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Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Members of ORUMC.

Hi this is Rev Richard, from the Philip-pines. I am sorry I have not written in a little while but that was because I was out in the fields for the past 2-1/2 weeks. I am happy to report that during the past 2-1/2 weeks we have done many good things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for hungry and needy people. The group we had altogether was 23 people. Some old some young but all willing to work. We visited 8 different places and did a lot of traveling on foot. What we normally do is gather together food, medicine, hygiene products and anything we feel they will need. We try to do as much as we can for as many people as we can.

Saying thanks is just not enough and to date with the money you have sent, we have fed many hungry people. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart and in Jesus name.

Every bag that we pass out with the money you have sent has a card inside telling the people the money came from you guys at ORUMC and asking them to say a prayer of thanks to the Lord for all you have done to help them. Every time I think about ORUMC and it's members I thank the Lord for all you have done.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Rev. Richard from the Philippines
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Caring Ministries Corner

Is There No Limit to the ORUMC Caring Ministries?

by Bruce Bedingfield

There's a new "Caring Ministry" at *Our Redeemer's*; our new prayer shawl ministry. (See accompanying article). What a wonderful way to show love and to bring God's comfort to the sick and to others in need! Still another brand new Caring Ministry got off the ground in July with our church's delegation to the Louisiana Storm Recovery Center. Who could have predicted the need for that ministry a year ago? (Well, you probably know Who.) With the development of still more "Caring Ministries" at ORUMC we realize our list may never be complete. And that's a wonderful thing!

The point, of course is that there IS no limit to the possible ministries that God may ask and empower us to do. As our Caring Ministries' mission statement says, "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."

So please be aware that God might call YOU to organize and lead a Caring Ministry at *Our Redeemer's*. If He does, feel free to discuss it all with **Pastor Bill** or **Bruce Bedingfield**, Caring Ministries chair.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Micah Ministries

August 29, 7:30 p.m.

Micah Ministries, our church's social justice ministry, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m. At that time we will be discussing possible activities for the months (and years?) ahead.

ALL members and friends of ORUMC are welcome and encouraged to attend.

"Lord, to those who hunger, give bread. And to those who have bread, give the hunger for justice."

Latin American Prayer



Crisis Center Items

Crisis Center needs for August are:

- Blank journals
- Wrist watches
- Wallets on a string
- 4-place setting dish sets
- Cutlery sets
- Pots and pans
- Laundry baskets

Please put items into the Crisis Center baskets in the church office.



Vacation Bible School A Great Success

by Amy Meyer

Take 45+ adults, 100+ children, 450 food pantry items, 1 wheelbarrow of mud, 1 bail of straw, 4 family style meals, 15 bottles of tempera paint, several goats and bunnies, real frankincense and myrrh, 36 batches of unleavened bread, mix it all together with community, fellowship, and prayer and you will get a heaping helping of family fun.

Children of *Our Redeemer's*, Christian Corner, and the surrounding community banded together to learn first hand the stories, customs, occupations, and recipes of Jesus' life and times. Even larger than the concepts learned was the fellowship, community, and excitement in the air at Vacation Bible School. The Education Committee took on 3 major projects within VBS this year including an evening dinner, evening VBS, and a daytime VBS for Christian Corner. Our Redeemer's was able to "have it all" so to speak.

For the first time dinner was served to the families of workers and the families attending Vacation Bible School. This turned out to be a big hit as *Our Redeemer's* had the chance to get to know each other and the families of our daycare. Approximately 40 or more adults and children shared in a meal each night prior to the start of VBS. The kick off dinners eased the stress of people rushing to VBS and gave an opportunity for some old fashioned church fellowship.

45+ adults of all ages came together as Tribal Parents, Shop Keepers, Organizers, Drama Team Members, Kitchen Helpers, Nursery Attendants, Set Up, and Tear Down Crews. Our children are so lucky to have the chance to connect with so many different adults at *Our Redeemer's*. Many parents commented that their typically "shy" children could not wait to come every night and many did not want it to end. Even the older 5th and 6th graders who are sometimes more difficult to please gave Marketplace rave reviews.

The Education Committee would like to thank everyone who planned, worked, donated items, and prayed for Vacation Bible School to be a success. The efforts of many showed in the success. If you were not able to attend with or without children, you might want to clear your calendar for next year. Even if you do not have children, it was still fun to experience the excitement in the air.

Some church members could not resist coming to the church and watching the fun. Many church members who remembered Marketplace from the past quickly signed up this time around because they "remembered how much fun it was before" or said, "Marketplace was their children's favorite VBS memory."

Rumor has it that next year St. Paul may be traveling with a band of shopkeepers to *Our Redeemer's* or possibly Bethlehem may be recreated. If you were unable to attend it might be worth planning your vacation around it next year. The kids loved this "outside of the box" hands on approach to learning.

However, many adults saw some more important benefits for kids in the relationships formed with other positive adults within the church. Members and visitors alike commented on how excited their children were to return to Vacation Bible School each night.

Our future is in our children and it is built more upon the meaningful relationships they build with a variety of adults than it is upon the type of event, approach, or activity. The availability of dads, grandparents, and cross generational volunteers made these connections possible.

Thanks again to all who helped and prayed for our success!

Youth Council News

Katrina Mision Trip

Marianne Rogenski went with 7 other members of ORUMC to Louisiana July 15-23 to work on the Katrina Recovery Team. You may still make donations for Katrina Relief.

Jr and Sr High

Confirmation Students:

Incoming freshmen who will be confirmed in September take note of the following dates:

August 27, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Meeting. Snacks will be served!



Sunday School

The Education Committee is looking for one Sunday School teacher for 3rd – 4th grade. Sunday School is team taught at *Our Redeemer's*. Teachers work out a rotating schedule together teaching twice a month or one month on and one month off. All materials are provided and written in a detailed easy to follow manner.

Education Committee is also looking for two song leaders to sing basic Sunday School songs with the children twice a month for about 10 minutes each session. This is a commitment that does not require piano and takes about 20 minutes a month. This is the children's only opportunity to learn old favorites like "Jesus Loves Me", "BIBLE", and traditional Christmas Carols. This is a great job for someone who wants an easy way to contribute and can not put forth a great deal of extra time.

People interested in either of these jobs can contact **Amy Meyer**, 847-884-9629, or anyone on the Education Committee.

ASP report

We are back after another meaningful experience with our youth in Kentucky. It is amazing that kids who probably give their parents grief about cleaning up their rooms willingly dig ditches, go under trailers, and build porches, etc.

We sleep on the floor and have chores to do when we return from the work site each evening. We sing, we worship, we write encouraging notes to each other and become family. We are blessed to be a part of this experience.

After a nine hour trip home, we are all back in our lives again. We are more grateful for what we have, thankful that we were able to help those in need and more understanding of those who are different than we are.

Thanks, church family for your prayers and support. It contributed to the success and safety of our trip.

The 2006 A.S.P. Team



Effective September 1 the cost for an altar flower arrangement will be \$15.00. You can sign up on the Flower Calendar in between the offices to share your special occasions with your church family. Don't forget to also write if you would like a special announcement for the flowers written in the bulletin. You can also call the office by Wednesday to order flowers if you forgot!



All-Church Picnic
August 20,
11:30 a.m.

The all-church picnic is Sunday, August 20 at 11:30 following the second worship service. As in the past, we will sell tickets and provide the meal. You just need to show up, enjoy the food, and have a good time.

If you would like to help out, we can definitely use some volunteers. If you can help with ticket sales, setup, kitchen duty, or kids' activities please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392 or jgreenwalt1@comcast.net.

Bowling Begins August 27

Our Redeemer's UMC bowling league is just around the corner. The league begins on Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates. We will have a brief (5 min.) meeting followed by 3 free games of bowling. You do not have to be a good bowler to join this league (It is for FUN and FELLOWSHIP!).

If you are interested in participating in this fun-filled event, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-884-9629. Our entire bowling schedule for the year is listed below:

Sept. 10 & 14, Oct. 8 & 22
Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17
Jan. 7, 14, & 28, Feb. 11 & 25
Mar. 11 & 25, Apr. 8 & 22 and May 6

Stewardship Corner

Isaiah Chapter 55 Verse 2 “*Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance.*”

The stewardship committee will offer guidance in the stewardship of your resources. The quotation from Isaiah highlights a financial problem that has been around for thousands of years. Once the basic necessities have been taken care of, what do you spend your money on? Often, it is **things that do not satisfy**. How many of us are still paying interest to the credit card company for a restaurant meal we ate three years ago, or an electronic gadget we do not use, or an article of clothing we never wear? Things so rarely satisfy.

What does satisfy? Good health - a quick walk is free. Family and friends - spend some time with them instead of at the mall. Deepen your relationship with God - God values time with you more than He needs your money. The “interest” we earn on investments in our health and our relationships will pay us back for years to come.

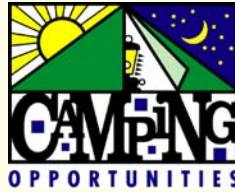
If you can control those spending impulses, give items you no longer need to charity, transfer credit card balances to eliminate interest charges for six months, spend time with family and friends, and exercise physically, mentally and spiritually, you will find you are happier and more satisfied.

Web site resources:

www.newlywedfinances.com

www.aaii.com/finance

www.rightonthemoney.org/resources/picks



Family Camping

August 11-13

Location Change

*Shabbona Lake State Park
Shabbona, IL*

LeAquaNa was booked so the location was changed to the Shabbona Lake State Park. Saturday's potluck is Sloppy Joes.

Contact **Ian** and **Marianne Rogenski**, 847-969-1741 for details and reservations.

September 8-10

Location to be Determined

Saturday's potluck is Mexican Fiesta – Tacos and stuff.

Contact **Mike** and **Amy Johnson**, 630-372-4722, for details and reservations.

September 29-October 1

*Starved Rock State Park
Utica, IL*

Saturday's potluck is Chili. Bring your mixture to add to the big mix.

Contact **Mark** and **Tracy Torgerson**, 630-540-1828, for details and reservations.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to create beautiful knitted (or crocheted) shawls for our friends in great need of prayer.

The old expression, "Our hands are God's hands" has taken new life. You are invited to be a part of the knitting ministry at *Our Redeemer's*. This ministry combines knitting and praying as you make beautiful prayer shawls with love and care for those in great need.

We will be starting this ministry in September, if you are interested please contact **Mary Knoppel**, 630- 837-8783 for more information.



**A Great
Day of Singing!**
September 16
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The music committee is sponsoring a choral workshop for youth and adults on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our clinician will be **Scott Foss**, Director of Music at First UMC, Madison, WI. Scott is a talented musician and will provide a day of great singing as well as fun and fellowship.

Please save the date.



Personal Notes

Baptisms

Benjamin William Estrada

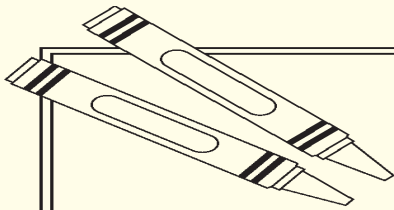
Benjamin William Estrada was baptized on Sunday, July 16 at the 9:00 a.m. service. His parents are **Melvi** and **Samantha Estrada** and his godparent is **Sean Long**.

Thanks to the Hollingsworth Family

When you admire the flowers in our courtyard, remember to thank the Hollingsworth family. They have been seen planting, weeding and watering. Our entryway looks very nice.

August Birthdays

08/03 Jared Pierson
08/07 Ryan Greenwalt
08/07 Jessica Rocha
08/14 Kyle Utne
08/19 Regina Byrnes
08/22 Samantha Nordli
08/23 Colleen Wilkes
08/24 Nikki Johnson
08/24 Kiersten Swartz
08/28 Amy Rapp



Just for **KIDS**

TRAVEL

During the summer many families like to travel. Modern day travel is much easier than it was during Bible times.

Directions: Follow the maze lines. Match people of today with modern ways of travel and Bible characters to ways of travel long ago.



Will your family use any of these ways to travel this summer?

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through June 2006.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through June 2006

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	146,890	160,906	(14,016)	-9%
Sprint Rent	13,069	7,800	5,269	68%
Other Income	12,741	12,841	(100)	-1%
Total Income	172,700	181,547	(8,847)	-5%
Total Expenses	179,046	184,147	(5,101)	-3%
Net Income (Loss)	(6,346)	(2,600)	(3,746)	

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