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Purpose, Integrity and Soul

This last Sunday we came together at Poplar Creek restaurant to celebrate our ministry with our annual consecration luncheon. Forty years ago, as Schaumburg was beginning to grow, a number of people came together to start *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church. They initially met in people's homes, then began worshipping at "The Barn" (a building now located at a local park). Two of those founding members, **June Guthrie** and **Betty Oster** were at our luncheon on Sunday. It was such a wonderful sight to see these two founding members, along with many others who have devoted years of their life to ministry at the church, celebrating that ministry with youth, children and families who have just recently joined the church.

This year, as we each asked ourselves how we were to give to Christ's ministry, I proposed the following. First, we give of ourselves out of a sense of **purpose**; the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus

Christ in word and deed as we each seek to become "*fully devoted disciples*." Secondly, we give out of a sense of **integrity**. We give of ourselves with the knowledge that we are "redeemed by grace," that our giving is a response to the unconditional love God has shown us. Finally, we give out of a need within our very **souls**. Scripture tells us that giving in and of itself is an act of spiritual growth and helps us come closer to God and to each other. In addition it helps us become mature followers of Jesus Christ.

As your pastor I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to be a small part of the church's forty years of ministry. In addition I am excited about the next forty years; to see where God is leading us as a church. Although I may not be around to see all forty, I can just imagine the lives we will touch on behalf of Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Angel of the Month Annette Brown

by Bev Wilkes

It is very much my pleasure to be recommending Annette as our Angel this month. She has been a member of *Our Redeemer's* for almost 30 years along with her parents **Bill** and **Nancy Liggin** and her sister, **Becky**. After her marriage, Annette brought us her husband **Dan** and son, **Josh**.

Our newsletter does not have the space to list all the wonderful things that Annette has done and is now doing so here is a very short list of her charitable and Christian spirit. Annette is currently the Vice President of the UMW, in charge of the Mom's Night Out and a member of the Church Ladies Group. She is one of our wonderful Sunday School Teachers, the chairperson of the Vacation Bible School for many years, and she takes care of the food for Rally Day. Annette is a very active member of the Education committee. She also can be found teaching classes at the Schaumburg Rec. Center (imagine teaching 2 year olds how to cook!).

Our Angel is just that-an Angel! If you need something just ask Annette; she hasn't quite learned what the word NO means yet! Nothing seems to daunt Annette; she can be found running here and there with a big smile for everyone. No write-up would ever be complete without mentioning her courageous son, Josh who is wheelchair bound. God chose well when He made Annette a MOM to Josh. I am so proud to be one of her friends and our church is so blessed to have her working, teaching and worshipping with us. She helps to bring a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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New Life Groups Schedule *God and Abraham - The Story of Covenant Community*

November 1

Mark 14: 22-26

“Covenant & Communion”

November 8

Genesis 12:1-20

“God’s Call” - A Rough Start

November 15

Genesis 15:1-6; 16:1-15

“God’s Promise “ - Faith and
Righteousness

November 22

Genesis 22:1-19

“God’s Test” - Would You Please Repeat
That

God Become Flesh: Campin’ Out With the Almighty

November 29

Luke 7: 26-3

“Welcoming a Child” - It’s Not Like I
Imagined It

New Prayer Cards

Please notice the new prayer cards available in the backs of some sanctuary chairs. To pass on your prayer concerns to **Pastor Bill** or to the Monday night prayer group, you may place the cards in the offering plate or in the prayer request box in the narthex.

The Soup Kitchen Needs YOU! *November 14, 1:30 p.m.*

Sunday, November 14, we leave the church at 1:30 p.m. to serve supper to the homeless in Chicago. Sometimes there are well over 100 people, some with small children. It takes about 15 volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up. These people truly need our help. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile cause in helping the less fortunate. You are truly *needed!*



Electronic Newsletter

The monthly newsletter is available on **Our Redeemer’s** web site, orumc.org. Next month’s newsletter is usually available on the web site on the last Wednesday of the month. The calendar is also available on the web site and will be updated several times each month.

If you would rather read the newsletter on the web site than receive a printed copy, please contact the church office, 847-882-6116, or e-mail newsletter@orumc.org and we will remove you from the mailing list.



by Marianne Rogenski

November is here already and with it brings many fun youth activities! We have a great month planned and I hope that you can be a part of it!

Jr./Sr. High Dinner

On November 7 from 5:45-6:45pm we are having our first ever dinner for the Jr. and the Sr. High youth. This is right between the Jr. High MYF and the Sr. High MYF so just stay a little later or come a little bit early. The Youth Council is ordering pizza and we are asking that everyone with last name beginning with A-L bring a drink and M-Z bring a dessert. We have also scheduled another dinner on November 21, at the same time.

Open Mic Night

November 14 at 7pm is our 3rd annual Open Mic Night. The Sr. High is very excited about this event and we invite all in the congregation to come and be a part of it. It is a great evening of entertainment, munchies, and fellowship. If you would like to perform, there is a sign up poster in the narthex.

4th-6th Grade Group

The 4th-6th grade group's first meeting was a ton of fun! We hope that everyone had

a great time at the Fall Festival! Our next event is on December 5 from 6-7:30pm when we will be making Cookies in a Jar and playing some games. If you are interested in coming or helping please contact Marianne at marianne@orumc.org or at the church office, 847-882-6116.

Calendar

November

7

- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High MYF
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High MYF

14

- 7:00 p.m. Open Mic Night

21

- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High MYF
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High MYF

28

- 4:00 p.m. Advent Festival with Santa Pictures

December

5

- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. Jr. High MYF
- 6:00 p.m. 4th-6th Grade Cookies in a Jar
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High MYF

12

- 4:00 p.m. Children's program

19

- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner and party

Advent Festival

November 28, 4:00 p.m.

All are invited to join in the Advent Festival November 28 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The festival is a time for food, fellowship and to help decorate the church for Christmas. There will be a craft for children to work on while the parents are decorating the church. The Jr. High will be hosting pictures with Santa. They will be asking for a donation for each picture.

Supper will follow when the decorating is complete. The committee will provide chicken. Please bring a dish to pass. It will be great fun for everyone. Please plan to attend.



Children's Christmas Program

December 12, 4:00 p.m.

The children of *Our Redeemer's* will present a Christmas Program December 12 at 4:00 p.m. They will begin rehearsals October 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Performers, singers and helpers of all kinds are needed. Call Annette Brown, 847-882-6116, if you or your children can participate.

All members and friends are invited to attend the program.



- 11/08 Shawn Sullivan
- 11/09 Allison Gorvett
- 11/17 Ryan Burtis
- 11/23 Liz Gilbert
- 11/25 Nick Meyer
- 11/28 Sarah Sullivan
- 11/29 Patrick Brock
- 11/30 Kimberly Trenn



Crisis Center Items for November

The item for November is band-aids and toothpaste. Please leave these items in the basket in the back of the church. Thank you all for all of your donations to the center.



Gifts from the Heart

With the fall colors and cooler temperatures we know that autumn has arrived and soon we will be thinking of Christmas and gift giving. Please consider being a part of our Gifts from the Heart program to provide Christmas gifts to children from ChildServ, a United Methodist agency serving foster children in the Chicago area.

To participate please sign up on the sheets in the narthex on October 31, November 7, and 14 with the number of children you would like to sponsor. On November 21 or 28, you will be given the name of your child(ren), their age and a wish list and a set of instructions will be included. The unwrapped gifts need to be **returned on Sunday, December 5.**

ChildServ so appreciates the support that *Our Redeemer's* has provided in the past. They couldn't help so many children without the help from churches like us. If you have any questions, please call **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-882-6116.

If you would like to help on December 5 by helping to check-in gifts and/or help deliver the gifts to the distribution center, please call Carol.



Web Site E-Mail

Our web site, orumc.org, has the capability to assign up to 20 e-mail addresses under orumc.org. This would permit visitors to the web site, as well as church members, to contact specific interest areas within the church without publicizing personal e-mail addresses.

The orumc.org e-mail addresses are listed on the orumc.org web site under [Church Contacts](#).

Each committee can designate a member to be responsible for the committee e-mail address. The designated committee member can set up his computer to automatically check both his personal and the orumc.org e-mail addresses.

If your committee would like to set up an orumc.org e-mail address, contact Marshall Nystrom at marshall@orumc.org.

You can contact the newsletter committee at newsletter@orumc.org.



Church Ladies Night Out November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Church Ladies is a group of *Our Redeemer's* ladies OF ALL AGES who would like a couple of hours away from the house to enjoy the company of other ladies in pleasant surroundings and to have a good dinner in various restaurants.

This month we will be meeting at the Bahamas Breeze at 406 E Golf Road on Wednesday November 10 at 7:00 p.m.. Please contact **Beverly Wilkes** at 847-882-6116 for more information.

If driving is a problem, please contact Bev as this is not an inconvenience for any of us and we would not want to miss out on your company. Give us a try for good food, good fun and good friends!



Fellowship Potluck Groups

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate in the Fellowship Potluck groups. It's a great opportunity to meet new people in the church or to get better acquainted with old friends.

Each potluck group consists of four couples and/or singles who meet once in the home of each member for an evening of fellowship, fun, and food. Each member of the group hosts and provides the main dish one time. The other members alternate bringing salad, veggie, and dessert. The main purpose of each meeting is a relaxed evening of fun and fellowship.

Scheduling of the meetings is up to each group. The goal is to select dates when everyone can attend. If someone can't make a meeting at the last minute, a list of substitutes is available. You are always free to invite a guest as a substitute or as an extra if space permits.

We are recruiting members now for the fall/winter series of Fellowship Potlucks. When the recruiting is complete we will form each potluck group.

If you would like to be part of a potluck group or would like more information, call **Shirley or Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116.



Currently the Staff/Parish Committee is looking to fill two, new paid positions at Our Redeemer's in the coming year. Any qualified and interested candidates should contact the church office.

Director of Christian Education

Director of Christian Education would be a part-time, salaried position consisting of approximately 20 hours a week. Responsibilities would include working closely with the Education Committee, to support our Sunday School classes and teachers; plus facilitate Adult Education programs as well, including Bible studies, Leadership Training and New Member classes.

Praise Team Accompanist

Praise Team accompanist would be a 10 month position, from September through June. During this time, the accompanist would be expected to assist the praise team at a minimum of two weeknight rehearsals each month, then play for both of the 9 and 10:30 AM Alternative Worship Experience (AWE) services on the third Sunday.



Organist

In addition to the new positions, we are again looking for a new organist. **Jan Paskiewicz** has submitted her resignation effective October 31. Jan has served as both Chancel Choir Director and Organist and we will indeed miss her talents. The organist position is a year round position involving rehearsal times on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning in addition to the two Sunday worship services and extra holiday services during the year.



Mom's Night Out November 3, 7:00 p.m.

All moms are invited to meet for an evening of food and fellowship November 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Fox and Hound. Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially for those with school age or younger children. If you are interested please call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116 to RSVP. You are always welcome to join the group for dessert at the last minute.

Note that the December meeting will be December 1 at Damon's.



Christmas Poinsettias

by Joanne Gregorash

I know that you are probably asking yourself, isn't it a month early for Christmas flowers? It is, but the reason for this is that this year we would like to try something different.

It has been suggested that we should have the flowers for all or most of Advent instead of just the Sunday before Christmas so that is what we are going to try.

To that end, we ask that all of you who would like to help us with Christmas decorations by ordering a live plant, to please use this order form to order a poinsettia (red, pink or white).

We will order them for you, take delivery for you, arrange them for you and all you have to do is pay for what you order and decide if you want them in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or in honor of our Savior's birth. When Christmas has passed you are free to take them home.

The poinsettias are \$10 again this year and can be ordered by filling out the form below, attaching payment and putting the order in the basket in the narthex, or dropping it off to the office during the week.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, November, 21. Please try to get your order in early so I can give our florist an early estimate of our needs. A volunteer has stepped forward who is willing to water the plants on a weekly basis so they will still be beautiful on Christmas morning.

In past years, our sanctuary has been transformed by these flowers into a place that truly reflects our joy and thankfulness to God the Father for sending us his Son. This year let us join together in love and fellowship and let the whole world know that we celebrate as Christians the birth of the baby Jesus and know what that birth means to us as children of God.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity: Red _____ Pink _____ White _____ Cost _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

United Methodist Women November 20, 8:30 a.m.

All Women of the church are invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, November 20. This month's Breakfast Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

The meeting program will include a presentation on our "WORLD THANK OFFERING." Please mark your calendars for this informative meeting. Breakfast is provided.



UMM Pizza Sale

The United Methodist Men are cooking again (well, really just assembling pizza kits again). They will be taking orders for pizzas during November for pickup on November 28. The following pizzas will be available:

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|--------------------|--------|
| Cheese | \$5.00 |
| Cheese & Sausage | \$6.00 |
| Cheese & Pepperoni | \$6.00 |
| Meat Lovers (S&P) | \$7.00 |
| Vegetable | \$6.00 |

Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to **Linda Dombek** and family and **Lauri Launhardt** and their families on the death of their father, **Albert Cromer**.

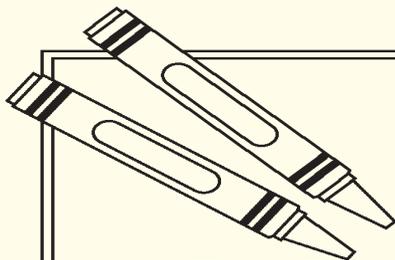
We also extend deepest sympathy to **Donna Wells** and her family on the death of her husband, **Bob Wells**.

Deepest sympathy to **Barbara Will** and her family on the death of Barbara's mother, **Doris Scott**.



Congratulations to **Sarah** and **David Hensel** who are the proud parents of a new son, **Joshua Stephen Hensel** born on October 6.

His proud grandmother is **Shirlie Witte**.



Just for **KIDS**

King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).

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| CODE | 1 = everlasting | 6 = honor | 11 = ruler |
| | 2 = exalted | 7 = kingdom | 12 = thanks |
| | 3 = glorious | 8 = LORD | 13 = things |
| | 4 = God | 9 = O | 14 = wealth |
| | 5 = head | 10 = praise | 15 = you |

" _____ be to _____ , _____ , ...
(10) (15) (9) (8)

from _____ to _____
(1) (1)

Yours, _____ , is the _____ ;
(9) (8) (7)

_____ are _____ as _____ over all.
(15) (2) (5)

_____ and _____ come from _____ ;
(14) (6) (15)

_____ are the _____ of all _____ .
(15) (11) (13)

Now, our _____ , we give _____ ,
(4) (15) (12)

and _____ your _____ name."
(10) (3)

"Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

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