



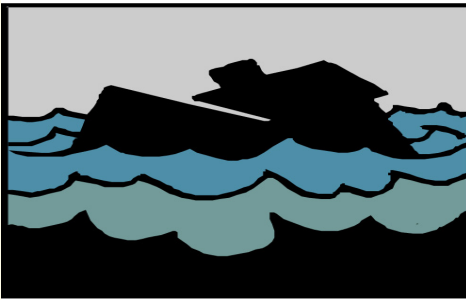
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Katrina Relief

You Can Help!

Hurricane Help

by Marianne Rogenski

Our Redeemer's is sending a group of 10-12 youth and adults to Metairie, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans, this summer. We will be leaving the church on July 15 and returning on July 23. We will be working with the Louisiana United Methodist Storm Recovery Center and will be doing whatever they need us to do—clean up, rebuilding, etc.

We have figured out that this trip is going to cost a total of \$2500 and we are asking you for help! If you wish to donate to this, please leave your donation in the church office clearly marked Louisiana trip. We are asking that all volunteers that are going in July

donate \$100 and that they ask family and friends to sponsor them. The remainder of the funds will come from you—our caring and supportive church family.

In addition to any monetary donations that you might give, we really need your prayer support that week.

If you are interested in going on this trip, whether you have already been put on the list or not, please attend an informational meeting on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. We should only have to meet for 45 minutes to one hour. If you are planning on going or would like to go and cannot make this meeting, please contact Marianne right away.



From Wisconsin

Thank you *Our Redeemer's* for 37 years of fellowship and Christian caring.

After much thought, we have made the decision to move on with our lives and retire to our Wisconsin home. The decision was difficult due to our long association with this church and the members that have become such good friends. It has been a wonderful experience seeing the growth of this church that met in a barn when we joined.

We have found a lovely little Methodist church here and will be transferring our membership. We will miss you all and will keep you in our prayers.

Love,
Gernith and Don Streu
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Summer Worship Schedule



Our Redeemer's has been an exciting place to be in this last year. A number of important things have been happening. Let me share just a few of those with you. Beginning last fall we have been involved in a process of evaluation called Natural Church Development, to make our ministry stronger. In our Nominations team we have been exploring ways to help people more effectively answer their call to servant ministry in the church. Our Staff-Parish and Finance committees have recently worked together to recommend a new part time staff person whose focus will be evangelism and discipleship. Our Worship and Music teams have been meeting to strengthen our times of worship, our worship time might grow, not just in numbers, but as a time for all of us to grow spiritually. Our Youth Council has worked to re-organize our confirmation program, recruiting six adults to be small group leaders and mentors to our 7th and 8th grade students. Finally, I would like to say a word about our youth mission teams for the summer. Our Appalachian Service Project will be taking **43 youth and adults** to Kentucky this year. In addition, our youth program has organized a 7-member mission team to travel to New Orleans to help with the clean up from last year's hurricanes. Overall, we are taking **50 people** on mission trips this summer. That is truly amazing.

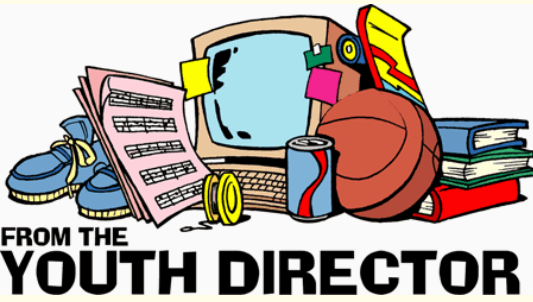
I know as summer comes along many of us are planning vacations and long weekends with family and friends. These "Sabbath times" are so important for all of us, regardless of whether we travel, or just stay home with our families. This year our family is planning a week in the Smoky Mountains as a family.

Yet as we move into summer I would also like to encourage you to make a commitment to being in worship. The more we as followers of Christ connect to each other in worship, the more we grow disciples, and strengthen each other within our church family. Below you will find our worship schedule for the summer.

June 4	<i>Bread and Hope</i>	Pastor Bill & Micah Ministries
June 11	<i>Finding Comfort in Scripture</i>	Lay Speaker, JoAnne Gregorash
June 18	<i>Guest Preacher</i>	Rev. Robb McCoy
June 25 – July 23	<i>Sermon Series on the movie <u>Castaway</u></i>	
July 30 – Aug 20	<i>Sermon Series on <u>Peace Making</u></i>	

Hope you have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in church.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



by *Marianne Rogenski*

ASP News:

Thank you to all who have donated to this mission. We have reached our goal! Thank you also to those that donated baked goods and worked the bake sale. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The last meeting for those going on the trip is on May 30. At this meeting we will be wrapping up details, going over what to bring or not bring along, meeting with our crews, etc. If you have questions about the trip, bring them here and get them answered or contact me before and get them answered that way.

If you have not yet turned in your two forms, please do so as soon as possible. It must be done before the meeting! I need to have them notarized and then get them copied and that all takes time!

The ASP group will leave ORUMC at noon on June 10 and return around dinnertime on June 17. Please keep this mission in your prayers as our group is there.

Confirmation students:

Congratulations—this year is done and you made it through! Watch for more information this summer about what we have planned for next year.

7th graders:

You will have one more year in confirmation.

8th graders:

You will have a few more meetings before being confirmed in the fall.

Sr. High Students:

Our year is officially over, but I would love to see you over the summer! I am wanting to get a small group together (more than one if needed) a few times a month over the summer and I need you! I have a couple of students who have already told me that they are interested so if you are interested and have not yet spoken to me or emailed me, please do so! 847-882-6116 or marianne@orumc.org

We will have a picnic on July 9 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for the Youth Club (4th-6th graders) and their families. We would like to include incoming 4th graders (those that will be in 4th grade in the fall) as well as outgoing 6th graders and everyone in between. Please watch the mail for more details but mark your calendars now!



**Vacation Bible School
Marketplace A.D.
July 10-13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

All children ages 3yrs. through 6th grade and their friends are encouraged to attend Marketplace A.D. at Our Redeemer's. Marketplace is a simulation of a biblical city complete with costumes, tribal parents, biblical dramas, singing, and the Marketplace. This concept is completely hands on and does not require any paper / pencil activities. In other words, this VBS is all about learning through the art of play. Most of the Marketplace occurs outside and shops include brick making (playing in the mud), jewelry making, carving, candy maker, a petting zoo and much more. Children will have the opportunity to choose which "shops" they want to attend each night. In the past we have had some kids make a brick every single night. Where else are kids encouraged to play in the mud?

We are asking that each child who attends VBS bring a nutritious snack such as fruit, crackers, trail mix, etc to share during the week. We already have plenty of juice.

Our mission will be to collect enough food pantry items to line the edge of the sanctuary two times by the end of the week. We would like each child to bring a food item every night so the children may see the "parade of food" grow by the end of VBS. Children are also encouraged to bring a friend. Every child who brings a friend will receive a special prize for themselves and their friend. Our Redeemer's offers the only VBS in the area that is free of charge. We thank all members for supporting this outreach to the community.



**Vacation Bible School
Workers Still Needed!**

Amy Johnson has done a wonderful job of planning for our Marketplace VBS! We are still in need of a few volunteers. Tribal Parents are needed to guide children through the Marketplace experience. Tribal Parents require MIMIMAL ADVANCE PLANNING. We also need people to help with registration Monday, July 10 from 6:00-7:00, people to set up and take down tables each night, and an adult nursery attendant each night. Job sharing is always an option if you can not come every night! Please contact Amy at 847-882-6116 if you can assist with any of these duties.

Second Annual Pentecost Potluck

Sun., June 4, 11:45 a.m.

Last year's potluck was such a hit that we're doing it again! You are encouraged to bring a favorite dish from your ethnic background (or any ethnicity) to share with us all. It is such fun to sample foods from many nations.

You may bring your dish to church and put it in the kitchen during worship on June 4 (if you wish). We will feast together after the second service. Beverages and table service will be provided.

Please include a copy of the recipe with your name and phone number or e-mail address so we can all try your favorite dish. See you there!



Crisis Center Items

Crisis Center needs for June include toiletries such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, disposable shavers, anti-perspirant/deodorant, hand and body lotion and nail clippers and emery boards. They also need summer items such as new socks/slippers/underwear, summer pajamas for women and children, swim suits (new or gently used), sun block lotion and mosquito repellent.

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



Family Camping

June 2-4

Rock Cut State Park, Rockton, IL

Contact **Jerry** and **Shirley McDaniel**, 847-882-6116, if you would like to attend.

July 7-9

Blackhawk Campground

Rockford, IL

Reservations are required for this private campground. The local attraction is the Rockford water park. Saturday's potluck supper is spaghetti. Bring your favorite sauce and a dish to pass.

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

Church Ladies Nite Out

June 28, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m. to Stir Crazy in Woodfield Mall. 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 join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.

Music Sunday

Thanks to all who participate in *Our Redeemer's* music programs all year round and who made Music Sunday special: Chancel Choir Director, **Cathy Scott** and Accompanist, **Marion Kehrberg**; Chancel Chimes Director, **Karen Moore**; Sounds of Grace Director, **Carol Hollingsworth**; Random Ringers Director, **Carolyn Meneely**; and Joyful Noise and Cherub Choir Director, **Sue Zimmeroff** and Accompanist, **Paula Patterson**.

Our choirs go on vacation and we fill in with special music during the summer. If you would like to provide music for worship one or more Sundays, contact any member of the music committee or leave your name in the office.

Thanks to **Jim Evitts** for the photos (sorry, the Joyful Noise pictures were too fuzzy).





Micah Ministries

Micah Ministries, *Our Redeemer's* social justice ministry, is continuing to explore ways to approach root causes of hunger.

On June 4 Micah Ministries will participate in the Sunday morning service in recognition of Hunger Awareness Week.

On Tuesday, June 27, **Chris Pierson**, in his role as Director of Outreach and Witness Ministries for the Elgin District will discuss ways we can proceed to implement the things we have learned. Anyone from the congregation is always welcome to attend.

“In exploring the subject of global hunger, the time has come to listen to our hearts and hear what God is calling us to do in mission and ministry.”

Donald E. Messer in
Ending Hunger Now

Bowling Season Completed

Another successful bowling year has been completed. *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist church has just completed our 12th year of bowling. We had 28 participants this year with 8 teams. Congratulations to the first place team which was comprised of **Tom Kane, Josh Kane, Laura Ziebell, and Ray Ziebell**.

All 28 bowlers are returning for next year, so we are only looking for 4 more people who are looking for some fun and fellowship. We bowl every other Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A GOOD BOWLER TO JOIN OUR LEAGUE!

If you are interested in joining this exciting event, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-882-6116.

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through April 2006.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through April 2006

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	104,137	111,396	(7,259)	-7%
Sprint Rent	8,656	5,200	3,456	66%
Other Income	10,198	10,177	21	0%
Total Income	122,991	126,773	(3,782)	-3%
Total Expenses	126,256	127,339	(1,083)	-1%
Net Income (Loss)	(3,266)	(566)	(2,700)	

Dear ORUMC Members:

Happy belated Easter to you and all your family. Sorry this email is so long in coming. I went out with 15 people 2 days before Easter to pass out food to 500 people just enough food for Easter. We ended up staying 10 days. There was so much to do and so much we could do to help these people. We did a lot of good and taught young and old alike about Jesus. We also brought them books about Jesus.

I was glad that we were able to help these people. I wish we could have done more. But to give you an example of what we did, is we helped people with their cuts and sores that they had by disinfecting them and putting bandages on them. We washed many, many children and helped wash older adults. We helped brush teeth and wash and comb hair. All this to make them feel a little better.

We helped then clean up around the area and also we cleared an area and planted vegetable seeds we had brought with us. We also brought them baby chickens, 200 of them and some food for the baby chicks. And once the chicks will grow up they will have 200 chickens to eat.

I am trying to get more baby chickens to give to families to raise and then sell so they can make a small living and also once sold they will have money to buy more chicks, and start the process all over again. (as JESUS says in the Bible, do not give them fish, but teach them how to fish.)

All in all this was my best Easter ever? I

guess I will never get used to sleeping in the out door on the ground. But as I said all in all it was great. I pray that Easter was good for all of you. Before I close I know that because I am far away from everyone it is easy to forget about the hungry people here. I only know that I come to you all the time begging for your help in the name of the hungry people here.

Anything you can do to help will give some one who might not eat some food. If everyone in the church gave \$1.00 per month that would help a lot. The more money the more people that eat. And to me \$1.00 per month doesn't seem too much to ask. It amounts to 3.33 cents a day.

Please see what you can do to help feed these people.

Love in Christ to all,
Rev. Richard
XOXOXOXOXO



**UMM
Pizza
Sale**

Thanks to all who purchased United Methodist Men pizzas. We do have a few extras on hand. Contact **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-882-6116, to make a purchase.

All men of the church are invited to the UMM regular breakfast meeting Saturday, June 10, 8:00 a.m. at Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road.



Caring Ministries Corner

Getting In Shape

This time of year everyone talks about getting in shape. We walk, run, workout on machines, swim and even watch our calories. All this for our own health and well being.

But there is another way we can stay in shape, feel good about ourselves and help people who are less fortunate.

By donating a little time and a little effort at the Rogers Park Soup Kitchen in Chicago. We meet at the church parking lot and leave at 1:30 p.m. For more information and the schedule, call Mert Rutledge at 847-882-6116.

Help is desperately needed! Please consider those less fortunate than yourself and help feed the hungry.

You'll feel good afterwards AND the exercise is great! When you get home, hop on the scale and see how much you've lost! (Of course, if you go to McDonald's afterwards it doesn't count!)



Lenten Program Report

Over forty families of *Our Redeemer's* participated in the Society of St. Andrew's (SOSA) program "Crossroads" and the Good Friday fast to fight hunger during Lent. Through their generosity and contributions to the Maundy Thursday offering \$1,495.99 was raised to provide food for the hungry through SOSA's Meals for Millions program.

Meals for Millions is a mission project of the United Methodist Men. Funds raised have provided millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry. The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that is perfectly good quality but, is not suitable for commercial use due to size or shape.

Gleaning is another activity aimed at salvaging food to feed the hungry. We will keep you informed as the growing season progresses. We began our church involvement in 2003 and would like to have *Our Redeemer's* participate on a larger scale this year. Any questions please see **John Machonis**.



Thanks To All The Working Hands

God has Blessed us again! Many hands worked diligently, many members brought in their rummage and many came to find treasures!

This resulted in approximately \$4,000.00 that will be given to charity in various ways. In addition, swimsuits were taken to the Crisis Center, sheets will be used at VBS, baskets are decorating the kitchen. Flowers and pictures were added to the ladies room, books were donated to the Schaumburg library, boxes of clothing were delivered to Prisoner Release for Men and Women, and boxes of clothing were sent to Church World Service. Everything else (boxes and boxes) were given to the Salvation Army.

Yes, it is a lot of work to organize, sort, mark and sell, but it is always worth it! It is an exciting adventure, getting to know new people, making new friends and having lunch together.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!!

Co-Chairs

Sherrie Cottrell

Shirley McDaniel

Gernith Streu

Robin Erickson

A Note Of Thanks

I would like to thank all those who were able to donate to Child Serve this past Easter season. Through your generosity we were able to give approximately \$500.00 worth of clothes, diapers and baby supplies to this wonderful organization. These children are truly blessed by your support and prayers.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Gail Bedingfield

To the Congregation of Our Redeemer's:

Thank you so much for the diapers, wipes, outfits, 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. On behalf of the staff and clients, I want to thank you for providing such quality items for our families. Your support of ChildServ over the years has benefited 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

Volunteer Coordinator

Personal Notes



Our Deepest Sympathy to **Carol Hollingsworth** and family on the death of her father, **Keith Krewson**.

Our Deepest Sympathy to **Brenda Raffaelli** and family on the death of her father, **Edsel Waldrep**.



06/04 **Mark Nordli**
06/06 **Morgan Higgins**
06/13 **Robert Nordli**
06/13 **Daniel Shaw**
06/13 **Meghan Taylor**
06/15 **Vanessa Clermont**
06/17 **Lindsey Miller**
06/18 **KC Kulprathipanja**
06/21 **Kellee Conquest**
06/21 **Billy Esposito**
06/21 **Joel Schwarte**
06/22 **Christian Johnson**
06/22 **Kevin Machonis**

To the Cherub Choir, Joyful Noise and their families:

Thank you so much for the generous gift! We truly appreciate it, and your participation in choir! It's been a wonderful year, we've had a lot of fun, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Our first rehearsal is Sept. 5 at 5 to 5:20 p.m. for Cherub Choir, (ages 4 through 2nd grade), and 5:20 to 5:45pm for Joyful Noise, (ages 3rd grade through 8th).

Have a terrific summer!

God bless you,
Sue Zimberoff and
Paula Patterson

Melissa Slife

Melissa Slife remains hospitalized on bed rest in week 28 of her pregnancy. You can call her in the hospital at 800-373-6155.

You can send cards to their home address:

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