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Service to Remember the Holocaust

May 5, 7:00 p.m.

Many of us remember or have learned about World War II. Many in our community served in that war or helped support our troops during war. We also remember some of the horrors of that war, especially the holocaust and the Nazi death camps.

On *Thursday May 5 at 7:00 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue* will be holding a remembrance service for the victims of the holocaust. Mr. **Werner Coppel** (Auschwitz # 117013), a survivor of the death camp at Auschwitz, will be the speaker. **Rabbi Max Weiss** has asked **Pastor Bill** to be part of the service and has invited us as a congregation to come and be part of this important day of remembrance.

All Church Pentecost Potluck

Sunday, May 15, 11:45 a.m.

It's time to celebrate Pentecost as well as our unity as followers of Christ throughout the world. For the past few weeks at *Our Redeemer's* we (with the help of many from our congregation) have been learning about Christianity in China, the Philippines, India, Korea, and Sri Lanka.

In that international spirit, you are invited to bring a dish from your ethnic background to share with others at our Pentecost Potluck. Join us in Wesley Hall after the 10:30 service on May 15 for a multicultural feast. United Methodist Women will provide the beverages and paper goods.

If you don't have an ethnic dish to bring, anything you enjoy eating will do! There's no sign up, so just come and join the feast. It will be fun to see and taste the array of foods that represent our individual heritages.

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Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

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Angel of the Month Shelomi Gomes

by Bev Wilkes

In this season of multi-cultural church services, we have a very special angel, **Shelomi Gomes**. Her native land is Sri Lanka, but she has lived in England and Australia as well. Shelomi met her husband, **Ivan** in Australia and together they came to the United States and finally Schaumburg.

Shelomi came to **Our Redeemer's** and volunteered to be in our choir. After a while she began to be an excellent scripture reader delighting us with her beautiful accent. Shelomi took a little time off to have 2 beautiful sons named **Jareth** and **Dominic**. She teaches Sunday School and is one of our gifted liturgists. Not too long ago, Shelomi gave a beautiful sermon and shared a sad time of her life in Sri Lanka where she discovered that her home is indeed with God.

We are so fortunate to have Shelomi in our church to share her many languages and her deep faith with all of us. Hopefully, she will be speaking to us again and sharing her sunny smile and great fellowship.



Commitment to Grow

I have a vegetable garden in our back yard. Recently I was talking to my neighbor Jane about spring and about gardens. Now Jane has a beautiful garden. She has herbs, flowers and vegetables. In the fall she consistently cleans up from the last growing season and in the spring she is the first one in the neighborhood working in her garden.

As we were talking she looked at my garden that is now overgrown with grass, dandelions and other assorted weeds and said, “Bill it’s time to get the shovel out.” Now I love gardens, mostly in late summer and early fall, when the vegetables are ready to eat. I’m not so excited about it in the spring, when I have to shovel, rake and plant. Yet I know if I do not prepare the garden I can forget about those wonderful tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and zucchini. So, I will probably grab that shovel soon.

Many authors have compared our spiritual life to a garden. Our faith in Jesus needs to be tended to as one would tend to beautiful flowers or a plot of vegetables. Without that kind of care, we too can become overgrown

like my garden, with things that look good (the grass is really green in the garden and the dandelions are a beautiful yellow), but bear no fruit.

As we head into spring and summer I would ask that you do some spiritual planting this year. Make a **commitment** to tend to your soul, to make a space in your schedule for the work of God’s spirit. I believe that when we make that kind of **commitment to ourselves** we are open to the Master Gardener, to the One who wants us to grow fully and bear fruits of grace.

For some of you that may mean more time for prayer, Bible Study, worship or time with a small group. To others that may mean a time set aside to walk in the neighborhood or at a forest preserve. To still others it may mean a commitment to spend more time with family, or meeting with friends on a regular basis. Whatever it might be for you, take the time and commit yourself this to the renewal of your spirit. Then work your “program” with the understanding that God will bless that commitment of love, and you will continue to grow in the redeeming grace of God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



by Marianne Rogenski

Christian Rock Concert May 21, 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Council of ORUMC is thrilled to announce that we are sponsoring a Christian rock concert!

Who: MUTEMATH and Mat Kearney

When: May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Harper College, J Theatre

Cost: \$16.00 per person

Ticket Info: Harper College box office, 847-925-6100 or www.harpercollege.edu/boxoffice. Click on "Buy Tickets" then "Purchase Tickets Online Now" to see the schedule.

If you would like more info on the MUTEMATH or Mat Kearney, please visit www.mutemath.com and www.matkearney.com

This is going to be an awesome event and we really hope to see you all there! We will be taking ticket reservations in the narthex between services on selected Sundays!

Laser Tag - May 14

Our final end of the year blowout will be Saturday, May 14 at church. This is going to be an awesome game night with laser tag! There will be great food, lots of games, and then there will be laser tag! Of course, you do not HAVE to do the laser tag, but it will be available. The night will begin at 7pm and we

will be done at 9pm. Please note that this is a Saturday and did I mention that there will be laser tag?

Summer Bible Study

This summer **Marianne** will be leading a small group book study for Sr. High students. It will take 11 weeks and we will be using the book, *G-Force* by Bo Boshers. The book will be provided. Any interested students who are eager to grow in their faith and willing to make the commitment should see **Marianne** as soon as possible.

Appalachia Service Project

Our retreat is this month! We will be at Wesley Woods in Wisconsin May 20-21. If you are part of the 2005 ASP team and have not received information about this weekend please contact **Marianne** immediately. It looks like we are going to have 35 people on the mission trip and we are very excited about it! There will be several opportunities in the near future for the congregation to participate in our fundraising efforts. The first is during the UMW's rummage sale May 6 and 7. The ASP team will be holding a bake sale in the narthex! If you are willing to bake for us, please drop off your donations at church by May 5. All support is greatly appreciated! There will also be various items for sale in the coming months and we are going to have a rent-a-crew sign-up soon! So, if you have any odd jobs, messy jobs, hard labor jobs, things that you just don't want to do yourself or would like some help with, consider renting an ASP crew to do it for you! Look for the

Education

The education committee will be very busy during the month of May. May 8 is Mother's Day and the children will begin the service in the sanctuary.

May 15 is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will be honoring our teachers that day and introducing them at church. Please take a moment to thank the following dedicated volunteers for their time and commitment to the youth of our church.

Nursery	Sophie Byrnes Grace Foss Hope Sullivan
2-3yrs	Amy Rapp Eufrocina Victoria Noni Victoria Sue Bruneau
4-5yrs	Sally Brown Peggy Miller
K/1	Jim and Laura Machonis Lindsey Miller Susan Rapp
2	Lance Foss Cindy Machonis Linda & Brian Nordli Sandy Rathje
3/4	Doug Meneely Sue Swartz
5/6	Shelley, Kelsey, Jeremy & Bret Lukowicz Lori Randall
7/8	Annette Brown Steve Dombek Melinda Taylor
9/12	Jon Montgomery

Substitute Teachers

Lori Bies, Doreen Gilbert, Margaret Higgins, Michelle Hill, Amy Meyer, Cathy Mottar, Jill Wood-Naatz, Michelle Peacock, Diane Rocha and Mary Theile.

May 22 is Music Sunday and there will be no Sunday School that day. May 29 is the last day of Sunday School for this school year.

Just a reminder that June 20-24 is Vacation Bible School, so save those dates on your calendar.



May Birthdays

05/06	Bobby Launhardt
05/06	Rebecca Gilbert
05/07	Alec Hill
05/08	Nicole Clermont
05/14	Melanie Johnson
05/15	Laura Kuhn
05/18	Josh Kane
05/19	Jennifer Mottar
05/21	Katie Sullivan
05/23	Brett Lukowicz
05/24	Jonathan Hunter
05/24	Kelley Oster
05/25	Riecee Brock
05/25	Cassandra Pierson
05/26	Danny Breda
05/28	Marcus Hill
05/28	Laurie Martin
05/29	Kim Echtner

Financial Report

Through the end of the first quarter, *Our Redeemer's* continues to have a strong financial picture. The Easter offering was \$4102. Congregational gifts and tithes are within 2% of budget and expenses are 15% below budget. Expenses are low due to 2 major factors: we had a mild winter (less snow to remove, etc.) and the search for Education Director is still ongoing, so that position's salary in the budget has not been used.

For more information about *Our Redeemer's* finances, we invite you to attend the monthly Finance Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next meetings will be May 17 and June 21 at 7:30 pm.

YTD Actual vs. Budget March 2005

Category	Actual	Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	79,319	80,772	(1,453)	-2%
Sprint Rent	6,242	6,242	-	0%
Other Income	8,252	8,617	(365)	-4%
Total Income	93,813	95,630	(1,818)	-2%
Total Expenses	84,997	100,228	(15,231)	-15%
Net Income (Loss)	8,816	(4,597)	13,413	

The Methodist Family around the World

Our Easter Series in worship has focused on the "*Resurrection Community: Christ Working Around the World.*" As part of that we would like to share with you some information about our Methodist family around the world. Below are the latest numbers on church membership across the globe.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Total Membership</u> (as of 2001)	<u>Percentage of Growth</u> (since 1956)
Africa	8,967,484	726%
Asia	9,898,336	704%
Central & South America	1,647,680	823%
Europe	511,570	(- 46%)
Middle East	25,463	70%
North America	16,263,862	6%
Pacific	1,530,303	119%
Totals	38,844,698	103%

Crisis Center Items

The items for May will be after school snacks and juice boxes. Please leave these items in the baskets at the church.

MS Walkathon - May 1

The **Machonis** family will be participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Walkathon on May 1. This is a cause that is very important to us. Our goal this year is \$4,000. Would you please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please help us in fighting this debilitating disease.

You may give your donation to **John, Edie, Jim** or **Laura** or mail it to:

The Machonis Family
1600 W Schaumburg Rd
Schaumburg, IL 60194

Thank you for your generosity.
John, Edie, Jim, Laura & Chris Machonis



Mom's Night Out May 5, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a night of food and fellowship at Yu's Mandarin Restaurant Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially for those with school age or younger children.

Call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-6116, to RSVP or just drop in for dessert.



Rummage Sale May 6-7

Remember that our ORUMC Rummage Sale is on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. If you have rummage items for our sale, please start bringing them on May 1.

ASP Bake Sale May 6 & 7

During our Rummage Sale on May 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a bake sale to raise money for Appalachian Service Project. ASP is a home repair ministry located in the central Appalachian Mountains. Our church is sending 35 youth and adults and need your help!

Please dig out your favorite cookie, cake, bread recipes... or any other kind of desserts...make them and bring it to the church to sell! This is not only for the ladies of the church...but everyone is encouraged to make and bring something.

This is a worthwhile project. We would appreciate LOTS and LOTS of goodies. So start baking!

For more information please call **Mert Rutledge** at 847-882-6116 or email: fctrut@comcast.net.

UMM Rummage Cleanup

May 7, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Men are handling the cleanup for the United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale on May 7. All UMM members are encouraged to come early and buy stuff, then join in the cleanup about 2:00 p.m. We will be packing up leftovers and stacking them for delivery to Church World Service, Prisoner Release Ministry and the Salvation Army.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

May 14, 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 May 14. Note the new location – Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road. Look for us in the banquet room.

United Methodist Women Breakfast Meeting

May 21, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to attend our Saturday, May 21 UMW Breakfast meeting in the Wesley Room. Please remember that our meetings are now at a **new time- 9:00 a.m.**

Our program will be a book review, presented by **Melinda Taylor** - "**When God Winks.**" Please join us for this interesting presentation and discussion that will follow the program. Breakfast is provided.



Music Notes

Have You Noticed?

There is something new next to the hymnals in the sanctuary chairs. We recently purchased *The Faith We Sing*, a supplement to our United Methodist Hymnal. It includes music that ranges in style from praise songs to traditional hymns not found in the present hymnal. We are excited about using these new songbooks and hope they will add to our worship as we sing our praises to God.

Music Sunday - May 22

On Sunday, May 22, the choirs of Our Redeemer's will lead both worship services. The Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Joyful Noise, Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Chancel Chimes, Men's Chorus and a Teen Ensemble will share their music as we praise God together.

Summer Music

Every summer there is an opportunity to share musical talent with the congregation while the choirs are taking a well-deserved rest. If you would like to provide special music for a summer worship service, please see a member of the music committee or call the church office.

Church Directory Update

May 22, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

It's time to update the church directory. On Sunday, May 22, we will be taking pictures of church members whose pictures are not in the current church directory. We'll be taking pictures after both services in Wesley Hall. Then we're going to put the pictures on pages similar to the ones in the directory. We're also updating the "Church Roster" pages. If you have changes you would like to make to your name, address, or phone number, or if you have any questions, contact Marshall Nystrom at 847-882-6116 or marshall@orumc.org.

When all the information is compiled we will distribute the "loose leaf" pages and you can add them to your directory.



Church Ladies Nite Out

May 25, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, May 25 at 7p.m. to Ko Ko's Restaurant on Golf Road near the Barnes and Noble bookstore. Please join us and bring a friend!

If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Come and join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food!

ORUMC Family Camping

June 17-19

Change in Location

The June 17-19 campout was originally scheduled for Shabbona Lake State Park. Even though we started making reservations in April, all reserved sites were filled.

The location has been changed to Chain O'Lakes State park in Spring Grove, IL.

Reservations have already been sent in for Chain O'Lakes, but sites may still be available. If you are not on our camping list, but would like to attend, contact

Rich and Michelle Hill, 847-882-6116, for details.

Vacation Bible School

Dates: June 20-24

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

Ages: 3 years to completed 5th grade

We are starting to look for volunteers to staff our VBS. We need teachers, teachers' helpers, snack leader, craft leaders, music leader and recreation leaders. Please contact Michelle Hill at 847-882-6116 or michellehill@wideopenwest.com or Marianne Rogenski at 847-882-6116 or marogenski@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

We will also be asking for donations of healthy snacks and fruit juice the week before VBS starts.

Help Wanted: Sign Changer

The church is looking for someone to change the letters on our sign in front of the church. If you are available during the week for approximately ½ hour we could use your help in keeping the community updated on our ministry at the church. If interested please speak to **Pastor Bill**.

TLC Ministry

TLC (Tender Loving Care) is a ministry that provides meals for people in our church when there is a need. This may be following surgery, during an illness, or time of grief.

We have a wonderful group of members that help with this ministry. I am looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested in this very important ministry, please see me in church or call me at 847-882-6116.

Thank you,
Peggy Sanford

New Mom's Group

There is a new mom's group forming! We are looking to have a group of moms who gather regularly for Bible study, book discussion and mother-to-mother support. We will be very informal over the summer while those who are interested can discover the specific needs of our group.

If you are interested in being a part of our group, please contact **Amy Johnson** at 847-882-6116.



Muslim-Christian Dialogue Night

Thanks to all who helped with the Muslim-Christian dialogue we held at church on April 18. We had approximately 95 people in attendance from all over the Chicago land area. For all who attended it was a special night to learn about the perspective of those who live in the Middle East. It was especially powerful to hear how many are working in support of democracy and the freedom of religious expression and belief. A special thanks to **Donna Echtner**, **Sherrie Cottrell** and **Shirley McDaniel** for providing refreshments for the evening. We would also like to thank **Chris Pierson**, an attending member of our church and staff person for our Methodist conference for bringing this program to *Our Redeemer's*.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone at *Our Redeemer's* for their cards, their calls, and their prayers while I was in the hospital and recovering at home.

And a special thank you to **Pastor Bill** for his visits and prayers during a very busy time of the year. Your support helped lift my spirits and speed my recovery. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Marian Wagner

Personal Notes



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to:

Eric Brown and **Teresa Huber** and their family on the death of their aunt, **Marilyn Amour**.

Sherrie Cottrell and her family on the death of her niece, **Kim Goetz**.

Marion Kehrberg her family on the death of her aunt, **Lillian Kehrberg**.

To Our Redeemer's Church Family,

Please join us at an Open House celebrating the graduation of **Elizabeth**, **Tim** and **Andrew** at 2300 Sherborn Lane, Schaumburg, IL, Saturday, May 28th, 2005 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Please do not bring any gifts, this is a time to rejoice in the achievements of these young adults.

We look forward to rejoicing with you,
Mike and Sara Naumann

Baptisms

**Emily
Rose
Meyer**

Emily Rose Meyer, daughter of **Amy** and **Dan Meyer** was baptized on April 3rd.

To the Congregation of Our Redeemer's:

Thank you so much for the diapers, wipes, bottles, and other wonderful baby items from your church as part of your Easter celebration. We are blessed by your generosity. These items will go to our programs serving infants and toddlers. We're also grateful for your donation of \$280.00 to purchase car seats. We truly appreciate this additional gift. On behalf of the staff and clients, I want to thank you for providing such quality items for our families. Your support of ChildServ benefits many children and families in need.

Through 40 programs in 21 locations in Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties, ChildServ helps children and families build better lives. The generosity of churches like yours makes our work possible. Thank you and we look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Collins
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Volunteer Coordinator

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