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**Pastor's
Corner**

Our Redeemer's: A Place of Hope



On Sunday October 28 at 12:00 we will be holding our seventh annual Celebration Luncheon. During worship on that Sunday we come together to celebrate and consecrate our ministry at ***Our Redeemer's***. During that Sunday we look at the dynamic ministries we are active in and the lives we have touched.

Last year we showed our first ministry video and many were amazed at the number of lives we have touched on behalf of Christ's ministry. Also as part of that service, we give everyone the opportunity to make a financial commitment to our ministries for the upcoming year.

We do that for two reasons. First and foremost we believe that ***giving is central to our spiritual life***. When we dare to commit ourselves to the ministry of Jesus Christ with

our whole lives, including our money, we open the door to more fully love as Jesus loved us.

Secondly, we ask people for financial commitments to the church so we can ***all be part of investing in God's ministry at Our Redeemer's***, and we can more fully minister in Christ's name and fulfill our ministry potential as a church.

Following our service on that day we will hold our luncheon at 12:00 at the Seville in Schaumburg. There is no charge for the luncheon, because our stewardship team wants this event to be a celebration and a gift to all who give themselves to our common ministry. Please make every effort to clear your calendar for ***Sunday October 28*** and be with us in worship and at our Celebration Luncheon.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Archie Wilson
1940 - 2007

The congregation expresses deepest sympathy to **Judy Wilson, Julie Gorvett** and her family and the entire Wilson family on the death of **Archie Wilson**. Archie died on September 16 after suffering a long illness.

He had been an active member of *Our Redeemer's*, among other things, serving in the Education department and helping to originate the **Christian Corner Children's Center**.

He had worked until his retirement as a Fine Arts Director in School District 54. His drawing of the *Lamb of God* was part of the original *Our Redeemer's* pulpit and now hangs in the Narthex.

Outside the church he was well known for his fondness for golf and Dairy Queens.

He was a friend with a special twinkle in his eye and he will be missed by many at *Our Redeemer's*.

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

6:33 Worship

Every Sunday at 6:33 p.m.

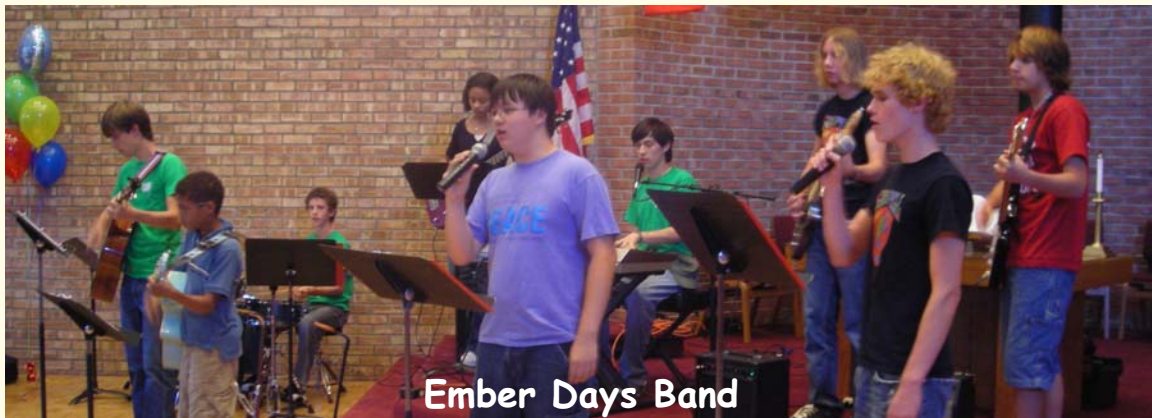
As we progress through the 21st century, we live in a fast-paced culture that has continuous development in the area of technology and material luxuries. We spend our days trying to keep pace with these latest trends just to be able to function in the workplace and in society. As our society evolves, we have to reflect on our worship environment and practices for the new generations who are seeking Christ and the church. The means in which we worship in church must keep pace with the world we live in. As our new generations mature and become members of churches, we too must be sensitive and in tune with the needs of these believers in ways of worship and having a relationship with Christ.

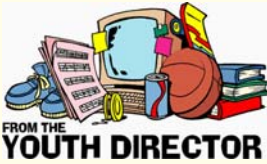
Our Redeemer's has taken the time to reflect on the worship that they provide to the many generations spanning the church, and made changes to provide worship for everyone. In addition to the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services, ORUMC has added an emergent

service on Sunday evenings called "6:33." The 6:33 worship gathering will take a different approach. 6:33 is worship "outside the box." It will provide interactive, cutting edge worship experiences to bring Christ into your everyday life, further define and strengthen your walk with God, and provide opportunities and vision to carry out your journey with Christ. 6:33 will speak to you and the world we live in. Our 6:33 worship gatherings will be led by our very own Ember Days worship band.

Matthew 6:33 from *The Message* states, "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." As we began our 6:33 worship on September 9, we started with a series titled, "G5" which further defines and explores the meaning behind Matthew 6:33.

We are excited about the start of 6:33 and have planned some very powerful worship experiences, and we invite you to join us to see how 6:33 can effect your life and your journey with Christ!





Youth News

Jr. and Sr High

by Marianne Rogenski

We are well into our 6:33 worship gatherings on Sunday nights and what a blessing they have been! This is a great way to start the night with the youth of ORUMC and their friends and it is leading nicely into the two youth groups that we have right now. The first is BFJ LIVE (Butlers for Jesus LIVE) which is for Sr. High and the other group is the Jr. High students.

Both meet from 7:30-8:30pm every Sunday night—there is fun, discussion, games, and fellowship—if you haven't already, come check us out! Friends are always welcome!

Some dates to get on your calendar:

November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Open Mic Night at ORUMC

January 18-20

Ski Trip for Jr. and Sr. High students

February 8-10

30 Hour Famine Weekend

Youth Club (4th to 6th grades)

We had a great time at the ice cream social at the end of August—thanks to those

students who came out! The next event will be a trip to Laser Quest for some laser tag on December 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

We had a wonderful meeting on September 12 with many, many people. We have more signed up than ever before which is incredibly exciting for our church. If you are interested and have not yet done so, please contact Marianne as soon as possible. The next meeting is November 8.

Attention Confirmation Students

The confirmation retreat is October 19-20 and you should have that information by now. If you do not, please contact Marianne immediately!

6:33 Worship Gathering

6:33 p.m. every Sunday night at ORUMC

October will continue our G5 series—diving deep into Matthew 6:33 and what that verse means for our lives today

10/7 God-Initiative: God's Calling, are you answering?

10/14 God-Initiative: Start Your Story!

10/21 God-Provisions: Where's My Instruction Manual?

10/28 God-Provisions: Servantz 'n' the Hood



Education Notes

by *Gwyn Greenwalt*

It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of our children at Rally Day. Thank you, again, to the great group of teachers who are leading our children.

We had a wonderful kickoff to another year of Sunday School, and hope that Sunday School is a fun and meaningful place for each and every child at *Our Redeemer's*.

We have already started practicing traditional Christmas songs for our Sunday School Christmas program, 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.

Family Ministries Notes

We will be sending additional information home soon about this year's program. 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.

Watch for more details coming soon.

October Birthdays

10/01	Alex Pope
10/04	Walter Miller
10/06	Elissa Torgerson
10/16	David Kessler
10/16	Stephen Kessler
10/18	Jareth Gomes
10/21	Doug Rathje
10/22	Kelsey Gorvett
10/22	Kyle Huber



Great fun was had by all at Family Ministries bowling!



Natural Church Development

by Carolyn Meneely

Are we curious to learn something new from God? Passionate spirituality is faith practiced with commitment, enthusiasm ... with fire and joy. It thrives as we experience a growing personal relationship with God through Christ. The opposite of passionate spirituality is to “perform one’s duty”, to view a relationship with God as something to be checked off your To Do list for the day. Then it’s uncaring, humdrum spirituality, not passionate.

In the Natural Church Development (NCD) survey last June, *Our Redeemer’s* had two characteristics tied as lowest factors in our growth as a church: Holistic Small Groups and Passionate Spirituality. I wrote about Holistic Small Groups in the September newsletter. Whether growing or declining, every church has eight factors that make up its culture or personality (listed below). By focusing on strengthening lower ranked factors, the NCD process works to build a stronger, thriving church.

So what contributes to *Our Redeemer’s* spirituality, what can help us be more passionate, filled with excitement?

Being involved in ministry or mission according to your spiritual gifts affects your passion. Serving God in an area of giftedness naturally leads to more enthusiasm in spirituality. If you don’t know your spiritual gifts, we have questionnaires that can help you assess them.

Encouraging members with the gift of prayer, those who like to intercede with prayer requests from others, can be a strong foundation for more passionate spirituality. Those who have an understanding of God’s answers to prayer are uplifting and inspiring.

In the next weeks, *Our Redeemer’s* will be looking at activities that will build an atmosphere that is friendlier, positive and loving, in other words more passionate. If you would be interested in learning more about them, please contact **Pastor Bill** or me.

Eight Quality Characteristics

Empowering leadership
Passionate spirituality
Inspiring worship service
Need-oriented evangelism

Gift-oriented ministry
Functional structures
Holistic small groups
Loving relationships



ORUMC Family Camping

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

Only one campout remains for the season. The location of the October campout has been changed from the original schedule. The date remains the same.

October 5-7 - Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL.

Reservations are not required. If you would like to attend this final campout of the season, please contact **Don Wiebel**, 630-837-8277.



The United Methodist Men have two events in October. Our regular monthly breakfast meeting is October 13, 8:00 a.m. at Old Country Buffet.

The *Our Redeemer's* UMM retreat is October 26-27 (Friday-Saturday) in Williams Bay, WI. We will go up Friday afternoon and return Saturday evening. We will have time for study and fellowship and will be cooking our meals. The cost will be \$50 per person.

All men of the church are welcome. Contact **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-884-9973, for details.

UMM Pizza

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

Pizza will be available for pickup Sunday, November 18.

Finance Report

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

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through August 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	202,781	208,959	(6,178)	-3%
Sprint & T-Mobile Rent	23,723	18,052	5,671	31%
Other Income	17,641	18,076	(435)	-2%
Total Income	244,144	245,087	(943)	0%
Total Expenses	245,830	258,582	(12,752)	-5%
Net Income (Loss)	(1,686)	(13,459)	11,809	



Fair Trade (A Taste of Justice)

For many of us, coffee is an important part of our lives and the lives of our congregation. That's why we often call the time that we share after worship "Coffee Hour." But coffee is also very important in the lives of the people who grow it. It is one of the world's most heavily traded commodities. Coffee is big business and has an immense impact on the economic well being of people throughout Latin America, Africa and Asia. But for the majority of small farmers, for whom coffee is the primary source of income, the benefits are quite small.

The UMCOR Coffee Project offers a way for our church to share fellowship with our global neighbors, making a difference in their lives while enjoying a delicious cup of coffee.

Starting October 14 Micah Ministries will be selling fair trade coffee, cocoa, and tea on the second Sunday of each month. Every Sunday after that date we will be serving fair trade coffee between services in the narthex.

Through this project we hope to offer our congregation an opportunity to participate in fair trade, one of the many social justice ministries of the United Methodist Church.

CROP Walk

October 21, 1:00 p.m.

Our Saviour's UMC

Lace up those walking shoes, it's CROP Walk time. The CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service. It is a 10K (6.2 mile) walk to fight hunger both in our community and around the world.

Please join us by walking or sponsoring a walker. Sponsor sheets will be available at church. Any walker who collects \$200 or more will receive a "Gold Sneaker Award Pin".

We are looking forward to seeing our church family walking together. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the walk.

Call **Edie Machonis**, 847-882-1966, or **Carolyn Meneely**, 847-619-5652, for more information.



Community Crisis Center

Items needed for October include: coats, gently used or new for women, men and children; hats, gloves and mittens; Halloween costumes (non-violent); bath towels/washcloths, twin size blankets (new or gently used); facial tissue/paper towel/toilet paper; and feminine hygiene products.

Please put your contributions in the box in the office.

Recycling at ORUMC

Most of you have been recycling paper, plastic, and glass at your homes for several years now. We at **Our Redeemer's** are about to set an example and begin to do our small part to help the environment. Beginning Sunday, November 4 we will have containers available for recycling all paper products.

You will find 3 containers for recycling paper. One will be a pull out in the new narthex cabinetry to deposit your bulletins and other papers when leaving services. Another will be in Wesley Hall for use by Sunday School classes and of course anyone else. And the third will be in the office.

Steve and Peggy Miller have graciously volunteered to remove our recyclable paper twice each week. Please encourage your children to recycle. What a great habit to learn at a young age! Thank you in advance for supporting this project by recycling all paper at church. If you have questions or concerns, please call **Jill Wood-Naatz** at 847-884-7709.

Church Ladies Nite Out

October 17, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, October 17 to Friday's on Barrington Road at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend; we all like surprises!

If you need a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.

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**, 847-895-0176.

Scrapbook-Craft Club

October 19, 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Here's your chance to see what all of the "fuss" is about!

Gail Walker from Stampin'Up will be here **this month only** to "show us how it's done". This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to try scrapbooking but doesn't know where to start! Gail will be making a scrapbook page with us and showing us some of her card ideas. For those of you who are experienced scrappers, come and get a new idea or two. Plan on staying and playing!

Please feel free to invite a friend!

Call **Laura Machonis** 630-736-9573 for

Personal Notes



Bob Shaw

The congregation extends sympathy to **Pastor Bill** and his family on the death of Pastor Bill's brother, **Bob Shaw** on September 13.

Edward Mazurkiewicz

The congregation extends sympathy to JoAnne Rapp and her family on the death of her father, Edward Mazurkiewicz

Barbara Bieschke

The congregation extends sympathy to **Larry Bieschke** and his family on the death of his wife, **Barbara Bieschke** on September 18.



Love from the Philippines

Richard Vales sends his thanks to all at *Our Redeemer's* for their support for his ministry to feed the hungry in the Philippines. You can see more information about Richard on the *Our Redeemer's* web-site, www.orumc.org.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in the loss of **Jo Anne's** father, **Edward Mazurkiewicz**. The cards, prayers, and personal expressions of sympathy meant more to us than you can know. It is a great comfort to be a part of the *Our Redeemer's* family.

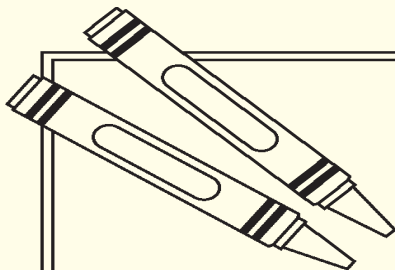
Jo Anne, Mike, Susan and Amy Rapp and Dolores Mazurkiewicz

Thank You

A big THANK-YOU to **Pastor Bill**, all our Friends, and all Members of *Our Redeemer's*. Thank you for your concerns, kind words, and prayers during **Archie's** long illness. I wasn't good at speaking up; but I always knew that you were there for me. The Church has always strengthened us and comforted us and my heart felt your presence-and it still does!

Thank you to all who made Archie's memorial a wonderful memory for our family-Pastor Bill, the choir, UMW, and all who shared with us in any way. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Judy, Julie and family, and all the rest of the **Wilson** family



Just for **KIDS**

THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z**

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

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 T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
 J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
 O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

_____, _____

_____."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

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