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Easter at Our Redeemer's



It was a privilege to be part of the worship team at *Our Redeemer's* this Easter. From Holy Thursday's communion service to our Sunday celebration, many worked together to communicate the witness of the life of Jesus Christ.

On Good Friday we were moved by a service organized by **Cathy Scott** our choir director. We heard words by those who "were there" at the crucifixion, and what that might have been like.

On Saturday night, our new *Ember Days* band led us in an Easter celebration with communion and a reflection on what it means to accept Christ today.

At Easter Sunrise Service our youth group led us in worship with a skit about the resurrection.

Finally, at our 9:00 and 10:30 services we roared into Easter morning as we all sang Christ the Lord is Risen Today. In the Easter message, we heard about God's love and that we are *God's special gift*.

Thanks to all the worship leaders, soloists, worship planners, ushers, readers and all who came and honored us with your presence this Easter. This year we have truly celebrated resurrection and now let us continue the business of living the Risen Life.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

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Charles Wesley Hymns

One of the most popular hymns in the United Methodist Hymnal is “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” which is a Charles Wesley hymn. It was written for the 11th anniversary of Charles’ own Aldersgate conversion experience and was originally titled “For the Anniversary Day of One’s Conversion”. It was by faith that he came to trust that God “breaks the power of canceled sin” and “sets the prisoner free.”

The famous first line of stanza one was based on a statement by Wesley’s Moravian friend, Peter Bohler, who was instrumental in the conversion of Charles. Bohler said, “Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all.” Charles had known from childhood that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin. But on May 21, 1738 (the day of his conversion), he accepted and applied it personally – “His blood availed for me.”

Robert K. Brown and Mark R Norton, Editors, [The One Year Book of Hymns](#), Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Yom HaShoah Service

On Sunday April 15 Beth Tikvah Congregation hosted the Yom HaShoah Observance (the Remembrance Day for the Holocaust in Germany). As part of the service we remembered and prayed for the 6 million Jews who were killed as well as the 5 million others. Mr. Joseph Hausner, a holocaust survivor, spoke and shared his story with the congregation.

This year Pastor Bill, as well as three other Christian pastors, were asked to do readings for the service: Rev. Larry Bulluck, *Living Faith Church*; Rev. Harriet Crosse, *Our Saviors United Methodist* and Rev. Don Myron: *Prince of Peace Lutheran*.

Thanks to all members of *Our Redeemer's* who had the opportunity to attend this Inter-faith Service.

Vacation Bible School 2007

Please join us for Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates are June 25-28, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. We are building on the wonderful program we had last year based on the Marketplace curriculum.

We are in need of leaders to work with small groups of children as well as leaders to help in activity stations. We are looking forward to a wonderful time. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors, as it should be an awesome program of fun, fellowship and education.

This year we will also have a number of volunteers who will be able to speak Spanish for children who may be in need of translators

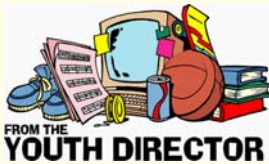
See you there on June 25 – 28.

Finance Report

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

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through March 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	71,056	78,327	(7,271)	-9%
Sprint Rent	8,789	6,686	2,103	31%
Other Income	5,172	5,131	41	1%
Total Income	85,017	90,144	(5,127)	-6%
Total Expenses	96,254	99,194	(2,940)	-3%
Net Income (Loss)	(11,236)	(9,050)	(2,186)	



Youth News

by *Marianne Rogenski*

30-Hour Famine Final Totals

During the last weekend of February 30 Jr. and Sr. high students and many, many adult volunteers were at the church fasting for 30 hours. This was all a part of World Vision's 30-Hour Famine, which raises money and awareness for the hungry all over the world.

It is always an amazing weekend in so many ways for so many people and I want to first thank the students that were a part of this and also the adults that volunteered for any part of that weekend. Also, I want to thank the ORUMC family for all of the prayers, donations of water and juice, etc. that makes this weekend possible.

The students raised \$2978 this year, which is incredible. Thanks again to all of those that made that possible.

Attention Graduates

Please let the office know ASAP if you are graduating from high school or college this year! We want to congratulate you, recognize you, and wish you many blessings! Please call 847-882-6116 and let us know. Also, mark your calendars for May 20. We will be recognizing graduates at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Sr. High schedule:

May 2007

6 H2O 6:30-8pm

13 Enjoy your mom!

20 H2O 6:30-8pm

Confirmation (Jr. High) schedule

May 2007

6 Last confirmation class! 4-5:30 p.m.

New Orleans Mission Trip July 14-22, 2007:

There is still room on this team for anyone 16 years old or over who is interested—just let Marianne know! We will have a meeting on May 31 at 7pm—you will receive a letter with more details.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News—June 9-16

Wesley Woods Retreat May 18-19

Our retreat at Wesley Woods is May 18-19. We will have so much fun!

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.

The cost is \$12.50 per person. Please have money to Marianne by May 1.

This is NOW!

ORUMC Summer Missions 2007

Appalachia Service Project and Louisiana United Methodist Storm Recovery

This summer the youth and adults of *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church have the privilege of serving Christ through two important mission opportunities.

First, we are sending 45 youth and adults to Kentucky in June as part of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). This is a home repair ministry in the Appalachian Mountains and this is the 8th year that ORUMC has sent a team to help.

We are also sending about 15 volunteers to New Orleans in July to help rebuild that city.

We need your help for both of these trips. It will cost about \$14,000 for the ASP team and about \$4,000 for the New Orleans team.

We are asking that you sponsor these youth and adults who have committed a week of their summer to go on one of these trips to serve Christ through serving others.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for one or both of these missions, please fill out the form below and leave it in the offering plate along with a check or money.

SPONSORSHIP

ASP NEW ORLEANS (Circle one or both)

_____ \$1-25 _____ \$26-50 _____ \$51 and up

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Education News

Sunday School News

The education committee will be very busy during the month of May. May 6th is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will be honoring our teachers that day and introducing them at church. Please take a moment to thank the following dedicated volunteers for their time and commitment to the youth of our church.

Nursery	Sophie Byrnes Grace Foss Hope Sullivan
3-4 yrs	Sally Brown Peggy Miller
5 yrs/K	Amy Johnson Jim Machonis Laura Machonis
1 st /2 nd	Stephanie Edwards Cindy Machonis Linda Nordli Sandy Rathje
3 rd /4 th	Sue Bruneau Doug Meneely Catherine Kulprathipanja
5 th /6 th	Shelley Lukowicz
Jr. High	Annette Brown
Sr. High	Jon Montgomery Shelomi Gomes
Song Leaders	Amy Rapp Christina Reiss Daniel Shaw
Substitute Teachers	Amy Meyer, Dan Meyer, Lori Randall, and Diep Nguyen

Last Day of Regular Sunday School

May 13 is Mother's Day and our last day of regular Sunday School. Children will begin the service in the sanctuary, and will then be dismissed to Sunday School. On May 20, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy Music Sunday with their families, and there is no Sunday School scheduled for May 27 (*Memorial Day Weekend*).

Vacation Bible School

Just a reminder that June 25-28 is Vacation Bible School, so save those dates on your calendar. Check the job opportunities on the next page and see **Annette Brown** or **Amy Meyer** for ways that you can help out with this community outreach.

Summer Sunday School

During the summer we give our Sunday School teachers a well deserved break. In an effort to provide Sunday School for the "little ones" who are too old for the nursery but may not be ready for worship service, we are coordinating our parent-led summer Sunday school program during our 9:00am service. Summer Sunday school will be offered to children 3-7 years old, and lesson materials will be provided. Watch for more information coming home soon, and a sign-up sheet outside of the Rainbow Room.

MARKET PLACE A.D.
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 25-28 Monday -Thursday
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

This year's VBS will be the continuation of Market Place. One of our main goals this year is to share this wonderful message with the community as well as the children from ORUMC. To do this we need YOUR HELP. Our attendance is only limited by the number of Tribal Parents we have to help.

Job Opportunities:

Tribal Parent

Supervise 6-8 multi-aged children through the evening in a family setting. Hours: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Mon.–Thurs. No preparation is needed. Must be 18 years or older

Shop Keeper

Run a shop with a “make and take” activity. There are many choices: baker, jewelry, brick maker, spices, stone carver, and several others. Hours: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. any or all nights Mon.-Thurs. you choose. Must be High School or older.

Kitchen Helper

Package and bake bread each night and get snack ready. Hours: 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. any or all nights Mon.-Thurs. Must be High School or older.

To sign-up or for more information please stop by the information table in the Narthex or call **Annette Brown** or **Amy Meyer** at 847-882-6116.

Remember: To Make This a Success We Need Your Help

Micah Ministries Corner

Micah Ministries, our church's social justice ministry, asks the question, "If we could shrink the world's population to a village of 100 people, would you recognize it?"

- 1) How many villagers would be college educated? (a) 1, (b) 4, (c) 5 or (d) 10.
- 2) How many villagers would be accounted for as persons of color? (a) 50, (b) 60, (c) 70 or (d) 80.
- 3) How many villagers would own half of the Village's wealth? (a) 6, (b) 8, (c) 12 or (d) 15.
- 4) What portion of villagers would speak English? (a) 6%, (b) 9%, (c) 12%, or (d) 15%.
- 5) How many villagers would suffer from malnutrition? (a) 30, (b) 40, (c) 50 or (d) 60.
- 6) What portion of villagers would reside in substandard housing? (a) 1 out of every 2, (b) 2 out of every 3, (c) 3 out of every 4 or (d) 4 out of every 5.
- 7) How many villagers would not have access to clean, safe drinking water? (a) 38, (b) 44, (c) 56 or (d) 66.

The next meeting of Micah Ministries will be Tuesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. All interested church members and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The answers are: # 1 a, # 2 c, # 3 a, # 4 b, # 5 c, # 6 d and # 7 d.

Caring Ministries

Next Meeting TBA

All stewards of a caring ministry are urged to attend the next Caring Ministries Council meeting. Any church members with an idea (and a "passion") for a new caring ministry are also encouraged to attend.

The time and date for the next meeting is still to be determined. (Keep an eye on the church bulletin).

ORUMC Garden

Our Redeemer's is going to have a garden this year, so we will be able to provide fresh vegetables to those who visit our food pantry. We are looking for help in getting this started and maintaining it. We will need donations of plants, fertilizer and fencing (to keep critters out).

If you could help, please contact the church or **Joe** or **Diane Rocha** at 847-882-6116. We will break ground on clean up day and begin planting in May.

New Ministry Coupons for Christ

Please bring in your unused coupons from the Sunday paper. We will clip and organize them to purchase items for our food pantry. Place your coupons in the drop box located in the bottom of the church pantry cabinet.

If you have any questions please call **Diane Rocha** or **Susan Brown** at 847-882-6116.

Pentecost Potluck

*Sun., May 20, 2007 11:45 a.m.
Bring the whole family!*

Last year's potluck was such a hit that we're continuing the tradition. Pentecost was an occasion that found **people of many nations** gathered together and filled with the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to bring a favorite dish from **your ethnic background** (or any ethnicity) to share with us all. It will be a feast for the whole church and a time of knowing God's presence among us.

You may bring your dish to church and put it in the kitchen during worship on May 20 (if you wish). Our potluck will begin after the second service at 11:45 a.m. Beverages and table service will be provided. See you there!



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our monthly Family Camping outings. The first campout of the season is:

**June 1-3 at Shabbona Lake State
Park, Shabbona, IL.**

If you would like to attend this or any of our family campouts, please Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116. We will add you to our camping list and provide you with all of the reservation details.

United Methodist Men

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.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

May 12, 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, May 12 at 8:00 a.m.

Music Sunday

May 20, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

May 20 at both worship services all the choirs of *Our Redeemer's* will lead us in a worship service entitled "Celebrating the Light".

This is the final Sunday of the regular choir season. If you have a musical talent you would like to share, call Music Committee chairperson **Paula Patterson**, 847-882-6116, to volunteer for special music during the summer.

Narthex Improvement Plan!!

Take a look at our narthex the next time you enter the church. What a great space for gathering! But have you noticed tables of various ages and sizes, numerous unsightly easels announcing upcoming events with pens sometimes hanging from them, a garbage can, an out of the way red and white prayer request box and furniture that needs updating? Are you aware that usher supplies are not stored even near the ushers' stand? Are you aware that we always need more storage space? And what do you think of our welcome center for visitors? Welcome center, you ask? Where do you go to find important information about our ministries and opportunities for service?

With the permission and blessing of the Ad Council, a team has been working for many months on a plan to redesign the narthex. The ultimate purpose is to provide an inviting place to welcome visitors, to encourage participation in our many ministries and programs in a more efficient manner, to provide storage space for church supplies and brochures, and to make our narthex a more warm and welcoming space.

The design is to build cabinets in the two narthex alcoves. Each will have a mobile

counter which when not in use can be pushed against the wall. One will be a welcome center and the other a church ministries and programs center. They will be made of light oak to blend with the current color of the wood. Posters for various events may be posted on fabric covered tack boards above the counter and sign up will be done at the counter. Storage space will be provided in built in cabinets. The usher stand will be enclosed to house usher supplies. Electrical rewiring will be done to provide more outlets (there is currently only one outlet in the entire narthex) and additional track lighting. We will even be able to have a flat screen TV on the wall between the sanctuary doors. This would be a great way to visually highlight various ministries. (We are open for donations to the cause).

The estimated cost of the entire project is \$15,000 (without the TV). Thanks to generous gifts to the Memorial Fund, we will be able to pay for at least a portion of the project. The plans are available for your viewing on an easel in the narthex (how ironic!). It is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer. If you have questions, please contact **Sherrie Cottrell**, **Carolyn Meneely**, **Jill Wood-Naatz**, or **Mary Zalay** (our designer).



UMW Annual Rummage Sale

May 11 - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

May 12 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Beginning on Sunday, May 6 at 11:30 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.

Remember

NO computers or their parts,

NO Tires and

NO Plumbing parts.

We will need your help all week long and of course, on the days of the sale (An hour or two would be appreciated). Please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted in the narthex.

All of the profits will be given to charity.

If you have any questions or need help getting your treasures to us, please call **Sherrie Cottrell** at 847-882-6116.



Church Ladies Nite Out

May 16, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. to Dover Straits on Gulf Road. Please join us and bring a friend!

If you need 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.



Crisis Center Items for May

The Crisis Center needs the following items for May:

Non-perishable canned and boxed goods, canned fruit, soups, ravioli/spaghetto's, chili, Sloppy Joe mix, applesauce, cereal, pasta and sauces, saltine and graham crackers.

Microwave popcorn/granola bars/fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, instant teas, soft drink mixes (like Kool aid).

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



Personal Notes



MS Walk-a-Thon Making MS a Memory

As many of you know, the **Machonis** family has participated in the National MS Walk-a-Thon for the past 9 years. This year we are forming a “Fun Team” and will be walking on Sunday, May 6 at Harper College. We’d love to have you join our team by registering for the MS Walk at <http://mswalk.msillinois.org>.

If you are not participating, 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 Drive, Bartlett, IL. 60103.

May Birthdays

Rebecca Gilbert	5/06
Alec Hill	5/07
Melanie Johnson	5/14
Brian Nordli	5/15
Joshua Kane	5/18
Katherine Sullivan	5/21
Kelley Oster	5/24
Riecee Brock	5/25
Cassandra Pierson	5/25
Daniel Breda	5/26
Marcus Hill	5/28

Anniversary

Congratulations to **Nona** and **Harry Schlinker** who celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on April 1!

Births

Congratulations to **Stephanie** and **Chad Sutton** of Rolling Meadows on the birth of their son, **Shane Leigh Sutton**, born February 28. Shane is the first grandchild for proud grandparents Rev. **Meg** & Rev. **Steve Ziegler**, former members of *Our Redeemer’s*.

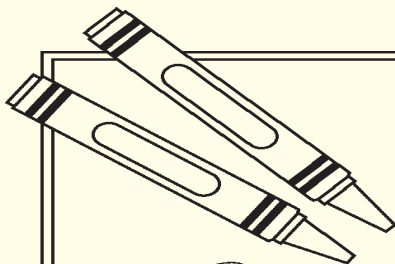
Carolyn and **Doug Meneely** are proud grandparents of twin boys, **Caden** and **Jayce Grant**, born April 20.



Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Ruth Partington and family on the death of her husband, **John Partington**.

Joan McCoy and family on the death of her mother, **Esther Davolio**.



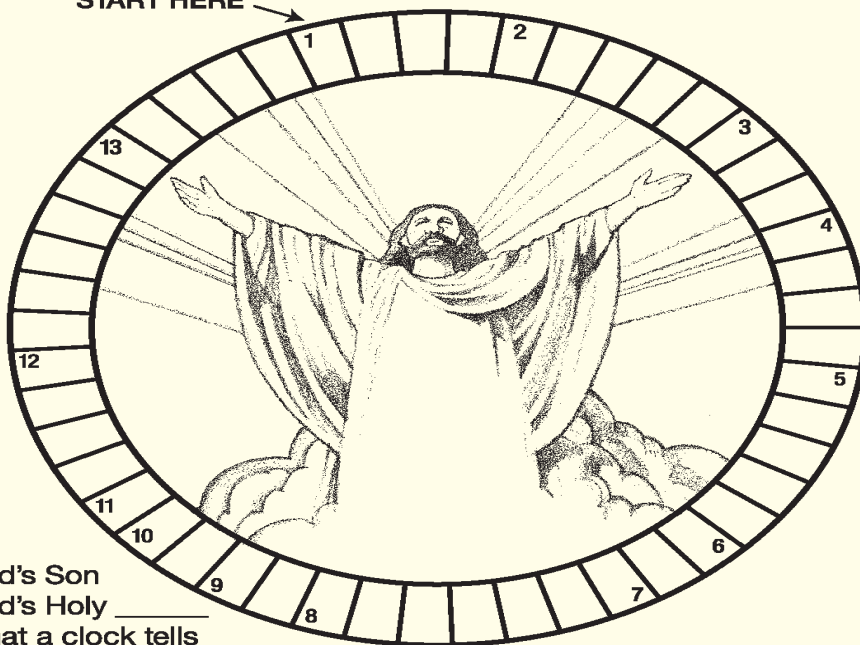
Just for **KIDS**

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

START HERE →



1. God's Son
2. God's Holy _____
3. What a clock tells
4. Our planet
5. Where Jesus is now
6. Opposite of Old Testament
7. An onlooker
8. Place to see clouds
9. Modern word for thee
10. Opposite of down
11. Authority or strength
12. Comes back
13. Searches for

Answers: 1) Jesus; 2) Spirit; 3) time; 4) Earth; 5) heaven; 6) new; 7) witness; 8) sky; 9) you; 10) up; 11) power; 12) returns; 13) seeks

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