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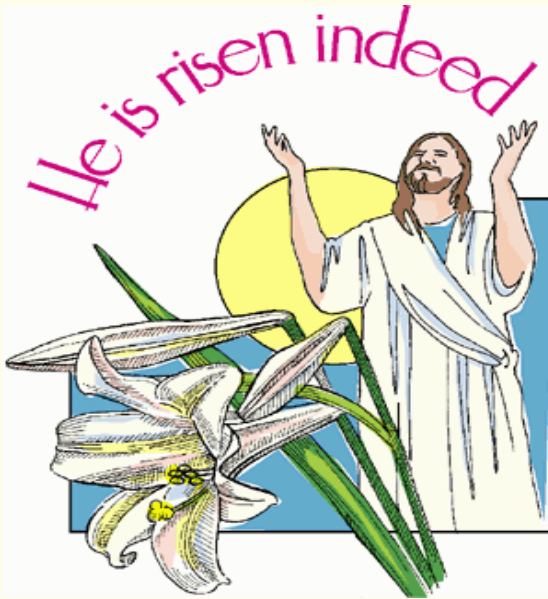
Last November we began a process to evaluate *Our Redeemer's*. On Sunday March 19, 30 of our members completed a questionnaire based on 8 characteristics of a healthy church. Once completed these questionnaires were sent to our conference staff who will tabulate the answers and suggest to us the areas we need to work on as a church. As we work on our areas of need (our minimum factor), we are confident we will continue to grow spiritually, and to welcome others in our community to the grace of Christ many of us have received at *Our Redeemer's*.

On April 16, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. On that day we celebrate the reality of our Lord who *is alive to us*, who

is *encouraging us*, who *loves us* and who calls us to grow in ways of new life and love. It is my prayer that as we intentionally enter a process of evaluation and faithful discernment, we as a church will move in the ways of love and grace and in the saving power of Jesus Christ.

I would ask all of you who are connected to *Our Redeemer's* to pray for our church. We are a community of faith with a wonderful history, filled with energy and commitment and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that we can continue to hear the ways God is calling us to share the grace and the love we have come to know in Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Angel of the Month Julie Gorvett

by *Bev Wilkes*

Our Spring Angel, **Julie Gorvett**, grew up in *Our Redeemer's* and she brought her husband, **Ronald** to also join us. She also brings three beautiful kids who are also very active in the youth activities. For a better description of **Kelsey**, **Allison** and **Brendan** just ask the proud grandparents, **Judy** and **Archie Wilson**.

Julie is a tremendous help with our youth and if you don't think this is a big deal, try dealing with one teenager instead of a whole room full like Julie does. She is always bringing some kind of goodies to the confirmation class and will help where needed. Julie also has been helping with the 30-Hour Famine for the last two years.

Our Redeemer's is so fortunate to have people like Julie who will volunteer their precious time to help with our children. If every member of the church would volunteer to do just One thing, *Our Redeemer's* would be tremendous in all aspects.

Thank you, Julie for all the treats, all the time and all the caring that you share with our children.

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April 9
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship

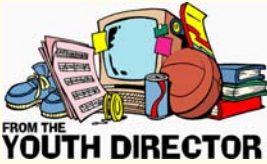
April 13
7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

April 13-14
Good Friday Fast

April 14
7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 16
6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship



Youth News

by *Marianne Rogenski*

Youth Council

The youth council will be meeting next on April 2nd at 10:15 a.m.—right after the first worship service. We would love to have visitors and new ideas so if you are interested in finding out more about the youth program I encourage you to come! If you have questions please contact Marianne at marianne@orumc.org or 847-882-6116.

30-Hour Famine

Thank you to all participants and adult volunteers for the successful 30-Hour Famine. I think that we all agree that it was an amazing weekend with an incredible worship service on Sunday. The students in our church surprise and amaze me all of the time and I am thankful that the whole congregation is able to see them shine sometimes. We have almost all of the funds returned that the students raised and the total so far is over \$3000.00—we have never broken that mark so congratulations! If you have not yet returned your money, please get it to Marianne as soon as possible.

Voices of Light

A huge thanks to Mr. **Ron Zemke** and the **Voices of Light** ensemble for their *Wonders* performance March 19—it was a joy to see.

Super Rally

April 21-23 is Sr. High Super Rally in WI. Sr. High students should have received more info about this in the mail. We would love to see a group go this year so if you are interested see Marianne right away.

ASP News

Our retreat is April 7-8 at Wesley Woods. The cost is \$20 per person which includes meals and lodging. This is a wonderful opportunity for the group to work and fellowship together and I encourage all who go on the summer trip to make a point to be there. We will leave the church Friday night at 5:30 p.m. and be back by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Also, please remember to ask friends and family members to sponsor you—this is the way that most of our funds come in.

Confirmation Students

You have regular confirmation meetings on April 2 and April 23. On April 30 you go to the Baptist church in Evanston, IL. I need parents who are willing to drive and be a part of this outing—if you are available please

contact Marianne.

Sr. High Students

We have regular MYF April 2, 9, and 30!
See you there!

Louisiana Trip

The Youth Council is still looking for a few individuals who are interested in going to Louisiana the week of July 15-22 to help with the hurricane devastation. We are especially looking for any youth 16 years old or over. Please see Marianne for more information.



April Birthdays

- 04/07 **David Rocha**
- 04/15 **Hannah Greenwalt**
- 04/20 **Emily Young**
- 04/21 **Jeremy Miller**
- 04/21 **Justin Miller**
- 04/22 **Danielle Huber**
- 04/24 **Alyssa Wiebel**
- 04/27 **Mathew Dean**
- 04/29 **Aubrey Balk**



Education Notes

by Amy Johnson

Spring is coming (although there is snow falling as I write!) and many people are going away for a much needed break. This includes many of our Sunday School teachers and students so there will be a mini break from our regular curriculum! We are having movie days on March 26 and April 2 for those students that are attending church on those days. The children who have class in Wesley Hall (3rd grade and up) will go there for their movie time and the younger ages (3 year olds to 2nd grade) will be in the choir room.

One of my favorite thoughts at Easter time is about what happened at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The imagery of all those people waving the palms and the loud "Hosannah" that rose to meet Him is so magnificent! Our Sunday School children will be helping us with that image on Palm Sunday! Please have the children go directly to Wesley Hall by 9:00 a.m. to get their palms!

We are looking for our Vacation Bible School helpers! The dates for VBS are July 10—13. Please read our special VBS articles to get more information. We hope everyone will be there!

Marketplace 29 AD Help Wanted!

A Biblical City is coming to *Our Redeemer's* this summer from July 10-13. Vacation Bible School will be held in the evening this year with a mini-VBS provided to Christian Corner during the day. Our hope is that our friends from Christian Corner will have so much fun during the day, they will decide to join us in the evening. This month we are highlighting 2 of the jobs available for volunteers in Marketplace.

Tribal Parent: The children are divided into multi-age families like the 12 tribes of Israel. Each tribe meets as “family” each evening to learn about traditional Jewish rituals during Jesus’ time. A tribal parent will light a special candle, say blessings, pass the spice box, and help the children mix bread each evening. The tribal parent will supervise children at the Marketplace and assign an older buddy to smaller tribe members. Tribal Parents are needed at VBS every night for the entire evening, but have very little advance preparation. There is a small informational packet to read prior to the first night of VBS. All materials are provided and the duties are the same every night. We are hoping to have 10-12 tribal parents. This is a great job if you do not want to do a lot of advance preparation!

Shop Keeper: Shop Keepers do not need to arrive at VBS until 7:00. They do not need to attend VBS every night. This is a great job for a person who needs flexibility. Information packets with craft ideas and

instructions are provided. Shop Keepers organize and gather their own materials and may turn in receipts for reimbursement. Shop Keepers may not consider themselves “teachers” however this may still be the perfect job. Types of shops include carpenters, printer, candy maker, spice shop, jewelry maker, sandal maker, purse maker, brick maker, and many more. This is a great job if you don’t mind a little advance preparation, but need a lesser time commitment during the actual VBS week. We are hoping to have 6-8 shops per evening at Marketplace.

If you are interested in more information about Marketplace AD, contact **Amy Johnson** at 630 372-4722.



Crisis Center Items

The Community Crisis Center is in need of these items for the month of April: powdered laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, dish cloths, towels and sponges, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags, bath towels and washcloths, box and oscillating fans, and umbrellas.

Please leave your items in the basket in the church office. Thank you!



**Christians,
Actors, Writers
and Directors
Lend Us Your
Talents**

Do you have an inner passion to act or direct a play? Do you enjoy writing drama? Well, the **Book of Acts**, the drama group at **Our Redeemer's**, has been reopened.

People of all ages and heights interested in acting, directing or writing 2-5 minute Christian skits can flex their theatrical talents and come fill the pages of our drama group, the Book of Acts.

For those interested, a sign up poster will be placed in the Narthex during the month of April. So please sign up and lend us your talents. The Book of Acts hopes to present Christian skits as part of Sunday morning worship at both services.

For more details please contact **Shelomi Gomes** at 847-466-9736. Come join us and let us speak the word of God through Drama.

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skillful
writer.*

*You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with
grace, since God has blessed you
forever.*

Psalm 45: 1-2



UMW Annual Rummage Sale
May 5 - Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
May 6 - Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon

Beginning on Sunday, April 30 after the second church service we will be setting up for our ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE in the Wesley Room. We will be ready to take your treasures in the afternoon and each day and evening until Thursday afternoon.

This year we will NOT be able to take computers or their parts, along with No Tires and No Plumbing parts. These items just do not sell.

We will need people to help us all week long and of course, on the days of the sales. Please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted in the narthex.

This is our ONLY fundraiser for the year and all of the profits will be given to charity.

If you have any questions or need help getting your treasures to us, please call the church, 847-882-6116, or **Sherrie Cottrell**, 847-895-0176.

Caring Ministries Corner

Our Caring Ministries Council has been in existence for over 15 years, and coordinates the many caring ministries of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church. The purpose behind the Caring Ministries Council is expressed in its mission statement:

“The Caring Ministries Council of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church seeks to empower our church members to serve God and thus to advance His Kingdom. We realize that God calls certain members of our church to propose and to organize service projects while He calls other members to then join in this, His work. We seek to encourage, facilitate, and to coordinate these endeavors of Christian service.”

The council decided to establish a “Caring Ministries Corner” in the *Redeemer Review*. Each month we will be highlighting one or two of our caring ministries in order to make you, the congregation, more aware of these opportunities for Christian service. Yet, as our mission statement says, YOU may hear a call to begin a new caring ministry for *Our Redeemer's*. If so, feel free to discuss it with **Pastor Bill** or **Bruce Bedingfield**, Caring Ministries Council chair. (You can pick up our new Caring Ministries brochure in the narthex, listing all our Caring Ministries.)

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*

What Can I Do To Combat Hunger?

Fighting Hunger Near and Far

Our Redeemer's seems to be renewing its fight against hunger lately. Our new social justice group, Micah Ministries, is studying the roots of hunger. Our youth recently completed the “30 Hour Famine” and developed a deeper appreciation for the problem of hunger. The United Methodist Men are in the midst of our annual Society of St. Andrew “Meals for Millions” project.

This month we want to highlight two hunger ministries— one down the street and the other in a far off land.

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry

Each week for the last decade or so, *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church has collected and delivered food to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry, located just blocks from the church. (Before that we collected for Northwest Community Food Pantry in Elk Grove Village, an agency that eventually went out of business for lack of adequate support.) Church members buy food during the week, then place it in the wagons located near the narthex. An updated list of most-needed items can always be found in the church bulletin. A roll of stickers is located near by to place on each item, bearing the message, “Donated in the Name of Christ by *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church”. Each week our loyal team delivers the food

items to the food pantry.

Please consider donating food items on a regular basis to help feed our hungry neighbors.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Mother Teresa

Richard Vales' WWJD Ministry

Throughout the month of February **Pastor Bill** showed clips from a DVD that **Richard Vales** sent to ORUMC in order to publicize his WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) ministry. Richard was a member of our church in the early and mid 1990s who traveled to the Philippines and heard a call from God to serve the hungry and homeless children he saw there. He sold his business, his home, his car, and all his other major possessions in order to minister to these needy children of God.

Our church's Administrative Council decided to adopt Richard as our own missionary this past summer. Since then we have contributed \$1,300 to Richard's ministry. The council had previously decided to give ten percent of our annual Sprint cell tower income to charity, and our donation to WWJD was half of last year's tithe.

And yet Richard could use so much more in order to feed the many, many children he ministers to. If you would like to make a personal donation to this wonderful ministry, donations can be sent to Richard at

Unit 1-62 Address Abellana St
Cebu City, Philippines 6000

Checks can be made out to Richard Vales, with WWJD in the memo. (Donna Echnert suggests an extra stamp or two might be wise to ensure the envelope reaches its destination.)

Certainly, when Christ comes to separate the sheep from the goats. He will look upon Richard and say, "For I was hungry and you gave me food."



Mom's Night Out **April 6, 7:00 p.m. at Chili's**

Join us for 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 or 847-341-8445 or email her at annetteb421@sbcglobal.net.

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

From Richard Vales

Dear Members of ORUMC,

I am writing you to ask for your support for my efforts to feed hungry people here in the Philippines. My life has been devoted to doing God's work in feeding hungry people and I need your help. It is an opportunity for each of us not only to help the hungry in the Philippines, but also to help ourselves. Our Lord has spoken many times about helping the poor and he has indicated that our help of the poor is kindness given directly to Him.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food". Matthew. 25:31-35

The good will ask when did they see him and give him food? And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

However, to those who do not care for the poor he will say, "Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food." Matthew 25:41-42.

The apostle James takes up this message and tries to convince Christians to act.

For the judgment is merciless to one who has not shown mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:13-17.

There are three ways that you can care for the hungry. You can do all three, but often that is not possible. However, we can all do something.

1. Provide direct support for my efforts by donating food or money to buy food.
2. Volunteer to help get more people to send food or money so I can buy more food to feed more hungry people.
3. Finally, everyone can provide prayer support. You can pray for the general success of my (our) efforts. Ask the Lord to help you in finding more people to send food or money. Ask the Lord for money and food to give to the needy. Ask for guidance, adequate housing for the poor and for God's help for those actively involved in our efforts. You can pray in any way that works best for you, such as say quiet prayers, spend time in meditation, and spend time asking the Lord for direction in your helping to feed hungry people in the Philippines.

“Therefore whenever we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, take care of the sick, we do it to Jesus. The Jesus whom we contemplate, love and adore as the Bread of Life, with respect, faith and devotion is the same Jesus whom we are called to meet, love and serve with the self-same respect, faith and devotion, in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor.”

If we wish to find Christ, and to serve him, we do not have to cross the ocean, or live in a cave, or be a monk. We only have to love and help him in the “least of his brethren”. Finally, the poor in Philippines may not be religious but they are usually Christian. All Christians know the Lord’s prayer, and if they have used that prayer asking God’s assistance then they have said to him, “give us this day our daily bread”. We are God’s answer to that prayer when they come to us for food. We are his hands giving them their daily bread. So, I ask each member of ORUMC to take part in this ministry, this service to our God in whatever way you can. May the good Lord Bless You All!

Sincerely,

Rev Richard - WWJD Ministries

Together we feed the Hungry

P.S. About 2 minutes ago I received a check for \$300.00 from ORUMC. I will go tomorrow and buy food and pass it out the next day to HUNGRY people. Thank you so much for your help in feeding the HUNGRY people here in the Philippines.

Love in Christ to All,

Rev. Richard

Micah Ministries

Micah Ministries, our church’s new social justice committee, will be finishing up its Lenten book study of *Ending Hunger Now* by George McGovern and Bob Dole on April 4. After that we hope to eventually connect with an established hunger ministry. We will have a guest speaker from Church World Service on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 PM and a speaker from Bread for the World on Tuesday, May 16.

All church members are welcome and encouraged to become a part of this important new ministry.

“We have the ability, we have the means, and we have the capacity to eliminate hunger from the face of the earth. We need only the will.”

John F. Kennedy

“No war in all of history has ever killed so many humans and spread so much suffering and disease in any year as world hunger now does annually.”

George McGovern



**UMM
Pizza
Sale**

The United Methodist Men are making pizzas again. We will be taking orders after Easter for pizzas to be delivered on Sunday, May 21.



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate in our Family Camping program. Twelve families gathered March 19 for a potluck and planning session for the 2006 camping season. We planned five campouts complete with hosts and menu.

We camp from Friday evening though Sunday and do all the traditional camping things. On Saturday we share a potluck supper. The following is the schedule with campgrounds and hosts.

Several of the locations are state parks that will require reservations well in advance. The parks require a \$5 reservation fee along with a one night camping fee. The camping fee (but not the \$5 reservation fee) is refundable if you have to cancel. Please notify the hosts as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

June 2-4

Shabbona Lake State Park Shabbona, IL
Jerry & Shirley McDaniel, 847-895-7385

July 7-9

Blackhawk Campground, Rockford, IL
Rich & Michelle Hill, 847-891-1783

August 11-13

LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL
Ian & Marianne Rogenski, 847-969-1741

September 8-10

Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL
Mike & Amy Johnson, 630-372-4722

September 29-October 1

Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL
Mark & Tracy Torgerson, 630-540-1828

Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385, if you have questions or would like to be added to our camper list.



Check
Out Our
Redesign

The *Our Redeemer's* website, www.orumc.org, is undergoing a redesign. Our goal is to make the site useful to our members and especially attractive to outsiders who are looking for a church.

Please check out the new design and make sure the information relating to your particular areas of interest is correct and up to date. Please send your comments about both content and ease of use to the Web Marshall or any member of the team.

The Promise of Easter

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we remember that Christ died to save us, that he defeated death to fulfill the promise that we too will have life eternal with him and that he WILL come again. At **Our Redeemer's** it is our tradition to celebrate all these promises by filling the sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday. As in the past, members and friends are given the opportunity to purchase Easter lilies, hyacinths or tulips and "lend" them to the church to decorate our sanctuary with symbols of the new life in Christ we all were given when Christ conquered death and arose. He paid the price for our sin and that is the best reason I know for a celebration. We invite all members or friends to continue this tradition and for those who are new to **Our Redeemer's** to become part of our celebration. Ordering is easy. You simply need to fill in the form below and drop it in the basket in the narthex with your payment. The price this year will be \$11.75 for lilies and \$10.00 for either tulips or hyacinths. We will order for you, take delivery for you and decorate for you. After Easter, you may take your flowers home and enjoy their beauty in your own house. The deadline for ordering this year is Sunday, April 9. Won't you help us celebrate Christ's resurrection in this small way, so that on Easter Sunday, all may look around and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and remember the promise of this special day; the day of resurrection that gives us eternal life.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity: Lilies _____; Hyacinths _____ Tulips: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through February 2006. The new co-chairmen for Finance are **Fred Utne** and **John Machonis**. The Finance Committee meets the third Thursday of the month. All are welcome. *Updated report from March 21 Finance meeting.*

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through February 2006

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	51,497	55,698	(4,201)	-8%
Sprint Rent	4,244	2,600	1,644	63%
Other Income	2,493	3,013	(520)	-17%
Total Income	58,234	61,311	(3,078)	-5%
Total Expenses	62,653	63,608	(955)	-2%
Net Income (Loss)	(4,420)	(2,297)	(2,123)	92%

United Methodist Women Saturday Meeting April 22, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to join us for the UMW Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, April 22 at the church. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. Our series of programs this year are “Year of the World”. At this meeting we will be traveling to “Vietnam” with the guidance of our speaker, **Diep Nguyen**. Breakfast is provided.

Wednesday Meeting April 19, 7:00 p.m.

The UMW also has a Wednesday evening meeting on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are held at the home of **Shirley Odegaard**. Please call her at 847-798-1228 for directions and information.



Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, April 26th at 7 p.m. to Chevys Fresh Mex Restaurant on Golf and Meacham Roads (1180 Plaza Dr, Schaumburg). If you have never been, PLEASE join us and bring a friend! If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food!

Personal Notes



Baptism

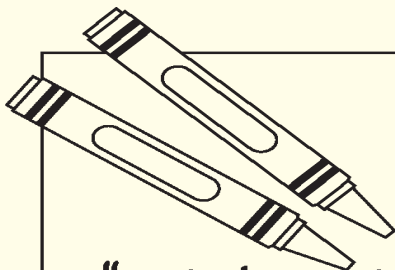
Joshua Clinton Fowle, son of **Brian** and **Laura Fowle**, was baptized March 12, 2006.

Special Birthday

Pastor Bill celebrated a special birthday March 17 (the big one). Since he was planning to be out of town on his actual birthday, his family (mostly **Diep**) and a few co-conspirators surprised him with a cake, a video, singing and gifts at the end of the 9:00 service on March 12.

The entire congregation joined in the fun by doing the Chicken Dance led by a giant (and anonymous) yellow chicken. There's some history related to the Chicken Dance, but you will have to check with Diep for the details.

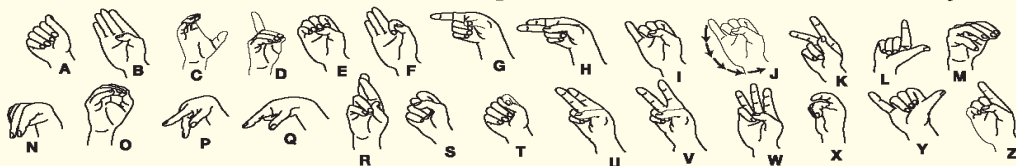




Just for **KIDS**

"Behold my hands and my feet ..." Luke 24:39 (KJV)

Hands play an important role in the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Use this hand alphabet to retell the Easter story.



Jesus' _____ were _____ to the tree.

Two criminals were also crucified, one on the _____
_____ and the other on the _____ of Jesus.

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, " _____ ,
into your _____ , I commit my spirit."

The _____ of Jesus' friends _____

Him from the cross to the tomb.

Jesus showed _____ His _____

to prove He was Christ.

Bring your _____ together in _____

and thank God for His Son Jesus.

Answer: HANDS, NAILED, RIGHT, HAND, LEFT, FATHER, HANDS, HANDS, CARRIED, THOMAS, HANDS, HANDS, PRAYER.

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