



# The Redeemer Review

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**Pastor's  
Corner**

## Faith Foundation Worship Series



During Lent (our time of Easter preparation) we talked about the book of Revelation as a book of hope and faith, not fear and violence. Our *worship team* worked hard at making those services meaningful and relevant. I would like to especially thank **Cathy Scott** and our choir for their powerful Good Friday service.

In a story from Matthew (7:24), Jesus tells us that all those who hear his teachings and act on them are like those who build their house on a solid rock, it will stand firm. During our Easter season, our worship services are focused on certain “foundational practices” that help us keep our “faith life” on solid rock. These practices include:

1) Making a commitment to **PRAY** regularly (pray in a style that suites you, find a routine, use imagery, keep it simple, continue to learn about prayer).

2) Make a commitment to do **BIBLE STUDY** (scripture is not a textbook of things past, but a living document that opens our hearts to the Risen Lord).

3) Make a commitment to be in **WORSHIP** (time spent in worship is always an opportunity to feel God’s love and share it with your church family).

4) Make a commitment to your **FAMILY** (on Mother’s day we will look at our families and ways to grow in faith with them).

5) Make a commitment to **JOY**, to celebrating God’s love (on music Sunday, May 21, we will celebrate the gift of music God has given us).

I look forward to seeing all of you in worship during our Easter season.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bill*



**Happy Birthday  
Marianne**



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The Youth Council, confirmation class, ASP gang and others (in cahoots with her husband, **Ian**) presented our Youth Director, **Marianne Rogenski** with a surprise birthday party April 23.

Happy Birthday Marianne from all of us, too.



## Caring Ministries Corner

by Bruce Bedingfield

### Our Redeemer's Food Pantry

Last month's *Redeemer Review* featured an article about the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry and our church's on-going support of this caring ministry. But did you know that *Our Redeemer's* has its own food pantry as well?

It is not unusual for hungry neighbors to come visit our church requesting food. Many years ago **Becky Schultz**, our church secretary at that time, suggested we stock food items to have on hand to feed these children of God. The church has a cabinet filled with food items these neighbors can choose from.

Although it's hardly in her "job description/" **Donna Echtner**, our current secretary, serves by maintaining this pantry. Donna says that helpful items include: Ready to eat soups, macaroni and cheese, pudding cups, fruit cups, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, juice and baby food. Other items often requested are toilet paper, diapers, laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, toothpaste, canned meats and canned fruits. Jewel certificates in small amounts are a good idea also. These are kept in **Pastor Bill's** office and he oversees these and passes them out.

If you would like to contribute food to *Our Redeemer's* food pantry, please drop them off in the office or place them in the cabinet next to the sink between the offices anytime. Also, if you would be willing to help coordinate this important caring ministry, please contact Donna at the church or **Bruce Bedingfield**, Caring Ministries Chair 847-934-6410.

*"Christ has no hands but ours by which to feed God's children."*

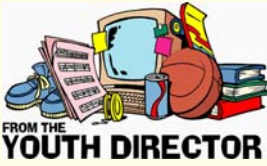
**Robert W. Rae**



### Crisis Center Items

There are a variety of items needed for May. You may bring towels, washcloths, kitchen towels and twin size bedding (new or used). They also can use paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissue. They also need travel size sewing kits, styrofoam cups, plastic ware, paper plates and school supplies.

The baskets for the Crisis Center are in the church office. A big thank you for everything that you all donate.



## Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

### Confirmation News

Congratulations confirmation students—you have almost made it to the end! The last confirmation meeting of the year will be on May 7, 4-5:30 p.m. It should be a great time so we hope to see you there!

### 8th Graders

You are invited to a Sr. High night to welcome you into the group! There will be pizza, games, and tons of fun! The youth council is working hard to make this a great night and we hope that you can make it. It will be May 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We know that this conflicts with the last soup kitchen date so if you have that conflict please talk to Marianne and we will work something out.

### Sr. High

You have one regular meeting left—May 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. May 14 you have an assignment—spend time with your mom and wish her a Happy Mother's Day! Also, on May 21 come out from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for pizza, games, and fun. We will be welcoming the 8th graders to the group, as they will be freshmen soon!

### Appalachia Service Project

We have two meetings in May—one on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. and one on May 30 at 7:00 p.m. The first meeting will be informative and answer questions as well as preparation for the bake sale. The second meeting will allow the work crews to get together and talk about what to bring, etc. If you are on the ASP team and will be unable to make either of these meetings please let Marianne know ASAP.

### Bake Sale

The ASP team will be hosting a bake sale again this year! During the UMW rummage sale, be sure to stop in the narthex for some yummy treats! We are looking for volunteer bakers so if you are interested in making a donation of baked goods please have them in the kitchen at church by Thursday, May 4. Thanks in advance for your support!

### Katrina Relief

If you are interested in helping out in the area damaged by the hurricanes last summer we are taking a group to Louisiana this summer! We will be gone from July 15-July 22 or 23. If you think that you want to go or if you need more information, please talk to Marianne.

## Education News

### *Vacation Bible School*

Summer is coming and so is Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Many of you have signed up for a role in VBS and we are off to a good start, but there are still many jobs that are still open! If you don't know what job you might like, just call me (**Amy Johnson** 630-372-4722) and we can work out together what would be the best fit for you in our program.

Do you like to work with kids? There's a job for you! Do you want to just work with the adults involved? There's a job for you! Do you want to work with food? There's a job for you! Stop by our table whenever you see us after church or look for our **\*BRIGHT YELLOW\*** poster with the letters **\*VBS\*** on it so you can sign up.

### *Sunday School news*

Can it be that our year of Sunday School is almost over? Wow! Where did the time go? We can't tell you how much we appreciate all of you who made this a wonderful year! We have tried a few new ways of doing things and smoothed out the edges of those things that didn't go quite as planned.

Our last day of Sunday School is May 14 (Mother's Day). Please make sure that you thank all of our Sunday School teachers when you see them! They have done a fabulous job this year and we would love to have as many of them back as possible!

What's that you say? How can you be a Sunday School teacher? Glad you asked! It's

really simple! Just talk to anyone on the Education committee and we will get you all set up! The curriculum is all planned out and we supply the art materials that you may need so what are you waiting for? Come and join us!

### *Summer Sunday School*

There will be Sunday School this summer for those children from 3 years old up to those who will be in second grade in the fall. We will be looking for adults to volunteer just one Sunday this summer to help us keep this program going. You don't need to have a child in this program; Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas & Grandpas, even a Brother or Sister in Christ are all invited to join this ministry of the church. So who can do this? YOU can do this! Sign up for the week of your choice and

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### *May Birthdays*

05/06	<b>Rebecca Gilbert</b>
05/06	<b>Bobby Launhardt</b>
05/07	<b>Alec Hill</b>
05/08	<b>Nicole Clermont</b>
05/14	<b>Melanie Johnson</b>
05/15	<b>Brian Nordli</b>
05/15	<b>Laura Kuhn</b>
05/16	<b>Kevin Schaefer</b>
05/18	<b>Josh Kane</b>
05/19	<b>Jennifer Mottar</b>
05/24	<b>Jonathan Hunter</b>
05/24	<b>Kelley Oster</b>
05/25	<b>Riecee Brock</b>
05/25	<b>Cassandra Pierson</b>
05/26	<b>Danny Breda</b>
05/28	<b>Marcus Hill</b>



## **Mom's Night Out**

*May 4, 7:00 p.m.*

Join the Moms Thursday May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at The Melting Pot 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**, 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email her at [annetteb421@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annetteb421@sbcglobal.net).

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## **Singing for Their Suppers**

*May 7 at 3:00 p.m.*

The Elgin District United Methodist Men are sponsoring a choral concert Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Men from the district will be singing at Calvary United Methodist Church in Villa Park. An offering will go to the Society of St. Andrew to combat hunger.

Watch for flyers with more information at church.



## **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, both days of the sales. Please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted in the narthex.

This is our ONLY fund raiser 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.

## M.S. Walk May 7

The Machonis Family will be participating in the M.S. Walk on Sunday, May 7. We will be walking with many others to help raise funds to fight this debilitating disease that is a very personal cause for our family.

If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Contributions can be made even after the walk, and given to one of us. Our church family has always been such a wonderful support system.

Thank you for your help.

**John, Edie, Jim, Laura  
and Chris Machonis**



## UMM Pizza Sale

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

All men of the church are invited to the UMM regular breakfast meeting Saturday, May 13, 8:00 a.m. at Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road.



## Family Camping June 2-4 Location Change

The June campout location has changed. The original location, Shabbona Lake State Park, required a 3-day reservation for the June 2-4 weekend. Rock Cut State Park was selected as the back-up location, so we have scheduled Rock Cut for June 2-4 and Shabbona for September 8-10.

**Jerry and Shirley McDaniel** will continue to be the hosts for the June campout and **Mike and Amy Johnson** will be the hosts for the September campout. Rock Cut does take reservations, but at our planning meeting we decided that we preferred to take pot luck on sites and attempt to get into the area near the shower building.

Contact Jerry and Shirley, 847-895-7385, if you would like to attend.

## Micah Ministries

Micah Ministries, *Our Redeemer's* social justice ministry, is continuing to explore ways to approach root causes of hunger. We will be meeting on Tuesday evening, May 16 at 7:30 PM for a presentation by "Bread for the World". Then 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.

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

## 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!

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## Finance Report

The following is the financial report through March 2006. There was an error in the February data that incorrectly showed Congregational Gifts & Tithes at 19% below budget. The error has been corrected and the March data shows giving only 4% below budget.

### YTD Actual vs. Budget Through March 2006

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	76,891	80,453	(3,562)	-4%
Sprint Rent	6,450	3,900	2,550	65%
Other Income	4,536	4,345	191	4%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>87,877</b>	<b>88,698</b>	<b>(821)</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>95,845</b>	<b>95,095</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(7,968)</b>	<b>(6,397)</b>	<b>(1,571)</b>	



## Music Notes

*May 21, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

Sunday, May 21, the choirs of *Our Redeemer's* will share their annual **Music Sunday** during both services. The Cherubs, Joyful Noise, Random Ringers, Sounds of Grace, Chancel Choir and Chancel Chimes will all be "Investing in Joy" as we praise the Lord through music.

**Summer Music** begins on May 30. During the summer months, we encourage musicians to share their talents during worship. We especially invite our youth to participate in this way. If you are willing to provide music for worship services, please contact a member of the music committee or leave your name with the office.

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## New Web Site Design

The *Our Redeemer's* web site, [www.orumc.org](http://www.orumc.org), is in the process of being redesigned. The objective is to provide a design that will attract first-time viewers and that will be easy to navigate. The new layout uses drop-down menu items that link to the detail pages.

The current design makes use of the existing detail pages. They will gradually be updated to the new format. We need your input to review the new layout and update the information on the detail pages.

Give your input to **Marshall Nystrom** or email [webmarshall@orumc.org](mailto:webmarshall@orumc.org).

## OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*Cordially Invite  
All Women of the Church  
To Attend*

### 2006 ANNUAL SALAD SUPPER

**"YEAR OF THE WORLD"**

*with*

**ED WARBLE**

*Singer, Pianist, Entertainer at the  
Keyboard*

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006  
Wesley Hall**

**6:30 P.M. - SALAD SUPPER**  
Please bring a Salad to pass

**7:15 P.M. - PROGRAM**

*Donations welcomed*

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## Church Ladies Nite Out *May 24, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going to Maggiano's by Woodfield on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. 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



Our Deepest Sympathy to **Gunnar Campbell, John Campbell III** and **Tara Campbell** on the death of their father, **John Campbell** on April 10.

Our Deepest Sympathy to **Craig Clermont** and his family on the death of his grandmother, **Rose Peppin**.

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### Congratulations Justyna

Congratulations to **Justyna Peron-Podgorski** on her 10 years of dedicated service as the Director of Christian Corner Children's Center, *Our Redeemer's* Pre-School.

Justyna joined the staff as Assistant Director in March of 1996. She then became a part-time teacher and full-time Assistant Director one year later. In April of 1999 she was appointed Director and has been greatly admired for her dedication to the school and its students.

We're so glad she is here with us at *Our Redeemer's*.

### Ray and Laura Ziebell



Congratulations to **Laura Esposito** and **Ray Ziebell** who were married at *Our Redeemer's* on March 11.

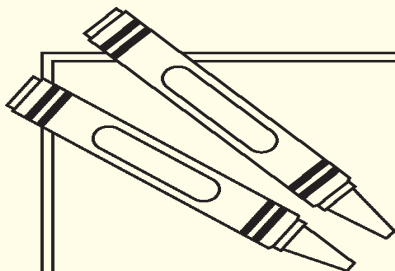
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### Prayer Needed

Over recent months my brother, **Don**, has been on our church's prayer list. I know he's therefore been in many of your prayers as well. Thank you! Don has been ill for several years. He suffered a severe bout of pneumonia over Thanksgiving week, and went into respiratory failure. He's been hospitalized ever since, on and off ventilators.

I invite your continued prayers for Don's body and his spirit.

**Bruce Bedingfield**



# Just for **KIDS**

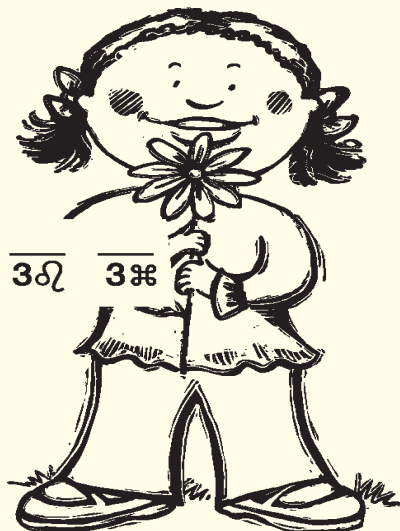
## Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers – not just on Mother’s Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother’s name.

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Answers: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.

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