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Worship in November

Worship is an important time for us as Jesus' disciples. Worship is a time when we praise God (in thanksgiving), grow in our relationship with Christ and grow in our relationship with each other. This month your opportunities for worship will include the following:

November 5:

On the first Sunday of November we celebrate *All Saints Sunday*. During the service we will read the names of all who have died in the last year. We do this as an act of respect, remembrance and worship. It is at times a difficult, but powerful service of healing. Our Scripture text will be *Matthew 22:23-33 & Psalm 23*.

November 12:

We will have a guest speaker from Church World Service to speak about their work, and a movement in the faith community called "*Fair Exchange*."

November 19 & 26:

On these two Sunday we will explore the *Biblical teaching on forgiveness*. On November 19 we will look at Luke 24, specifically verse 47 as we explore the *freedom of knowing we are forgiven* through Jesus Christ. On November 26 I will teach on Matthew 6: 14 - 15 and look at ways to live that same kind of forgiveness Christ offers us, *by forgiving others*.

See you in Church,
Pastor Bill

Advent Festival November 26, 4:00 p.m.

Our annual Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m. We will decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

At 6:00 p.m. (after the decorations are complete) we will have a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to pass. We are expecting a special Christmas guest and will have crafts for the kids to do.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have questions call **Amy Johnson**, 847-882-6116

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Community Thanksgiving Service Tues., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. **Our Saviour's United Methodist Church**

You may remember the time years ago when our tradition was to join with other local congregations for a Thanksgiving service. This year we are reviving that tradition with **Our Saviour's UMC and Roselle UMC**. John Van Hook, choir director at Our Saviour's will conduct the combined choir. And our own **Pastor Bill** will be preaching.

Please bring **canned food or household supplies**, which will replenish our own church pantry to serve those in need in our community. The monetary offering will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

We encourage you to support our efforts to renew the tradition of worshipping together with neighboring churches by coming to this year's Thanksgiving service. Our Saviour's is located at 701 East Schaumburg Rd.

Blood Drive December 7

Our Redeemer's will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 7 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. On Sundays during November you can make a reservation to donate. You can also feel free to drop in to donate at any time on December 7.



Images of Discipleship

A disciple is a believer, a follower of Christ's teachings, who shows devotion to Him as well as carries out His commands to love and care for others. Discipleship brings to mind the work of Jesus' loyal followers.

At *Our Redeemer's*, we have chances to be disciples in many ways. For my part, I have sung in the Chancel Choir. I have directed the youth chimes — the Random Ringers. I have been part of the Worship Team and the Banner Committee. I have been chairperson of Ad Council and Finance committees. Last summer I participated in the Katrina Relief mission trip to New Orleans. Each has helped me become a believer in the personal and spiritual rewards of Discipleship.

One of my responsibilities as Director of Discipleship will be to develop ways for worshippers at *Our Redeemer's* to enjoy the same rewards of service. I hope we can work together to discover a place of service for each individual, no matter how simple or complex – from greeting others at the front door before worship to spending a week on a mission trip.

Through Discipleship, everyone at *Our Redeemer's* will travel together on our faith journey, joining in worship, fellowship and mission.

One component of discipleship is evangelism — to represent the Word of God to others; to invite others to join us on our journey.

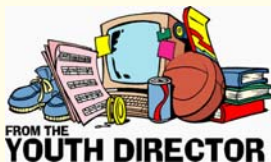
Another new responsibility will be to create a strategy for making the community aware of *Our Redeemer's* and also to develop an evangelism plan for *Our Redeemer's*.

We already have things going on that are evangelistic activities. Our plan will include events and activities to strengthen them and use them more effectively. Every activity that we do as an *Our Redeemer's* member can be an act of evangelism as we embody the Word of God to others.

Evangelism then is an *Our Redeemer's* invitation to join us in worship, fellowship and mission.

During worship services on October 1, we drew our hands to symbolize our work together. I am looking forward to joining hands with you on this exciting journey.

Carolyn Meneely
Director of Discipleship



Confirmation

Attention confirmation students and parents—the retreat is here! The confirmation retreat is November 3-4, 2006.

Students should be dropped off at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3. Parents should come in with their child and sign them in and make sure that we have all of the necessary paperwork (emergency forms especially!) We will be having pizza for dinner. The evening will be filled with games, bonding, fun, fellowship, discussions, and some Bible study. The students will be expected to sleep between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. We will have breakfast together, more fun, fellowship, games, Bible study, lunch, and then pick-up is at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4.

If you have any other questions please contact Marianne at marianne@orumc.org or through the church office at 847-882-6116.

The rest of the confirmation schedule for November and December is as follows:

November 2006

- 3-4 Confirmation Retreat
- 5 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 10 Open Mic Night 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Confirmation 4-5:30 p.m.

December 2006

- 3 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Sr. High

H2O has been great so far and it is awesome to see so many of you there! Here is the schedule for the next couple of months—continue to bring your friends!

November 2006

- 5 Sr. High 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 10 Open Mic Night 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Sr. High Brunch 10:30 a.m.

December 2006

- 3 Sr. High 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 10 Sr. High 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Youth Club (4th-6th grades)

Your next event is coming soon—Making Cookies in a Jar on December 10 from 4:00 -5:30 p.m. There will be snacks and fun, so come and bring a friend! Look for your invite in the mail and more info in the next newsletter.

Summer Mission Trips 2007

We have requested the week of June 9-16, 2007 for the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). If you will have completed 8th grade or higher by then and are interested, please let Marianne know now. This is a trip specifically for high school students and their chaperones. We are hoping for 42 this year!

We are planning on taking another mission team to New Orleans July 14-22, 2007. This is a trip for youth 16 years and older and adults. It was an amazing experience last year and one that I hope many of you will consider next summer. Again, if you are interested or want more information, please contact Marianne.

6:33

Have you heard of 6:33 yet? It is coming in September 2007 and we want you to be a part of it! What is it? It is an exciting new worship service that will be Sunday evenings at 6:33pm and the name comes from Matthew 6:33 which says, "Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met." (from The Message)

Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night is Friday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful evening of entertainment and fellowship for our entire church family and the community. I encourage you all to come and enjoy the evening, and if you are extra adventurous sign up for an act. Dig out the old trumpet, play the piano, sing, read a poem, tell some jokes, whatever you want to do we will love it! I encourage the whole congregation to be a part of this night!

Youth Ski Trip - Jan 12-14

Start planning now for the January Youth Ski trip. The following is the general trip itinerary.

- Friday evening-leave ORUMC at 6:30p.m.
- Saturday-Skiing or snowboarding at Alpine Valley
- Saturday evening-Entertainment by a live Christian band
- Sunday morning-Worship service and return to ORUMC

Cost including lodging, food and fellowship at Wesley Woods and the lift ticket and a lesson at Alpine Valley:

\$110 per person (with ski/snowboard rental)

\$91 per person (without rental)

***Note-Scholarships are available; please do not let the cost of the trip prevent you from going.

If you are in 7th through 12th grade or want to chaperone please see or call Cathy Mottar at 847-882-6116 or email mottarcr@sbcglobal.net. You can get registration forms and ski releases from Cathy or on the web at <http://www.niccamp.org> on the winter camps page.

Everyone must complete a registration form and pay by December 17.

Children's Christmas Program

With the holidays quickly approaching, the Education Committee would like to remind you about the upcoming Christmas Program. The children will have practice on Saturday, December 16 and the actual program will take place on Sunday, December 17.

Children preschool age through second grade will be singing *Away in a Manger*, and third graders through Junior High will be singing *Little Town of Bethlehem*. All the children will be singing *Silent Night* Will be preparing your children by singing the first verses of these songs during the music time on the third and fourth Sundays of the upcoming months.



Caring Ministries Corner

Gifts from the Heart

Since the time of the Magi and the birth of the Christ child, gifts have been given to children at Christmastime. Once again, the congregation of *Our Redeemer's* has the chance to brighten the holidays for a child by providing gifts to children through the program, Gifts from the Heart.

This is the 20th year that the program Gifts from the Heart has been implemented here. Members of the congregation are given the opportunity to sign up for the number of children they wish to sponsor. This year you may sign up in the narthex on October 29, November 5 and November 12. ChildServ requests that no more than \$60 be spent on each child. The names of the children you sponsor and a wish list for each child will be given to you November 19 or November 26. Then the unwrapped gifts, bundled together for each child, are returned on Sunday, December 3, where they will be delivered to ChildServ by the Gifts from the Heart elves.

ChildServ, the United Methodist agency that serves foster children, has been very appreciative of our congregation's efforts each year in providing gifts for children. In fact, did you know that *Our Redeemer's* was awarded ChildServ's Religious Outreach Award last year? Did you also know that since 1987 this congregation has helped 2300

children receive Christmas gifts? And for the last 15 years we have averaged 140 children being sponsored each year with an average of 87 families supporting the program?

Gifts from the Heart has been very well supported by the *Our Redeemer's* congregation and I hope that, once again, you will find that it is a very worthy outreach to children, and you will find it in your heart to add another or several additional children to your Christmas list.

If you have any questions about Gifts from the Heart, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-882-6116 or clh1325@comcast.net.



Crisis Center

The Crisis Center items for November are food and snacks: canned fruit, soups, ravioli, spaghetti's, chili, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, pasta, sauces, cereal, saltine and graham crackers. Microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, instant tea, soft drink mixes (like Kool-Aid).

The center always wants USED greeting cards (except Christmas cards). The center can also use non-working cell phones.

Please leave items in the Crisis Center box in the office.

We Need You

by: Ralph Will

Many of you reading this article may not know Ralph and Barbara Will. We have been members of ***Our Redeemer's*** for nearly 40 years. When we moved to Schaumburg, we became separated from our biological family members in Pennsylvania and Indiana. These family connections were painfully missing in our new lives. Soon after moving here we came in touch with ***Our Redeemer's*** United Methodist Church. At this point the church was only a few years old and was meeting in the "Barn" which was the old Schaumburg Village Court Room. We found a new "Family Connection" and we stuck with it. If you talk to some of our older members, you will learn that; like all families, we didn't always agree about methods and ideas. But as most families do, we stayed with it until we found a way to make it work.

A few years ago, we kind of retired from the Administrated duties of church life and just enjoyed the family relationships that had developed. About a year ago, I attended an Administrative Counsel meeting where the subject of a Long Range Plan was discussed. After putting in my two cents worth of ideas about how we should go about this, I was ask to develop a plan and bring it to the next Counsel meeting.

Some research uncovered a program called Natural Church Development (NCD). Most of you will recall that we adopted the program and completed the required church survey. A few months ago we were assigned

a Team Coach and began understanding our strengths and weaknesses that the survey results revealed. Our weakest area turned out to be "Evangelism". Now, I will bet most of you think of Evangelism as going around and knocking on doors and inviting people to come to our church. That is not our plan.

Our plan is to learn and better understand our community, develop a program to attract community members to try our church, and once they try our church have a plan to keep them involved.

We all know that our church family is involved in many great and outstanding programs. The shortcoming is that we don't do a very good job publicizing these accomplishments to the community, and enticing them to become a part of this family of doers.

Finally; we get to the reason for this article. For now, we have three major goals to fulfill. Communications, Family Ministries and Issues of Diversity. One of the important jobs is to find someone with the TALENT and DESIRE to take the job of being a "Communications Director". This person, along with the help of others, would be responsible to "document" - "prepare" - "and publicize" our programs and accomplishments so that others in the community may wish to become a part of our "Church Family". If you are interested, contact **Pastor Bill** and we will help you get the job done. I pray that you are the person who wants to do this job, and will plan to attend our next NCD meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 14.



Thank you walkers, sponsors, and Micah Ministry Team for another successful C.R.O.P. Walk! **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty not only supports many immediate and long term needs in other countries, but also Pads, the Schaumburg Food Pantry and Kenneth Young Center here in our community.

What a joy it was to walk with our church family. The walkers included **Cathy Mottar, Cathy, Andy, and Paige Stout, Carolyn and Doug Meneely, Jason and Abie Betts, Gail and Bruce Bedingfield, Shirley and Jerry McDaniel, Jim, Jill and Tiffany Naatz, Laura Ziebell, Kathy Fettel, and John and Edie Machonis.**

Thanks, too, to **Jamie Adams and John Montgomery** who helped with registration and as a route marshal. Thanks to **Pastor Bill** for participating in the blessing before the walk. It was a team effort.

Thank you for your generosity, sponsors. When collection is completed, we will let you know the results.

**Edie Machonis and
Doug Meneely**

Co-Chairs of ORUMC Crop Walk

A Little Help Is Needed

Every Sunday our generous congregation supplies *Our Redeemer's* with a very good offering. Sometime during the following week, the Teller Team records and deposits that offering. We need a few more people who can read, write and count to help process the offering.

It takes about one and a half hours per week to process the offering (more during the holiday periods). Helpers are needed one or more weeks per month. Extra people are needed during the Christmas and Easter holidays.

The team typically works on each Monday, but the schedule can be flexible based on the needs of the team members. New people will work with experienced team members until they are fully trained.

Anyone offering to help us must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116 for further details.

Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. to PF Chang's in Woodfield Mall. The restaurant is located nearby Sears and Ruby Tuesday.

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.

United Methodist Women

All women of the church are invited to “JOIN US” for our next UMW Breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. at church. November is a special month to give thanks and we will present our World Thank Offerings at this time (bring your “box” of coins).

The morning program will continue our “Year of the World” theme and is entitled *The Philippines- The Richard Vales Story*. We will see a video presentation about Richard Vales who used to be a member of our church and is now a missionary in the Philippines.

Join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP! Breakfast is provided.

United Methodist Men

November 11, 8:00 a.m.
Pizza Making

The United Methodist Men are making pizza again. They will be taking orders for pizza available for pickup on Sunday, November 12.

The regular UMM breakfast meeting will be coffee and donuts at church instead of the regular breakfast meeting at Old Country Buffet. We will make pizza from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

December 2, 8:00 a.m.
District Men's Advent Breakfast

We will meet at church at 7:15 a.m. to caravan to Elgin for the UMM District Advent Breakfast. Call Marshall Nystrom, 847-882-6116, if you can attend.

Finance Report

The Finance Committee thanks you for your continuing support of *Our Redeemer's*. We are running slightly behind budgeted income and have covered most of the shortfall through careful expense management. Please review your giving and bring your pledge up to date so we can close the remaining gap.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through September 2006

| | Actual | Budget | \$ Change | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Congregation Gifts & Tithes | 218,745 | 241,359 | (22,614) | -9% |
| Sprint Rent | 19,688 | 11,700 | 7,988 | 68% |
| Other Income | 16,134 | 16,755 | (621) | -4% |
| Total Income | 254,567 | 269,814 | (15,247) | -6% |
| Total Expenses | 260,622 | 273,726 | (13,104) | -5% |
| Net Income (Loss) | (6,055) | (3,912) | (2,143) | |

Freedom

by Shirley Odegaard

Everyone or almost everyone wants to be free. Free to come and go as they please. Free to pursue the occupation of their choice. Free to travel. Free to have friends of their own choice. Free to have privacy. Free to vote for whomever they wish. Free to worship or not as they choose.

Freedom brings with it the opportunity to make choices. Some people have the notion...feeling...call it what you will...that freedom is a right. My feelings are that it is not a right but a privilege. And along with that privilege, comes responsibility. If you have freedom without responsibility, you have chaos.

Can you imagine getting into your car and driving without any regard to stop lights or directional signals, driving on whatever side of the street that suited you...and everyone else did the same thing? I know it sometimes seems like that. In order to have freedom to travel we must accept the responsibility for following the rules and regulations for travel. If they sometimes seem too burdensome then it is our responsibility to get them changed in a lawful manner.

One of our most precious freedoms is our freedom to vote. I am just staggered when I hear that only 34% or 79% of the qualified voters took time to vote in a particular election...be it the school board, the special mayoral, or the national presidential. People all around me complain about this law, that

regulation. When I ask them if they voted, they'll reply, "It won't do any good. Politicians are all the same. They are all crooked!"

I don't believe that and I don't believe most thinking people feel that way. In so many parts of the world there is only one name on the ballot. There is literally no choice, but because of all sorts of circumstances almost everyone votes.

What would happen in any election in this country if 99% of the electorate voted? Would they run out of ballots? Would the polling place be too small? How would the candidates react?

It's about time that each of us stop making excuses for not voting in a particular election. It just might happen one day that we could lose that most precious franchise...the right to vote... simply because we didn't assume the responsibilities that went along with it.

Freedom is a wonderful thing, but it carries with it awesome duties. Freedom is very fragile and like fine china it should be treated as such. Just something to think about.



Habitat Work Date
Nov 18, 7:00 a.m.

Meet at church at 7:00 a.m. We will caravan to the Habitat project in Waukegan. We will spend the day working on a Habitat home and return to church about 5:00 p.m.

New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined *Our Redeemer's* in October: **Greg and Marlene Pelster** and their sons, **Jason and Andrew**; **Brian and Laura Fowle** and their children, **Stephanie and Joshua**; **Mark and Lisa Dierbach** and their children, **Tommy and Conner**; **Jacob and Kerrie Largo**; **Linda Bleise** (Kerri's mother); and **Tom and Elinor Reader**.



Andrew, Marlene, Jason & Greg Pelster



Stephanie, Laura, Joshua & Brian Fowle



Lisa & Mark Dierbach



**Linda Bleise (Kerri's mom) and Kerrie
& Jacob Largo**



Elinor & Tom Reader

Personal Notes



Wills Moving



Ralph and Barb Will moved to West Lafayette, IN October 27. Their new house will have no stairs and will be close to their two grandchildren.

Ralph and Barb have been part of the life of *Our Redeemer's* for about 40 years. Ralph has served in many areas of the church, has been chairman of several committees from Ad Board on down, and in general has helped make things happen.

Barb served for many years as chair of the Christian Corner Children's Center board and helped make our pre-school successful.

Both Ralph and Barb have many friends at *Our Redeemer's*. They will be missed, but they will be only a few hours away. We can look forward to them returning to visit their daughter in Elgin.

Their new address is:
3327 Cardigan Ct.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Baptisms

Andrew Kelley Justis

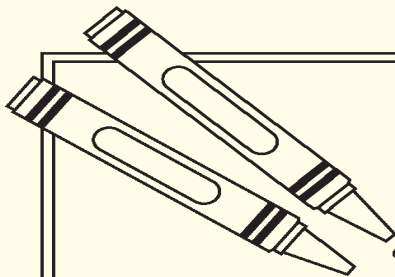
Andrew Kelley Justis was baptized October 1. Andrew's parents are **Judith** and **Charles Justis**. His proud godparent (and Judith's sister) is **Alison Nystrom!**



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to **JoAnne Gregorash** and her family on the death of JoAnne's nephew, **Mike Gregorash**.



11/09 Allison Gorvett
11/23 Elizabeth Gilbert
11/27 Jonathan Dean
11/25 Nick Meyer
11/29 Patrick Brock
11/30 Kimberly Trenn



Just for **KIDS**

"Thank You, God"

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.

Directions: Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).



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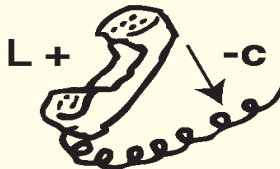


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Psalm 107:1

Answer: "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good."

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