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Pastor's Corner

Give thanks to the Lord, *for he is good; his love endures forever.*

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107: 1, 8,9

November is a month of thanksgiving. In all cultures there has traditionally been a time of harvest, of bringing in the crops so that life may continue through the cold, harsh winter. Earlier in our history the celebration of thanking God for the harvest was more than just a cultural time of celebration (which it has become today). The thanksgiving celebration was about having enough to eat so literally, life could continue. For most of us in our time, harvest is something somebody does somewhere so that we might purchase food at the local grocery store. I do not mean to be critical of that, because it is a wonderful thing. However, I do think we often take the blessings of food and fellowship for granted, and in the process, lose a valuable connection

A Time of Thanksgiving

to God and to each other.

In Psalm 107 the psalmist writes that we ought to give thanks to the Lord, *for he is good, his love endures forever.* We celebrate these beautiful words of hope for all of us. Now I am sure that the one who wrote these words of poetry was not one who just sat around writing and contemplating. Our forefathers and foremothers had the same struggles, if not more difficult ones, then we do. And yet even with their difficulties, many, like this psalmist could openly give thanks for God's enduring love.

This thanksgiving season I would invite you to take seriously the act of giving thanks. Even though you might have had a very difficult year, continue to give heart felt thanks to the God who has shown his love to us in Jesus Christ. I try to continually remember to thank God for my family that loves me, a neighborhood I can feel at home in, a house that keeps me warm, food to eat, and a church family that takes serious the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus.





Faith and Fear Series
Date Change
October 30, 7:00 p.m.

We all know the difficulty of *living by faith* in our world. It is not an easy thing. So often fear (fear of others, fear for our safety, the safety of our families) can take the place of faith in our hearts and lead us in directions away from God and the love of Christ. Throughout history fear has been used to encourage mistrust among friends and family members, turn neighbor against neighbor and even used as a tool to make war.

At *Our Redeemer's* we believe that the more we understand about each other, our neighbors and the world, the more equipped we are to live by faith. In October our Natural Church Development team will sponsor their 4th presentation in our *Faith and Fear* series. The **Rev. Michel Okitakoyi Lundula**, a seminary student and native of Uganda will be at the church and speak about the faith issues concerning his life experiences on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

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**New Date for Charge
Conference - Saturday,
November 17 at 10:15 a.m.**



Church Membership

by Carolyn Meneely

As members of this congregation will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?

This is a question asked when joining a United Methodist congregation. I like this question – it’s straight forward, a checklist – four steps to remind us what we can do as part of our church family – prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Our Redeemer’s is a church strong in its participation in ministries. We have fought poverty through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) and rebuilt in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. But what if you cannot take time to go on a weeklong mission trip? Do you feel your contributions are not enough? How can you participate?

Prayers, presence, gifts and service are the answer. Individually they seem simple but together they create a strong and grace-filled church family.

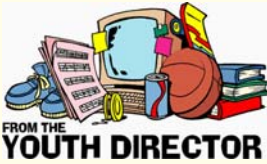
Prayers bind us together whether it is Sunday worship or during the week – for blessings, for a sick friend, for peace or as daily devotion.

Presence – being together in worship – is the heart of church life. We greet each other, sing, pray, hear the lessons of scripture and sermon. *Our Redeemer’s* has three services each Sunday, three different worship times, three chances to be **present** together.

Our **Gifts** are not only monetary ones. Using our spiritual gifts provides us with the knowledge that we are fulfilling God’s purpose for us. In October, our Celebration luncheon honored *Our Redeemer’s* many gifts.

Finally, **Service** doesn’t need to be elaborate or time consuming — or involve leaving Schaumburg. Each Sunday, many work together so worship services go smoothly and are grace-filled. From greeters and ushers, to acolytes, liturgist, scripture readers, choir members, pastor and lay speakers, even the refreshment servers in Wesley Hall – all are opportunities for service. If worship is the heart of church life, then service in worship is the blood.

After asking the question, the next statement is: If so, say I will. Answer with a loud “**I will**” and share in *Our Redeemer’s* love.



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

6:33 Worship

Attention all youth and adults. Have you been to 6:33 yet? Are you wondering what it is? 6:33 is a new worship gathering that meets every Sunday evening at 6:33 p.m. It is out-of-the box worship with a live band. I would encourage all youth to give it a shot—it is very exciting!

Our youth groups—Jr. High and Sr. High—meet after that service from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

6th Annual Open Mic Night *November 16, 7:00 p.m.*

Come one and all for this community talent show of sorts! We are looking for talent of all kinds—look for a sign up in the narthex. We also want you to invite your friends and just come out and enjoy the fun!

Appalachia Service Project

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip will be June 14-21, 2008. There is still time to sign up with the ASP Team. Please contact Marianne, 847-882-6116, if you are interested.

The next ASP meeting will be November 8, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. A final commitment to the team and a \$120 deposit per person are due at this meeting.

Please contact Marianne if the cost is a problem. We have scholarships and other arrangements can be made!

New Orleans Mission Team *Date to be Determined*

If you are interested in going to New Orleans in 2008 please contact Marianne, 847-882-6116!



November Birthdays

Allison Gorvett	11/9
Nicholas Meyer	11/25
Jonathan Dean	11/27
Patrick Brock	11/29
Kimberly Trenn	11/30

Charge Conference

November 17, 10:15 a.m.

All members of *Our Redeemer's* are encouraged to attend the All Church Charge Conference Saturday, November 17 at 10:15 a.m.



Education Notes

by Gwyn Greenwalt

Our Sunday School program continues to run along as usual. We love to see the happy faces of our kids as they join us on Sunday mornings. Over the past two months, it's been touching to see how much the teachers connect with our kids, and how dedicated they are to sharing new lessons with them each week. Be sure to let your child's teacher know how much you appreciate their service.

We would like to remind parents that younger children (Preschool through 6th Grade) should not be dropped off to their classrooms until about 8:55a.m., and they need to be picked up in a timely fashion after the worship service. Our teachers need the time before Sunday School to set up their classrooms and lesson plans, and like you, they are eager to fellowship with others in Wesley Hall when the worship service is done.

We continue to practice our Christmas songs for our Sunday School Christmas program, scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 16 (both services). This service will be a joint effort between Sunday School students, the youth choirs, and the youth chime choir. The program will include several costume and narration parts, so anyone interested in these parts will need to commit to attending a rehearsal scheduled for the

morning of Saturday, December 15 and both services on December 16. We're also interested in any of the talents of our high school students who may want to take a more active role in the Christmas program. Contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** with any questions at 847-882-6116. More information will be coming home with the students in the next few weeks.



Family Ministries Notes

It's just the beginning of November, but I'm sure we're all starting to see the calendar fill with the activities of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family Ministries does not have a "planned" activity this month, but we do encourage everyone to join us for the Advent Festival on Saturday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. We'll have the fellowship of a potluck, crafts for the kids, and an uplifting time together as we prepare the church for the celebrations of Christmas.

Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join together for Christmas caroling. We will visit Friendship Village as well as other locations throughout the Schaumburg area, and then return to church for hot chocolate and a potluck dinner.

Nothing But Nets Campaign

Send a Net, Save a Life

The United Nations Foundation has been working with the UN to fight malaria for years. But it was a column that Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly wrote about malaria in 2006 that led to the creation of the *Nothing But Nets* campaign. It is a global, grassroots initiative to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. Founding campaign partners include the National Basketball Association's NBA Cares, **The People of the United Methodist Church**, and Sports Illustrated.

Malaria is preventable, but infects nearly 500 million people each year and kills more than one million of those who become infected. Ninety percent of deaths caused by malaria occur in Africa where the disease is a leading killer of children. Every 30 seconds a child dies from malaria.

Every \$10 donation to *Nothing But Nets* goes directly toward the purchase, distribution, and education about the proper use of an insecticide-treated bed net. The **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** will match each donation, dollar for dollar. Bed nets work in two ways. They stop the mosquitoes from biting during the night and spreading the disease and the insecticide on the net kills the mosquitoes when they land on it, stopping them from flying on to find their next victim. A family of 4 can sleep under an insecticide-treated bed net, safe from malaria, for up to four years. The benefits of bed nets extend even further than the family. When enough

nets are used, the insecticide used to deter mosquitoes makes entire communities safer—including even those individuals who do not have nets.

Although \$10 for a bed net may not sound like much, the cost makes them out of reach for most people at risk of malaria in Africa, where many people survive on less than \$1 a day. This is where we, the people of **ORUMC**, have the chance to contribute. **Your Thanksgiving offering this year will be used by the *Nothing But Nets* campaign.** Just as Christ reached out to those who were most in need, so too we can help in our small way to eradicate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.



Crisis Center Items

For November the Crisis Center needs non-perishable and boxed goods such as canned fruit, soups, applesauce, ravioli, Spaghetti's, chili, and sloppy Joe mix. They can also use pasta and sauces, juice boxes, saltine and graham crackers, granola bars, fruit and pudding cups, instant tea, and soft drink mixes (like Kool-Aid).

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

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

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 21st 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 28, November 4 and November 11. 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 on November 18 or November 25. Then the unwrapped gifts, bundled together for each child, are returned on Sunday, December 2, 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. 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.



Scrapbook Club

November 16, 6:00-11:00 p.m.

Attention any adults interested in scrapbooking or making cards. A fun new social group has formed at *Our Redeemer's*. Every 3rd Friday of the month from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall a group of adults will be gathering to share in fellowship and a common hobby.

If you are an experienced scrapbooker/ card maker or you would like to learn more about this hobby, please feel free to attend. No reservations required.

Please bring all of your own supplies and any snacks or beverages for the evening. If you would like a list of basic supplies, please call **Laura Machonis**, 847-882-6116.

Due to Christmas we will meet on December 28 instead of December 21.

Voter Registration

November 4

Shirley Odegaard will be registering voters between services on November 4. You must be a Cook County resident and you need a valid ID in order to register. Make sure you are registered in time to vote in the February primaries.

If you have questions about registration, call Shirley at 847-882-6116.



Combined Thanksgiving Service

November 20, 7:30 p.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend a combined Thanksgiving service Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. Members and friends from Our Saviour's, Roselle and Salem United Methodist Churches will join with us at *Our Redeemer's*. A combined choir will be lead by our director, **Cathy Scott**.

Clergy from all four churches will participate in the service. The collection for the evening will go toward the **Nothing But Nets Campaign** to stamp out malaria in Africa (see the article elsewhere in the newsletter).

Please plan to come and bring a friend.



UMM Breakfast Meeting

November 10, 8:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting is November 11, 8:00 a.m. at Old Country Buffet.

All men of the church are welcome. Contact **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-882-6116, for details.



UMM Pizza Sale

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for pizza starting in October.

Pizza will be available for pickup Sunday, November 18.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 4 we will honor those who died in the past year. If you would like a loved one remembered in the service, please call Donna in the office, 847-882-6116.



Caring Ministries Corner

Upcoming Caring Ministry activities

Habitat for Humanity - (Saturdays) Dec. 8, Jan. 26, March 1, April 19.

Rogers Park Soup Kitchen - (Sundays) Dec. 9, January 13, Feb. 10, March 9, April 13

Blood Drive - Thursday, December 6

Crop for a Cause (Scrap-booking event) - Saturday, March 1, 2008

Appalachian Service Project - June 14-21, 2008

Please refer to our Brochure, “2007 Caring Ministries” (in the narthex) or to the church website for more information.

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

Hebrews 10: 24



UMW Silent Auction and Potluck

November 4, 11:45 a.m.

YOU are invited to the UMW Silent Auction Fund Raiser for the Community Crisis Center!

When: Sunday November 4

Where: Wesley Hall @ **Our Redeemer's**

Time: 11:45 a.m. (right after the 2nd service)

What to bring: A dish to pass and some cash to bid on the Silent Auction items!

It will be a fun experience and we will be helping the Community Crisis Center in Elgin. If you have questions or donations, please call **Sherrie Cottrell**, 847-882-6116.

Finance Report

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

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through September 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	231,219	236,204	(4,985)	-2%
Sprint & T-Mobile Rent	26,596	20,325	6,271	31%
Other Income	20,566	19,713	853	4%
Total Income	278,380	276,242	2,138	1%
Total Expenses	274,711	289,507	(14,796)	-5%
Net Income (Loss)	3,670	(13,265)	16,935	

Advent Festival Potluck *December 1 at 4:00 p.m.*

Bring the whole family (and friends too) to our Advent Festival Potluck! You will get to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our young children will make Christmas crafts with the help of our older youth.

Children will even be able to sit on Santa's lap, tell him what they want for Christmas, and have their pictures taken. We'll all join together in the sanctuary to sing our favorite Christmas carols with the help of our very own chancel choir! The choir, under the direction of **Cathy Scott**, will also bring us joyfully into the Advent season.

What is an *Our Redeemer's* gathering without food? That's right! It's a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Everything else will be provided. It will be a great time of fellowship.

You'll experience all this and more at 4:00 p.m. on December 1. And you will still have time afterward for other important Saturday evening activities.



Blood Drive December 6

Our Redeemer's will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 6 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 and donate.

Church Ladies Nite Out *November 28, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, November 28 to Max & Erma's on Barrington and Higgins 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 847-882-6116.

Good CHRISTMAS NEWS: we will be going to the Big Bowl in the Streets of Woodfield shopping center on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you dislike the Woodfield area due to heavy shopping traffic, this would be a good time to join us as we can meet in the church parking lot and car pool. Bev will be making reservations for that night, so please let her know in advance.

Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good music.

United Methodist Women *November 17, 9:00 a.m.*

All women are invited to join us for our next Breakfast meeting at the church Saturday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m. Our program is entitled "World Thank Service- Sustainers of Life."

This year's service has prayers and influences from the Native American heritage. Everyone is encouraged to bring her Thank Offering Coin Boxes to the service.

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



The Promise of Christmas

by JoAnne Gregorash

Over two thousand years ago, a young woman named Mary was expecting a child. No human knew, save her and Joseph, that the baby she was carrying was to be a King that would save us all. At *Our Redeemer's* it is our tradition to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord, by filling the sanctuary and church with flowers for Christmas. That Christ came to us as a baby to save us from our sins is the best reason I know for a celebration.

As in the past, members and friends are given the opportunity to purchase Poinsettias (red, white and pink) and "lend" them to the church to decorate our church and sanctuary in Honor of the Blessed Event. We invite all members and friends to continue this tradition and for those who are new to *Our Redeemer's* to become part of our celebration.

Ordering is easy. You simply need to fill in the form below and drop it in the basket in the narthex with your payment. The price this year will be \$11.00. We will order for you, take delivery for you and use your flowers to decorate the sanctuary and the church.

After Christmas, you may take your flowers home and enjoy their beauty in your own house. The deadline for ordering this year is Sunday, December 9. Won't you help us celebrate Christ's birth in this small way so all may look around and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and remember the *JOY* of the shepherds and the promise of *PEACE* and *GOOD WILL* to *ALL* people.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity: Red: _____ White: _____ Pink: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Personal Notes



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to **Debbie Oster** and her family on the death of Debbie's father, **Bill Kubes**.

Thank You

On behalf of Mu Phi Epsilon international professional music fraternity and the Elgin Opera Company, I would like to extend our Thanks to **Our Redeemer's** UMC for helping to host An Afternoon of Arias event held on September 23. We enjoyed the afternoon so much!

A special thanks to **Carolyn Meneely** for all of her assistance. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Chancel Choir who provided "goodies", helped set up and clean up.

Thank you all again.

Sincerely,
Marion Kehrberg

**November 4, 2:00 a.m.
Set your clocks back 1 hour.**

Baptisms



**Delia
Rose
Smith**

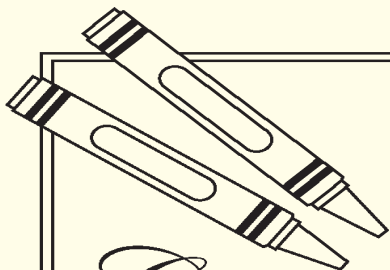
Delia Rose Smith, daughter of **Carol** and **Doug Smith** and granddaughter of **Archie** and **Judy Wilson**, was baptized on October 14.

Thank You

My family would like to thank everyone for all your support, prayers, cards and meals. I am still healing from my surgery, as is Ray from his.

It has been a rough several months and all of you have helped to make it bearable. Thank you so much.

Love,
**Laura and Ray Ziebell
and Billy**



Just for **KIDS**

Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS."
GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE
FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE
NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

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