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Gifts from the Heart

For the past 20 years here at *Our Redeemer's*, as the fall colors and cooler temperatures arrive, we begin planning for a special Christmas program helping children. 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 23, 30, November 6, and 13 with the number of children you would like to sponsor. On November 20 or 27 you will be given the name(s) of your child(ren), their age, a wish list and a set of instructions.

The **unwrapped gifts** need to be **returned on Sunday, December 4.**

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. Many years our church has provided Christmas gifts for 12% of the children of ChildServ. I think this is an outstanding effort on the part of our congregation and invaluable to the ChildServ organization. If you have any questions, please call **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-310-0491.

If you would like to help on December 4 by helping to check-in gifts and/or help deliver the gifts to the distribution center, please call Carol.

Blood Drive December 1

Our Redeemer's will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 1 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. On Sundays during November you can make a reservation to donate. You can also but feel free to drop in to donate at any time on December 1.

Open Mic Night - November 18, 7:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**November 22
7:30 p.m.**

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Angel of the Month Gwyn Greenwalt

by Bev Wilkes

Gwyn, along with her husband, **Jeff** and children, **Hannah, Ryan** and **Karen**, has not been a member of *Our Redeemer's* as long as some folks BUT she already has a list of commitments that most people would shy away from.

Gwyn does an excellent job of scripture reading and was a teacher at Vacation Bible School for the last two years. She participates in Mom's Night Out, is on the Education committee and on a short notice accepted the chairmanship of this year's Annual Picnic. All this is being done while keeping track of three young children who she makes sure enjoy all events for our young people.

Gwyn is a very gracious lady who has a smile for everyone and lends a hand whenever asked. During this month of Thanksgiving, we are so grateful and lucky to have such a giving lady be a part of our church family. Our thanks to a loving person and new found friend.

Discipleship 101

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed . . . Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and a variety of services, but the same Lord; and there are a variety of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone.

I Corinthians 12: 1, 4-6

Following the death and resurrection of Jesus the first disciples set about to make a church. They received the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised them. What also came with that gift of the spirit was not just an affirmation of God’s love, but a direction for ministry and mission. What was received in the early church was a blessing and a gift. Last Sunday, on Transformation Sunday, our guest speaker Lonnie Chafin spoke about the issue of gifts. He reminded us that in things that we have, be they food or clothes, are made up of 2 parts; one part is material and one part is gift. The material part we can work for and earn, but the other part is strictly a gift from God. For example, in the food we eat there are things we have to do to gain that food - plant a garden, or work for money to buy the food. However, the seed, the soil and the sun are not things we control or can create ourselves, but are a gift from God.

The same is true for our life as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are certain things we as

children of God all have in common. However, each of us also has certain gifts God has given us that we can use in service and in love. It is important that all of us come to know, understand and develop these gifts. When we do this as individuals (or even as a church), we not only can feel part of God’s loving spirit in the world, we can also become more effective as individual disciples of Jesus, and more effective as a church, as a place for ministry.

In the past year our nominations team has been working on a way for us to become more effective in our ministry together. Part of that plan involves education. Beginning this last summer we have begun to invite those connected with our church to take the spiritual gifts inventory, for their own use, but also that we might know where people’s gifts are as we work to organize our ministry together. Secondly, we are planning an adult class on *discovering your individual strengths*. This class, based on a book published by the Gallup organization, guides individuals in knowing, developing and using their individual strengths, that have been given to them by God. The class will be scheduled for the beginning of next year, please watch for dates in the newsletter and bulletins.

We are excited about the work of our nominations team and are looking forward to working with many of you in this important area of spiritual growth.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



by Marianne Rogenski

Open Mic Night

November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the 4th Annual Open Mic Night at ORUMC November 18 at 7:00 p.m. There will be lots of fun and food. Come and watch while you enjoy the company of the ORUMC family. If you want to perform that is good, too—look for the poster in the narthex to sign up. See you there!

Confirmation

Confirmation has kicked off and is in full swing—thanks to all of the small group leaders for making this year a little different. The following is the confirmation schedule for November:

- Nov 4-5 Retreat at Wesley Woods
- Nov 6 Confirmation 4-5:30 p.m.
- Nov 18 Open Mic Night 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 20 Confirmation 4-5:30 p.m.
- Nov 27 Advent Festival 4:00 p.m.

For those students and adults that will be attending the retreat on the 4th and 5th, please meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. on Friday. We will pull out at 5:30 p.m. Remember to eat before you come or have something to eat in the car, as we will NOT stop on the way there.

You will return to the church between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. If you have any other questions about the retreat please contact Marianne right away at 847-882-6116 or marianne@orumc.org

Confirmation students are encouraged to attend Open Mic Night! It is a wonderful opportunity to experience the life of the church and it is so much fun! Even if you don't want to perform, come out and see what everyone else is doing!

Advent Festival

The Advent Festival is November 27 at 4:00 p.m. We will decorate the church for Christmas. Santa will visit and talk to the younger children! As in the past, the youth council is looking for confirmation students to help with the Santa pictures. If you are interested let Marianne know ASAP! This would count as service to the church!

Attention Sr. High students

Youth Group is going on every Sunday night—where are you? Come and join your friends and peers for fun, fellowship, discussion, and maybe a little learning! We always have snacks and a great time. We meet every Sunday night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The following is the Sr. High schedule for November:

- Nov 6 MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship—youth group) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Nov 13 MYF 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Nov 18 Open Mic Night 7:00 p.m.
Nov 27 Advent Festival 4:00 p.m.

The youth council would love to see the high school youth at Open Mic Night on the 18th—come and just watch or perform if you are inspired! Look for the poster in the narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun with your church family and friends—invite your friends from outside the church, too!

We need your help at the Advent Festival! We are looking for high school students who will help the younger children with some Christmas crafts. If you are able, please contact Marianne at 847-882-6116 or marianne@orumc.org

Appalachia Service Project

We will be heading to Kentucky on June 10 and we will return to Schaumburg on the 17th, 2006. If you are interested in being part of this group or you want more information, contact Marianne at 847-882-6116 or marianne@orumc.org

Adults Needed

The youth council is looking for adults that would like to help with the Sr. High youth group on Sunday evenings—specifically the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. You would not be required to plan anything, just show up and enjoy the kids!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Marianne at 847-882-6116 or marianne@orumc.org.

Voices of Light November 20 Location TBA

The Voices of Light (our youth musical group) is going to perform *Wonders* on November 20. This is the original musical that the group performed in August. The location is to be determined. Check the bulletin for details.

Youth Ski Trip January 20-22

Mark your calendar, wax your skis and plan to attend the youth ski trip in January. Look for details in the December newsletter.



November Birthdays
11/09 Allison Gorvett
11/23 Elizabeth Gilbert
11/25 Nick Meyer
11/29 Patrick Brock
11/30 Kimberly Trenn

November Crisis Center Items

by *Robin Erickson*

As the winter months get colder please bring in hats, scarfs and gloves for the men, woman and children who come to the center. A big thank you to everyone who continues to care and support the Crisis Center. It is because of the generous donations of our church family that the center is able to provide support and help to the people in our community who are in need. There are activities in December and the center is always looking for volunteers. If you and your family are looking for a way for your family to get involved or if your company is looking for a group to help out during the holidays please contact Robin Erickson for a complete list of details 847 885 4792. Or contact the Crisis Center directly at 847-697-2380 and ask for Lisa Sampson. Also check out the new web site at <http://www.crisiscenter.org>

Micah Ministry

November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Micah Ministry, our church's new social justice ministry, will be meeting Tuesday evening, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. We will be exploring and discussing root causes of hunger in our world, our nation, and our community.

Anyone interested in joining this ministry of Christian Justice is welcome to attend.

Mom's Night Out

WHERE: Bahama Breeze

WHEN: Thursday November 3 7:00pm

WHAT: A night of food and fellowship, where someone else does all the cooking and cleaning! Mom's Night Out is for all moms, but especially for those with school aged or younger children.

To find out more or to make a reservation please call Annette Brown at 847-882-8629 (home) or 847-341-8445 (cell) or email her at annetteb421@sbcglobal.net.

Reservations are not needed but it is always helpful to know how people are coming when getting a table. If you can't make it until later please feel free to join us for dessert!

UMM Pizza Sale

November 20

The United Methodist Men are making pizzas again. We will be taking orders for pizzas to be delivered on Sunday, November 20. Sorry, no turkey flavored pizzas.

It's Soup-Kitchen Time Again!

October 30, 1:30 p.m.

Get out your biggest marker and put a circle around Sunday, October 30! That's when *Our Redeemer's* will be traveling to the United Church of Rogers Park to help feed the homeless and less fortunate.

Please join us! You are needed!

Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out to dinner on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. to Riccardo's Restaurant which is at the corner of Wise Rd and Roselle Rd. On Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. we will be going out to LaCampagna to enjoy some Mexican food.

This restaurant is located on Army Trail Road, about 2 miles east of Gary Road, between Citi Bank and Lone Star Restaurant. This is near Stratford Mall. Please join us at both events and bring a friend! If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.

Tired of Fast Food?

Are you running from place to place with your family? Are you tired of cooking? Are you having the same old boring meals every night? Join a group of ladies (or men) on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30, at Dinners By Design in St. Charles and make 12 freezer meals that serve 4-6 people each. You register on line, bring a large cooler to carry your meals home, and arrive home with 12 meals for your freezer. If you have a small family you can also split your meals in half. You can register on-line for the ORUMC party at www.dinnerbydesignkitchen.com. If 8 people participate Dinner By Design will donate \$50 to Gifts from the Heart. If 12 people register, they will make a \$100 donation. For more information contact **Amy Meyer** at 847-884-9629.

Cathy Mottar *New Ad Council Secretary*

Thanks to **Cathy Mottar** for volunteering to be the new secretary for the Ad Council. Also, thanks to **Bev Wilkes** for her many years of service as Ad Council secretary.

Cathy will be sending the meeting agenda and minutes by email. Please give Cathy your email address if you wish to receive them. Cathy's email address is: mottarcr@sbcglobal.net.

If you make a report at the Ad Council (and you prepare it by computer), please email a copy to Cathy prior to the meeting. This will make her job of preparing minutes much easier.

United Methodist Women *November 19, 9:00 a.m.*

All women of the church are invited to join us at our next UMW Breakfast meeting. We will meet in the Wesley Room on Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m.

November is the month of the year when we center our thoughts on all of our blessings and give thanks. In this spirit, our November UMW program will be the World Thank Offering Service. Please join us and enjoy the gift of friends, fellowship and fun offered at our meeting. Breakfast is provided.



Habitat for Humanity

Your Muscles are Needed! *December 17, 7:00 a.m.*

On December 17 we will help build a home through Habitat and we need everyone who can swing a hammer!

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that welcomes all people dedicated to building decent, affordable housing for families in need, while empowering families to help themselves. HFHLC builds partnerships with diverse members of the community, which break down the walls that divide and builds a sense of community among all people. HFHLC seeks to make safe, simple, decent housing for all people a matter of conscience and action.

Incidentally, Habitat for Humanity has launched “Operation Home Delivery,” which will allow parts of homes from Katrina to be “pre-built” and then shipped into affected areas for faster setup once permanent rebuilding becomes possible.

The first pre-built frames were assembled in New York City, Burbank, Calif., and Jackson, Miss. The first of those homes will be placed on its foundation and finished the week of Oct. 3—just five weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck. All Operation Home Delivery houses will be built to International Code Council 2003 standards.



Christmas Giving: *Heifer Project*

Christmas is a wonderful time of year for those of us who follow Jesus. We remember the hope that God sent into the world with the birth of his son. So often, however what is for us a simple time of receiving God’s gift of a child, has become a time of frustration. With Christmas literally becoming a marketing event, it often loses its significance as a time of hope and a time of grace. In our rush to make sure we fulfill the cultural obligations of the season, and do the things “expected” of us by society, we often forget what this season is about.

This year we want to encourage you to reclaim Christmas in your practice of gift giving by giving to the Heifer Project. Through the Heifer Project we contribute money to purchase heifers, goats, chickens, llamas and other livestock that are given to families in need around the world.

Many of you have purchased some of these as a gift for your family and friends in the past. In doing that you have not only provided a way for families to feed themselves around the world, you have also reclaimed the true spirit of the Christ child. This year we will again be working with the heifer project. Please consider becoming part of this giving program and reclaim the true meaning of the season.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Hard to believe that it is time to order Christmas flowers already, but Advent will be here before you know it. As is the tradition at *Our Redeemer's*, anyone who would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary is asked to do so by filling out the form below. We will order them for you, take delivery for you, arrange them for you. 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 \$10.50. Attach payment to the form and put the order in the basket in the narthex or drop it off in the office. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 11, but please try to get your order in early so we can give our florist an early estimate of our needs. In past years, our sanctuary has been transformed by these flowers into a place of beauty that proclaims 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 together as Christians, the birth of the baby Jesus and know in our hearts what that birth means to us as children of God.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity: Red _____ Pink _____ White _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Finance Report

The following are the financial results through the end of September. Income from congregational gifts and tithes is \$223,307, which is about 8% below budget, about the same as last month. Operating expenses are about 4% below budget. Total operating income is \$258,700. Total expenses are \$272,800 for an operating shortfall of about \$14,000. Contact the finance chair, **Carolyn Meneely**, if you have any questions.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through August 2005

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	223,307	242,316	(19,009)	-8%
Sprint Rent	18,973	18,973	-	0%
Other Income	16,435	16,246	189	1%
Total Income	258,715	277,535	(18,820)	-7%
Total Expenses	272,790	285,326	(12,537)	-4%
Net Income (Loss)	(14,075)	(7,792)	(6,283)	



Volunteers Needed:

The ORUMC Worship Technology Task Force (WTTF) is looking for computer literate volunteers to help run computer and projection equipment as needed on a weekly basis during Sunday services. Volunteers are also needed to prepare the weekly video presentations.

Although a basic understanding of computers would be helpful, training will be provided. A sign up sheet will be located in the narthex near the usher sign up sheet. Please call **Steve Miller** at 630-837-5205 if you have any questions. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents. Thank you.

~The Technical Team



Christmas Day One Service 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. We will have only one Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to sleep in a little.



Personal Notes



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to:

Scott Nordii and family on the death of his mother, **Betty J. Nordii**.

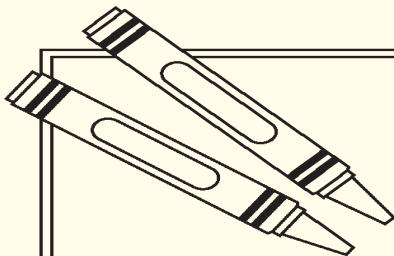
Sharon Clermont and family on the death of her grandfather. **Rev. Daniel P. Jackson**, 97 years old.

Diep Nguyen, Pastor Bill and their family on the death of Diep's father, **Dinh Nguyen**.



John Partington

Congratulations to **John Partington** who celebrated his 98th Birthday on October 8!



Just for KIDS

Here's a Story of a "Thankful Bunch."

We can rejoice and give thanks to God, just as many thankful people did in Bible times. Use the list of names to fill in the blank lines, and then use the leaf code to complete the verse.

Names: Elijah, Naaman, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha



Led his people through the Red Sea.



Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.



Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.




Ravens brought him food.



Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.



Their brother was raised from the dead.



Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.



Jesus brought his daughter back to life.

"SO WE ... W _ LL G _ VE Y _ N K S F _ E V E _ ;
 WE W _ LL S _ W F _ Y _ I S E
 _ _ LL G E N E _ _ N S . " *Psalm 79:13, NKJV*

"SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER; WE WILL SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAISE TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Answers: Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus.

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