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April 1, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship

April 5, 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion

*April 6, 7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship
Choral Drama "We Were There"*

Please join us for a dramatic choral experience. We gather to experience the cross with the people who were there, so we may look up and truly see the one who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows—the one who was wounded for our sins. For there at the cross we find our Lord who experienced all our sorrows and suffering, but offers us the miracle of hope and life.

April 7, 6:33 p.m. - 6:33 Worship Service

The 6:33 Worship Team at *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church would like to invite you, your family, and friends to attend our 6:33 Easter Service. Come and experience what is to come starting in the fall of 2007 in our new 6:33 Worship Service. You don't want to miss this powerful celebration of our Lord!

April 8, 6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

The Sr. High Youth will conclude their lock-in by leading the Easter Sunrise Service.

April 8, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Easter Worship Service



*“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here but has risen.”*

Luke 24:5



Charles Wesley Birthday

This year is the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley’s birth. He was one of the founders of the United Methodist Church. From the time of his conversion in 1738, Charles, often called “the sweet singer of Methodism,” wrote two hymns a week every week for fifty years, composing between five and six thousand hymns during his lifetime. Charles composed his hymns in order to bring theology to the heart, where people could experience the love of God in profound ways.

The Easter hymn **Christ The Lord Is Risen Today** is one of Wesley’s hymns. This hymn was written one year after Charles’ conversion experience. It was written especially for the opening service in their first Wesleyan Chapel in London, called the Foundry Meeting House.

The doctrine in this hymn is obviously the resurrection of Christ. But there is more, because of Jesus’ death and resurrection we have the promise that death has lost its power over us too. The grave will not be our final resting place. No, we too shall rise. Alleluia!

(From The One Year Book of Hymns ed. Robert K. Brown & Mark R. Norton)

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Easter: A Time of New Life

“When it’s sin versus grace, grace wins hand down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that’s the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through Christ, invites us into life – a life that goes on and on and on”

Romans 5: 20-21 (Message)

This year you are invited to a special celebration, a “*coming out*” party for Jesus Christ. This party is not an event signifying a social achievement, it is an invitation by Christ himself to step out of the darkness of sin and death and into new life.

In the reading from Romans above, we hear Paul tell us that sin works to threaten us with death. It seeks to keep us from knowing the fullness of life and love that is faithful living.

Sin tries to tell us that we are not good enough for God; that our mistakes are too many to be loved by God (or by others). Sin confronts us with a world that seems filled with difficulty and strife, encouraging us to give up on making a difference and to live only for ourselves.

Our faith in Jesus Christ, his teaching, death and resurrection pulls us into a life of grace that “*goes on and on and on*” without stopping.

It is the kind of life I want, not based on my own fragile abilities to be good and acceptable to God or others, but based on the eternal love of God in Jesus Christ. ***That***, my brothers and sisters is something to celebrate.

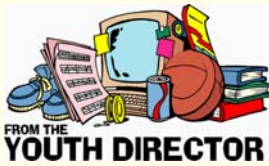
Please join us this year for Easter celebrations. As well as our traditional services on Holy Thursday (April 5) on Easter Sunday, April 8 (6:30 sunrise service, 9:00 and 10:30 services) we also have 2 new special events this year.

On **Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.** our choir will lead us in a powerful ***Good Friday*** service entitled ***We Were There***.

On **Saturday April 7 at 6:33 p.m.** our 633 Worship Team will offer us a new Easter service led by ***Ember Days***, our youth band.

Please join us as we celebrate the new life we can all know in Jesus Christ.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bill



by *Marianne Rogenski*

Youth Club

Thank you to Jon Montgomery, Jamie Addams, and Michelle Hill for helping with the Youth Club Service Day on March 11! While it was a small crowd, they all had a great time and really learned many things about hunger and about writing to their congressmen.

30 Hour Famine

The 30-Hour Famine fundraising totals are not ready yet, but for the weekend we had 30 students participate in the fast. 10 of those were friends from the community, which is just amazing. As always it was an awesome weekend—thank you to the many, many adults that helped throughout the weekend, to the people who donated juice and water, to the prayer partners, and to the students who participated! It is an incredible thing that we are all doing together! Watch the May newsletter for final donation totals!

Sr. High News:

First, mark your calendars for April 7 and 8, 2007! We will begin that evening with the 6:33 Easter Service and then after that there is a Sr. High lock-in at the church! We will be having fun and also putting together the

Easter Sunrise Service. Then, at 6:30 a.m. the Sr. High will actually be doing the Sunrise Service for the church! So, plan on being there to participate in this event—and parents, make sure that you are at the church bright and early to see what the students come up with!

April 2007

- 1 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 7 6:33 Easter Service 6:33 p.m.
- Sr. High Sunrise Lock-in
- 8 Sr. High Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
- 15 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 22 Sr. High Brunch 10:30 a.m.
- 29 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.

May 2007

- 6 H2O 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 20 Sr. High Brunch 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation students:

Please take note of the 6:33 Easter Service on April 7 at 6:33pm—plan to be there!

April 2007

- 1 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 15 Confirmation 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 29 African Methodist Episcopal Church
TBA

May 2007

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

Look for more information on the April 29 outing in a letter that will be coming to your homes!

Graduate recognition

We will be recognizing high school and college graduates at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on May 20. If you have a graduate or are one, please call the church at 847-882-6116 and let us know your name and what school you will graduate from!

Appalachia Service Project *June 9 to 16*

Don't forget to be asking friends and family for sponsorships and remember the bake sale—we will need donations for this and also people to work it.

*ASP Retreat
Wesley Woods, WI
May 18-19, 2007
\$12.50 per person*

We will leave the church Friday at 5:30 p.m. and return to ORUMC Saturday at 5:00 p.m. We will have fellowship, fun, Bible study, music, and of course a construction project! This is a very important part of our ASP training. Please make every effort to be there. Please have money to Marianne by May 1.

New Orleans Mission Trip *July 14-22, 2007*

We had a great meeting in March and will meet again in May—be on the lookout for the exact date! If anyone is still interested there is still time to sign on for this trip—just contact Marianne!



Easter Schedule

by Gwyn Greenwalt

Please note the following Sunday School and worship schedule for Holy Week.

Sunday March 25 - Regular Sunday School.

Sunday April 1 - Palm Sunday - Family Service. We would like all children to meet in Wesley Hall before the start of the 9:00 worship service. The teachers and adult volunteers will lead the children in the waving of the palms, and then the children will join their family for communion and a child-friendly worship service. Please be sure to save seats for your children

Sunday April 8 - Easter - Family Service. No Sunday School. Please join us for our traditional Easter Service.

Sunday April 15 - Regular Sunday School.

Summer Events

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at ORUMC “Galilee by the Sea” Evenings, June 25 – 28. We can use volunteers. For more information, contact Amy Meyer or Annette Brown.

Summer Sunday School

Parents of children 7 years old and younger, watch for information in May about our parent-led summer Sunday School program.



Read All About It!!

Every week since before Christmas, we have sent information about *Our Redeemer's* activities to various "Media". Have you noticed? One of the tasks I have been working on as Director of Discipleship is to communicate with **external** publications about what we do at *Our Redeemer's*.

We already have extensive **internal** communication channels: announcements every Sunday during worship; letters from **Pastor Bill** and others; this newsletter – *The Redeemer Review*; and our website – www.orumc.org; to name a few. Our communication with each other is pretty good, I think. We know what's going on and when and where things will be happening.

Internal and external communication channels sounds very formal and business-like. But it's really just another way *Our Redeemer's* can use to share our love of Christ and fellowship with others.

All of the local newspapers have community calendars and also religious sections that are published each week. For example, the Neighborhood Section of the Saturday *Daily Herald* includes religious notices in the Your Faith section. The *Chicago Tribune* publishes the same info on Fridays in the Metro Section.

Television and radio stations also have Community Calendars with a category called something like Religious or Faith-based Organizations as part of their websites.

Recently, our **Faith and Fear Diversity Series** with **Dr. Mohamed Aafif, Dann Gire** and **Diep Nguyen** have all been mentioned. After Dann's talk on New Racism in Film last month, most non-members mentioned the *Daily Herald* when asked how they heard about it. Other notices you might have seen recently include: Crop for a Cause - scrap booking for MS; 30-Hour Famine, Friday Night Flicks showing Hoodwinked; and info on Sunday morning worship and Sunday School.

Look for *Our Redeemer's* when you're reading the paper or surfing the web – you may be surprised at what you see! And if you know of other publications and/or websites that would be a good place to read about *Our Redeemer's* and our activities, please let me know – send an e-mail to me at Carolyn@orumc.org and I can add it to our list of media contacts to get regular updates about *Our Redeemer's*.

Carolyn Meneely
Director of Discipleship

UMW Rummage Sale - May 11th & 12th

Pots and pans for the camping cooks,
Readers will enjoy getting your books.
Toys and games and kitchen dishes.
Sorry, we can't take your fishes!
Bring your tools, TV's, and old radios,
Your out of date and too-small clothes.
Bring them to the church in May,
Help the ladies make their day!!
We need mowers and blowers, and furniture, too.
TV's and stereos and dishes of blue.
We need your cast-offs, if they're working just fine,
So someone else will buy them and call them "mine."
Look in the closets, and under the stairs,
We'll take your old desk, and even the chairs.
We'll take ladles and cradles, and Grandmother's dishes.
We'll take winter clothing, but still —NO FISHES!!
The garage needs cleaning, now don't forget.
How about the old patio set?
The grill and the tools that need a new blade—
We'll take the old rakes and that dull old spade.
Bring them on in for Friday, May eleven,
The garage will look like a gift from heaven!!
P.S. Just a note! No computers, plumbing parts or tires.
All profits go to charity!
We will be asking you to volunteer so be prepared.
If you have any questions, call **Sherrie Cottrell**, 847-895-0176

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through February 2007. The Finance Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through February 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	44,355	51,048	(6,693)	-13%
Sprint Rent	6,516	4,413	2,103	48%
Other Income	3,261	3,594	(333)	-9%
Total Income	54,131	59,055	(4,924)	-8%
Total Expenses	66,849	68,831	(1,982)	-3%
Net Income (Loss)	(12,717)	(9,776)	(2,942)	

Church Ladies Nite Out

April 18, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. to Charlie's Charhouse. 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.



**Help Wanted
April 28,
9:00 a.m.**

Clean Up Day for *Our Redeemer's* will be Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a rain out date of May 5. To keep our church a happy place to worship in, we need lots of help to get it clean and keep it clean. Lots of hands are needed for various cleaning jobs and minor repairs. All the church's men, women, and children are needed to help brighten up our church. You can bring all the friends you want to help out!

Please sign up on the poster board in the Narthex; jobs will be assigned on Clean Up Day. If there is a particular job that you would like to see get done, just tell one of the Trustees, Donna in the office or Pastor Bill.

Thanks in advance for all the help you will be giving us!

Your Church Trustees

United Methodist Men

April 14, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in the fellowship at our next United Methodist Men's breakfast meeting. Come to Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m.

UMM Pizza Sale

April 15 to May 6

The United Methodist Men will be selling and manufacturing pizzas for delivery May 6. On the last sale we experimented with thin crust and had mixed reviews. This time we will be returning to our original thicker crust.

We will begin selling after Easter. All proceeds will support various UMM missions.

United Methodist Women

April 21, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to our Saturday, April 21 Breakfast Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Our program will be focused on *CHILDSERV* (Their Mission - "Helping Children and Families Build Better Lives Since 1894"), with a speaker from the organization making a presentation.

This program is part of our 2007 program series: *Embracing Women and Children*. The meeting will be held in our church and Breakfast will be provided. Please join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP and FRIENDSHIP.



Crisis Center Needs

The Crisis Center needs for April include: powder laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, dishwashing liquid (like Joy), dishwasher powder/liquid (like Cascade), bleach/cleanser/SOS pads. They also need dish cloths and towels and sponges, aluminum foil/plastic wrap/plastic storage bags and plastic drinking cups/cereal bowls.

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

Please Wear Your Nametag

Especially during the Easter season, make sure to welcome visitors (and maybe old-timers, too) with a smile, a greeting and your name. If you wear your nametag, it makes the job easier.

If you don't have a nametag (we're working on it) please leave your name with Donna in the office.

Please Fill Out Your Giving Envelopes

Please help eliminate errors in recording your giving by including your name and the amount of your gift on the giving envelope.

This will help make sure your gift is properly entered into the computer.



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our monthly Family Camping outings.

Seven families gathered March 18 for a potluck and planning session for the 2007 camping season. We planned five campouts complete with hosts and menus.

The camping dates and locations are shown below.

June 1-3 - Shabbona Lake State Park, Shabbona, IL

June 29-July 1 - Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL

August 10-12 - LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL

September 21-23 - Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL

October 5-7 - Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI

All campouts are scheduled at state parks that require advance reservations. If you would like to attend any of the campouts, please Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116, as soon as possible.

We will add you to our camping list and get you all of the reservation details.

Cancer Walk May 13

Hi Church Family. This year I will be participating in the Y-me Race against breast cancer on Mother's Day. I considered not doing it this year since it will be the first mother's day without my mother, but then it dawned on me that there is no better way to honor her memory. While she didn't die from breast cancer she was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer a few years ago. It was scary for her; it was scary for all of us. She was one of the lucky one's because they were able to cut out the tumors and her follow-up treatment ultimately was a pill. Unfortunately, not everyone is that lucky.

I would like to invite each of you to walk with me either in body or spirit. It would be nice if each of you could walk with me, but I know that is sometimes easier said than done. If that is the case, I hope you will consider helping me reach my personal goal by sponsoring me.

To join the team: Please contact me OR you can go directly to <http://race.y-me.org/United> & scroll to the bottom of the page. The name of our team is Wing Walkers and Linda Watters is our team captain. Click on "Join Team". By following these steps rather than going through my personal page, your registration fee will be waived (thanks to my employer, United Airlines, Inc.).

To sponsor me: Please make your check out to **Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization** OR you can go to my personal

webpage at http://race.y-me.org/site/TR?px=1473353&pg=personal&fr_id=1180. Click 'Support Cathy' which will take you to a secured site to make your donation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 847-882-6116.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Cathy Stout

MS Walk-a-Thon May 6

As many of you know, our family has participated in the National M.S. Walk-a-Thon for the past 9 years. This year, due to the overwhelming response and encouragement from everyone at the "Crop for a Cause" scrapbook night, we have been inspired to form a team: Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory. We will be walking at Harper College on Sunday, May 6th.

We would love to have you join our FUN team! Joining is easy! The first step in to register to be on our team for the MS Walk at <http://mswalk.msillinois.org>.

The second step is to simply ask your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join our team-as a walker, volunteer or to sponsor you!

The 3rd step is to BELIEVE in a world without MS and help make it come true!

A few people have e-mailed me saying they like to do the downtown walk (or other sites as well) and we want to let you know

that you can walk anywhere you want. You do not have to walk at the same site that we do (Harper College) to be apart of our “FUN TEAM”. All you do is register to be on our team, write it down on your registration form and turn it in where ever you are going to be walking.

We have been told that you can also mail in your stuff early. You will still get credit for being on our team and be eligible for ALL of the FREE GOODIE INCENTIVES we will be having for our team. Register now so we can start the party!

If you are not participating this year, but would like to help by making a donation please make the check out to: The National MS Society. You can mail it to: Laura Machonis 126 Amherst Dr. Bartlett, IL 60103.

We hope that you will consider joining our team Crop for a Cause: Making MS a Memory. After you register please e-mail us at cropforacause@msn.com so we can let you know about the “extra” incentives and FREE prizes we have for the members of our team!

Thanks so much!
The **Machonis** Family
John, Edie, Jim, Laura & Chris

Faith & Fear **“Immigration Journey”** *Issues of Diversity in our Community* **April 24: 7:00 p.m.**

Dr. Diep Nguyen (and **Mrs. Pastor Bill**), Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Des Plaines Schools District 62, will present her story “Immigration Journey”.

Diep brings a unique view to the immigration issue. As a teenager, Diep was in one of the last groups to escape from Vietnam prior to the fall of Saigon.

Come and bring a friend to hear Diep’s compelling story.



Habitat **for** **Humanity** **March 31, 7:00 a.m.**

The Habitat gang is looking for new faces. Habitat for Humanity of Lake County (Waukegan) will be building six new houses in the very near future and they need lots of help!

Please consider this worthy cause and join this dedicated group on March 31. We meet at church at 7:00 a.m. and caravan to Waukegan. We usually return home by 5:00 p.m. For more information please call Mert Rutledge at 847-882-6116.



Personal Notes



Dear members, friends and staff of Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church:

Miriam and I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits and telephone calls. We truly appreciate all of these plus the meals provided us by members of the UMW and others. Also highly appreciated were visits by Pastor Bill and church friends.

You may be sure the prayer shawl blessed by Pastor Bill and presented by the UMW has been put to good use.

This year, things are much improved and weather permitting, we plan to be more regular in our church attendance.

The many kindnesses noted above far out-weigh the problems we faced in 2006 and which we hope are far behind us.

God Bless You All,
Miriam and Ray Reid

April Birthdays

- 4/07 **David Rocha**
- 4/15 **Hannah Greenwalt**
- 4/19 **Devin Klocko**
- 4/21 **Jeremy Miller**
- 4/21 **Justin Miller**
- 4/27 **Matthew Dean**
- 4/29 **Aubrey Balk**

ASP Staff

Ashley Balk and Tim Shaw

Our Redeemer's Appalachian Service Project gang will have a special connection to their project this year. **Ashley Balk** and **Tim Shaw** will be working as ASP staff this summer.

Congratulations Ashley and Tim!



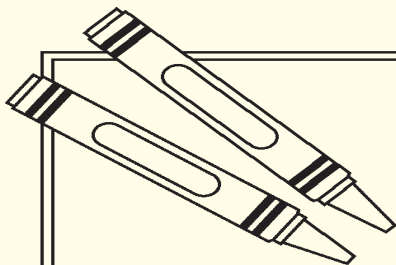
Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family of **Ann Krystal** who passed away. Ann was one of our members from Friendship Village.

Bea Roden and family on the death of her niece, **Diane Radamacher**.

John Machonis and family on the death of his mother, **Aldona Machonis**.

Kelly Brinkley (Knoppel) and the **Knoppel** family on the death of Kelly's friend, **Becky Klein**.



Just for **KIDS**

Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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ANSWER: “BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”

ANSWER:

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