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*Paul
Patterson*

Our first Angel for the year 2005 is Paul Patterson who has been a member of Our Redeemer's for a good many years along with his wife, Paula and daughter, Jill. What a great musical trio this family is!

Paul is a definite great leader of our church and his community. He is the Assistant Superintendent of Elgin School District U-46 and he leads the Band of Angels (which is in desperate need of new members so please contact him).

Paul is now in the choir standing tall in the back row and is also a member of the Men's chorus. He has been on the Nomination committee and on occasion has been a big help to the Staff Parish committee. He deserves a lot of credit for all the input he gave us when the Risk Management Policy was reviewed a couple of years ago. Paul has often helped out the Vacation Bible School and can be seen in their dramas.

We love to brag about our members that work so hard in bringing music to our ears and hearts. Paul has helped many an "angel" sing and we are so grateful to be able to claim him as one of our "Angels". Happy New Year!

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Learning God's Word

In the past two years we as a church have made a commitment to grow as a teaching church. We have a long and wonderful tradition of using the Disciple Bible Study program, with many who have completed the entire series. A few years ago we offered the Disciples of Christ in Community study. Last year we did a year long study, examining what it means to be a Bible Believing Christian. We also had a wonderful Lenten study focusing on ministering to children & to those who lack financial resources. As we begin a new calendar year I would like to offer you a special invitation to the study & fellowship opportunities we have available at Our Redeemers.

Woman's Bible / Book Study

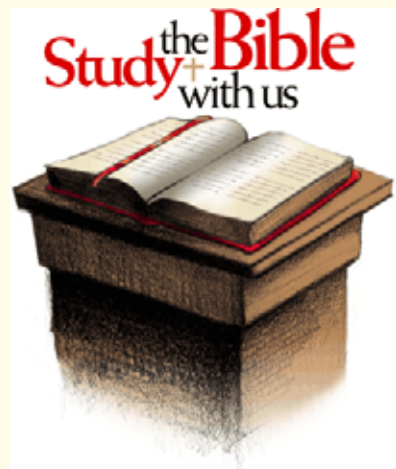
On Monday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 a number of women from the church meet for fellowship and Christian growth. We have just completed the book The Purpose Drive Life. On January 10 we will begin a six week study on the book Do What You Have the Power to Do: A Study of Six New Testament Women. All women are invited. If you are interested please call the church office or just drop in on Monday mornings.

New Life Bible Study

On Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 we will be conning our 3 small group Bible studies. Following Christmas the study will start on January 10th. The entire group meets in the sanctuary for a short Bible teaching, then breaks into small groups for fellowship & discussion. We also have communion once a month. The leaders in these groups are **Marshall Nystrom, Ian Rogenski, Annette Brown, Ellen Kobylewski, Allison Bies & myself (Pastor Bill)**. Beginning in January we will study the story of Moses from Exodus. Then beginning in Lent (February 14) we will offer a study on spiritual gifts. If you are interested you can call & speak with Pastor Bill or just drop in on Monday nights. See you there.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bill



Cell Cross Tithe



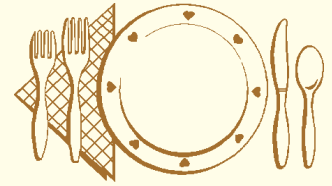
For the second year, the Ad Council has endorsed tithing of the income received from Sprint to be used for missions. The \$2400 this year has been allocated to the Rainbow Covenant program of the Northern Illinois Conference. By paying 100% of our apportionments and embracing all the colors of the Rainbow Covenant, Our Redeemer's will again become a Rainbow Covenant church.

Three hundred dollars each has been given to:

- International Advance Projects (Burgundy) - Church Center for Advancement of Mission Programs and Services Philippines
- U.S.A. Advance Projects (Red) - Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre, South Dakota
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (Orange) - UMCOR Disaster Response International and Heifer Project International
- The Millennial Challenge (Yellow) - India Reconnect
- Conference Benevolences (Green) - Marcy-Newberry Association
- District Projects (Blue) - United Church of Rogers Park Community Feast
- Support of Missionary Personnel (Indigo) - Danira Parra LaSalle, IL

Our Redeemer's has been blessed with the income from the Cell Cross. In turn, we should continue to use as much as possible of it to be a blessing to others.

Church Ladies Nite Out



The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, January 19th at 7p.m. to Yu's Chinese Restaurant located on Golf Road. Please join us and bring a friend! If you are in need of a ride, please contact **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. If you don't like to go somewhere alone, also contact Bev as we want everyone to come and have good food, good fun and good fellowship.



The item of the month for January is hats, scarves and gloves. With the cold weather that we are having please pick up a few of these for the woman and kids. Thank you to everyone for always making sure that the baskets are full for the Center.



Thank You

For all the cards, get well wishes and prayers given to me during my surgery and therapy I am deeply grateful and must say Thank You. Our Redeemer's has and does hold a special place in my heart.

I had surgery Sept 30 and hospital care until Oct 4. I was in the Ostrander nursing home from Oct 4 until Oct 29.

I am back home now living in my apartment and doing fairly well here among friends here at Wildwood Grove.

Thanks so much.

*Love,
Ken Finke*

Dear church family,

I want to take a moment to thank you all for your generous staff gift this year. It is very much appreciated by myself and my family. I really love the work that I am doing here at ORUMC and you are all amazing people!

Thank you for thinking of me during the Christmas season.

*Love,
Marianne Rogenski*

Mom's Night Out

January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a night of food and fellowship at Chevy's Restaurant. Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially for those with school age or younger children.

Please RSVP to **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116. Feel free to come at the last minute and join us for dessert.



A church group and I went to a soup kitchen to help with the dinner that the kitchen was going to serve. When I first looked at the building I thought the people who ran the building were very poor because the building was very old and crummy, but on the inside it was very neat.

Then, everyone who went had a job. We had spaghetti with peppers, corn with peas, salad, fruit salad, garlic bread with garlic spread, candy, pudding, cookies and soup.

When the people entered the room they were offered peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Also, there was a table full of bread that the people could take for free when they "traveled".

We did have to clean up after them, but feeding their hungry and poor faces made me feel so rich that I thought of myself as spoiled. When we all went back, we were happy for what we did.

Kasey Conquest

United Methodist Women

Attention: All Women of the Church

Make a New Year's Resolution! Attend UMW meetings in 2005.

We will meet the third Saturday of every month (excluding July and August) and have a variety of meeting topics and events planned for the New Year.

In addition, not only are we all about worldwide mission support, but we are also all about FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & FUN.

Our January breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 15th at 8:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room. Our meeting program will center on the UMW Pledge Service for our unit of the organization. Breakfast is provided.

Thinking about the Rummage Sale?

Thinking about the Freezing Winter?

This year the UMW are **NOT** going to accept winter coats for the Rummage Sale. Instead, please bring your warm coats during the weeks of January 15th and 22nd and we will deliver them to PADS, the Crisis Center and the Prisoner Release Program.

Please keep the Rummage Sale in mind when cleaning up after Christmas!



Welcome Our New Members

Lois Browning

Mary Busch

Katheryn Schaefer

Cathy & Andreas Stout

Karen Trenn

Margaret Young





ASP News:

Hello ASPers! By now everyone should be aware of the dates that we will be in Leslie County, KY--July 30-August 6, 2005. This county is right next to Perry County where the 2004 ASP team was. If you are on the list for ASP team 2005 and will not be able to go, please let Marianne know ASAP. If you would like to go, but have not yet told anyone, please let Marianne know ASAP!

For all that are planning on going on the ASP trip in 2005, there will be another meeting on January 11 from 7:30-8:30pm. We will be talking about fundraising, deposits, and doing the first of several required study sessions. If you are on the 2005 ASP team it is important that you try to make as many of these meetings as possible so please mark your calendars now!

If you are not able to make the meeting please contact **Marianne** at marianne@orumc.org or 847-882-6116.

Hope to see you there!

Marianne

Our next youth dinner will be on January 9 from 5:45-6:45pm. We need parent volunteers for this event so please contact **Marianne** at marianne@orumc.org or 847-882-6116 if you are available. The dinners are a wonderful time for fellowship for the Jr. and Sr. High students with good food and games. We hope that you can be there!



The annual ski retreat is coming soon! We will be taking around 30 youth and adults to Wesley Woods January 21-23 for fellowship, skiing, and a Saturday night concert. We hope that the group has safe travels and a wonderful time.

Jr. High

Jan 9	Confirmation	4-5pm
	MYF	5-5:45pm
	Youth Dinner	5:45-6:45pm
Jan 23	Confirmation	4-5pm
	MYF	5-6pm

Sr. High

Jan 9	Youth Dinner	5:45-6:45pm
	MYF	6:45-8pm
Jan 16	MYF	6:30-8pm

Looking ahead...

The 30 Hour Famine will be February 25-26 with Famine Sunday being February 27. The youth council will begin handing out information early in January so start checking your calendars and thinking about this challenge! We hope to make it the biggest one yet.



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to Herb and Mary Knoppel and their family on the death of Herb's sister, **Nancy Knoppel**.

Also to the family of **Betty Oster** who died on her 81st birthday, December 14.

We all lost a good friend on December 14. Even if we didn't know her personally, Betty was everybody's friend. Betty was a charter member of Our Redeemer's and has been sharing smiles and hugs here for 40 years.

Over the years Betty was active in many Our Redeemer's groups including United Methodist Women, Bible study, book study, the Chancel Choir and the prayer group. Betty and her late husband, Tony, brought their whole family to Our Redeemer's. In the early days they were regulars at the after-church potlucks.

Betty also served outside Our Redeemer's. For years she was our representative to Church Women United and always volunteered to take people to the meetings. She was a regular at Friendship Village - shopping for, caring for, and just visiting residents. Betty also delivered Meals on Wheels.

During her final illness she remained in good spirits. At the Open Mic Night on November 14, she sang two numbers and was the hit of the show. She visited her daughter, Ellen, in Washington for Thanksgiving. As a last minute surprise to Betty, her gang delivered her to the airport, but then got on the plane and went with her.

She was tired, but able to enjoy the company of many friends at her birthday open house on December 11. She said goodbye to her family on December 12 and passed away on December 14.

We in her Our Redeemer's family share in her loss. She will be missed, but never forgotten.



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| 1/05 | Ian Klocko |
| 1/07 | Nathan Kessler |
| 1/08 | Noni Victoria |
| 1/11 | Nicole Victoria |
| 1/17 | Matt Kucera |
| 1/19 | Thomisina Beene |
| 1/20 | Morgan Schmidt |
| 1/25 | Drew Shiffer |
| 1/26 | Megan Gaksa |
| 1/26 | Tim Shaw |
| 1/27 | Jonathan Dean |
| 1/28 | Hayley Dombek |
| 1/30 | Danny Launhardt |
| 1/31 | Nick Penev |

Congratulations on Your New Baby!

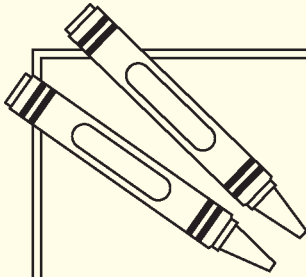


Congratulations to Dan and Amy Meyer on the birth of their new daughter, **Emily Rose**, born December 7.

Baptism
Taylor Marie

Marmorstone was baptized December 5. Proud parents are Bart and Lauri Marmorstone.



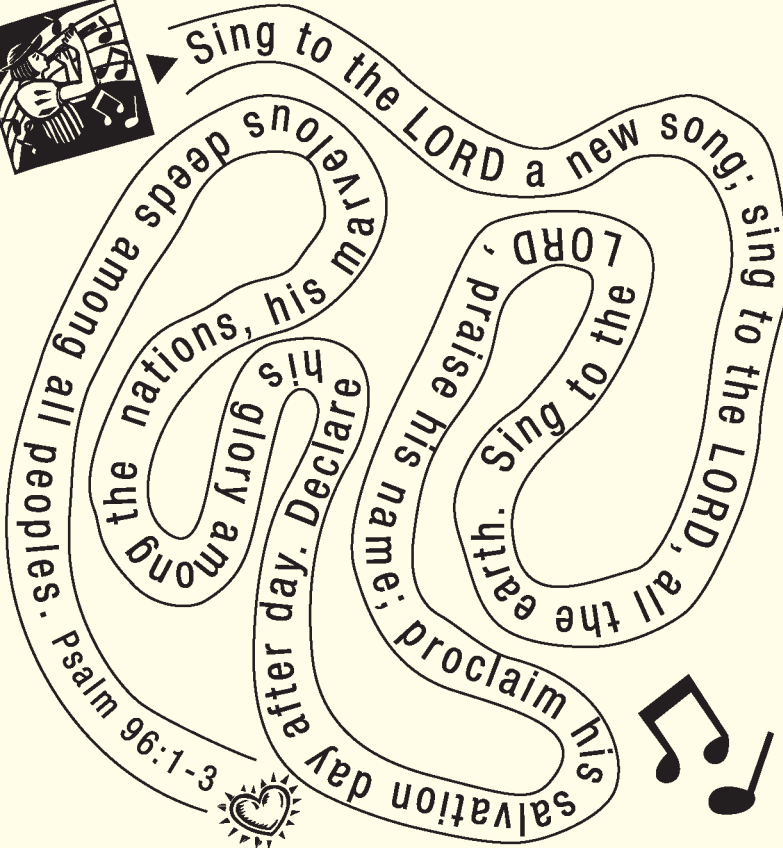


Just for **KIDS**

David's Psalm of Praise to God

When we welcome the New Year, let's not forget to praise God!
In the Bible, David praised God often in his psalms.

Follow the path to read David's Psalm of Praise.



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