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A Tale of Two Saints

by Bruce Bedingfield

Through the years, I've submitted a number of devotions to The Upper Room for their consideration. It seems an appropriate way to thank that devotional for all the inspiration and guidance it's given to me. They've actually published a couple of my entries; more often they politely decline them.

I wrote this piece a few years ago and shared it with our Administrative Council. I also shared it with Don Weibel and Richard Vales, the two heroes of the story. (They, of course, denied their sainthood.) Since it won't be published in the Upper Room, I wanted to share it with our congregation. It's based on Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

We have a saint in our church congregation; his name is Richard. Actually we haven't seen Richard for years. He went on a business trip to the Philippines where he heard a call to serve the needy children he saw. Richard sold

his possessions to live in poverty as he serves these impoverished children of God.

We have another saint in our church congregation; his name is Don. Don's service to God is not as dramatic as Richard's, yet I cannot imagine our church functioning without him. Through his many years of church membership, Don has filled just about every position and performed every task. Now, in retirement, Don is all the more a blessing to our church. When no one else will do a job, Don is there to do it.

I recently learned that Don once performed another special act of Christian service. When Richard first visited our church, it was Don who met him in the parking lot and walked him in under an open umbrella. Shortly after that act of kindness Richard decided to join our church. And it was through church membership that Richard became the Christian he is today.



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Angel of the Month Janet Law

by Bev Wilkes

Jan has been a member of ***Our Redeemer's*** for over 10 years and is slowly but surely getting herself involved in some of our ministries. She is a very quiet lady who was shy about getting involved but she bravely put both feet into our "ministry waters" so to speak.

Jan is now one of our Greeters which means she has to get to church fairly early to say "hello" to each and every one of us. She is part of our UMW and will help out when asked. Jan is a faithful member of the Monday Morning Book Study and joins the group for lunch afterward. She is one of the founding members of the Church Ladies Nite Out and helps us decide where to go each month.

Jan did not start out getting involved in ***Our Redeemer's*** ministries as she has several grandchildren that she loves to babysit and one thing just started to lead into another. It is very hard to get people to be in one ministry and now Jan has ended up in FOUR so far. Jan is a good friend who quietly joins in where she is needed; we really need more like her.



Pastor Bill and his family are on vacation in Vietnam. Look for lots of stories in July.

Finance Report

Our finances continue steady, below budget for Congregational Gifts & Tithes by 5%, but also below budget for Expenses by 14%. See the details in the chart below.

We (Finance Committee) hope we (ORUMC) do not get farther behind during the summer. We ask everyone to continue to meet their pledges as soon as possible if they miss worship because of vacation, etc.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through May 2005

Category	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	129,765	136,691	(6,926)	-5%
Sprint Rent	10,485	10,485	-	0%
Other Income	11,714	11,202	512	5%
Total Income	151,964	158,378	(6,414)	-4%
Total Expenses	142,995	165,929	(22,934)	-14%
Net Income (Loss)	8,969	(7,551)	16,520	

Church Ladies Nite Out July 27, 7:30 p.m.

The church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. to Lone Star on the corner of Higgins and Barrington Rds. Please join us and bring a friend! If you are in need of a ride or have questions, please call - **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food!



Crisis Center Items

Please bring in new or gently used swimsuits for women and kids. Elgin gives the center free pool passes for the summer.

Please leave these in the baskets in the back of the church



by Marianne Rogenski

ASP

The final meeting is July 13 from 7:30-8:30. Before this meeting you will be receiving some forms in the mail and you should bring them to the meeting. We will also be going over final details of the trip—please try to make this if you are part of the ASP 2005 team!

The rent-a-crew project will not be happening this year due to time constraints. Sorry to anyone that was looking forward to it!

During the final two weeks before our departure we will be handing out bracelets that the students have made. We are just asking for a donation and that you wear the bracelet while we are in Kentucky and pray for us during that week—look for them in the narthex!

Youth Council

The Youth Council will hold their big planning meeting in the middle of July. If you are interested in being a part of the youth ministry this year and would like to attend this meeting, please contact Marianne at 847-882-6116 or marianne@orumc.org

Voices of Light

Voices of Light, the musical/drama ministry that brought us *Godspell* in 2003 and *From the Beginning*.in 2004 will be performing at ORUMC once again! This is an amazing group of young people that is led by **Ron Zemke**, the music teacher at Lincoln Prairie School.

It is a blessing for ORUMC to have this group be a part of our ministry and we are so glad to host them this summer! This year they will once again be working on an original show that will be titled *Wonders*. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13.

Barrel of Monkeys

We have one more event this summer that we are very excited about! This will be something that we will do for the 4th-6th grade group, the Jr. High group, the Sr. High group, and other families that may be interested.

We are going to go to Chicago and see Barrel of Monkeys. Barrel of Monkeys (BOM) is an ensemble of actor/educators that creates an alternative learning environment in which children share their personal voices and celebrate the power of their imaginations. BOM accomplishes this through creative writing workshops and in-school performances of children's stories. BOM also engages the broader community in support of the visions of children through public performances of their work.

For more information on the group please visit their website at www.barrelofmonkeys.org

We will be seeing the performance on July 18, 2005. We plan on leaving the church at 6:30pm, the performance is at 8:00 p.m. and we will arrive back at church around 10:00 p.m. This should be a great time.

A sign up sheet will be appearing in the church office window soon. ticket prices are \$7 for youth and adults; \$5 for children under 12. Please use that to let us know if you are interested in attending this hilarious show, and also if you would be willing to drive others.

We're hoping to have a final count by July 10th, to make certain we've got enough tickets and drivers, so either sign up right away, or contact **Jamie Addams** at 847-882-6116 or JAMnJLA@aol.com for any further information.

Youth Calendar

The calendar for the summer is very relaxed and fun! The events below are for both Jr. and Sr. High students.

June 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

We will be watching movies at church! There will be video and pictures from past events such as 30 Hour Famine, ski trips, Open Mic nights, etc! Come and watch, remember, and laugh! There will be munchies and fun!

July 18, 6:30 p.m.

Barrel of Monkeys

August 12 & 13, 7:30 p.m.

Wonder by **The Voices of Light**

August 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Youth Carrom Tournament. Come and challenge last year's champs and maybe walk away with a prize! There will be food, of course, and also other games for those not interested in Carrom!



07/01	Samantha Miller
07/06	Scott Huber
07/09	Chris Rocha
07/11	David Rocha
07/12	Isaac Rogenski
07/12	Emily Trenn
07/19	Jessica Miller
07/20	Jenna Nystrom
07/21	Jamie Gendlach
07/24	Morgan Gire
07/24	Sarah Meyer
07/30	Don Rathje
07/30	Andrew Byrnes



ORUMC Family Camping

The ORUMC Family Campers have chosen state parks for our campouts this year. Because these parks fill up quickly we have all ready sent in reservations for the June through September campouts.

If you didn't get a chance to make a reservation, it's still not too late. Space may still be available. Contact the following camping hosts for information on our campouts.

July 22-24

Lake LeAquaNa State Park

Lena, IL

**Wade & Sue Brown or Joe & Diane
Rocha**

August 12-14

Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL

Mike & Amy Johnson

September 9-11

Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI

John Montgomery & Jamie Addams

October 7-10

Rock Cut State Park

Loves Park, IL

Ian & Marianne Rogenski

Call 847-882-6116 for more information.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

July 9, 8:00 a.m.

Old Country Buffet Barrington Rd

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on July 9. Note the new location – Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road. Look for us in the banquet room.

The doors open at 8:00 a.m. Make sure you say you are part of the UMM group to get the discount price.

United Methodist Women

We have no meetings in July or August. We will resume UMW meetings with our breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Disciple I

Starting in September

Disciple I is a spiritual journey that will begin in September and run through May (roughly the school year). It is a Bible study course (homework is required) that will meet weekly from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The evening will be determined based on the desires of the students and availability of the leaders.

Amy Johnson and Annette Brown will be the leaders. Call the office, 847-882-6116, and leave your name if you are interested in attending.

More information will be coming in August.

Hindu Temple Tour

July 18, 9:30 a.m.

On Monday, July 18, the Monday Morning Book Group will be going for a guided tour of Shri Swainarayin Mandir (Hindu Temple) located on the east side of Route 59 immediately south of Army Trail Road. There are only 2 of these temples located in North America. The other one is in Houston, Texas.

We will meet at church at 9:15 with the tour of the temple beginning at 10:00 a.m. The outside gardens are not completed, but there is a large parking lot with handicapped accessibility. The education and prayer center is in one building and the temple is for worship is in another.

The tour will last at least an hour. Shoes are not allowed in the prayer sections or worship centers, so please wear socks or hose. Also no shorts or mini skirts are allowed. If you would like to join us for the tour and lunch at Next Cafe, on Route 59, please call Shirley Odegaard, 847-882-6116, by July 15. Also let Shirley know if you are able to drive.

This should be a most interesting trip. All are welcome.

Mom's Night Out Is On Summer Vacation

Mom's Night Out is taking a vacation in June, July and August. We will resume on September 8.

Out of the Darkness

July 16-17

Every 18 minutes, someone in the United States completes suicide. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is sponsoring a 20-mile, overnight walk to raise money for suicide prevention research and to aid those touched by suicide.

Skyler Campbell was baptized, confirmed and grew up as part of Our Redeemer's church family. He tragically took his life on April 16, 2004. Depression, a serious mental illness, and drug addiction, (self-medication), are believed to be the cause.

Skyler's mother, **Sue Zimberoff**, along with **Tara Campbell, Donna Echtner, Kim Echtner, Fawn Breda** and **Reynae Kane** are working on the crew for the Overnight, in Skyler's memory. **Meghna Richards**, new to Our Redeemer's, is also participating in the walk.

If you would like to contribute to the Overnight, call Donna in the office or pick up donation forms in the Narthex.

All Church Picnic

August 21

Gwyn Greenwalt has volunteered to coordinate the All Church Picnic, August 21.

Mark your calendar and be prepared to say "YES" when she asks you for help.



Personal Notes



50th Anniversary

Congratulations to **Ralph and Barbara Will** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary June 10. They were joined by 44 friends, family members and fellow golfers (Ralph's) to celebrate in Branson, MO.



Vacation Bible School

We would like to give a big thank you to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. We couldn't have made VBS such a success without you. We really appreciate all the time and effort you put into enriching the lives of children.

We are very grateful for those who helped set up and decorate the Sunday before VBS, for classroom teachers and helpers, for the craft, recreation, music and snack volunteers, for those who brought snacks and for those who signed up to pray for the children.

In God's love,
Marianne Rogenski and
Michelle Hill

Open House!!!

Dave and Roberta Frederick moved to Schaumburg in 1981 and have enriched Our Redeemer's United Methodist church family for over 20 years. Their 3 children, Lisa, Kara, and David, grew up here in our midst.

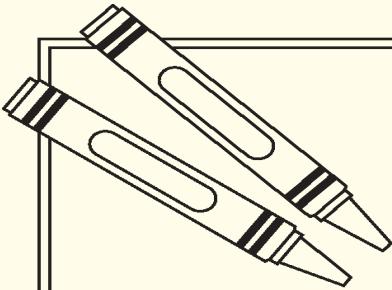
They have sold their home and will be moving to Columbus, Ohio in mid-July. You are invited to a farewell open house in their honor on **Wed. evening, July 6 between 5-10 pm at the home of Jim Naatz and Jill Wood-Naatz**. Please come to wish them well and stay as long as you can. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

Please call **847-882-6116** if you have questions or need directions.

Directions will also be available for you to pick up on the table in the narthex at church.



The congregation extends sympathy to **Ralph Will** and his family on the death of Ralph's brother-in-law, **Art Bonner**, on June 17.



Just for KIDS

Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

BETHANY
BETHLEHEM
BETHSAIDA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI
CANA
CAPERNAUM
DECAPOLIS
EGYPT

EPHRAIM
GALILEE
JERICHO
JERUSALEM
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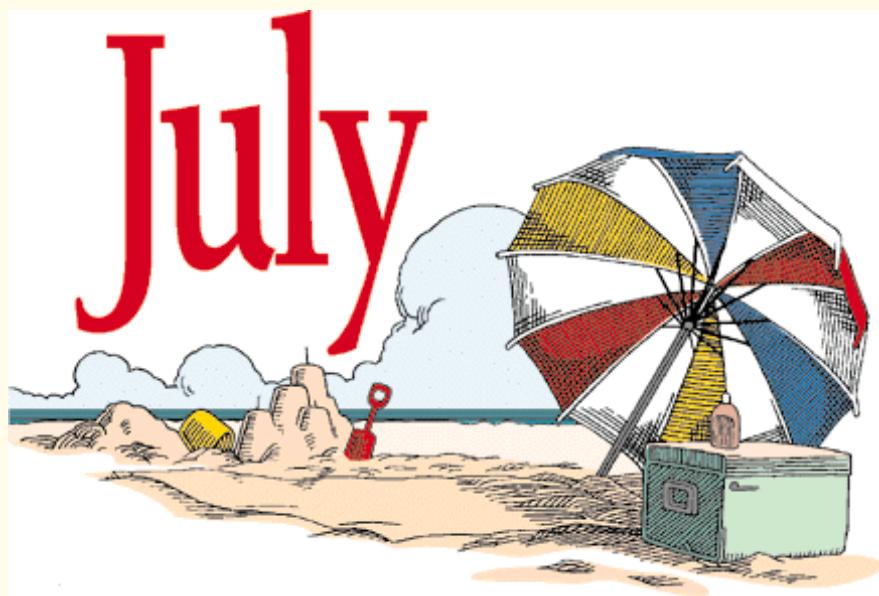


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