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**Pastor's
Corner**

The Power of the Church



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6: 9,10

On Mother's Day, May 18, we celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the church. On that day as we joined with our Micah Ministries Team to write letters on behalf of the hungry in our world, we also remembered that we are a family together as disciples of Jesus Christ. As that family we know we are called to care for each other and to demonstrate an attitude and ethic of love for all. In the above passage Paul tells us that we are called to do "good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Most of you know about our youth mission trip we take each summer with the Appalachian Service Project (or ASP as it is known). ASP is an organization that is sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. Its purpose is to teach discipleship to our youth through serving others. Each summer thousands of youth and their adult leaders repair homes in the mountains of Appalachia to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. During their weeklong mission trip our youth learn how to work on a mission team, discover more about their Christian faith and develop leadership skills. They do this while they repair homes for people they have never met, but often become lifelong friends with. On Sunday May 18, a family we met in Kentucky in 2001 visited us in worship, honoring us with their presence. It was

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an awesome gift to us to have them in worship. One of the members of the family made the two quilts hanging in our church lobby area for two families of our church.

This year as part of our training for ASP most of the mission team spent a Saturday helping some of our church members repair their homes. Those of us who participated painted, replaced flooring, built railings and did plumbing on seven homes (we wish we could have done more).

I was part of great team of youth and adults who helped repair and paint a garage.

We had a wonderful time working together and getting to know each other, as we served members of our own church.

Our mission team will be leaving for Tennessee on June 14 and will return on June 21. Keep us in your prayers, not just that we do good work, but that we continue to grow in ways of grace as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Devotional Corner

On the first Sunday of each month we participate in communion. On those Sundays we share a simple gift of bread and juice as a remembrance of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us. When I was a child I remember we had communion four times a year, and I did not fully understand it. Now, as a pastor I can tell you much about the history or theology of this simple act of faith, but I'm still not sure I fully "understand" its power. What I do know is that each Sunday when I am with you in the act of communion I feel a sense of belonging. There is something about the communion table that reminds me of other times of food and fellowship: of our family meal times or even of a cup of coffee with a friend. In each, communion, meals, or coffee with a friend, I often feel that profound sense of connection. That, after all, is what communion is about, connecting to God and God's family in a spirit of love and belonging.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill

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New Member Invitation Meeting

*June 8, 2008 10:30 & 11:30
After Both Worship Services*

If you are considering making Our Redeemer's your spiritual home, there will be informational meetings on Sunday April 13 after both services, at 10:30 and 11:30. You will be able to learn about the United Methodist Church and Our Redeemer's, our work together in our church community and throughout the world.

Those wishing to become members will be accepted the following Sunday, June 15, 2008, at either service.

We invite you to become a part of our church family on your faith journey, joining us in worship and fellowship. Please call Carolyn Meneely at 847 – 882 – 6116, ext 107 or e-mail carolyn@orumc.org to sign up.

Summer Music

Our music groups will be “on vacation” from June through August. We look forward to youth and adults sharing their talents during the summer worship services.

If you would like to add your “voice” to the sound of worship, please see a member of the Music Committee or call the church office.

Micah Ministries

Micah Ministries, our church's social justice ministry, thanks all those who participated in Our Redeemer's “Offering of Letters” on Mothers Day. 159 letters and 10 prayers were written.

The letters were then sent to our U.S. senators, imploring them to support hunger initiatives. The offering of letters itself followed the guidelines of the organization Bread for the World, and has been endorsed by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Thank you for showing once again that ORUMC is the church that feeds the hungry.

“...For I was hungmer and you gave me food...” Matthew 25:35



United Methodist Men

Date Change

June 7, 8:00 a.m.

The UMM will meet a week early due to the ASP trip. Join us for a continental breakfast followed by the Tony Dungy Bible study.

Feel free to come even if you haven't been able to attend before.



Benefit Concert

July 19, 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Council is very excited to announce a benefit concert at ORUMC! Mark your calendars for **July 19, 7:00 p.m.**

This is being organized primarily by the senior high students and should not only be a great time, but will also raise money for an important organization. We will take up an offering with all money benefiting the organization, *To Write Love On Her Arms*. TWLOHA is a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for those struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide. TWLOHA exists to encourage, inform, inspire, and also to invest directly into treatment and recovery. Depression and cutting are a big problem for jr. high and high school students and the youth of ORUMC want to help change that. For more information on the organization please visit their website at www.twloha.com

Students and Youth Council—we are meeting on June 25, 7pm, to finalize all concert details—please plan on being there!

Youth Groups

Youth groups are taking a break until the fall—but there will still be 6:33 so we will see you there!

Appalachia Service Project

The ASP team will have their final meeting on June 10 at 7:00 p.m. It is extremely important for all team members to be there. If you would still like to sponsor this team, it is not too late!

The ASP team goes to Tennessee June 14-21, 2008. They will be meeting at ORUMC on June 14 at 11:00 a.m. to pack the cars and will pull out promptly at noon. All are welcome to come and see them off!

Katrina Relief Team

The team will leave on July 26 and return on August 3. They will be staying at Camp Hope in Vancleave, MS.

The cost per volunteer will be \$100. Anyone 18 years old or older is wanted and needed to go on this trip. It should be a wonderful way to serve the people that are still in need after the 2005 storm.

Youth Club

(4th To 6th graders)

We will have a bowling event on July 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m. This will be for all incoming 4th graders through outgoing 6th graders. Please watch the mail and the July newsletter for more details!

Youth Council

The next meeting is our planning meeting on August 13, 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in coming to this meeting and are not currently on youth council that is OK! Please feel free to come! We will be planning our activities for the year.

6:33 Worship *Holy Spirit DNA*

Do you have Holy Spirit DNA? Through this series, we will strive to understand the 6 names of God given to us in the Old Testament which gives us a framework for understanding some of the key components that God wants us to understand about Him and our relationship with Him. We will also begin to understand what these names, these characteristics of God, mean to us today. They can help us to obtain and maintain our own Holy Spirit DNA!

June 1: Godology 101: Introduction to the Triple Helix

June 8: Christ's Antibodies: Heals from the Inside

June 15: GodPyramid: Providing a Balanced Diet

June 22: Quietening the Christian Soul, music and communion

June 29: Regimen for a Healthy Lifestyle

July 6: Prescription for Spiritual Serotonin



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 9:00 a.m. service.

Summer Sunday school is offered to children 3-7 years old and is held in the Rainbow Room. Lesson materials will be provided. We ask that parents with children in this age range sign up to teach one or two Sundays during the summer months so that we can provide this service for the families of ORUMC (other volunteers are welcome to sign up as well). See the sign-up sheet posted outside of the Rainbow Room. If you have any questions, please contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

In the fall, we will need a few new teachers in our elementary classes and in our High School department. The youth of our church are special treasures...please thoughtfully consider being a leader and role model to the children of our church. For more information, contact **Doug Meneely** or **Gwyn Greenwalt**.



**Vacation Bible
School 2008**
July 21 - 24,
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our Beach Party VBS program. We are looking for lots of volunteers to make this year's VBS a success. As in years past, we will host a dinner for volunteers and their families, making it easy for you to come from work, enjoy a wonderful dinner at church with friends, and then help out for a couple of hours during this community outreach program. You do not need to be available for all four days of VBS in order to help out.

What kind of help do we need? We have a variety of areas where you can help out:

- * Actors/puppeteers
- * Nursery Helpers
- * Craft Leaders
- * Recreation Leaders
- * Music Leaders
- * Snack Leaders
- * Science & Discovery Leaders
- * Construction/Decorations
- * Registration
- * Photographer
- * Lifeguards (small group leaders)

We welcome the help of Jr. High and High School assistants in all areas. We have an *immediate need* for some master craftsmen and craftswomen to help design and build our puppet stage and set, and a need for crafty and creative individuals to help with decorations.

It may sound like a lot, but it's really a lot of small pieces that, when put together, should result in a wonderful VBS for the kids of Our Redeemer's and the kids in our community. Stop by the Narthex between services for more information, or contact Gwyn Greenwalt or Doug Meneely for more information.

Watch in the Narthex for notices about items that our VBS team will need. WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- scrap lumber/plywood
- bi-fold doors
- refrigerator boxes or very large cartons
- craft paper
- old sheets (solid color, preferably white, tan or blue)
- drop clothes

Thanks for supporting the youth programs of ORUMC!



Mark Nordli	6/4
Robert Nordli	6/13
Meghan Taylor	6/13
Kanitta Kulprathipanja	6/18
Billy Esposito	6/21
Joel Schwartze	6/21
Chris Johnson	6/22
Kevin Machonis III	6/22

Family Ministries

Our Family Tie-Dye Night was a lot of fun! Thanks to all of those who braved the rainstorm to join us at this colorful event!

June Events – Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and join your ORUMC friends at some of the following summer community events.

Tuesday, June 10 – “Ac Rock” at Schaumburg Town Square, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 – “215 West” at Bartlett Park, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18 – Mother Goose Comedy Review at Schaumburg Town Square, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Schaumburg Town Square is located at the intersection of Schaumburg and Roselle Roads by the library. Bartlett Park is located in the center of Bartlett at the intersection of Oak and Eastern Avenue.

Watch for more information on these upcoming summer events. For more information or to share an event planning idea, contact **Gwyn Greenwalt**.

July 1 – The Rope Warrior at Schaumburg Town Square

July 4 – Hoffman Estates Parade

July 9 – Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day at Schaumburg Town Square

July 18 – Ice Cream Social @ Schaumburg Town Square

July 21-24 – Beach Party VBS

Date TBD - Fishing Derby

August 1 – National Night Out

August 24 – Church Picnic (tentative)



Tie-dye Night

Scrapbook Club

June 20, 6:30-11:00 p.m.

If you are a scrapbooker, paper crafter, or just plain curious to see what it is all about, come join us on Friday, June 20 and see what all the fuss is about!. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall; bring all of your own supplies and snacks.

For summer months only, please call and RSVP (we will only meet if there are at least 3 people interested).

If you need a list of basic supplies or want more information, call **Laura Machonis**, 847-882-6116.

July - No Meeting

Scrapbook club will not meet in July. We hope to see you in August!

Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday June 18 at 7:00 p.m. to the Panera Bread Restaurant on Golf Road across from Barnes and Noble Book Store. There is a light to make it easy to get in and out.

If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116. Please join us and bring a friend.

We will be planning our next 6 months of which restaurants to visit and your vote will be important even if it is your first visit with us. Come join us for good fellowship, good food and good fun!

Meals for Millions Lenten Program Report

Over forty families of *Our Redeemer's* participated in the Society of St. Andrew's (SOSA) program "I Wonder..." and the Good Friday fast to fight hunger during Lent. Through their generosity \$925 was raised to provide food for the hungry through SOSA's Meals for Millions program.

Meals for Millions is a mission project of the United Methodist Men. Funds raised have provided millions of meals of potatoes and other food to the hungry. The funds are used to salvage and transport food (especially potatoes), that is perfectly good quality but, is not suitable for commercial use due to size or shape.

Gleaning is another activity aimed at salvaging food to feed the hungry. We will keep you informed as the growing season progresses. We began our church involvement in 2003 and would like to have *Our Redeemer's* participate on a larger scale this year. Any questions please see **John Machonis**.

Save Your Receipts

We are collecting Ultra Food receipts. They will donate 5% of your total purchases to our church for ASP. Please place your receipts in the decorated Ultra Foods shoebox (found on pantry file cabinet).

Thanks for your help,
Susan Brown and Diane Rocha



Mother's Day - Kids, Moms and Grandmas Singing



Rob Mottar preparing 45 ASP team members for the ASP work day at 7 ORUMC members' homes



Tradition of “*koinonia*” Small Groups

You may already have heard or seen the word “*koinonia*” at Our Redeemer’s. It is a Greek word in use since Biblical days; in fact, it is mentioned in the New Testament 19 times. Pronounced koy-nohn-ee-ah, it is usually translated as fellowship, but more accurately is communion – the spirit that binds people together - or building community – groups created by the spirit

The NCD (Natural Church Development) Team is working to develop holistic small groups at ORUMC, which are an important quality of growing congregations. More than a committee or fellowship get-together, as part of holistic small group, you always find comfort and support – even for immediate personal concerns. *Koinonia* small groups share that deeper fellowship and community.

Koinonia is first mentioned in Acts 2:42-47. Verse 42 begins:

“They (believers) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship (*koinonia*), to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” The communal life of the early Christians centered on these four features: apostolic teachings, *koinonia*, breaking of the bread and prayers.

Apostolic teachings: Early Christian teachings from Jewish Law and the Prophets were the basis of Jesus’ ministry. Where Jesus modified the Law or differed from the traditional understanding of the Law, the apostles continued his lessons. They formed the core of the special teachings that united his followers.

Breaking bread: More than sharing everyday meals, they added worship and prayer, recalling the Lord’s Supper, Jesus death and resurrection. The Eucharist was a sacred meal eaten only by those who believed in Jesus. A major sign of *koinonia*, it was a way that made early Christians feel distinct from others.

Prayers: Prayers are the bonds that link the individual to Jesus and also to the other faithful. The letters of Paul are examples of his constant prayer for the communities he founded.

Koinonia: When joint participation in community is associated with a spiritual purpose, it results in a much deeper relationship with each other and with Christ.

If *koinonia* at Our Redeemer’s sounds interesting and you would like to learn more, please talk to Pastor Bill or me.

Carolyn Meneely
Director of Discipleship



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends are invited to join in the *Our Redeemer's* Family Camping program. All campouts are scheduled for state parks and therefore require advance reservations.

The August, September and October locations have changed due to schedule problems at Devil's Lake. Please contact the hosts as soon as you can to let them know you would like to attend each campout.

July 11-13 Le-Aqua-Na State Park, Lena, IL Hosts: Wade & Sue Brown

August 8-10 Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL Hosts: Don & Evelyn Wiebel,

September 5-7 Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI Hosts: Jamie Addams & Jon Montgomery

October 10-12 Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL Hosts: Joe & Diane Rocha

For more information or to contact the a weekend host, call the church office, 847-882-6116.



Thank You To All!

Thanks to a lot of people the Rummage Sale went very well! After giving gently used bathing suits and some brand new pieces of clothing to the Community Crisis Center, and boxes of children's clothing to Church World Service, and boxes of men's and women's clothing to the Prisoner Release program, and over 150 boxes of stuff to the Salvation Army, we were able to make a profit of \$4,100.00! This money will allow the UMW to support many charities in the fall.

Thank you Boy Scouts and the UMM and all the faithful ladies that worked so hard!

Sherrie Cottrell



Crisis Center Needs

Crisis Center needs these summer items: Summer pajamas for women and children, swim suits (new or gently used), sun block lotion, mosquito repellent. They always need new socks/slippers/underwear as well as all personal toiletries including disposable shavers, nail clippers and emery boards.



Personal Notes



Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your cards and prayers in the loss of my mother, **Adaline Kucera**, a.k.a. “Matt’s grandma.”

It means a lot to be part of a caring church family.

Sue Bruneau



The congregation extends our deepest sympathy:

To **Ian Rogenski** and family on the death of his grandfather, **Merrel Zeter**.

To **Herb Knoppel** and family on the death of his cousin’s son, **Terry Dooley**, who was killed in a car accident

To the family of Friendship Village resident **Allyson Pankau** who passed away in May.

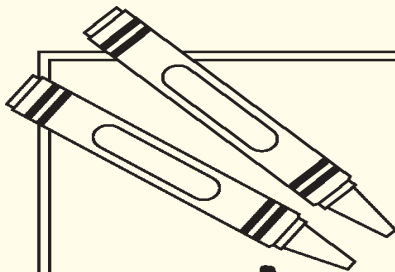
To **Alan Theile** and family on the death of his father.

Anniversary

Congratulations to **Diane** and **Dick Golubski** on celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary!



The Thomas family (visiting May 18) with some of the ASP crew that worked on their home in 2001.



Just for

KIDS


God made the seasons


Warmer weather means summer has arrived! God's beautiful creation is always changing, and we can praise God for every season.





Use this code to finish Genesis 8:22, NIV.


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Genesis 8:22, NIV

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

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