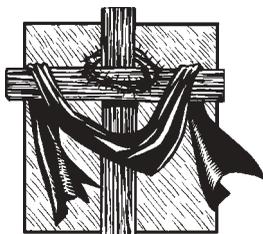
Calling all moms of school age children and younger. Join us for a fun night of dinner and fellowship, where someone else will be doing the cooking, serving and clean up!

Reservations are not needed, but if you know you are coming, please call **Annette Brown** to let her know.

Call the church office at 847-882-6116.

Good Friday Fast

April 8-9, 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a traditional day of fasting for Christians. It is an opportunity for each of us to connect more closely with God. A devotional booklet provided by the Society of St. Andrew will be available in the

narthex to guide us during the fast.

The fast will begin Maundy Thursday evening, April 8. The Good Friday fast will end 24 hours after it begins with pizza at the church on Friday evening, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. Please indicate on the sign up sheet whether you will join us in breaking the fast.



April 9, 7:30 p.m.

As a part of Holy Week, a Tenebrae service will be held on Good Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. This "Service of Darkness" focuses on the final hours of Jesus' life including his crucifixion.

The Chancel Choir will lead the worship service through their presentation of "The Shadow of the Cross". This musical setting is a reminder of the magnitude of God's love that continues through all time and eternity.

United Methodist Women

April 17, 8:30 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to our upcoming UMW meeting on Saturday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Wesley Hall. The theme of the meeting is "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial".

A program will be presented, entitled "My Healing - My Sister's Healing". Mark your calendars for this meaningful morning meeting. Breakfast is provided.

Upcoming Event

UMW Rummage Sale – May 7 and 8.

Bring rummage to church Sunday May 2 through Thursday May 6.



Crisis Center

by *Robin Erickson*

The items for the month of April will be fabric softener sheets, dishwashing soap and aluminum foil. Please leave these items in the basket in the narthex. A big thank you to everyone who makes sure that the baskets are always full of much needed items for the center.

Save the date April 6: A Rally Against Sexual Assault.

April is sexual assault and child abuse awareness month. Come join the CCC in a rally against sexual assault and abuse on Tuesday April 6 in the Lounge of the ICT building at ECC from 5:30-7:00. Speakers will include a survivor who will share her personal experience with sexual assault, as well as representatives from community organizations and state departments. Please join in to help raise awareness of sexual assault and be a voice on behalf of victims. For more information about this event call the Center at 847-697-2380 or the church office at 847-882-6116.



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our week-end family camping program. We camp from Friday to Sunday at campgrounds within a couple of hours of Schaumburg. In addition to the normal camping activities we share a potluck supper on Saturday evening. We are also planning a family-oriented worship time on Saturday evening.

Camping dates for the 2004 season are:

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| June 4-6 | Shabbona Lake State Park,
Shabbona, IL |
| June 25-27 | Starved Rock State Park,
Ottawa, IL |
| July 16-18 | Hi Tide, Leland, IL |
| Aug 13-15 | Lena KOA, Lena, IL |
| Sept 10-12 | Yogi Bear Campground, Ft.
Atkinson, WI |
| Oct 8-10 | Mississippi Palisades State
Park, Savanna, IL |

It may seem early, but reservations go quickly at the state parks. Since we might have a big group at both June campouts, we need to send in the camping reservations as soon as possible.

Please call **Rich** or **Michelle Hill** for the June 4-6 weekend and **Mark** or **Tracy Torgerson** for the June 25-27 weekend.

If you would like more information about our camping program call **Jerry McDaniel**.

Call the church office at 847-882-6116.



by JoAnne Gregorash

Spring has sprung! A time of renewal and a time that many people who do not like to venture out in the winter months now start thinking of finding a church. Besides all the visitors we will get for Easter, I think this year we should really work at looking for those people who are seeking. We all come to church to worship and to be fed with fellowship and with the Word.

With the war in Iraq a year old, I know there are hungry people out there, looking for a community. A community that will not only fill their spiritual needs, but one that will hopefully provide them with a few new friends. Sometimes, we do not think of church as a place to make friends. We think of our needs first, the need to worship, the need for renewal of our faith and certainty that God is always there for us. These are hard times for many. We have many that are without jobs, many that are worried about loved ones (be they family, friends or neighbors) involved in some way with the war.

It is only natural to think of ourselves first. But God wants us to love those neighbors just like we love ourselves. That means when you see someone hurting, when someone at work, or at the health club, or in line at the grocery store gives you that opening by

telling you of their situation, there lies your opportunity to invite them to church. By telling them how ORUMC has been a place of comfort and friendship for you, it might tempt them to come. Once these visitors come, it is up to all of us, to make them feel welcome, to extend out hand of friendship. When worshipping together as the body of Christ we start to share something very special.

That feeling should reach each and everyone sitting in the sanctuary or attending a Book of Acts drama like “Steel Magnolias” or sitting in on our April 1st discussion group of the “The Passion”, or bowling with a group of people, who while they might be Christians, really know how to have a good time! Wouldn’t that break some misconceptions people have about Christians sometime? How about those camping weekends? To be out in God’s creation, to share meals, to share fun and fellowship—what a wonderful way to introduce people to Our Redeemer’s.

The trick is the invitation. People have to be invited. Pastor Bill’s catch phrase these days is “Invite someone to Church”. I could not agree more. Igniting Ministry then goes one step farther, and says once that person is in the door, let us all make a new friend. A new friend in Christ’s love.

**Open Hearts, Open Minds,
Open Doors
The People of the United
Methodist Church**

UMW Rummage Sale

Spring is definitely here! I saw a RUMMAGE SALE sign! So now is the time to start thinking about *Our Redeemer's* annual fundraiser. Our Rummage Sale will be held this year on Friday May 7 and Saturday May 8. Please save these dates; come to help and come to buy. Here are a few hints to help make our sale successful.

- Please be sure your items are CLEAN and USABLE.
- When you bring your items, allow yourself some time to help distribute the items to the appropriate locations. All categories will be marked to make this as easy as possible.
- If you bring small appliances, please mark them as workable. If they need minor repair, please indicate that to us, perhaps we can fix it and then it will be sellable.
- If your items have been in a garage sale, please REMOVE old tags. Our rummage sale does not use tags. (All items are sold by the price lists).
- Summer clothing is in real demand, so please take time to go through your summer things. We will be taking winter clothing as well and whatever we don't sell will be donated to charity.

We will begin taking your donations on Sunday, May 2 after the second service and continue through Thursday May 6. The Sale is on Friday and Saturday so we would appreciate having all of your donations by Thursday.

We will need a lot of help! It takes approximately 60 people donating a few hours of their time to make this event successful. Look for the sign-up sheets at the end of April.

Potato Drop May 1

Sean Keenan, an Eagle Scout candidate from Scout Troop 295, presented his Eagle project to the Ad Council March 17. Sean will work with the Society of St Andrew to organize a "Potato Drop" at *Our Redeemer's* on May 1.

Sean will recruit volunteers to sort and bag 40,000 pounds of potatoes that will be dropped in our parking lot. He will also contact food pantries in the area and arrange for them to pick up potatoes. Sean will be looking for about 100 volunteers. If you are interested in helping, call the church office, 847-882-6116.

Scripture Readers



Your contribution is very important to our worship services. Thank you so much for volunteering and getting the year off to a good start. Now it is time to check your calendars and sign the list on the narthex table for **April thru August** for both services.

Your signing saves time and phone calls. Call the church office at 847-882-6116 if you would like to be a scripture reader. Thank you so much.

Steel Magnolias

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our production of Steel Magnolias. The show was successful because so many of you supported our efforts (from contributing cookies, to set construction and props, to sound and lighting, to buying tickets, to donating items, to giving advice, to ticket sales, to publicity, and on and on and on). We truly appreciated your support.

**Lynne Gaska and
Jill Wood-Naatz**

Ed. Note:

Also special thanks to Annelle, Truvy, Clairee, Shelby, M'Lynn and Ouiser for giving us two special evenings of entertainment. You girls were amazing.

Ushers

Time seems to fly when you're an usher. It's already time to sign up again for serving during the months of **May thru August**. It has been wonderful to have new people join our ranks. You have all been very generous with your time (veteran ushers, too). I know it's difficult to plan 2 or 3 months ahead, but it is so helpful when you do!

Please see the sheet at the ushers' stand and sign as often as you can and as soon as you can. Our services just can't happen without your help. Call the church office, 847-882-6116, if you would like to be an usher at either service.

Thank you very much.



Personal Notes

Christian Radio

by Sue Bruneau

If you are looking for a radio station with the right spirit, try "K Love", 94.3 F.M.

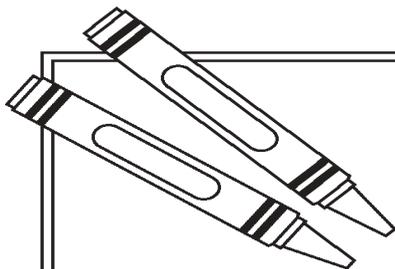


James Sohns Stebbins

James Sohns Stebbins was baptized on March 21. Proud parents are **Jason** and **Raechel Stebbins**.



Deepest sympathy to **Dianne Utne** and her family on the death of Dianne's mother, **Carolyn Hedrick**, at age 94.



Just for KIDS

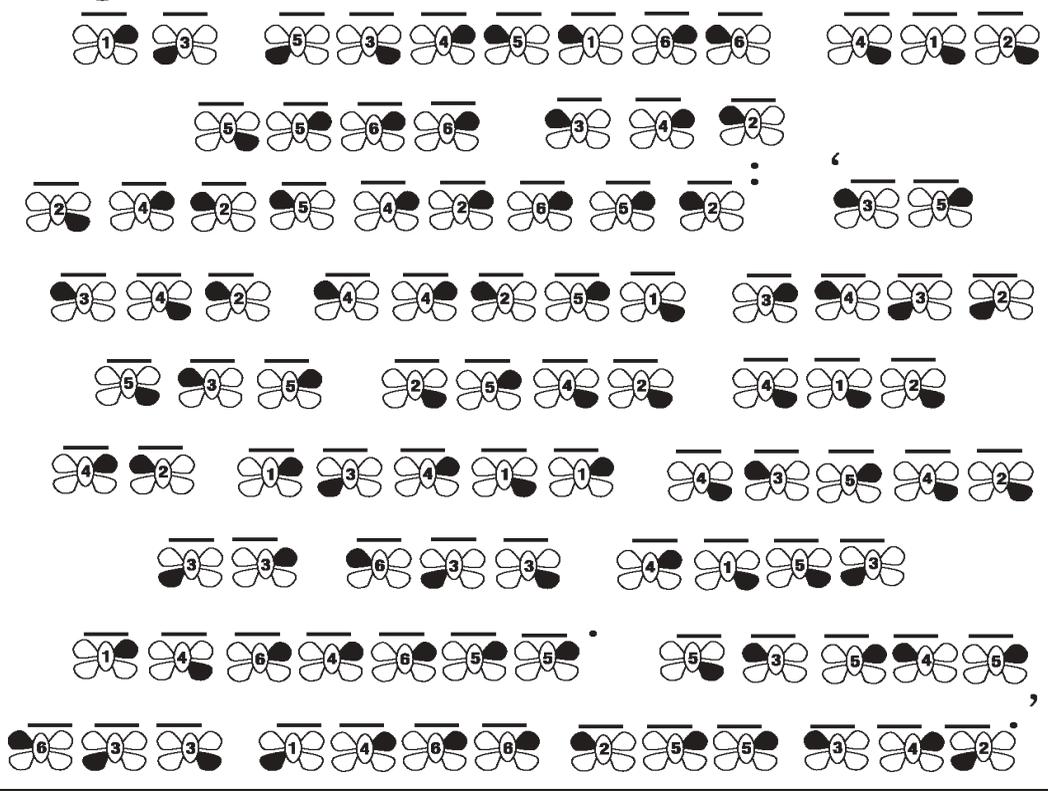
The Angel's Message

When Mary and Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb, an angel suddenly appeared before them! He told them not to be afraid and gave them a message for Jesus' disciples.

Use the code to read the message from Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: "Go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'"

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